

**ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**582 Church Street  
Amherst, Ohio 44001**

**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Sunday Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m.

**Office Hours:** Monday–Friday 8:30 AM–12:30 PM

Afternoons available by appointment

*“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,  
as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us...”* Eph 5:1-2

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## *Pastoral Ponderings*

From the desk of  
PASTOR CHRIS

***"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want,  
but I do the very thing I hate." ROMANS 7:15***

How do you stay fit? Do you watch what you eat? Do you exercise daily, or at least a few times a week? Do you attend a yoga class, or some type of community based exercise program? I do not ask these things to judge you. In fact, my current exercise habits have been null and void. I love kayaking, but I have not made the time to hit the waters. I love to ride my bike, but the tires on my bike—a mountain bike that I purchased while living in Berkeley, CA in the early 1990's—remain flat. I used to golf on a semi-regular basis, but my clubs are currently covered in cobwebs. I would often go on hikes, but have not walked a trail since our move. As I write these things, it kind of sounds sad and pathetic. Staying fit is not something that just happens, you must make the effort and then you experience the effects. Eating well, and keeping your body moving is important to our physical and mental wellness.

But you already know this, as do I. Telling someone to watch their diet and exercise in order to be well is not new to us. We all know what we need to do in order to be and feel at our best. The question I have, and again, not in a judgmental way, is—do we do what we know is best for us? And if not, why not? Why don't we take better care of ourselves? Are we just lazy? Do we just not care? Perhaps we think that no matter how we watch our diets, or exercise, in the end—we all die—so what is the point? My father-in-law, Thomas Buckingham, exercised, watched what he ate

and died of a heart-attack at the young age of 47. The reason for eating well and exercising is not so we do not die, it is so we can be at our best in the time that we have here on earth.

It is not simply diet and exercise that help us to be at our best, we also must attend to our spiritual wellness. How do you take care of yourself spiritually? Jesus recognized and took care of the physical needs of people, such as he did with the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, but he also pointed out the importance of maintaining a spiritual diet and regimen. Christ, while being tempted in the wilderness, told the tempter that—"man does not live by bread alone, but by the very word of God." Jesus never asks us to ignore our physical needs, and always encourages us to attend to our spiritual well-being. If eating well and exercising contributes to our physical wellness, what do we need to do in order to maintain our spiritual health?

Prayer was something that Jesus did on a frequent basis. The little that we have written about the life of Jesus as contained in the four gospels, indicates that Jesus would often go to a quiet place in order to pray and reflect. Solitude and prayer was just one of the practices that Jesus used to keep himself fit. The gospels also mention that Jesus would regularly attend worship on the Sabbath. Prayer and worship were both a part of Jesus' daily practice as was attending to



the needs of others. For Jesus, all daily interactions and experiences, such as walking, sharing meals, conversations, and attending celebrations like weddings, were not only physical activities but spiritual, as well. Jesus did not separate the physical from the spiritual because he understood that they were connected.

In the end, my pastoral pondering for this month has to do with our overall wellness and what we do, or can do, to be well. Paul struggled to understand his human nature and recognize why he did not always do what was best for himself. Like Paul, we need to at least be aware of our spiritual health issues so that we avoid the mistake of ignoring signs of potential problems. For example, if we ignore the signs that our bodies are telling, such as aches and pains, or finding mysterious lumps that shouldn't be there, it can lead to serious illness, worse pain, and even death. Likewise, if we fail to attend to the spiritual needs that we are aware of, we do so at our own peril. The key here is not only our self-awareness, but what we do about it. If we are sick, or suspect something may be wrong with us, we go and see a doctor or professional. We need to think the same way when it comes to our spiritual health.

Therefore, as one of the goals that I have established for my first year in ministry at Saint Peter's UCC, I would like to offer you the opportunity to set up an

appointment with me to discuss your spiritual health. Doing so will allow us the opportunities to mutually grow in faith and spirit. Think of it as a **"spiritual checkup."** I would ask you questions like: *"How is your relationship with God?" "How are you feeling about your church life?" "How is your prayer life?"* and so on.

