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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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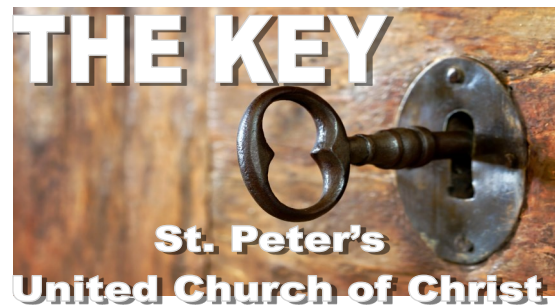
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# THE KEY



ST. PETER'S U.C.C.  
582 CHURCH STREET  
AMHERST, OH 44001





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Dear St. Peter's Members and Friends,

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." Margaret Wheatley, turning to one another

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen." Gospel of Luke 24:5

Margaret Wheatley and the Gospel authors are tuned into great and wonderful good news. God, the Gospels say, cares deeply for humanity, for you and for me, with a care deep and wide and profound enough to defeat death. Death, and the things of death, does not have the last word for those who believe that God raised Jesus from death "and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations..."

Easter Gospel news announces: all who believe that when you see the Christ, you see God - you who believe - are forgiven. You do not live life as if you are dead. You live life fully alive: feeling everything, giving everything, receiving everything. And on that day when your mortal life ends, God, by the mystery of God-time, resurrects you - just as Jesus was raised from death: body, mind, spirit - whole. Easter news proclaims "a fully lived life - now - and forever more!"

What St. Peter's cares about "in Jesus' name," Margaret Wheatley reminds us, focusses Easter news. What deeply gladdens St. Peter's heart in service to the world's profound need expresses Easter news. By this good news, St. Peter's proclaims God's profound care and extravegant love; transforming care and love that changes death and the things that make for death into a fully lived life now, and forever more.

You who receive Life through Christ Jesus, and you, the spirit of St. Peter's church, are forgiven, cleansed, and redeemed. Living as if this is so describes the sweet and tart of living: God-with-us through doubt, and in the lose of focus, and when we affirm other gods. Feel encouraged and hopeful. In every all-congregation conversation\* God-with-us draws St. Peter's closer to her deep gladness, her holy vocation in service to the world's need. Your participation, your conversation and your listening are active prayer. Fenelon, a 17th century Christian mystic prayed: "What I will do, O God, is listen to thee and await your direction." So do we all!

Blessed Lent and Easter,

Peace,

p.s.\*

I look forward to greeting you on Palm Sunday where the next all-congregational conversation follows worship, beginning with a pot-luck meal. Plan to enjoy good food, conversation, and an activity designed to help St. Peter's learn about herself in a delightful way. The Transition Team (Janet, Christine, Mary K, Kay, Tom, Brian and Jerry) and I will guide the "surprise" activity. What pot-luck are you bringing?

## General Updates and News

### A Letter from Council

Hi Everyone,

Council discussed that the annual picnic will be June 16.

Council will be looking for another charity to send our loose offerings since Family Promise was absorbed into Neighborhood Alliance.

As a church, we repaid the Future Fund around \$71,000 toward the restoration of the stain glass windows. There is around \$47,000 left to meet the total cost of the restoration which was \$118,000. Any money collected in the little church for birthdays and anniversaries will continue to be put towards the cost of the windows.

Shelley

### Easter Lily Sale

The Altar Guild have begun their Easter Lily Sale for this year. Order forms must be returned to the church office by April 16th along with the payment or donations; checks must be made out to St. Peter's U.C.C. with Altar Guild listed in the memo area. Extra order forms can be found in the church office or rear of the sanctuary. Pickup for each order will be April 23rd 8AM-4:30PM.

### Food Bank

In February, a total of 68 items were taken to Good Shepherd Baptist Church Food Bank. Thank you for your generous donations.

