

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
582 Church Street
Amherst, Ohio 44001

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"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

MATTHEW 21:9

April 2022

THE KEY



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Pastoral Ponderings

From the desk of
PASTOR CHRIS

"Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye,
but do not notice the log in your own eye?"

Matthew 7:3 NRSV

By now we've all heard the term- "Woke," used to describe a culture of people who have been asleep, so to speak. The term- "Woke" has been used by the Black community for many years, long before Black Lives Matter, to call attention to racism and injustice. Like many things from the Black community, the term "Woke," has been stolen by people of privilege and power to call out injustice as they see it. My son, Aidan Muir Buckingham-Taylor, was talking about changing his middle name-Muir-the other day (We named him in honor of John Muir) because new "Wokeness," has come to light concerning some of John Muir's writings about African Americans. My wife and I have been to Yosemite National Park on several occasions, and while there we have seen a one man show depicting the life of John Muir. To us, John Muir has been a hero and an inspiration for championing the idea of National Parks. There is a beautiful park near San Francisco, which is named in honor of John Muir- Muir Woods, which contains some of the largest Redwood trees in existence-and was a place where world leaders gathered to celebrate peace as the United Nations was founded. I guess my wife and I were not "Woke," to the fact that John Muir had racist thoughts. I happen to be named after Christopher Columbus, a fact which gave me a sense of pride, however, considering "Wokeness," I should change my name too because Columbus was a monster.

I'm not complaining about the idea of "Woke," for I believe it is imperative for all of us, in order to have a more perfect society, to be alert to injustice in society, especially racism. My complaint is more personal. I think that it is important to confront our racist and unjust past. I'm not a perfect person. Fortunately, for me, I've never printed or written

anything racist or sexist-or at least anything that has come back to bite me.

I must confront my own past before I condemn someone else's. In Second Grade, I had a friend name Vivian, who brought a book to class to share for Show and Tell. She and another friend came up to me before Show and Tell and

asked me if I could guess the name of the book she had brought to share. I remembered that she had mentioned it to me the day before and so I proudly shared—"N.... History." Of course, the actual name of the book was "Negro History." Naturally, Vivian and my other friend were furious with me and ran up to tell the teacher, Mrs. Rogers what I had said. I knew that I was in big trouble, but I didn't know why. So, there you have it. As an eight-year-old I said a bad, unforgivable word and I hurt a dear friend. I felt horrible about it, and to some degree, still do. And believe me, I'm not comparing the thoughtless words of an eight-year-old with a twenty, or thirty-year -old John Muir. I know that they are not the same thing, but we all must face our own pasts.

I know that I'm on shaky ground here, but I think that calling out others, historical figures and so on, can go too far. Cancel Culture has grown out of being "Woke." People, like John Muir, are being cancelled left and right. While I can kind of understand the need to distance myself from Christopher Columbus, (He really did some bad things.) I find it harder to let go and cancel John Muir. Was he a racist? Yes, but as I understand it, he came to his own sense of "wokeness," later in life. I understand and applaud cities in the South who have voted to remove certain statues of controversial figures from town squares, and from in front of parks and other city buildings. I've never been a fan of

"Woke"

(Alert to injustice in society,
especially racism.)

*"We need to
stay angry and
stay woke."*

Matthew 6:6 The Message

Robert E. Lee, for I've always considered him to be a traitor and a terrorist (they bombed US buildings). Now a southern person might find my thoughts on Robert E. Lee to be objectionable, because for them Robert E. Lee was a hero who stood up for his state and territory. I think judging other's is always problematic-except for Putin! He's a monster. Jesus asks us how we can judge other's by pointing out the speck in their eyes while we have a log in our own. I guess we could judge Jesus and cancel him on some of his more controversial sayings and actions? He wasn't always kind to women. He made a woman beg for healing for her daughter, and because she wasn't Jewish, called her a dog. And what about those twelve male disciples'—where were the females represented? Did Jesus hate women? No! That would be ridiculous to claim. Should Jesus have been "Woke?" I've heard people and scholars complain about the Apostle Paul's views on women, before. Should Paul be cancelled?