I admit it! I do not always do what is best for me, but I always know that God wants what is best for me. Sometimes the only time we go to a doctor is when someone close to us makes us. Maybe you're not aware of problems in your spiritual life but someone close to you is and has reached out to you to express concern? We all need to work at taking better care of ourselves, and my prayer and hope is that we will all make plans to have healthier lives, both spiritually and physically, which will have a positive effect not only on each of us, but also on our congregation.

***Remember, you are loved!***

Pastor Chris



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#### **August Sermon Scriptures:**

8/1-John 6:24-35   8/8-Eph 4:25-5:2   8/15-Eph 5:15-20   8/22-Eph 6:10-20   8/29-James 1:17-27   *Please see next page.*



# AUGUST SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

## 8/1 John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

## 8/8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## 8/15 Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 8/22 Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

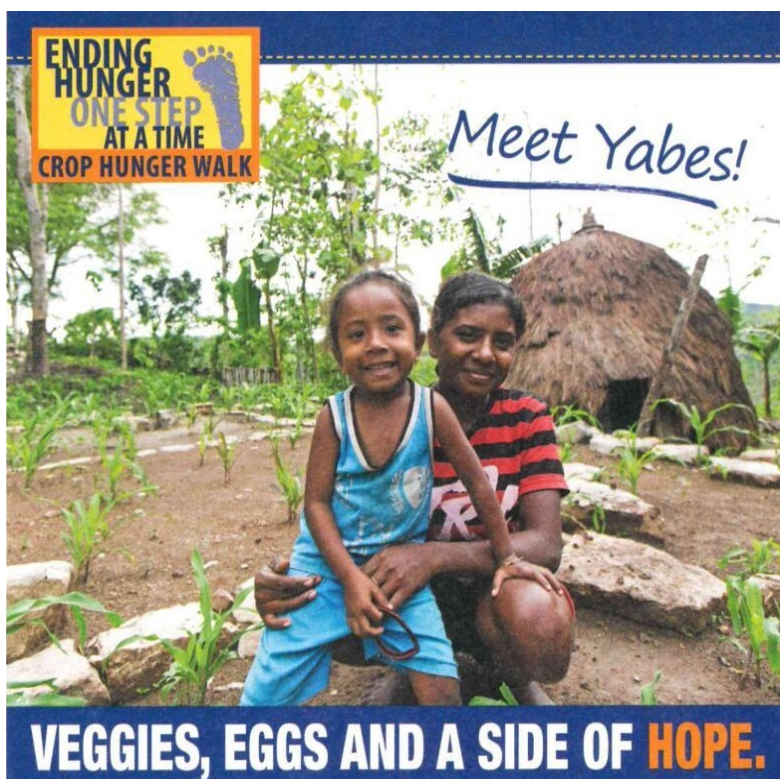
## 8/29 James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.







## CROP HUNGER WALK

October 3 | 2:00 PM

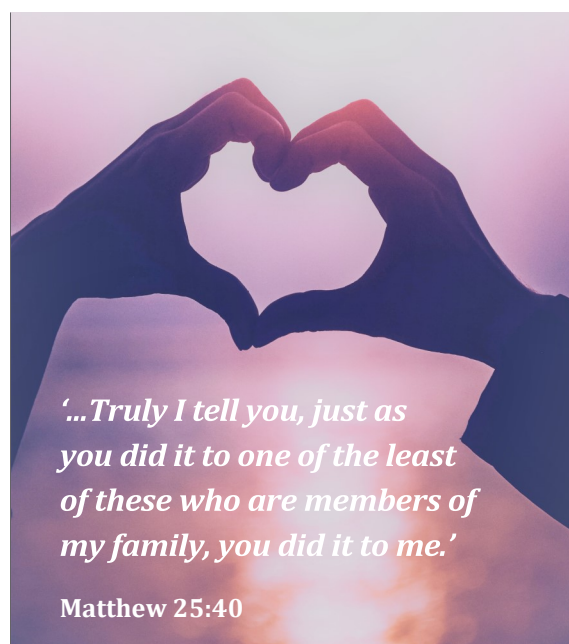
Now is the time to start thinking about participating in the Crop Hunger Walk! You can bring **HOPE** to someone in need. The walk starts at 5 points downtown Amherst, then down Milan Avenue, to and through the Metro Park, across North Main Street to Sunset, and then turn up and back towards downtown.

