

**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

## Wishing Everyone a Happy Labor Day!

September 2021

### THE KEY



*“Come to me, all you that are  
weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest.”*

Matthew 11:28

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and  
on this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of Hades will not  
prevail against it. I will give you the  
**KEYS** of the Kingdom of Heaven.”

— MATTHEW 16:18–19

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## *Pastoral Ponderings*

From the desk of  
PASTOR CHRIS

***"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." GENESIS 2:15***

With summer soon departing, many of our family vacation trips are nearing an end, which means that we may finally be hearing the last of the—"Are we there yet's?" for the year. While that may be true, we still haven't heard the end of the global warming crisis. With record heat waves across the world, (90% of our west is in a draught, and much of it is burning) and with record flooding in Europe, the world, from a climate perspective, seems to be heading in a perilous direction. "Are we there yet?" as far as responding with positive actions toward our global warming crisis, the answer is clearly—"NO!"

While I've never considered myself to be an alarmist, for me the world is not ending, the current draught and storms, however, have my full attention. It is overwhelming to think about what our personal impact is on the earth. In the book of Genesis, second chapter, verse 15 says, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it..." in other words, we were created by God to care for the earth. If you have ever wondered what your purpose is- it's this: to care for the earth and all that is in it. It is not that complicated! We are here for the purpose of caring for the earth, and all that dwells upon it.

The difficult part of that realization, that we are here to care for all that is, is- how do we do that?

It's time for us to till the soil of care and respect for our earth. Remember the line from the old commercial, "Pay me now, or pay me later?" It's later! If we have a home, we invest our time and energy in its upkeep. If we choose to neglect our homes, we will pay for it in the end. For some, we just may not have the financial resources available to do the necessary repairs to our homes, but that doesn't change the eventual outcome of neglect. If we choose not to invest in our St. Peter's church building, eventually, it will deteriorate and become unusable for ministry. That's why we spend money to keep up our homes and churches. The earth is the same, and more so. We need the earth to live. We need the earth to provide us with all that we need to live; clean air, water and food sources. The crazy part about where we are in this global warming/climate change crisis, is that we have the resources and knowledge, but we are choosing not to do the things that could lead to a better outcome. It's much like the pattern of neglect that we have seen with COVID 19, and the resistance that many have shown in refusing to receive the vaccination, which might have ended the COVID threat and saved thousands of lives.

**If you have ever wondered what your purpose is, it's this:**



**To care for the earth and all that is in it.**

I'm reminded of another old commercial from my youth which shows a native American Indian Chief, looking at trash thrown all around the earth as the camera focuses on a single tear falling down his cheek. It was a powerful image and one that caught my attention in the early 1970's, but I fear that single tear would now be a flood.

What are we doing? This is just a "pondering," and I'm not telling anyone what to do. As for me, I need to reflect on my personal impact on the earth and ask, how do I till the soil and care for the earth? God created each of us to till the soil of the Garden of Eden (Eden means pleasure), and it is well past tilling time.

I don't know what's going to happen with climate change, which—even though inevitable, doesn't have to be as horrible as it seems. One thing we can all do to be better stewards of the earth is—pray. Prayer isn't doing nothing! Prayer is one of the ways that we till the soil of Eden. Prayer is a force for change and good. With Christ, nothing is impossible for us, including this climate crisis, Covid 19 and anything else that may come our way.

The world is not ending, it is changing, possibly due to the impact of humankind, as well as other life forms that call earth-home. The Garden of Eden was a paradise lost, but it is time for us to find and restore it. There is a Jewish tradition of Tikkun Olam, which in Hebrew means to repair the earth. As part of this Jewish instruction, each person is encouraged to seek out and find a broken piece and repair it. We can't fix everything, but we must do our part to find a broken piece in the world and restore it. In Christ we are called to fix the broken pieces of the world. Together, in Christ, may we be a force of good change and restoration for the world.

Are we there yet? No, but through Christ—we're getting closer.