## Holy Week and Easter

**Palm Sunday. 10am.** Luke tells us Jesus anticipates "he will be handed over to the Gentiles ... mocked and insulted and spat upon...flogged... and killed, and on the third day he will rise again." (18:32) The disciples, Luke says "supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately," when Jesus enters Jerusalem. (19:11) Chapter 19:28-40 describes the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem. What really happens?

**Palm Sunday. Following Worship.** All congregational conversation and pot-luck meal and activity - a delightful surprise that will help St. Peter's learn more about itself.

**Maundy Thursday. 7pm. St. Peter's.** A service remembering Jesus: from "the Upper Room" to Golgotha, the place of crucifixion and death. Lighted candles symbolically follow the story: each extinguished until the last announces Jesus' death. Worship begins with the Sacrament of Communion. Hymns, music, lighted and extinguished candles, silence and scripture offer a tender and holy evening.

**Good Friday. 9am till 3pm. Sanctuary.** All are welcome to sit, read, pray or quietly walk for any amount of time, remembering Jesus crucifixion until his death...

**Good Friday. Various Community Opportunities.** Following Mark's Gospel, Jesus is crucified at nine in the morning. At noon, "darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon." At three in the afternoon, Jesus dies. Worship often begins at Noon and includes Jesus' statements during crucifixion - meditations on his "seven last words." The UCC Book of Worship states: "While the mood is solemn, it is also one of hope, looking forward to the great Easter celebration." And, "In ancient services, much of the time the congregation was invited to stand, to help participants understand the suffering of Jesus on the cross."

**Easter Sunday. "Sunrise" Worship. Various Community Opportunities.**

**Easter Sunday. 10am.** "Why are you weeping?" the angels ask Mary Magdalene in John's Gospel telling of Jesus' resurrection. Worship concludes with the Sacrament of Communion. Ready your 'Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!'

**Easter Sunday. Easter Egg Hunt, following worship.** All are invited: children to seek, adults to watch and cheer them on.

### Good Friday Services in the Area

- 10 AM Trinity Evangelical Free Church 46485 Middle Ridge Road Amherst OH 44001
- 12 PM St. Joseph Catholic Church 200 Saint Joseph Drive Amherst OH 44001
- 3 PM/7 PM St. Peter's 3655 Oberlin Ave Lorain OH 44053
- 3 PM Fellowship Baptist Church 5046 Broadway Ave Lorain OH 44052
- 6 PM Church of the North Coast 4125 N. Leavitt Road Lorain OH 44053
- 7 PM Fresh Wind Church 1115 Milan Ave Amherst OH 44001
- 7 PM Amherst Foursquare Church 780 Cooper Foster Park Road Amherst OH 44001
- 7 PM Great Lakes Church 2501 N. Leavitt Road Lorain OH 44052
- 7 PM Elyria First United Methodist Church 312 Third St Elyria OH 44035
- 7 PM Grace United Methodist Church 13406 W. Lake Road Vermilion OH 44089
- 7:30 PM St. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church 2238 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> St Lorain OH 44055

### Easter Sunrise Services in Area

- 6:30 AM Grace United Methodist Church 13406 W. Lake Road Vermilion OH 44089
- 7:30 AM St. Peter's 3655 Oberlin Ave Lorain OH 44053

## Church Council March Meeting Summary:

Donations for the month of February totaled \$13,624.99. Total donations received from January 1, 2018 thru February 28, 2019 totaled \$23,814.87.

The General Fund ended the month of February in the **negative**. The General Fund Balance as of February 28, 2019 was **(\$11,335.43)**.

Pastor Arlen informed council that 7 people have signed up to attend a daylong seminar on worship with featured speaker Marcia McPhee. This will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Arlen will be out of the office Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> returning on Saturday, March 30.

Mill Hollow Picnic – The Mill Hollow Picnic will be June 23<sup>rd</sup> and St. Peter's and 3 other UCC churches will be hosting the event.

## April Preschool Update

It is hard to believe that April is here! With break over, everyone is looking forward to getting back to school. We will be celebrating Easter by coloring eggs and watching an Easter movie.