Judging other's is a huge responsibility and one that I just don't have the strength to do. I must look at me and make sure that I stay awake. That's a big enough job anyway. You most likely know the story of one of our greatest Hymns—"Amazing Grace". It was written by John Newton, who for much of his young life was a slave trader. He experienced a moment of transformation and forgiveness that would change his

life for the better. After his awakening, he became a pastor, and his hymn, "Amazing Grace", would continue to inspire others to rise above their pasts to seek and accept forgiveness that is truly unmerited—"Amazing Grace"! How sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see."

It's easy to upset and offend people. Whether we do it intentionally or unintentionally isn't the point, it's that we do it. To me, being "Woke," is to call myself to attention and be aware of my actions and inactions and take responsibility for them. I must claim the log in my eye in order to remove it.

We celebrate Easter this month! We celebrate the gift of grace and new life. We are not perfect, but we are perfectly loved by God anyway. This Easter, when the stone is rolled away, may we all be "Woke!"

**Remember,
you are loved!**

Rev. Chris Lucken-Saylor

Pastor Chris

*No one has greater love
than this, to lay down one's
life for one's friends.*



4/14 Maunday Thursday John 13:1-17, 31-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him;

for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

April Sermon Scriptures continued on page 4:

4/3– 2 Corinthians 9:1-11 4/10– Luke 19:28-40 4/17–John 20:1-18 4/24– Acts 5:27-32





APRIL SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

4/3 2 Corinthians 9:1-11

Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints, for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking. So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

4/10 Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

4/17 John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

4/24 Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Order deadline for Easter Lilies is April 8.

You still have time to order your Easter Lily(s). If you did not get an order form in your bulletin, please contact the church office to place your order. Cost is \$8.00 per Lily. Kaye will be happy to fill out your order form in person or over the phone. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's UCC. Thank you!

Remember, there are 3 options for picking up your lily(s):

- ☐ I will pick up my lily(s) immediately after Easter Sunday Service.
- ☐ I will leave my lily(s) as a donation for Compassionate Care mission.
- ☐ I will contact the church office to pick up my lily(s) during office hours.



Yoga returns to St. Peter's!

Starting Wednesday, April 6
9:30-10:15 AM

Beginning Wednesday, April 6th
You-Stretch-Yoga (a very basic approach) will be offered. No yoga experience necessary.

200 RYT Instructor Mary-K Kirsch will be teaching a "light on yoga but big on stretching class" from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Bring your own mat, wear comfortable clothes, and be ready to loosen up those tight muscles and joints with a gentle, personalized approach to a healthy body.

Please arrive by 9:15 a.m. and enter through the office door and proceed through Walker lobby to the doorway on your right, to the lower level.

Mary-K is a RN/BSN, with over 12 years of yoga teaching experience, and 30 years of personal practice.

Cost is \$10 per class.

Shhh...it's a surprise!

Our organist and choir director, **Daniel Jacky**, is graduating this Spring from Oberlin Conservatory. His musical talent has enriched our Sunday worship and we would like to send him off with a thank you in the form of a financial gift.

Please drop in the offering plate, or send any way that you send your church offering, your financial gift with "Daniel Jacky" noted. All gifts must be in the church office by Sunday, May 15th, to be presented to him on May 22nd.

Shhh...let's make this a surprise!

Thank you,
Mary-K Kirsch

**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

With our generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are able to put **LOVE into ACTION**, ensuring that Love Remains.

Donations were collected on Sunday, March 27. In case you missed Sunday, envelopes will be at the entrance doors if you wish to make a contribution. *Thank you for your faithfulness!*

St. Peter's Preschool News



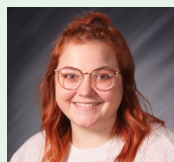
Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobylka



Ms. Stempowski



St. Peter's Preschool is blessed to have such amazing teachers, and an aide who are kind, caring, and devoted to the their classrooms.