### Volunteer needed to be Team Captain!

Team Captain would make announcements, sign up walkers, distribute materials, and collect walker donations, etc. The Team Captain can pick up materials in the church office. *Thank you in advance for volunteering!*

### What is the Crop Hunger Walk?

- **25% of the monies** raised will go directly to the **Amherst Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Baptist!**
- A community-led fundraising event to **end hunger**-support to U.S.-based hunger-fighting organizations.
- A way to show **global solidarity** with the millions who walk miles every day in search of food and water.
- Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 35 countries. In many developing nations, people walk up to **six miles a day** to get food and water.



## COMPASSIONATE CARE TEAM

### *Meetings are Now in Person!*

We are happy to inform everyone the Compassionate Care Team will be going back to their normal meetings. It will be on the **first Thursday of every month.**

**St. Peter's UCC | Fireside Room**  
**Thursday, Aug. 5, 10:30 a.m.**

Please reach out to Sharon Thompson at **(440) 327-3447** to join us helping others!



### Used Inkjet Cartridges

Wow!!! Thanks so much for recycling your used inkjet cartridges! Our last shipment earned Christian Education \$174.75! If you have some to recycle, there is a box just outside the administrative office on the metal shelves. Again, thank you so much for thinking of Christian Education and the environment. *-Jessie Kubuske, Director of Christian Education*



## St. Peter's Preschool Parent Night & Open House

The Preschool Parent Night in the Sanctuary is Aug. 23 from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Preschool Open House is Wed., Aug. 25 from 4-7:30 p.m. in the Preschool wing.

*Thank you, Wendy Kosakowski, St. Peter's Preschool Director.*



August

## St. Peter's Preschool News



The Preschool class of 2020-2021 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!

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.

During the summer, the staff will be looking for some new, fun filled ideas for the next school year. Many of the parents are looking forward to sending their child to this year's VBS whether it is in person or virtually. Everyone can hardly wait!

The staff would also like to thank you for your support at our Dine to Donate at Soul on Fire Pizza fundraiser nights. We always enjoy a night off from cooking. We would also like to thank everyone who donated to the preschool board meeting baskets. It was so kind of you to help encourage parents to participate in the meeting and try to win one of the two baskets that were filled with many of your donations. **THANK YOU!!**

Miss Jones is off to college. She was a wonderful addition to our staff this year. We will miss her and wish her well as she continues her studies in education at Ashland. The preschool is setting up interviews for a poten-

tial Preschool Aide to start in the fall. Please keep us in your prayers.

The preschool is almost filled up. We have only a few spots left! We have started a waiting list for parents interested in attending our morning preschool program in the fall. If you or anyone else is interested in our preschool or being put on the waiting list, please call the school at **440-985-1972**. Thank you for spreading the word about our wonderful school!

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

Mrs. Kosakowski, Mrs. Nail,  
Mrs. Kobylka, Miss Jones



## "Backyard VBS" Totally Tubular! *Register today!*

We will be heading back to the 80s this year with a "backyard VBS" where participants do the activities in their own backyard and/or home. Information on the parent portal for the videos, songs, and information will be sent to participants in early to mid July and **supplies will be provided during a "drive up" at the portico in early July**. Once adults register their children, they will receive further information and dates! Parents/

grandparents/guardians can email the church at [dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org](mailto:dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org) or call the church office at **440-988-4965** and leave information for us to contact them including name and an email address.

**Jessie Kubuske**

Director of Christian Education  
[dir.ed@Stpetersamherst.org](mailto:dir.ed@Stpetersamherst.org)

# St. Peter's Food Pantry

WHY NOT WALK IN CROP HUNGER WALK ON OCT 3?

25% of monies collected go to the **Good Shepard Baptist Food Pantry!**

The month of April had a total of **51** food items donated.

**Thank you** to everyone who donated items to the food bank.

It is greatly appreciated by St. Peter's, and those receiving help!

A big thank you to **Pam Miskov** for taking the time to ensure all the items are transported to Good Shepherd Food Bank. There currently is a need for:

<b>Canned Meat</b> (Tuna, Chicken)	<b>Kleenex</b>	<b>Paper Towels</b>
<b>Canned Soup</b> (Pop top lids)	<b>Spaghetti Sauce</b>	<b>Pasta</b>
<b>Spaghetti-Os</b> (Pop top lids)	<b>Peanut Butter</b>	<b>Jelly</b>
<b>Mac &amp; Cheese</b> (Microwavable)	<b>Oatmeal Cereal</b>	

Please leave your donations in the drop of boxes at the church.