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

*Rev. Chris Luckhart-Taylor*  
Pastor Chris



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**September Sermon Scriptures:**

9/5-Mark 7:24-37    9/12-Mark 8:27-38    9/19-Mark 9:30-37    9/26-Mark 9:38-50    *Please see next page.*



# SEPTEMBER SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

## 9/5 Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

## 9/12 Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

## 9/19 Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

## 9/26 Mark 9:38-50

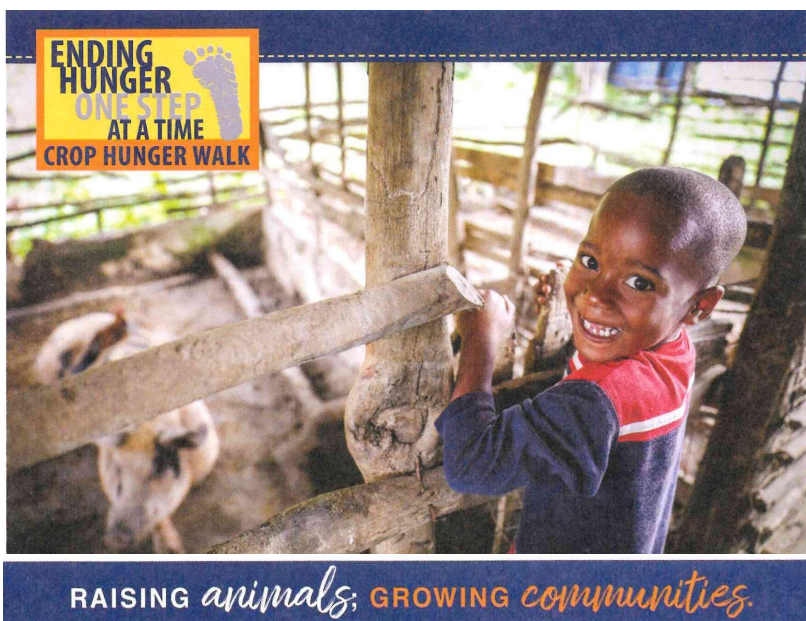
John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*Read the Bible*  
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## CROP HUNGER WALK

October 3 | 2:00 PM

### We Need a Team Captain!

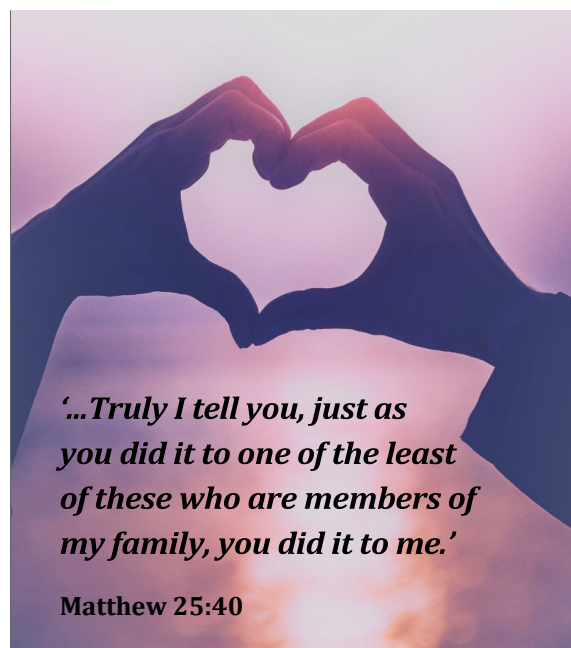
The Team Captain only has a few tasks. They pass out forms to walkers, make announcements to get walkers, and collect the forms and monies the day of the walk. These are then turned in to Tom Jewell. If someone has the time, and is willing the help, the materials can be picked up in the church office. *I will be willing to sponsor the first person who asks me.* (Kaye)

Everyone is health conscience these days. In walking you not only get your steps in, but YOU can also 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. This is a nice leisurely stroll in about an hour.

If you can't walk, that's not a problem. You can either sponsor yourself, or you can try to get others to sponsor you. You don't need to walk if you can't. Walking just helps us relate to what people in developing nations do every day just for food and water.

Also, **25%** of the monies raised will go directly to the **Amherst Food Pantry** at **Good Shepherd Baptist church!**

*Thank you* for helping this community-led fundraising event to **end hunger** and to support U.S.-based hunger-fighting organizations.