It is hard to believe that April is here! With break over, everyone is looking forward to getting back to school. This month the children will be working on the letters Ee, Zz, Yy, and yellow. They will also work on the number 10 and telephone numbers.

And, we will celebrate Easter with a couple of lessons using the resurrection eggs and also coloring Easter eggs.

We will be going on our last field trip to Pine Haven to tour the nursery and plant a flower for spring.

There are a few openings available in the Tuesday-Thursday afternoon classes. If interested, please call the Preschool at (440) 985-1972.

God Bless,
Wendy Kosakowski
Preschool Director

"Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all."



Christian Education Update

February and March noisy collections will go toward buying Easter dinners for local families in need.

We will be launching an Easter version of the Gingerbread House called "Easter Egg Stravaganza." It will be in person.

Remember there is no Sunday School on the 4th Sunday of the month (not the last if there are 5 weeks.) Also, Sunday School will officially end for this school

year on Mother's Day. May 8 will be our last time.

If you know of a current 6th or 7th grader (or older) that would like to enroll in Confirmation Class for next year, please let Jessie Kubuske know (call the church office or email: dir.ed@stptersamherst.org) We have not yet settled on a time, but it will be every Sunday through the school year.

Jessie Kubuske
Director of Christian Education

**EASTER
EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

IN PERSON

Circle Six Meeting | Tuesday, April 5

Annual Anniversary Dinner



Annual Bake Sale
Palm Sunday, April 10
Fellowship Hall

Hello ladies of Circle Six and everyone at St. Peter's!

In case you missed our March meeting, **Rebecca McFarland** did a presentation of the **Cultural Gardens of Cleveland**. She provided a slideshow of many of the various ethnic gardens that run along Martin Luther King Boulevard in Cleveland. It was quite interesting and informative. I personally have not visited these gardens, but I've definitely added it to my "must see" list. If you're not currently a member of Circle Six, you may want to check us out!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 5 and is our annual Anniversary Dinner. However, this year we voted to hold our dinner at a restaurant instead of in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be at Cole's Public House

(209 S. Main Street) at 6:00. Everyone is responsible for their own meal. Please RSVP to Sally Readinger at **440-222-3414** if you plan on attending. If you are currently not a member of Circle Six but are considering it, please feel free to join us at this dinner and be sure to RSVP!

Our Annual Bake Sale will be held on Palm Sunday, April 10 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone should provide a baked good of their choice and have it delivered to the church by 9:00 AM that morning. As a side note, you don't need to be a member of Circle Six to bake for the sale – all baked goods are welcome.

Thank you,
Sally Readinger, President

2-28-22
Dear Members of St. Peter's,
I can't thank you enough for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits + food. You are such a caring + supportive group. I am so grateful for all your support and encouragement. It's really helped me get through these difficult days. I'm working hard to get back to where I was. It's a slow process, but I'm doing a lot better. Hopefully, I'll be back in church soon.

Thank you again for everything and God bless each and everyone. Love you all,
Dorothy Wilford

MORE WAYS TO OBSERVE LENT

1. **Charity** – Love buying clothes? Love dinner out? Pick one type of expenditure that you'll "fast" from during Lent, and then give the money you would usually spend to One Great Hour of Sharing or a local charity.
2. **Take it On** – Take something on – letter writing, acts of kindness, calls to the important people in your life.
3. **Movies** – Instead of turning on the TV for your next binge-watching session, read the entire Gospel of Mark in one sitting. It is the most concise story of Jesus' life, and the cross, a central Lenten symbol, plays an even more prominent role than in the other Gospels.
4. **Unplug** – Unplug from your iPhone or turn off your car radio on your commute. The silence may be jarring at first, but you may find that you are able to concentrate better and will be more observant of your surroundings.
5. **Speech** – Make a commitment to fast from insensitive, cruel comments about others. So, no gossiping.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

March 21, 2022 Minutes

ATTENDEES:

