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

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

Dear St. Peter's Members and Friends,

Lent begins this month, on March 6th: "Ash" Wednesday. St. Peter's will enter this traditional season of reflection on Jesus' ministry, arrest and crucifixion with a supper meal, followed by worship in the Sanctuary. This holy occasion will begin a season of congregational discovery and discernment. Every worship time will lift up this prayer: "God, what are you calling St. Peter's to be and to do? God, who is our neighbor? God, place on our hearts and lips your "holy vocation" for St. Peter's UCC, we pray."

March scriptures will serve as guide.

3 March - Luke 9:28-36 - Jesus, Moses, Elijah: "Transfiguration"

6 March - 2 Corinthians 5:17 - 6:2, Isaiah 58:1-12 Ash Wednesday

10 March - Luke 4:1-13 Jesus, tempted in the wilderness

17 March - Luke 13:31-35 Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem

24 March - Luke 13:1-9 Jesus, teaching

31 March - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Jesus, tells a parable

Jesus' holy vocation, like every holy vocation, begins in "the wilderness." (First Sunday of Lent, March 10.) Every Christian who desires to serve Christ Jesus regularly retreats into emotional and spiritual wilderness, says the Gospel. So, too, does every community of faith. Here one makes conversation with God. Here conversation leads to action that deeply gladdens God's heart and one's own - because - this action specifically serves "the world's" profound need. Here, one learns to loosen one's grip, weakening "auto-pilot": all the attitudes, actions, and values that result in "my will, not your will, God, be done!" Here, one strengthens spiritual and emotional muscles in service to Christ Jesus.

As Lent begins, I invite the spirit of St. Peter's to loosen-your-grip practice. On the personal side, you already are champions at holding-things-loosely. Every new challenge for your body, for those you love, every new idea, learning, and perspective prompts you to hold-things-loosely. Using your experience, speak to the spirit of St. Peter's with words of encouragement and hope. Affirm in her that Christ Jesus stands at the door and knocks and that God's holy spirit does lead, nourish and guide. Celebrate every way and every day St. Peter's spirit lives Jesus' words, intent and action. Cheerlead St. Peter's holding-things-loosely so that God's Spirit will place in St. Peter's hands the holy vocation that gladdens God's heart and yours, because it serves "the world's" profound need.

And I invite you to pray for one another, thanking God for every way and every day you show forth God's love and Jesus' way. Lent has begun, friends! Thanks be to God!

Peace,

Intentional Interim Minister

### General Updates and News

#### A Letter from Council

Hi Everyone,

Church council discussed the church picnic at Mill Hollow. It will take place on June 23. We are inviting the South Amherst UCC church and Community Congregational church to partake in a service and lunch with us.

Council, also, agree to pay for the sidewalks which were repaired by the city. If we put them in with the property tax, there would have been an added 2% handling fee.

Shelley

#### VBS Meeting

The dates for VBS this year are June 24-28. If you would like to help in any capacity, there will be a very brief meeting in the Fireside room 10 minutes after the end of church on March 24. It should not be longer than 10-15 minutes as it is just to find out who is interested. If you cannot make it, but would like to help in some capacity, contact Jessie Kubuske at dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org or call the church office!

#### Block Party Meeting

There will be a brief organizational meeting on March 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM for anyone interested in helping with this year's block party on August 18.

#### Food Bank

In February, a total of 52 items were taken to Good Shepherd Baptist Church Food Bank. Thank you for your generous donations.

The food bank is in need of toilet tissue, bars of soap, spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, cereal, boxes of instant potatoes, canned meat and canned vegetables, and tuna fish.



## General Updates and News

### Summer Camp Early Registration



Early registration for the UCC summer camps at Tempel Hills is now open. Early registration saves \$15.

Please go to: <http://www.ohioucc.org/outdoor-ministries/> to register for camp. There are scholarships available for part of the camp fees. See Jessie Kubuske, Director of Education for scholarship forms starting March 10.

Outdoor ministries also offers scholarships on their website: <http://www.ohioucc.org/outdoor-ministries/summer-camp/discounts-scholarships-and-camperships/>

### Donation Opportunities

#### House fire on Cornell Street

The Pentito family are receiving donations through Chase Bank. Funds will go directly to the family. Just reference the "Frederick Family Recovery Trust" to donate to the account for the Pentito Family, who lost their house to fire on Cornell Street.

#### Mission Clothing Collection

Mission group will continue to collect and distribute clothing items. They are asking for winter items through the end of March and for spring/transitional items beginning in April. Thank you for supporting our clothing mission!

#### Ink Jet Recycle

There is a box in the window in the Fellowship Hall where you can drop used ink jets. Once the box is full, it gets mailed to a recycling company that will send Christian Education a check for the empty cartridges!