'TRULY I TELL YOU,  
JUST AS YOU DID IT  
TO ONE OF THE LEAST  
OF THESE WHO ARE  
MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY,  
YOU DID IT TO ME.'

MATTHEW 25:40

## A Reminder for Circle 6



Just a reminder our first meeting will be **September 7**, the day after Labor Day and would love to have everyone (*including new members*) come! It will be at 6 p.m. at the **Amherst Beaver Creek picnic shelter**.

Enjoy your summer and we'll "See you in September!"



## Please JOIN US at CRAFT CLUB!

Monday | August 23 | 6:30 p.m.

Craft club will meet **August 23 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fireside room. Masks aren't required if you **have been** fully vaccinated. If you **haven't been** vaccinated, we require you to wear a mask for your own protection. All are welcome, bring your current (or old) craft project to work on and to have some fun fellowship with other crafters! Can't wait to see you then!

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

July 19, 2021 Minutes

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## **ATTENDEES:**

<b>President:</b> Mary-K Kirsch	x	<b>Pastor:</b> Chris Buckingham-Taylor	x
<b>Vice President:</b> Christine Burman	x	<b>Trustee:</b> Jim Kubuske	x
<b>Secretary:</b> Susan Cherry	x	<b>Congregational Rep:</b> Kaye Koler	x
<b>Treasurer:</b> Lauri Hubach	x	<b>Congregational Rep:</b> Tom Hollstein	x
<b>Congregational Rep.:</b> Stacy Gleason	x	<b>Financial Secretary:</b> Rebecca Woods	x
<b>Congregational Rep.:</b> Sally Readinger	x	<b>Congregational Rep:</b> Susan Conkle	x

x= present; E=excused; A=absent

Visitors: Jessie Kubuske | President Mary-K Kirsch opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with a prayer by Pastor Chris.

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## **Trustees Report**

Jim Kubuske gave a report of the Trustee's Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2021, as follows:

In attendance: Jim Kubuske, Don Krueck, Edgar Vargas

### **Old business:**

Central exterminating came for their monthly inspection  
Passed elevator inspection. New sump pump is keeping bottom of the shaft dry.

The new downspout next to the garage is working well and keeping roof emptied without leaking into basement area.

Front doors are done. Eventually need to look into painting or covering crossbars in front.

Wagner Sign is working on the sign. Will be a few more weeks to get all the parts together and then to replace the old one.

Downstairs, preschool, and lobby floors done.

Lot is sealed and striped.

Rebman checked the alarm system. Some changes need to be made about dedicated line.

### **New business:**

Filters in basement air circulator changed. Edgar discovered there are 4, not 2. By removing and replacing the other 2 that have not been changed for years, air is now flowing in basement rooms and the basement is dryer and smells better. Filters should be checked once a month. Basement dehumidifier runs, but does not take moisture out, will need replacing. Edgar is pricing them.

There was discussion about the Belfry fan, and if it helps or not to circulate air. It was unanimous that it should run during the Sunday service.

There was a work order to put chairs out for Sunday's outdoor service. Edgar will set up, Jim and Don will take down.

Edgar moved latches to hold front door open as per work order.

Sue Conkle's garden group has been contacted about working on the flower beds. With all this rain they need attention.

Mortar on front bricks and sandstone pillars need to be replaced. Trustees are looking into options.

A chimney estimate is forthcoming after over a year of contacting several chimney repair companies. THIS IS THE ONLY ONE THAT HAS RESPONDED AND WILL GIVE AN ESTIMATE. The top 13 rows of the chimney need to be rebuilt out of the 70. The other 57 need restacked, sealed, duck pointed and the entire chimney sealed with coating to protect it for another 10-15 years.

Edgar found the sanctuary remotes, so the basement one will be replaced and those can be used. (Pastor Chris indicated that the remotes should be kept in the sound room.)

Next meeting August 19, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

A motion was made to accept the Trustees Report, seconded, and passed.