President: Mary-K Kirsch	X	Pastor: Chris Buckingham-Taylor	X
Vice President: Christine Burman	X	Trustee: Jim Kubuske	X
Secretary: Susan Cherry	X	Congregational Rep: Kaye Koler	E
Treasurer: Lauri Hubach	E	Congregational Rep: Tom Hollstein	X
Congregational Rep.: Stacy Gleason	X	Financial Secretary: Rebecca Woods	X
Congregational Rep.: Sally Readinger	X	Congregational Rep: Susan Conkle	X
Past President Moderator: Shelley Harmych	X	X= present; E=excused; A=absent	

Visitors: Sharon and Gary Thompson, Geoff Gatz, Fred Helyes, Jessie Kubuske, and Lynn Hollstein
President Mary-K Kirsch opened the meeting at 7:03 pm, and Pastor Chris gave an opening prayer.

Trustee Report

The following Trustee Report was submitted to members of Council:

Trustees Meeting 3/17/2022

Attendance: Jim Kubuske, Gary Thompson, Don Krucek, Geoff Gatz, Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor, Edgar Vargas

Old Business:

Repairs: Gary and Geoff tightened the light at the base of the outside front steps.

Geoff and Linda Gatz graded the trench to the lighted sign and spread grass seed.

While Geoff and Linda were there, Born snowplowing came and repaired the rut on Elyria Avenue and cleared up other areas around the parking lot of gravel/debris.

Edgar replaced the batteries in the Fellowship Hall thermostat and heat should be working fine now. There was a question raised about how noisy the outside heat pump closest to the elevator was. Edgar will investigate and a decision will be made about whether to call Geisel.

Edgar and his son put the cross up in the sanctuary for Easter.

Gary has repaired the enter sign for the parking lot, but will need help (with sledgehammers) to put it back in place.

Chimney repair: Jim has checked into the chimney repair, Josh will be there either this weekend or next. After Josh completes that job he will check the church front and give the trustees an estimate on repairs.

Occupancy: Edgar measured all the rooms, submitted the measurements to Kaye Oswald, who sent them to the city offices. Jim checked with Tammy at the city and they do not have the final occupancy numbers yet, but will send them as soon as they do.

Parsonage: Woman that wanted to rent has gone elsewhere. Lauri has prepared the paperwork to go forward with changing our taxes if we don't have someone living in the parsonage. Decided to look into housing Ukraine refugees in the parsonage. Questions were raised about funding, our responsibilities, etc. Linda Gatz has volunteered to be the person researching what we can do.

Gary brought up that the door from the chapel area to the breezeway needs security. Edgar said it was already there, so Pastor Chris went down to the door, and it has a crash bar so that the preschool can open it from their side in an emergency, but it can't be opened from the parsonage side.

New Business:

It was suggested to install a paper recycler in the parking lot to raise money. It was investigated, discussed, and unanimously vetoed.

Use of classrooms in the basement:

Should a keypad be installed instead of handing out keys?

Yoga class: it was decided that we would go forward on a trial basis and see how it runs. Information is necessary like licensing and insurance and will be investigated.

Going forward we will need more discussion on renting the rooms and how much to charge, etc.

Boy Scouts: Requesting use of the parking lot to distribute flowers on May 13 and morning of May 14. Yes.

Also requesting use of sanctuary, and fellowship hall for April 24, Eagle Scout court of honor, 2-6 pm. Lorenzo's will bring their pizza truck to cater. They also asked for Eagle Scout Projects. A suggestion was made about cleaning up flower beds and maybe placing a bench. This will be relayed to the leaders and we will wait to hear back from them.

The light that is supposed to light the flag outside is not working. This has been an ongoing problem. Gary will research some other types of lighting and report back next month.

There were no questions from the floor on the Trustee Report.

Treasurer Report

No Treasurer's Report was distributed this month and Lauri was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Chris announced that there will be Maundy Thursday services at 7:00 p.m. on 4/14/22.