### Church Council February Meeting Summary:

Donations for the month of January totaled \$10,189.88. Total donations received from January 1, 2018 thru January 31, 2019 totaled \$10,189.88.

The General Fund ended the month of January in the negative. The General Fund Balance as of January 31, 2019 was (\$8,180.46).

Mission Committee member Tom McGinnis reported to council that the Mission Committee is taking a hiatus as a "formal" committee. Individuals will continue to serve in established projects. (i.e. meals at Veterans Home, providing clothes to the needy)

Mill Hollow service and picnic will be held on Sunday, June 23rd and St. Peter's has invited members of other UCC churches in the area to attend.

Pastor Arlen informed council of a daylong seminar on worship with featured speaker Marcia McPhee. This will be held on April 6th. The cost would be \$20.00 per person for those interested but the fee would be covered by our endowment fund.

Pastor Arlen will be out of the office 2/26 through 2/28.

## March Preschool Update



Is it spring yet? The children and teacher's are ready for warm sunshine and fresh air! This month, the children will work on the letters Jj, Rr and the concept of rhyming. We will also be having conferences during the month. Spring break will be at the end of the month.

The Preschool is now enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, call the preschool at 985-1972.

Wendy Kosakowski- Preschool Director



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

#### CABBAGE ROLL CASSEROLE

##### INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) tomato sauce, divided
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon dill weed
- 1/2 teaspoon rubbed sage
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 1 medium head cabbage (2 pounds), shredded
- 1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- Coarsely ground pepper, optional

##### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375°. In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat, crumbling beef, until meat is no longer pink. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Drain. Stir in one can of tomato sauce and next six ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 5 minutes. Stir in rice and bacon; remove from heat.
1. Layer a third of the cabbage in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Top with half of the meat mixture. Repeat layers; top with remaining cabbage. Pour remaining tomato sauce over top.
2. Cover and bake 45 minutes. Uncover; sprinkle with cheese. Bake until cheese is melted, about 10 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. If desired, sprinkle with coarsely ground pepper.

##### TEST KITCHEN TIPS

- Minimize mess by using 90% lean ground beef or ground sirloin (so you can skip the draining step) and use coleslaw mix (so you don't have to chop cabbage).
- Try serving with a splash of red wine or cider vinegar.





# PRAYER LIST



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Marge Spangler, Jim Brown, Dot Wilford, Carol & Chuck Faragher, Joyce Darakis, Betty Walker, Ruth Kossow, Tom Hollstein, George Small, Steve Cooksey, Joe Phillips, Julia Damon, Lois Barnes 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.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|------|-----------------|------|-------------------|
| 3/1  | June Nau        | 3/14 | Garry Timple      |
| 3/3  | Susan Cherry    | 3/15 | Nicholas Scalli   |
| 3/3  | Cynthia Noster  | 3/17 | Alek Nielsen      |
| 3/6  | Emily Parker    | 3/19 | Maise Bonnett     |
| 3/8  | Wilda Ondrick   | 3/22 | Robert Bruce      |
| 3/9  | Tom McGinnis    | 3/24 | Kelly Dupaski     |
| 3/9  | Brian Mullen    | 3/25 | Carol Murphy      |
| 3/9  | Melissa Tuccini | 3/26 | Russ Cambarare    |
| 3/9  | Lori Zahorec    | 3/26 | Douglas Haney     |
| 3/10 | Audrey Huber    | 3/28 | Karen Bruce       |
| 3/12 | Heather Torres  | 3/30 | Richard Berry     |
| 3/13 | Donald Ramsey   | 3/30 | Audrey Montgomery |
| 3/13 | Dann Swift      | 3/30 | Matthew Moos      |
| 3/13 | Earl Wiegand    | 3/31 | Ryan Orseno       |
| 3/14 | Amanda Chow     | 3/31 | Shelly Ostang     |
| 3/14 | Carol Faragher  |      |                   |

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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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10-11 AM Fellowship 11 AM /FH Adult Confirmation Classes 12PM Youth Confirmation Classes 2PM	Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1:30-3:15 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting 7-8:30 Fellowship Hall	Bible Study 10AM Fireside Room Trustees Meeting 11AM/FR MovementWorks 4:30-8:30PM Bible Study 7PM Penny K's House Preschool Board Meeting 7PM	Arabica's Hours 9:30-11 AM Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 4:30-7:30PM Ash Wednesday Potluck 6PM Worship service to follow Mission Meeting 7PM	Sanctuary Choir 7PM Choir Loft Bell Choir 8PM Choir Loft MovementWorks 4:30-7PM		MovementWorks 9AM-12:15PM
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24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
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