This month the children will be working on the letters Ee, Yy, Zz and Ff. They will also work on the numbers 9,10 and the colors blue and yellow.

We are looking forward to going to Pinehaven Greenhouse to learn how plants grow. This will be our first time heading out to Avon to tour the green house. Thank you to everyone who supported the preschool by ordering Suzin L candy.

God Bless,

Wendy Kosakowski— Preschool Director

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

### HONEY HAM AND SWISS CRESCENT TWISTS



### DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Line 2 cookie sheets with cooking parchment paper.
2. Unroll crescent dough sheet on work surface; press into 14x8-inch rectangle. Cut into 4 (7x4-inch) rectangles. (If using crescent dinner rolls, separate into 4 rectangles, and press seams to seal.) Top 2 of the rectangles evenly with the ham and cheese pieces, up to within 1/4 inch on the long edges of dough. Top each with the remaining 2 dough rectangles.
3. Cut each rectangle crosswise into 8 strips, about 3/4 inch wide. Twist each strip a couple of times, and place on cookie sheets, pinching and pressing down on ends of each dough strip to seal. Replace any ham and cheese pieces that may come out, if necessary.
4. Bake 13 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 can (8 oz) Pillsbury™ refrigerated crescent dough sheet or 1 can (8 oz) Pillsbury™ refrigerated crescent rolls
- 3 oz deli sliced honey ham, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 3 slices extra-thin Swiss cheese slices (about 2 oz from an 8-oz package), cut into 1/2-inch pieces.



# PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Marge Spangler, Jim Brown, Chuck Faragher, Joyce Darakis, Ruth Kossow, George Small, Steve Cooksey, Julia Damon, Darlene Mudrich 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.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Pamela Beiswenger	4/6	Sharon Thompson	4/22	Deborah Raesler
4/1	Katie Orseno	4/7	Steven Bosworth	4/23	Susan Buzas
4/2	Kaye Koler	4/10	Kobe Goodwin-Pyers	4/24	Debra Brown
4/3	Peter Hause	4/14	Mike Harmych	4/25	Jacqueline O'Dell
4/4	Swen Nielsen	4/15	Allan Murphy	4/25	Marcia Ramsey
4/4	Lucas Shalkhauser	4/18	Neil Wasilk	4/27	Joan Whitman
4/5	Thomas Davis	4/19	Mark Kildow	4/28	Karie Slavik
4/5	Clifford Elliott	4/19	Margaret Wiegand	4/29	Kody Beiswenger
4/5	Sharon Slavik	4/19	Joseph Zahorec	4/30	Terrence Clark
4/5	Donald Wearsch	4/20	Emma Ranney	4/30	Kathryn Nielsen

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

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS

- Wednesday April 10th at 6PM Brownhelm Congregational U.C.C are having a shrimp boil to benefit Back Bay Mission. Adults are \$15, Children 5-12 are \$10 and children 4 and under are free.
- Saturday April 13 from 10AM to 3PM Tempeld Hills are having an open house format. Tour the site to see the updates made and hear about upcoming projects. Meet with Transitional Outdoor Ministries Coordinator to discover more about the camp and upcoming events.
- The 33rd annual SPRINGSPARATION DAY will be Tuesday, April 23rd at the Pittsfield Community Church. Registration is at 10 AM; the concert is at 10:30 AM featuring the Generations Quartet, formed in 2005 at the Camden Baptist Church. The salad luncheon will be served at noon. A freewill love offering will be taken. Please call Janet Crumley at 440-647-5170 or Lollie Cheatham at 440-774-6309 by April 16th for reservations.
- April 28th at 3PM Congregational Vermilion U.C.C. are inviting all to participate in the installation of Rev. Melinda S. Quellhorst. The preacher will be Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhaur, the clergy will vest and process and the
- May 4th St. John's U.C.C. invites all to join in a roast beef dinner. Located at 204 Leonard Street in South Amherst from 4-6PM. Adults are \$13, Kids (6-12) are \$5; please call 440-282-4310 for your reservation.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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