



**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Your talent is Gods  
gift to you  
What you do with it is  
your gift back to God



**November 15, 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: "Pavane" Gabriel Fauré

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\*OPENING HYMN: #286 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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\* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Psalm 123

### A Song of Ascents.

**Leader:** To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**All:** As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.

**Leader:** Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**All:** Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

## **A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC**

*“Seed, Scattered and Sown”* Dan Feiten

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 25:14-30

### **The Parable of the Talents**

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not

sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

MESSAGE: C & R 😊

REFLECTION HYMN: #454 “*Lord, I Want To Be a Christian*”  
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## A TIME OF GIVING

### OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: “*Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*” Johann Gottfried Walther  
*80 Chorale Preludes, German Masters of the 17th and 18th Centuries* © 1937 C. F. Peters Corporation. Use by / with permission CCLI No. 20182679. Music: Johann Gottfried Walther.

\*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 #497 "Guide My Feet"**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE "Voluntary in 'Engelberg' "Douglas E. Wagner**

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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  
Janet Orseno



**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](mailto: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-

Here is the latest update for our search for a new pastor:

We interviewed a candidate this past Friday and have another interview scheduled for Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Of the 8 pastors we wanted to talk to, three have been eliminated for consideration.

We still need to meet to review a profile we had received previously, but have not received any new profiles in the past week.

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.

## **Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas**

It is that time of year again! The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas.

This will include hanging the Chrismon's on the tree, hanging of the greens on the balcony, hanging up wreaths and bringing the Nativity Creche into the Sanctuary.

Tentative date for decorating is Saturday, November 28th starting at 10am.

If you are interested, please contact the church office at 440-988-4965 or any member of the Altar Guild.

Altar Guild:

Susan Cherry

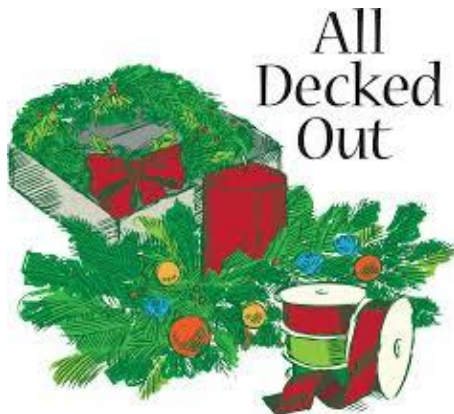
Kay Clark

Lynn Hollstein

Beverly McGinnis

Janet McGinnis

Peggy Settle





## **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 has 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](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

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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| Mon, Nov. 16  | MovementWorks 2:30-3:15 PM<br>Church Council 7 PM  |
| Tue, Nov. 17  | MovementWorks 6:15-8:30 PM<br>Bible Study 7 PM Zoom  |
| Wed, Nov. 18  | Zoom Prayer Room 1 PM<br>MovementWorks 4:30-7:30 PM<br>Preschool Dine to Donate at Soul on Fire    |
| Thur, Nov. 19 | MovementWorks 5:30-7:30 PM<br>Girl Scouts 6:00-7:00 PM<br>Preschool Dine to Donate at Soul on Fire |
| Sat, Nov. 21  | MovementWorks 9 AM- 12 PM  |
| Sun, Nov. 22  | Sunday Worship Service 10 AM<br>(Sanctuary/ Zoom)  |

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