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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10-11 AM

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**582 Church Street
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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
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May 2019

Dear St. Peter's Members and Friends,

Downstairs, in Fellowship Hall, adorning the wall, hangs an annotated Time-Line: your individual story mapped across the years and decades of your time with St. Peter's. In what year did you first regularly participate in church life? How did you find your way here? In what ways have you (and do you) contribute? What three life-giving, wonderful moments / events and three less-than life-giving moments / events have you witnessed?

Your lived memories begin in the early 1920's among those born between 1901-1943 - the "G.I. Generation" - and include every generation since: 1946-1964 "Baby Boomers;" 1965-1980 "Gen X;" 1981-1996 "Millennials;" 1997 - 2012 "Gen Z."

Your generational sensibility shapes St. Peter's ministry and mission, of course. A January 2019 Pew Research Center report offers this illustration. **Television** grew up with the Baby Boom Generation. **Computers** - particularly "personal" computers - grew up with Generation X. **Internet** use and expansion grew up with the Millennial Generation. Generation Z accepts and uses all of this **technology** (those as old as 21 or 22 and as young as 6 or 7), it's simply a way of life.

As you review the time-line, and add your story, I invite you to conversation with others who are not your generation cohort. What do you notice has stayed the same and changed since you were born...in Amherst...in the Nation...in your neighborhood? Add your observations along the time-line. What do you notice has stayed the same and changed since you were involved in St. Peter's? Add these observations along the time-line too.

The month of May Sunday scriptures advance themes that mirror my invitation - and - your annotated time-line story. *Acts of the Apostles* and *The Revelation to John* describe a community where some values, practices and habits from Jesus' day change, while others stay the same. Healing and grief, then forgiving and forgiveness are essential first practices after meeting the risen Christ. As God's holy spirit helps accomplish this work, the community finds itself on the move.

St. Peter's, with the help of Holy Spirit, you are accomplishing your emotional and spiritual work. Know that your all-congregational conversations are the fuel, the energy, that advances your prayer: "God, what are you calling St. Peter's to be and to do? God who is our neighbor? God, what deep gladness responds to our world's need? Note and save May and June opportunities to explore together St. Peter's values that undergird your holy vocation. I look forward to greeting you in worship!

Peace,

Sunday scripture for May and early June

- 5 May. Acts 9:1-12, 17-19. Saul is struck blind in an encounter with the risen Jesus...
- 12 May. Acts 9:36-43. We meet Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, under unusual circumstances...
- 19 May. Revelation 21:1-7. A new heaven and a new earth...
- 26 May. Acts 16:9-15. Paul and Timothy have an adventure and meet Lydia...
- 2 June. Acts 16:16-34. Paul and Silas have an adventure, earthquake included...
- 9 June. Pentecost! Guest Preacher: Naiyiri Karjian, General Minister, Living Water Association of the Ohio Region of the UCC
Acts 2:1-21. Here comes the Holy Spirit...
- 16 June. "Service in the Sonshine" - at Mill Hollow - with Brownhelm, St. John's South Amherst, Vermillion, Community Congregational and St. Peter's. (Scripture in June Key)

General Updates and News

A Letter from Council

Hi Everyone,

Council discussed the A/C units in the offices and Fireside Room and what will be done with them once removed.

Council also discussed considering an electrical sign in the front of the church. Trustees are looking into prices and will present quotes in the May Council meeting.

All Daughters' Tea

Circle Six are hosting their 13th annual "All Daughters' Tea" on May 5 from 2-4PM. Tickets are limited and available in the church office.

Honoring Our Graduates

Sunday May 26 we will honor our graduates. Please contact the church office with names of your high school or college graduate.

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications can be picked up in the church office. They must be returned by Wednesday, May 15. For any questions please contact the office at 988-4965.

Service in Sunshine

On June 16, St. Peter's will join local churches in a community service in sunshine at Mill Hollow Park located in Vermilion Ohio. Service will begin at our normal 10AM. Come enjoy the sunshine and listen to God's word among our community and nature.

VBS Registration

Registration for VBS this year is now open. You may go to <http://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/Ststpeters>

to register, and to the St. Peter's website (stpetersamherst.org) to pay through the donate option. All payments are due by June 17. VBS is for ages 4 years through 6th grade and will be held June 24-June 28.

Food Bank

In February, a total of **126** items were taken to Good Shepherd Baptist Church Food Bank. Thank you for your generous donations.

Church Council April Meeting Summary:

Donations for the month of March totaled \$17,627.71. Total donations received from January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 totaled \$41,442.58.

The General Fund ended the month of March in the **negative**. The General Fund Balance as of March 31, 2019 was **(\$23,267.20)**.

Director of Christian Education brought up the Memorial Day parade and if St. Peter's will participate. Council members have been asked to think about this with a decision to be made at next month's meeting.

The 8 things to consider when making a decision – Pastor Arlen reviewed with council the 8 things council members should consider prior to making any decisions or changes. These items are based on our Constitution:

What will help St. Peter's Members and Friends deepen and enrich their...