## 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.**

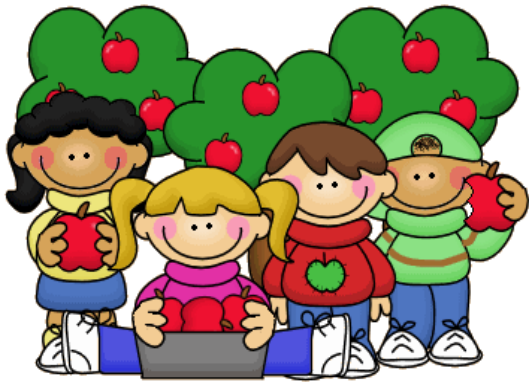
**St. Peter's UCC | Fireside Room**  
**Thursday, Sept. 2, 10:30 a.m.**

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





# September St. Peter's Preschool News



**It is hard to believe that September is already here!**

The preschool staff is excited and ready to start the new school year! We have so many fun and exciting activities and fieldtrips planned for the school year.

Our first field trip will be to Miller's Apple Hill to pick some apples. We look forward to the hayride and learning the fun facts about apples. This month the children will be learning about friendship and sharing. We will also learn the letter Aa, number 1, and the color red!

Please say a quick prayer for the staff, students and parents as we start out the year. It is so nice to have the love and support of the church on our side.

**Sincerely,** Wendy Kosakowski, Director

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## St. Peter's Sunday School Begins!

Sunday, September 12

Sunday School begins on **Sunday, September 12**. Students will be dismissed to the upstairs of the education wing after the "Children's Moment" and will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service. Can't wait to see all those smiling faces! If you received a **registration form** in the mail, please fill it out completely and legibly and return it that Sunday. If you did not receive one, call the office and we will mail you one (or however many you need!)

**Sincerely,** Jessie Kubuske, Director of Christian Education





# St. Peter's Food Pantry

For the month of August, we collected a total of **88 FOOD ITEMS!**

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

## Circle 6 MEETING

**Beaver Creek Reservoir**

Tuesday | Sept. 7 | 6:00 p.m.



Circle Six will be starting their new year on **September 7**, at Beaver Creek Reservoir at 6 pm. It will be potluck...AND, **BRING A FRIEND.**

If weather is inclement, we will move to the Fellowship Hall (and you will get a one call!)



## Please JOIN US at CRAFT CLUB!

Monday | September 27 | 6:30 p.m.

Craft club will meet **September 27 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

August 16, 2021 Minutes

## 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 | E |
| <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 convened the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with a prayer by Pastor Chris.

## Treasurer's Report

Lauri Hubach gave the Treasurer's Report.

### General Fund Summary:

|                               | July-21     | July-20     | 2021 YTD   | 2020 YTD     | Change      |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Offerings                     |             |             |            |              |             |
| Cash/Check                    | 8,940.00    | 12,350.00   | 67,532.00  | 82,012.50    | (14,480.50) |
| Offerings Breeze              | 1,330.00    |             | 10,695.00  |              |             |
| Offerings PayPal              | 0.00        |             | 1,415.00   |              |             |
| Preschool transfer to General | 0.00        |             | 7,250.00   | 4,500.00     |             |
| PPP Loan                      |             |             |            |              |             |
| Forgiveness/EIDL              | 0.00        |             | 19,804.82  |              |             |
| Blessings from the Saints     | 18,940.97   | 6,860.48    | 67,631.61  | 62,161.11    | 5,470.50    |
| Expense                       | (29,210.97) | (19,210.48) | 174,328.43 | (148,673.61) | 25,654.82   |
|                               | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00       | 0.00         |             |

### Pass Through payments needing approval:

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Payable To: | For:     |
| OCWM*       | \$105.00 |
|             | \$105.00 |

\*Our Church's Wider Mission

A motion was made to approve the pass-through payments of \$105.00, seconded, and passed.

## Financial Secretary's Report

Offerings for the month of July were \$10,271.34. Total incoming receipts for July 2021 were \$15,696.09. Year-to-Date July total receipts processed via cash, check, Breeze, and PayPal were \$167,324.79.

A motion to accept the Financial Secretary's Report for July was made and seconded. The motion passed.

## Chapel Breeze Services

Pastor Chris proposed having a mid-week (Wednesday evening) service in the chapel from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm,

as an accessible alternative to the Sunday service, when members are unable to attend on Sunday, and as an additional service mid-week for those who wish to attend.

