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

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Dear St. Peter's Members and Friends,

With summertime almost here, relationships are on my mind. Seems like warmer weather, sunlit days, and long evening nights invite being with others. Neighbors visit during an evening stroll; friends meet up for ice-cream; best friends enjoy front porch or back deck conversations; lovers hold hands in moon glow, or on a careening roller coaster, or as baseball rockets toward their seat in the bleachers.

Relationships are on my mind and I invite you to join me in answering: "in what powerful way(s) will you nurture your relationship with God and with St. Peter's UCC this summertime season?" Break this down with me:

- "What" presumes you already know why.
- Why includes who joins you and God.
- Who leads to relationships and what.
- What answers when and how.
- How closes the circle by "doing" why.

Why powerfully nurture your relationship with God and St. Peter's UCC this summertime season? You are free to rephrase this and say "all year long;" yet my gentle challenge and encouragement: Summertime provides space and freedom for intentional Sunday worship. Long summer days offer time and opportunity for recreation and chores that school year and winter days cannot. Sunday mornings in summertime, are the best place for family and friends to "meet up," refresh, connect, equip and launch. It's the first Sunday stop for a day devoted to relationships.

Who joins you in this enterprise? All who are able, of course. Yet have you noticed.... many Sundays our Ushers note the same persons, and number of persons in Worship. Here is my gentle challenge and encouragement: choose to nurture or begin a deeper relationship with persons you do not often talk with or sit near Sunday mornings. Share your heart. Share your heart about God. And did you know... there are 130+ families named in the Church Directory, totalling 200+ persons. I am guessing half of that number are seldom or now never in Sunday worship at St. Peter's. I know it's an effort to "begin again." Doing so involves more than valuing Sunday morning worship time. It means connecting to memories and relationships. Yet... summertime is just the right time to begin again...!

What and how include Sunday worship, and so much more....

- June Transition Team *cottage conversations* offer a great way to deepen and broaden relationships, while advancing interim-time in preparation for an eventual Search and Call for the next settled minister. Look for where, when, and how to participate - announced in June during Sunday worship, your email inbox and OneCall voice message.
- Being with the "least, lost, or lonely" through service opportunities with others make important efforts fun.
- St. Peter's joins Vermillion, Brownhelm, St. John's, and Community UCC congregations for outdoor worship at Mill Hollow park. "Service in the SonShine" - June 16 - (sunshine at the park, if rain, at St. Peter's). I anticipate a wonderful relationship nurturing day of worship, food and fun.

- Vacation Bible School in July makes for great relationship time through helping.

June. It's here. In what powerful way(s) will you nurture your relationship with God and with St. Peter's UCC this summertime season? I applaud your taking up my gentle challenge. Feel encouraged. What joy and gladness when worship and serving and fun and helping others deepens and broadens relationships: with God and one another!

Peace,

Essential and Fun: Cottage Conversations!

In preparation for the Transition Team to write a Church Profile for St. Peter's (the published document that begins a settled minister search), St. Peter's answers this prayer: "God, what are you calling St. Peter's to be and to do? God, who are St. Peter's neighbors?" This prayer focusses St. Peter's *Holy Vocation* - the particular ministry and mission that deeply gladdens, expressing the work that serves St. Peter's world's profound need.

Your participation in Cottage Conversations essentially advances this goal. Your prayerful conversation - guided by a Transition Team member and Pastor Arlen, will surface St. Peter's core values.

Conversations and their hosts are listed below. Join a conversation, but do not tarry, for there are a maximum of 8 persons per Cottage Conversation. Sign-ups are in the Sanctuary this Sunday June 2nd and Sunday June 9th. Not able to attend worship these weeks? Sign-up by phone. Katie, our Office admin., will help.

Last of all, should none of these dates work for you, talk to a Transition Team member about July opportunities. Thanks! Your Transition Team: Kaye Koler, Mary K Kirsch, Christine Burman, Janet McGinnis, Jerry Buchs, Brian Schieferstein, Tom McGinnis.

Monday June 17	10:30AM	Neil and Jennifer Wasilk 643 Greenlawn Drive	Amherst
Tuesday June 18	12 PM	Shelley Harmych 134 Orchard Hill Drive	Amherst
Wednesday June 19	7 PM	Jim and Jessie Kubuske 147 Spring Street	Amherst
Saturday June 22	2 PM	Lauri Hubach 531 Stone Valley Drive	Amherst
Sunday June 23	2 PM	Brian and Karel Schieferstein 49430 N. Ridge Road	Amherst
Wednesday June 26	7 PM	Penny Knepper 6421 South Dewey Road	Amherst
Thursday June 27	5 PM	Richard and Janet Orseno 205 Brandt Avenue	Amherst

General Updates and News

A Letter from Council

Hi Everyone,

Council will be discussing the cost of renting the Fellowship Hall next month.

We learned that \$72,000 has been raised and paid back to the Future Fund for the restoration of the stain glass windows. We still need to continue to pay back \$46,000 to the fund. Any money donated for birthdays and anniversaries in the little church will continue to go to the Future Fund.

Council would like to thank everyone for your generous donations to the window restoration.

Shelley



Food Bank

In May, a total of **142** items were taken to Good Shepherd Baptist Church Food Bank. Thank you for your generous donations. In the last several monthly KEYS, there were some editing mistakes dealing with the month not being changed. Items donated to the Food Bank were taken at the end of each month by Pam Miskov.

