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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10-11 AM**

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**582 Church Street
Amherst, Ohio 44001**

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
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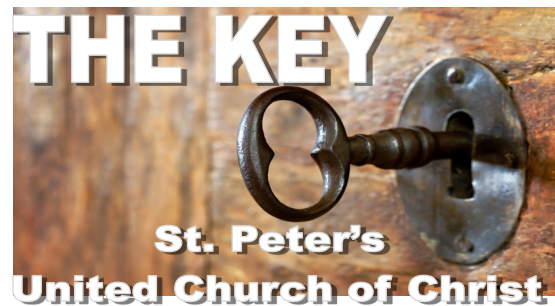
February 2019



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582 CHURCH STREET
AMHERST, OH 44001





February 2019

Dear St. Peter's Members and Friends,

Dear St. Peter's Members and Friends,

I believe every congregation has a unique personality. Let's test this, shall we? How do you describe St. Peter's personality / spirit? Put yourself in a recent service of worship, or in a meeting or event. Something just came to you, didn't it?

Grab it. Write it down. Say it. Describe it.
... .. Wonderful!

Now, find a symbol, small enough to easily carry, that represents your description of St. Peter's UCC personality / spirit.
... .. Great!

On February 10th, please bring this symbol, to worship? And place it on the Sanctuary window-sills? Thanks!

This little bit of playfulness now and on February 13th highlights a Gospel grace that is true for you and St. Peter's too. Just as each Gospel offers their unique viewpoint of Jesus, you describe St. Peter's personality / spirit from your unique perspective. And like the four Gospels taken as a "whole," giving us Jesus completely, so to speak, St. Peter's personality / spirit fills into wholesome complexity and beauty too, as each one of you contributes your sense of St. Peter's personality / spirit.

On this same Sunday, February 13th, Council and I hope to present and invite God to bless a Transition Team of five persons. Their calling begins a Season of all-congregational conversation and discernment. Your Transition Team will help lead and facilitate; you will begin to make plain to one another St. Peter's holy vocation, it's bedrock core values and deep gladness.

Weekly worship offers a powerful place to talk with and listen to God. John's Gospel, then Luke, will focus our attention in February.

February 3rd: John 2:1-12 (Isaiah 62:1-5). Jesus attends a wedding.

February 10th: Luke 5:1-11 (Isaiah 6: 1-8 [9-13]). Jesus fishing, along with Simon, James and John.

February 17th: Luke 6:17-26 (Jeremiah 17:5-10). Jesus teaches, part 1.

February 24th: Luke 6:27-36 (Genesis 45:1-15). Jesus teaches, part 2.

Peace,

Intentional Interim Minister

General Updates and News

A Letter from Council

Hi Everyone,

Church council reviewed the retreat that was held Jan. 12 and how rewarding it was. Vacation Bible School, church picnic, and the block party was discussed. The church directory is moving forward and should be completed soon.

Shelley

"The Science of Addiction" in Lorain

Wednesday, February 13, members of Lorain County's faith based communities are invited to attend a summit presented by Thomas D. Stuber. This event will take place at First Lutheran Church 1019 W. 5th street in Lorain from 9AM to 12PM. There is no cost to attend but registration is required, if interested you can register at <https://www.eventbrite.com> by searching for "Understanding Substance Use Disorders within Congregation" in Lorain.

Ink Jet Recycle

Wondering what to do with your empty ink jets? There is a box in the window in the Fellowship Hall where you can drop them off! Once the box is full, it gets mailed to a recycling company that will send Christian Education a check for the empty cartridges! Easy way to donate to the church without costing you a cent!



General Updates and News

HOUSE FIRE on CORNELL

Many of you have already heard about the house fire on Cornell. While the family is all safe and together. The fire was devastating and many of you have already come together to offer help. There will be a donation account set up at Chase bank. Donations can be made at any Chase bank and funds will go directly to the family. Please wait until after 2:00 today to allow us to set up the account and notify the tellers. No account number will be needed. Just reference the family effected by the fire on Cornell.

Food Bank

In January, a total of **88** items were taken to Good Shepherd Baptist Church Food Bank. Thank you for your generous donations.

Mission Clothing Collection

Thank you so much to all who donated to the winter clothing drive. Please know that your items went directly to those who need them the most! Clothing collection for the Great Lakes Church homeless outreach and clothing pantry will continue throughout the coming year. The collection box will remain in the lobby. New and used items are acceptable; just try to keep items seasonally appropriate. If you have any questions or need to have donations picked up, please contact Diane Barnum at 419-602-7264.



Church Council January Meeting Summary:

Donations for the month of December totaled \$80,915.68. Total donations received from January 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2018 totaled \$238,834.04.

The General Fund ended the year in the **negative**. The General Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 was **(\$57,545.29)**. Per policy, \$57,545.29 will be taken from the future fund to start 2019 at a \$0 balance.

Pastor Arlen presented to council a letter to be sent to the congregation regarding the Transitional Team. The letter detailed the job description and nominating process. This letter will advise that on February 3rd each member will be asked to nominate one person (they can self-nominate) to be considered for the Transitional Team.

The Mission Committee is currently looking for members and people to serve as officers.

2018 Annual Report – All committees and church organizations must provide a summary of their activities of the past year. Reports need to be turned into the church secretary no later than 4pm on January 31.

VBS will take place the week of June 24th.

Mill Hollow service and picnic will be held on Sunday, June 23rd.

Preschool:

2019 -2020 Enrollment – Only 11 spaces remain in the Tuesday/Thursday afternoon class. All other classes are full.