On Good Friday at 11:45 am those who wish to go on a walk will gather and at 12:00 pm the walk will begin. All faiths are welcome to join the walk. Easter services will be at 10:00 am.

Pastor Chris asked if any council members present knew of anyone who would be interested in attending a sunrise service, and he asked if any of the council members present would attend a sunrise service. No one present was interested in attending an earlier service and no council member present knew of someone who was interested in a sunrise service. Pastor Chris stated he would ask those attending the Breeze service this week if they were interested in a sunrise service.

Financial Secretary Report

Becky Woods distributed the Financial Secretary Report prior to the meeting. In February 2022, we received \$12,966.75, which was an increase of \$820.67 over January 2022 offerings. We have received offerings of \$25,112.83 YTD.

Financial Team

Geoff Gatz continues to put together the Financial Team. Geoff also asked what are the team's objectives. Pastor Chris answered that their mission is to review the budget for areas where cuts can be made or to trim expenses.

Spiritual Life Committee

Sharon Thompson reported that they are starting their soup distribution program. The group continues to send cards and contact people. At Easter, any unclaimed lilies will be donated to the Spiritual Life/Compassionate Care Committee for distribution.

Altar Guild

Lynn Hollstein gave the Altar Guild report. Lynn has ordered Easter lilies for Easter Sunday and has asked Nancie Murello if she will again supply calla lilies for the chancel flowers. Ms. Murello said she will.

Lynn asked for an email and an announcement in the bulletin about requesting a donation of live flowers for Easter Sunday.

Ushers

The newest change is that an usher is taking the microphone to congregation members in order that members may make their announcements.

Tech Team

Mary-K reported that everything is going well with the Tech Team and that she has her new headphones.

Old Business

Trustees: Jim Kubuske stated that the Trustees are still working on a few older items.

The Parsonage is an issue that will need further discussion. Council agreed to meet again on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm to discuss this issue further. Each Council member should bring their top three options for discussion. For those that will not be able to attend, please submit your top three items to Mary-K before the meeting on 3/28/22.

Fundraiser Ideas

Ideas for fundraisers were submitted by each council member. Any ideas which were duplicated are only listed once. Those ideas are listed below:

- Jessie is working with the preschool to have a garage sale offering children's clothes. We provide tables and charge the parents selling clothes for a table.
- Rent out the parsonage as an AirBNB location.
- Bingo evenings in Fellowship Hall
- Rent Fellowship Hall out for events
- Raffle off a large item every 3 months (e.g. security system, grill, snow blower, etc.) and limit tickets to a finite number and sell tickets for \$10 each
- Food fundraisers—Spaghetti dinner with a silent auction, 50/50 raffle
- Movie night with raffle prizes, silent auction
- Saturday flea market—we rent tables
- Host Ukrainian refugee party for family
- Basket raffle—do different themes
- Basket bingo
- Cooking classes
- Yoga classes
- Dance classes
- Cruise-In/Car Show for custom cars (charge \$10/car), we would charge for food
- Weddings—promote more actively
- Oberlin talent night for musicians—we would pay them and then request free will offering
- Rummage Sale
- Use parsonage as Christian Book Store and/or resale shop
- Increase financial contribution from the preschool
- Craft fair (rent tables and sell refreshments)
- Crafting day (people pay a fee to use a table for the day to work on their own crafts)
- Concerts with professional entertainers (similar to violinist) with free will offering
- Presentations on interesting subjects by experts in that field, Storytellers, charge free will offering
- Pancake breakfast or dinner
- Charge for messages on our outdoor sign
- Charge for parking spaces on our lot (pay or get towed)
- Senior citizen day—invite speakers with topic of interests to seniors
- Sell T-shirts with our church logo

Gift for Daniel Jacky

Daniel will be leaving at the end of May. We plan to have a reception on Sunday, May 22, 2022 after church service with cake, etc. Suggested gifts were money, gift card, and a memento from St. Peter's. We will take up a collection by sending out an email through Breeze and work with Kaye to do this.