Circle Six

Circle Six is a group of ladies who meet the first Tuesday of each month, September through June. We are an active group. We have a few fundraisers during the year to earn money for our blanket materials, "Christmas giving", monthly programs and our "All Daughters' Tea"

We make the blankets at our October meeting and give them to anyone who is ill or has had surgery. In June we clean the kitchen. These events are fun as we are all working together, and, as they say, 'many hands make light work'.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested to join us. We need you.

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 July 1. VBS is for ages 4 years through 6th grade and will be held July 8-July 12.

Quilt Raffle

We will be raffling off a quilt made and donated by Kay Koler. We will raffle it at various functions, and on Sundays! \$1/ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. Ticket will be drawn at the Block party on August 18! Need not be present to win! Proceeds will go to the Stained-Glass Window Fund!



Church Council May Meeting Summary:

[Donations for the month of March totaled \\$16,141.17. Total donations received from January 1, 2018 thru April 30, 2019 totaled \\$57,583.75.](#)

The General Fund ended the month of April in the **negative**. The General Fund Balance as of April 30, 2019 was **(\$28,144.55)**.

A new annual contract with MovementWorks was approved by council

The trustees are looking into the re-paving of the church parking lot.

Brownhelm UCC 200th Anniversary – Congregational Rep. Jim Kubuske shared with council that the Brownhelm UCC is celebrating their 200th anniversary. There will be activities at their church June 8th and 9th. There will also be a dinner with tickets costing \$25.00 per person.

A note from Brownhelm U.C.C.

Our 200th Anniversary program will be June 8, 2019, at 7pm. 2144 N Ridge Rd, Vermilion. All are welcome to join the program and enjoy the dedication. Hope you can join us!

PLEASE NOTE: June 9 service is at 10 am instead of previously announced time of 11 am.

June and July Preschool Update

The Preschool class of 2018-2019 has successfully completed the school year. Everyone is looking forward to a fun and relaxing summer. The children are also hoping for less rain, and lots more sunshine!

During the summer, the staff will be looking for some new, fun filled ideas for the next school year. We have promoted the church by passing out fliers with VBS information, summer worship hours, Sunday school and preschool information. Many of the parents are looking forward to sending their child to this year's VBS. Some parents have expressed interest in volunteering this summer. Everyone can hardly wait!

The staff would also like to thank you for your support at our McDonald's fundraiser nights. We always have fun and enjoy a night off from cooking. It is also so much fun visiting and catching up with everyone.

This year was so much fun. We will miss our little ones as they move on to the next class or Kindergarten. We are also looking forward to all the new students that are registered for the coming school year.

The preschool is filled up. We have 102 students! We have started a waiting list for parents interested in attending our preschool program in the fall. If you or anyone else is interested in our program or being put on the waiting list, please call the school at 988-1972. Thank you for spreading the word about our wonderful school!

Have a blessed and safe summer!
See you in the fall.

Mrs. Koskowski
Mrs. Nail
Mrs. Widener
Mrs. Koblka



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.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/3	Shelley Harmych	6/14	Lisa Duncan	6/22	Vicki Zeller
6/3	Megan Jeskie	6/14	Kevin Scalli	6/25	Judy McCurdy
6/5	Betty Pekare	6/14	Dorothy Wilford	6/26	Emily Pratt
6/6	Alexander Pugh	6/15	James Raesler	6/27	Kurt Beiswenger
6/6	Barb Zaletel	6/18	Jerry Buchs	6/27	William Kinloch
6/9	Douglas O'Dell	6/20	Karen Mullen	6/30	Andrew Nagy
6/10	Jodi Nowakowski	6/21	Megan Link	6/30	Michael Smeltz
6/13	Suzanne Scalli	6/21	Deborah Makay	6/30	Jean Snyder

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

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

Greek Orzo Salad

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cups dried orzo (rosamarina) (8 ounces)
- 8 ounces feta cheese, cubed or coarsely crumbled
- 1 cup chopped roma tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped pitted kalamata olives
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh basil

- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon snipped fresh oregano
- Salt and ground black pepper

Preparation

1. Cook orzo according to package directions; drain. Rinse with cold water; drain again. Transfer pasta to a large bowl. Cover; chill in the refrigerator for 1 to 2 hours. Add feta, tomatoes, olives, basil, and parsley to the chilled pasta; stir to combine.
2. In a jar with a screw-top lid, place olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, and oregano. Shake vigorously to combine. Pour dressing over pasta mixture; toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and ground black pepper. Cover; chill in the refrigerator for 2 to 24 hours.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Family Worship 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM /FH Adult Confirmation Class 12PM Youth Confirmation Class 2PM	3 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM	4 Bible Study 10AM Fireside Room Circle Six Meeting 6 PM Fellowship Hall	5 Arabic's Hours 9:30-11AM Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM	6 Compassionate Care 9:30 AM	7	8
9 Worship 10 AM	10 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM Executive Committee 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting 7-8:30 PM Fellowship Hall	11 Bible Study 10AM Fireside Room Trustees Meeting 11AM UFR Bible Study 7PM Penny K's home	12 Arabic's Hours 9:30-11AM Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM	13	14	15
16 Service in the Sunshine Worship 10AM	17 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM Movementsworks 3:30-8:15 PM Council Meeting 7 PM/FR Boy Scouts Meeting 7-8:30 PM Fellowship Hall	18 Bible Study 10AM Fireside Room Movementsworks 3:30-8:15 PM Bible Study 7PM Penny K's home	19 Arabic's Hours 9:30-11AM Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM Movementsworks 3:30-8:15 PM	20 Movementsworks 3:30-8:15 PM	21 Movementsworks 3:30-8:15 PM	22
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