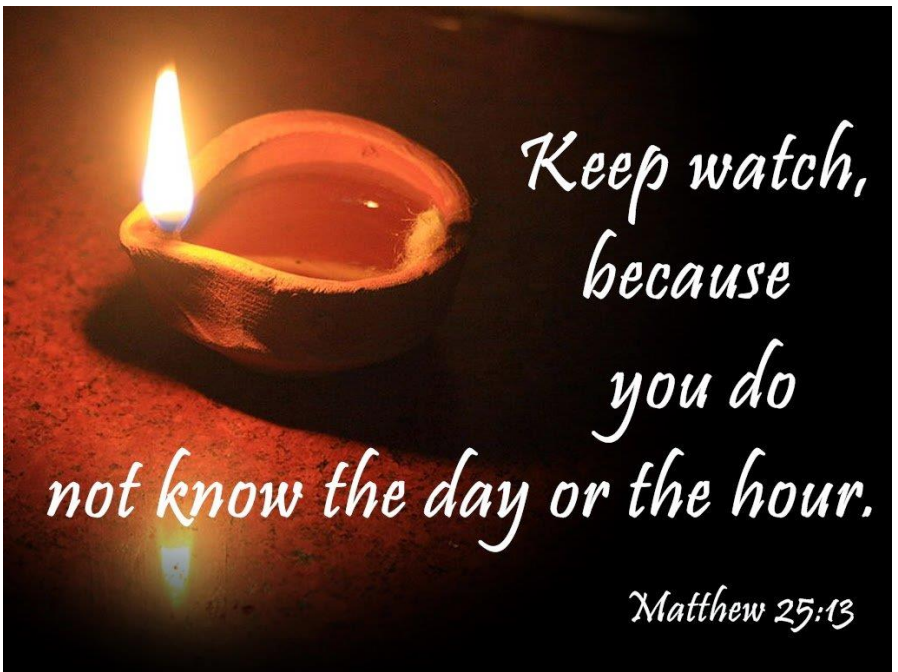




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



November 08, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

CALL TO WORSHIP: *From Psalm 118*

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Worship has begun.

PRELUDE: "Passacaglia in D Minor" Dietrich Buxtehude

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*OPENING HYMN: #27 "Tell Out, My Soul"

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* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Psalm 70

To the leader. Of David, for the memorial offering.

Leader: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

All: Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

Leader: Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!' turn back because of their shame.

All: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'

Leader: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“One Day at a Time” Marijohn Wilkin and Kris Kristofferson

Performed by Caroline Wolfe and Luke Melnyk

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A TIME OF PRAYERFUL SHARING

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

MESSAGE: PRAY, EAT, LOVE

REFLECTION HYMN: #190 "Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

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A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" arr. David Lasky

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*Doxology #625 unison prayer of dedication
praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host; **
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*(**alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)*

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)

***PARTING HYMN #400 "I Want to Be Like Jesus"**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Duetto II" Bach

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Welcome Everyone! Feel at home, for Christ Jesus is our host.

The Psalmist sings: "Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing... thanksgiving... and praise." We pray peace and joy

to you, dear friend.

WORSHIP TEAM

Interim Senior Pastor
Zoom Director
Worship Producer
Organist
Scripture Reader

Pastor Arlen G. Vernava
Mary K. Kirsch
Brian Schieferstein
Daniel Jacky
Geoff Gatz



Church News

Assistant Treasurer

St. Peter's is looking for an Assistant Treasurer. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Lauri Hubach at 440-988-2459 or treasurer@stpetersamherst.org for job details.

Sunday School

Sunday school for the upper grades is clicking along with Mr. Rice. Please feel free to bring your 5th grade and older kids to join in!

Sunday School for the younger ones is still online and can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/236897134377937> Ask to join and you will find videos, coloring pages, activities, and sometimes even snack ideas that correspond to the weekly in-church lesson.



Hello all-

We interviewed a pastor Wed evening and have another scheduled for Sunday evening, which will put us at the halfway point in our initial interview process. We still have one more profile to discuss as a group to see if we want to meet with that pastor as well.

Of the 8 pastors we wanted to talk to, one is no longer under consideration and the other seven either have yet to be interviewed or are still in the running.

As of Thursday, November 5, we have not received any new profiles.

Sincerely-

Your Search Committee

Preschool Dine to Donate

Preschool's Dine-To-Donate at Soul on Fire Pizza was such a hit that they are making it a monthly event. Due to a long wait period, they are adding another day to help with wait times.

This month you can order a yummy pizza on Wednesday, November 18 or Thursday, November 19 (240-8529). Just remember to mention you are from St. Peter's Preschool and they will receive 15% off all sales.

SubZero Mission

We are collecting again for the SubZero Mission during November.