1. Worship of and with God
2. Celebrate the Sacraments
3. Relationship to one another
4. Relationship to the wider Church
5. Service and relationship to the "least, lost and lonely."
6. Doing the things that make for justice
7. Doing the things that make for peace
8. Doing the things that make for right relationships.

Any changes/decisions should be based on one or more of these 8 things.

May Preschool Update

We have had a very busy year at preschool. The children have worked on letters, numbers, colors, rhyming and their names. Everyone has had so much fun; it is hard to believe that it is coming to an end.

This month the children will learn the letters Vv, Bb, Qq and Uu. They will also make something special for Mother's and Father's Day.

Everyone knows Mr. Qq can not make words without Mrs. Uu! With that in mind, we will have a wedding and reception celebrating the nuptials.

The preschool will have their last McDonald's Night on Tuesday, May 14th, between 4-7PM. The preschool staff would like to thank everyone for coming out and showing your support of the school throughout the year. Thank you!

The children will end the school year with a picnic on the church lawn. They will sing a few of their favorite songs and receive their Preschool Diploma. If it rains, we will move inside to the Fellowship Hall.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!!

The Preschool Staff



PRAYER LIST



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Norm Kurth, Marge Marshall, family of Marge Spangler, Jim Brown, Bev Mischka, George Small, Julia Damon, Elaine Thompson, Richard Berry, Joyce Darakis, Steve Cooksey, Tom Hollstein, and all those with conflicts or concerns left unspoken.

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

5/1	Kasey Haney	5/6	Lewis Zeller	5/21	Janet Orseno
5/1	Brad Sprague	5/8	Natalie Kendrick	5/22	Nicholas Kosakowski
5/1	Allison Zahorec	5/9	Thomas Hollstein	5/22	George Small
5/2	Jill Harmych	5/10	David Roesch	5/25	Courtney Noster
5/2	John Scalli	5/11	Richard Ashton	5/28	William Greenless
5/3	Nancie Murello	5/11	Haley Mullen	5/28	Lori Kissling
5/4	Tami Selent	5/15	Olivia Cotton	5/28	Dana Smith
5/4	Kay Sutton	5/15	Gregory Huber	5/29	Drew Ashton
5/5	Olivia Kendrick	5/16	Andrea Bockwich	5/29	Katelyn Schuster
5/5	Lindsey Stumpp	5/19	Joel Cotton	5/30	Mary Sterna
5/5	Benjamin Zahorec	5/19	Kyle Park	5/30	Sharon Vollmer

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

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 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.
- City Music Cleveland Orchestra is having a concert to honor Yom Hashoah- Day of Remembrance on May 2 at 8 PM Maltz Center located at 1855 Ansel Road Cleveland OH 44106. Four featured soloists will perform in the concert; among them our former Oberlin tenor, Joshua Blue. Free tickets are available by calling (216) 368-6062. If you would like to carpool please contact Pam Schuster at (440) 328-5571.

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

Elvis Milkshake

Ingredients

- 2 maraschino cherries
- 2 large bananas—peeled, frozen and sliced
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 6 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- 1/4 cup honey
- 4 ice cubes

Preparation

- On 2 toothpicks, thread a cherry and a banana slice.
- In blender, puree remaining banana and other ingredients until smooth.
- Pour into 2 glasses and garnish with toothpicks.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Communion Family Worship 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM /FH Adult Confirmation Class 12PM Youth Confirmation Class 2PM All Daughters Tea 2-4PM	6 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1-3:45 PM	7 Bible Study 10AM Fireside Room MovementWorks 4-9 PM	8 Arabica's Hours 9:30-11AM Yoga 9:30-10:45AM Movementworks 4-8 PM	9 Compassionate Care 9:30 AM MovementWorks 4-8 PM Transition Team Meeting 5:30PM Girl Scout Meeting 6-7 PM Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Choir Loft Handbell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Choir Loft	10 Last day of MovementWorks MovementWorks 8:30AM-12:45PM	11 MovementWorks 8:30AM-12:45PM
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19 Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10-11 AM Fellowship 11AM /FH Adult Confirmation Class 12PM Youth Confirmation Class 2PM	20 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM Boy Scouts Winter/Spring Court of Honor 6-9PM PM Fellowship Hall Executive Committee 6:30 PM	21 Bible Study 10AM Fireside Room Bible Study 7PM Penny K's home Preschool Board Mtg 7PM	22 Arabica's Hours 9:30-11AM Yoga 9:30-10:45AM	23 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Choir Loft Handbell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Choir Loft	24	25
26 Family Worship 10 AM Noisy Collection Fellowship 11 AM /FH	27 Office is closed Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM Craft Night 6:30PM FR	28 Bible Study 10AM Fireside Room Bible Study 7PM Penny K's home	29 Arabica's Hours 9:30-11AM Yoga 9:30-10:45AM	30	31	