## **Financial Secretary's Report**

Becky Woods gave the Financial Secretary's Report. Total giving for the month of June was \$8,316.52. We discussed the need to make sure we encourage giving and have a collection at all outside services. A motion to accept the Financial Secretary's Report was made, seconded and passed.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Pass-throughs for the month totaled \$230.00.

Strengthen the Church	\$125.00
OCWM*	<u>105.00</u>
	\$230.00

\*Our Church's Wider Mission

A motion was made to approve the pass-through payments, seconded and passed.



A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded, and passed.

### **Cable TV Bill for Parsonage**

Sally Readinger indicated that we received a bill from Spectrum for cable TV in the parsonage, and she asked if that service should be cancelled. Jim Kubuske will cancel the parsonage's cable TV service and return the cable boxes to Spectrum.

### **Tech Team**

Members of the Tech Team were established as: Brian Schieferstein, Jim Kubuske, Jessie Kubuske, and Pastor Chris. Mary-K asked to be kept in the loop regarding what the Tech Team was considering.

### **Staff Reviews**

Staff reviews will be conducted for Kaye, Pastor Chris, Jessie, and Wendy. The review process should be completed by October. Pastor Chris indicated he will review the staff members' job responsibilities and establish three goals for next year (2022) for each staff member.

### **Stewardship/Pledge**

The Stewardship/Pledge Team will be made up of Pastor Chris, Sally Readinger, Lauri Hubach, and Becky Woods to develop a Stewardship/Pledge program for next year. Lauri will contact Sven Nielsen and Dwight Siron to ask if they would be interested in serving on this team. Pastor Chris suggested that we establish a Time and Talent sheet and ask church members to indicate in what areas they would like to participate.

### **Clerk Position**

Duties for the Clerk (an officer of the church) position would include keeping track of attendance, marriages, births, deaths, and membership status of members. All these duties would require a knowledge of the Breeze system and working with other teams. Christine Burman volunteered to perform these tasks.

### **Pet Blessing and Non-regular Services**

Pastor Chris will conduct pet blessings on the front lawn on October 2, 2021 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

On 10/10/21 there will be a combined worship service outdoors at the Brownhelm UCC church, with St. Peter's UCC, the Brownhelm UCC, and Vermilion UCC churches.

On 10/03/21 the annual Crop Hunger Walk will take place to raise money for hunger relief affiliated with Church World Service—interfaith for hunger awareness.

On 9/19/21 Pastor Chris' installation will take place with Nayiri Karjian, Association General Minister, Living Water Association officiating.

On Sunday, September 19, 2021 we will celebrate the International Day of Peace (United Nations) 2021. (The official International Day of Peace 2021 is Tuesday, 09/21/21). Jim Kubuske will replace the Peace Pole by 09/19/21.

### **Master Calendar**

Kaye Oswald will be the Master Coordinator for the Church's Master Calendar. Any event at the Church should be submitted to Kaye to include on the master calendar.

### **Walker Lobby TV Feed**

Mary-K, Brian Schieferstein, and Pastor Chris discussed using the Walker Lobby as a cry room. Parents would be able to sit and watch the Zoom service on the TV in the Walker lobby.

### **Bushes Around the A/C**

Bushes around the A/C should be cut back or removed. Jim Kubuske suggested that the bushes be trimmed. A work order also needs to be filled out and submitted.

### **Hospitality Committee**

The Hospitality Committee would put together packets for new visitors and would greet new members and visitors. Christine Burman volunteered for the committee.

### **Increasing Kaye Oswald's Hours**

Pastor Chris suggested that the personnel committee should study the need for additional hours for Kaye and make recommendations.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee should begin planning work in August, meet with committee Chairs of the Ministries and have a list of nominees in September.

### **Trim Front Yard Tree**

Tom Hollstein noted that there were dead limbs in the tree in the front yard of the Church and suggested that these may need to be trimmed. Jim Kubuske stated that he had also noticed the dead limbs and the trustees would look into having the dead limbs trimmed.

### **Walking on Wednesday**

Jessie Kubuske noted that at the next Walking on Wednesday event there may be a possible space for St. Peter's on the grass located across the street from Brew Kettle. Further information will be forthcoming.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed.