Winter/Spring Fundraisers

Hop for your Heart – February 21 and 22

Suzin L Chocolates for Easter

February Preschool Update

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of February. The children will continue to learn the letters Kk, Ll, Cc, and Mm. They will also work on the number 8, the colors pink, purple and the heart shape for Valentine's Day. This month, the children will also learn about the five senses.

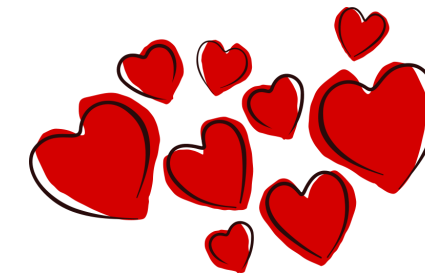
For our second mission project, the children will be making Valentines for nursing home residents of the church.

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a fun party and movie. They will also be passing out Valentines to all their friends in school.

Hop for Your Heart! This year we will hold our annual Hop-A-Thon on February 21 and 22.

Now is the time to register your child if you are thinking about preschool for the 2019-2020 school year. Classes are filling up quickly, so don't delay. To Schedule an observation or to ask questions, please call the preschool at 985-1972. You can also e-mail the school at preschl@stpetersamherst.org. you can also catch the link to our e-mail address on the preschool web page. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wendy Kosakowski-Preschool Director



RECIPES from the kitchens of St. Peter's members:

BAKED MAC AND CHEESE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package (16 ounces) uncooked elbow macaroni
- 1/3 cup plus 1/4 cup butter, divided
- 3/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4-1/2 cups 2% milk
- 4 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 3/4 cup dry bread crumbs

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Cook macaroni according to package directions for al dente; drain.
2. In a Dutch oven, heat 1/3 cup butter over medium heat; sauté onion until tender. Stir in flour and seasonings until blended; gradually stir in milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir until thickened. Stir in cheese until melted. Stir in macaroni. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking dish.
3. In a microwave, melt remaining butter; toss with bread crumbs. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake, uncovered, until heated through, 30-35 minutes.





PRAYER LIST



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Jim Brown, Marge Spangler, Carol & Chuck Faragher, Bev Mischka, George Small, Joyce Darakis, Julia Damon and all those who choose to leave illness, conflicts or concerns left unsaid.

If you know of any member who wishes to be placed on the prayer list or to be removed from the list, please contact the church office at (440) 988-4965.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2/1 Anthony Cambarare | 2/17 Abdrew Swift |
| 2/1 Duane Kurth | 2/17 Dylan Timple |
| 2/1 Sarah Kurth | 2/17 Lindsey Van Sparrentak |
| 2/1 MPatricia Stumpp | 2/18 Gloria Varsace |
| 2/2 Matthew Nagy | 2/19 Barbara Staller |
| 2/3 Erica Duncan | 2/20 Linda Brown |
| 2/4 Angelina Cambarare | 2/20 Steve Cooksey |
| 2/4 Seth Jeffers | 2/21 Julie Sprague |
| 2/5 Jennifer Wasilk | 2/22 Laura Hause |
| 2/6 Stacy Bruce | 2/22 Richard MCurdy |
| 2/6 Paula Goodell | 2/23 Stephen Hause |
| 2/7 Mary Davis | 2/24 Darlene Krieg |
| 2/7 Bruce Petkovsek | 2/24 Peggy Raesler |
| 2/9 Donald Krueck | 2/24 Betty Washka |
| 2/9 May Poor | 2/25 Alex Bruce |
| 2/13 Jessica Braid | 2/25 Beverly McGinnis |
| 2/14 Connie Cotton | 2/26 Lynn Hollstein |
| 2/15 Richard Berry | 2/27 David Rice |
| 2/15 Kelsey Gregg | 2/27 Robert Spratt |
| 2/15 William Guild | 2/28 Brenda Isaacs-Pass |
| 2/15 Matthew Wasilk | 2/28 Jean Thomas |
| 2/16 Joyce Darakis | |

If we missed your birthday, please let us know. Call Katie at 440-988-4965.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion Family Worship 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM /FH	4 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1:30-3:15 PM	5 Bible Study 10AM FR MovementWorks 4:30-8:30PM	6 Arabica's Hours 9:30-11 AM Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM	7 Compassionate Care 9:30 AM MovementWorks 4:30-7PM		MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM
10 Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10-11 AM Fellowship 11 AM/FH	11 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1:30-3:15 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	12 Bible Study 10AM FR MovementWorks 4:30-8:30PM	13 Arabica's Hours 9:30-11 AM Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM	14 Girl Scouts mtg. 6-7PM FH Sanctuary Choir 7 PM Choir Loft Handbell Choir 8 PM Choir Loft	15	MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM
17 Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10-11 AM Fellowship 11AM /FH	18 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1:30-3:15 PM Council Meeting 7 PM/FR Boy Scouts Meeting 7-8:30 PM Fellowship Hall	19 Bible Study 10AM FR MovementWorks 4:30-8:30PM Bible Study 7PM Penny K's home	20 Arabica's Hours 9:30-11 AM Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM	21 Sanctuary Choir 7 PM Choir Loft Handbell Choir 8 PM Choir Loft	22	MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM
24 Family Worship 10 AM Noisy Collection Fellowship 11 AM/FH	25 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1:30-3:15 Craft Night 6:30 PM FR Boy Scouts Meeting 7-8:30 PM Fellowship Hall PM	26 Bible Study 10AM FR MovementWorks 4:30-8:30PM	27 Arabica's Hours 9:30-11 AM Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM	28 Girl Scouts mtg. 6-7PM FH Sanctuary Choir 7 PM Choir Loft Handbell Choir 8 PM Choir Loft		