They need coats, hats, gloves, boots and sleeping bags. All men's items-size M and up.

Please bring your donations to the church.



Are you or kiddos crafty?

Want to help????

Due to COVID, Compassionate Care has not been able to do visitation to our homebound or those in care centers. Recently, we received the OK to drop off “St Peter’s cares about you” bags, which will be quarantined for a day and then given to the specified person. The bags will be given out once a month.

Are you crafty or are you looking for something to give the kiddos or grandkids to do? We would love to have some handmade cards or short note to add to the bags. Something done by children always puts a smile on the receiver’s face!

We will be doing 10-15 bags per month. If you would like to donate any items, it would be appreciated. Some items are large print puzzle books, ink pens (no pencils please), adult coloring books & crayons, small boxes of raisins, small bags Goldfish crackers, chips, pretzels, popcorn, etc, hard candy, deck of cards, cube box of tissue, trial size toothpaste, hand lotion, deodorant, shampoo, chap stick, candy bars or anything you think they might enjoy. If you prefer not to go out to shop and would like to make a small donation, checks can be made out to St. Peter’s with a notation it is for Care bags and dropped at church office or mailed. If you prefer, cash may be dropped off at the church office in an envelope marked Care bags.

Items may be dropped off in the bin in Walker Lobby marked Care Bags.



Operation Christmas Child

One of the mission statements of St. Peter's Church is "caring for others". This year we have an opportunity to provide children who usually receive no gifts for Christmas with a shoebox filled with items that show you care and that express God's love for them.

Operation Christmas Child was begun by Samaritan's Purse in 1993 when Franklin Graham, Billy Graham's son, received a call from a man in England about whether he would be willing to organize gifts in shoeboxes for the children in war torn Bosnia. That year the children in the Balkans received 28,000 Christmas Shoeboxes. The mission has grown from there and last year 10.5 million shoeboxes were collected and distributed to children in over 150 countries.

We have ordered shoeboxes, and pamphlets with suggestion on what you might like to pack in them. There are items that may not be included: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, food, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items, glass containers, aerosol cans. The shoeboxes will be available Sunday, November 1. The deadline for returning them to the church is Tuesday, November 17. We will transport them to our local drop-off location for you.

I have enjoyed doing this for years and hope you will join me in the fun.

Bless you all!

Linda Gatz

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be putting together food baskets for Thanksgiving dinner to hand out on November 12.

Items needed are:

Stove Top Stuffing	Instant Mashed Potatoes	Gravy
Corn Bread Mix	Canned Cranberry Sauce	Canned Yams

In addition to the food basked items, there is also a need for:

Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken)	Kleenex	Paper Towels
Canned Soup (Pop top lids)		

Please leave your donations in the drop of boxes at the church.

Neighbors in Need

During the month of November, the UCC will be collecting for its Neighbors in Need program.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Contributions can be made online at:

https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/neighbors_in_need

St. Peter's Prayer Room

You are invited to join St. Peter's Prayer Room! We look forward to you joining us on Zoom where a name for prayer will be read and we will respond "Lord, hear our prayer". There will also be a time for you to submit yourself or someone you know for prayer. The meeting will be every Wednesday 1:00 -1:30 or before. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, Nov 11. Please join us!!! If you have any questions, please contact a member of Compassionate Care.

Saint Peter's Prayer Room

Time: Nov 11, 2020

1:00 - 1:30 or before

Will continue every Wednesday

Join Zoom Meeting from computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/94084872220?pwd=ckJ2bURSZHllVW4xdEFLNHVrNnI1Zz09>

Join from Zoom app:

Meeting ID: 940 8487 2220

Passcode: Prayer

OR Call in with phone:

1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 940 8487 2220

Passcode: 022121

Zoom Worship

For our Zoom worship you will join one another through a free video and audio conference application. Download the Zoom app to your smartphone, computer, or tablet and use the meeting login below:

Topic: Sunday Morning Worship

Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 Passcode: 379205



**Let all those who seek You
rejoice and be glad in You;
And let those who love Your
salvation say continually,
"Let God be magnified!"
Psalm 70:4**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon, Nov. 09	MovementWorks 2:30-3:15 PM Executive Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Tue, Nov. 10	Trustee Meeting 11 AM MovementWorks 6:15-8:30 PM Bible Study 7 PM Zoom Preschool Board Meeting 7 PM
Wed, Nov. 11	Zoom Prayer Room 1 PM MovementWorks 4:30-7:30 PM
Thur, Nov. 12	MovementWorks 5:30-7:30 PM
Sat, Nov. 14	MovementWorks 9 AM- 12 PM
Sun, Nov. 15	Sunday Worship Service 10 AM (Sanctuary/ Zoom)

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