Pastor Chris ended the meeting with a prayer. The meeting ended at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cherry  
Council Secretary



*"Even those who live many years should take pleasure in them all."*

Ecclesiastes 11:8

## AUGUST Birthdays

Beverly Mischka	August 02
Sherry Spratt	August 04
Pamela Miskov	August 05
Rebecca Woods	August 05
Glenn Miskov	August 12
James Wiley	August 14
Jim Brown	August 23
Julie Swift	August 24
Walter Beale	August 25
Donald Swift	August 26

## Good Shepherd Baptist Church Ministry for Students at Powers Elementary

Good Shepherd is spear-heading a ministry/blessing opportunity to help provide school supplies to students of Powers Elementary (free to them!). They're asking for monetary donations (checks made out to GSBC), and/or volunteers (2 people) would be greatly appreciated. Each child will receive a supply bag, a craft, and a letter listing the churches helping.

Please do not bring supplies, GSBC will purchase them. Please let the church office know if you are willing to volunteer in representing St. Peter's UCC. Give-A-Way is Aug. 15, so they need to know by **Aug. 2**. Thank you!

## August Events

- Aug. 1 Communion Sunday
- Aug. 5 Mainstreet Amherst 9 a.m.  
Compassionate Care 10:30 a.m.
- Aug. 9 Executive Board 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 16 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 18 Clergy Mtg, Brownhelm 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 19 Trustees Meeting, Zoom
- Aug. 22 Family Worship Sunday  
Beckham Parham Baptism 12 p.m.
- Aug. 23 Craft Club, 6:30 p.m. Fireside Room  
Preschool Parent Night, Sanctuary,  
4:30-7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 25 Preschool Open House, Preschool  
Wing, 4-7:30 p.m.

Spiritual Life: 1-4:00 p.m. Mondays  
Bible Study: 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Zoom

**NEW! Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris**  
9-11 a.m., every Wednesday at Arabica's!  
*Everyone is invited!*



## Operation Christmas Child

*Let's Reach Our Goal—50 Shoeboxes!*

Time seems to gain speed as the year goes by. A new school year is about to begin and in less than five months it will be Christmas. Stores are having sales and the Hallmark Channel has completed its "Christmas in July" program. Not to be left behind, it is my pleasure to let you know that we are doing **Operation Christmas Child** again this year. It is being announced now, so you can take advantage of purchasing items as you find them. It is a wonderful way to give a child **Christmas in a shoebox** and share the **birth of Jesus**. I have ordered the boxes and informational pamphlets, so more information will be coming your way. Your response last year was amazing, and we hope to reach a **goal of 50 shoeboxes** this year. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Peace and Blessings!  
Linda Gatz



# Pray

*"Cast all your anxiety on Him  
because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7*

**Please add the following to your prayers:**

Bev Mischka  
Terry Clark  
Don & Jean Swift  
Jean Snyder  
Amy Gentry  
Judy Baker  
Mary Ann Sterna

Debbie Raesler  
Elaine Thompson  
Tudy Diaz  
Audrey Montgomery  
Karin Andy  
Jim & Linda Brown  
Joyce Darakis

Sherry Spratt  
Glenn Miskov  
Valentino Dziak  
Lois Barnes  
Ruth Kossow  
May Poor  
Roger Becker

Carol Battenhouse  
Darlene Mudrich  
Pam & Bill Schuster  
Dot Wilford

If you would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact the church office at **440-988-4965** or **adminofc@stpetersamherst.org** or Compassionate Care **sgthompson@windstream.net**



*Attention all Groups!*

**St. Peter's UCC  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
NEEDS YOUR HELP**

All requests for the budget need to be in to the Budget Committee by **Oct. 4 or earlier. Members of the committee include:** Pastor Chris, Lauri Hubach, Sally Readinger, and Becky Woods.

*Thank you for your attention to this important matter!*

*An Update from  
Judy Baker*

Good Morning St. Peter's!

Though long overdue, a **Sincere Thank You** (ONE & ALL) for Everything—cards, flowers, phone calls,—and, all the Special **Prayers & LOVE** during Hospital stays (Pneumonia & Open Heart Surgery)!

I am doing much better—just takes TIME.

Thanks again,

Blessings & Love,  
Judy Baker



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