## Installation Service

Pastor Chris' installation service will be held on 9/19/21 and will be an outside service, weather permitting. If not, we will have it inside.

## Other Outside Service

On October 10, 2021, there will be an outside service at the Brownhelm UCC. Also, there is a possibility we will have an outside service with the CCC Church.

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be working on securing nominations for Church Council and other committees for the upcoming year (2022).

## Stewardship Committee

Members are Sally Readinger, Lauri Hubach, Jessie Kubuske, and Pastor Chris. Proposed meeting date was 8/23/21 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

## Choir Restart

Choir will be restarting soon and Pastor Chris proposed that two Oberlin students be hired to lead the soprano and alto sections. Pastor Chris proposed a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to raise money to offset the cost of the Oberlin Students. He is planning on this course of action but if the Covid situation becomes worse we may have to change plans and direction.



## **Sunday School**

Jessie Kubuske reported that the new Sunday School session will begin on Sunday, September 12, 2021. There will be a Children's Moment in the Church service, after which they will go to their classrooms, register, and then work on a craft for Grandparent's Day. The following Sunday will be Noisy Collection Sunday.

## **Trustees Report**

Jim Kubuske gave the Trustees Report:

- Lavish Tree Service removed dead tree limbs and fallen branches from the large tree in the front yard.
- Edgar fixed the hanging security lamp. Brian fixed the outside light by putting in a new electronic sensor.
- Jim authorized Geisel to fix the air conditioning in the secretary's office, Fireside Room, etc. A faulty release valve in the education wing was fixed last week by Geisel.
- Superior Blocking will look at the chimney on the education annex on 9/10/21. Maybe the chimney can be eliminated.
- Wagner Signs will begin construction next week on the new sign.
- Cintas had been supplying and cleaning rugs for the facility. Since the onset of Covid, Edgar has been cleaning the rugs himself. Edgar proposes that he continue to clean the rugs. He will also supply the rugs, as a donation, to the church. Cintas' rugs will be returned to Cintas.
- The Peace Pole replacement will cost \$300. This should be completed by 9/19/21.
- Rebman Fire Alarm proposed to convert the fire alarm test to cellular instead of a dedicated phone line. The dedicated line could then be eliminated and the signal could go through a computer. The alarm then could be tested 6 times daily, as required.
- Jim took the cable box (plus remotes, etc.) in the parsonage back to Spectrum in Elyria. He received a receipt for the return of the equipment but Spectrum would not cancel the service without authorization from a church official. Either Mary-K or Lauri will call the 800 number given to Jim and will cancel the cable service.

- The light fixture in the hallway was fixed.
- The bushes will be trimmed.
- The Amherst Fire Department will check the education wing prior to the start of preschool classes.

## **Heartland Conference**

Judy McCurdy and Pastor Chris, as a delegate, will attend the Heartland Conference on 9/24/21 and 9/25/21. The conference will be held on Zoom.

## **Circle Six Pumpkin Rolls**

The OK was given for Circle Six to make pumpkin rolls in November. Everyone who works on the pumpkin rolls must be fully vaccinated and masked.

Circle Six is also planning on having a return performance by a violinist who played at the church in 2019. Pastor Chris indicated that having the performance was doable but the capacity of the sanctuary is 70 and attendees need to wear masks (if not fully vaccinated) and maintain social distancing protocols.

## **Media**

Mary-K will order/purchase, for the sanctuary with grant funds, an 86" LG Smart TV from Costco in the next week or so.

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

Pastor Chris gave the closing prayer.

The meeting ended at 8:18 pm.

## **Respectfully submitted,**

Susan Cherry  
Council Secretary



## Boy Scout Troop 427-Mums!

For those of you who have purchased mums from the Boy Scouts, they will be able to be picked up in the church parking lot on **September 11**. You will receive a One Call to pick them up! *Thank you for supporting our Scouts!*



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

**Ecclesiastes 11:8**

## SEPTEMBER *Birthdays*

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Fred Helyes    | September 06 |
| Janet McGinnis | September 06 |
| Charles Woods  | September 07 |
| Carolyn Haney  | September 08 |
| Angela Cheng   | September 09 |
| Stacy Gleason  | September 10 |
| Susan Pete     | September 11 |
| Kelly Bosworth | September 15 |
| Jim Kubuske    | September 16 |
| Lauri Hubach   | September 20 |
| Judy Whitman   | September 20 |
| Nicole Miskov  | September 21 |
| Leanna Traster | September 22 |

## September Events

- Sept. 2 Mainstreet Amherst 9 a.m.  
Compassionate Care 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 5 Communion Sunday 10:00 p.m.
- Sept. 6 Labor Day Office Closed
- Sept. 7 Staff Meeting 10:30 a.m.  
Circle Six 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12 Sunday School starts!**
- Sept. 13 Executive Council 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 14 Preschool Board Meeting
- Sept. 15 Clergy Mtg, Brownhelm 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 16 Trustees Meeting, Zoom
- Sept. 19 Outdoor Service 10:00 a.m.**
- Sept. 20 Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 26 Family Worship Sunday
- Sept. 27 Craft Club, 6:30 p.m. Fireside Room

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

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

## Update on Pastor Chris' Installation ~~Sunday, Sept. 19th~~ Cancelled Due To a Scheduling Conflict

Please note that originally we were to have Pastor Chris' installation on Sept. 19, but there was a conflict in the scheduling. As soon as we have a new date, we will let you know. We will still have an Outdoor Service on Sept. 19. Thank you for your understanding.



**A LOOK  
at the  
BUDGET**

*Attention all Groups!*  
**Please get your requests  
in to the Budget Committee  
by OCT. 4 —Thank you!**

**Members of the committee include:**

Pastor Chris, Lauri Hubach, Sally Readinger, and  
Becky Woods.



# Pray

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

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

June Nau  
Terry Clark  
Kay Clark  
Don Swift  
Jean Snyder  
Bev Mischka  
Debbie Raesler

Tudy Diaz  
Audrey Montgomery  
Jean Swift  
Karin Andy  
Jim Brown  
Linda Brown  
Joyce Darakis

Sherry Spratt  
Mary Ann Sterna  
Glenn Miskov  
Valentino Dziak  
Lois Barnes  
Elaine Thompson  
Ruth Kossow

May Poor  
Roger Becker  
Carol Battenhouse  
Darlene Mudrich  
Pam & Bill Schuster  
Dot Wilford  
Joyce Zickefoose

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**

## John 13:34-35

*"I give you a new commandment. As I have loved you,  
you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that  
you are my disciples. If you love one another."*

The **St. Peter's Spiritual Life team** has been visiting members of St. Peter's in their homes and Nursing Homes accompanied by Pastor Chris. We started in July and have had the honor of visiting **16 members**. We were greeted with grace and joy by them and our spirits were uplifted while we listened to their life stories, shared scripture, joined in prayers, and offered Communion. We thank each one for opening their homes allowing us to bring St. Peter's to them. We will be continuing these visits on Monday afternoons.

If you or a family member want a home or Nursing Home visit, please call **Judy Mcurdy, (419) 433-6598** or **Pam Miskov, (440) 988-2211**.

We have also been calling church members to be **Worship Leaders** in our Sunday services. We thank all who have answered this call. We welcome all who would like to participate, and receive the blessings of sharing the scriptures, to please call Judy McCurdy or Pam Miskov. *Thank you!*



# Blessings

## Animal Blessings

**Mark your calendar!  
Sat., Oct. 2, 2021**

Mark your calendar to participate in the Animal Blessings Service performed by Pastor Chris. Bring your pets to church to be blessed.





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**Kaye Oswald, Administrative Secretary**  
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**Sunday Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. | **Sunday School:** 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Please visit our website, [www.stpetersamherst.org](http://www.stpetersamherst.org) to make your donation electronically via Breeze or Paypal.  
If you would like more detailed information, contact the church office.

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### Executive Council

|                                         |                |                               |
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| Mary-K Kirsch, Council President        | (216) 559-6160 | president@stpetersamherst.org |
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### St. Peter's Preschool

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### Website and Social Media Addresses

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| St. Peter's Website         | <a href="http://www.stpetersamherst.org">www.stpetersamherst.org</a>                                      |
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| St. Peter's YouTube Channel | St Peters UCC Amherst                                                                                     |