A final reminder was given about the meeting next Monday, 3/28/22 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the parsonage. The meeting closed with a prayer by Pastor Chris at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cherry
Council Secretary

APRIL EVENTS

April 3 Communion Sunday
 April 5 Circle Six 6:00 p.m.
 April 7 Compassionate Care 10:30 a.m.
 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:00 p.m.

April 10 Palm Sunday

Egg-Stravaganza (*during Sunday School*)

April 14 Trustees Meeting 6 p.m.
 April 15 Good Friday Walk at noon St. Peter's
April 17 EASTER - He Is Risen!
 April 18 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 April 24 Family Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir 6:30 p.m. / Handbell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Thursdays
 Spiritual Life: 1-4:00 p.m. Mondays
 Bible Study: 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Zoom
 Breeze Chapel: 7-7:30 p.m., Wednesdays
 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris
 9-11:00 a.m., Wednesdays at Arabica's!



From **Spiritual Life Team**

The World is troubled, Lord.
 HOSANNA.

Rumors abound of
PLAGUES. WARS. STORMS.
 HOSANNA!

Our cries echoing for
HELP. SAFETY. REFUGE.

Hear Your people, Dear Lord.
 HOSANNA!

Praise and Pleas in One Cry:
 HOSANNA!

Wake up! I AM calling.

Wake up! You cannot Stay asleep.

Wake up! I can use your Broken Self.

Arise! Don't hang your head in Shame.

Arise! There is Work to be done.

Arise! **Go spread Peace,
 Love, and Life!**



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

“MAY HE GRANT YOU
 YOUR HEART’S DESIRE
 AND FULFILL ALL
 YOUR PLANS!”

P S A L M 20 : 4

*April showers bring
 May flowers.*

Pamela Beiswenger	April 01
Kaye Koler	April 02
Sharon Thompson	April 06
Catherine Schroeder	April 08
Matthew Torres	April 12
Michael Harmych	April 14
Allan Murphy	April 15
Neil Wasilk	April 18
Margaret Wiegand	April 19
Bonny McQuaid	April 21
April Pratt	April 23
Debra Brown	April 24
Marcia Ramsey	April 25
Joan Whitman	April 27
Kody Beiswenger	April 29
Terrence Clark	April 30



Characteristics of Genuinely *Friendly* Churches

1. They are intentional about being friendly. Warmth and friendliness are clear values of these churches. Churches naturally drift toward an inward focus unless they are otherwise intentional.
2. The leaders model warmth, humility, and friendliness. The friendliness is not contrived or phony. These leaders have prayerfully become genuinely friendly men and women.
3. The leaders are clear that genuine friendliness is more than a brief stand and greet time in a worship service. True hospitality and friendliness extends beyond two minutes.
4. They have greeters in the parking lot, greeters in the entrances, and greeters in other strategic locations inside.
5. They have a guest feedback process. To the best of their ability, they follow up with guests to get feedback on their experiences. They also encourage the guests to be open and frank in the feedback.
6. Small groups are highly intentional about reaching people beyond their own groups.

Feed our Children!



Cheryl at Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry recently shared with us that the need for their weekend children's backpack program has doubled! We cannot let any child go hungry if it is in our power. Following are some suggestions that would be very helpful with this great need:

Single Serving PB & Jelly *	Peanut Butter Crackers	Small Bag Chips
Canned Soup (Pop top lids)	Individual Cereals	Small Bag Pretzels
Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)	Granola Bars	Fruit Cups
Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)	Oatmeal Packages	Jello Cups

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

MATTHEW 25:40

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will ensure that all items are transported to Good Shepherd Baptist Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who continually donates on behalf of St. Peter's!

** Just a suggestion that Sam's Club has Single Serving PB & Jelly with a nice size serving.*

For the month of March, we collected 58 food items!

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have been our Rock in times of trouble, our Peace in times of distress, and our Shelter from the storms of life. But Lord, we find we are becoming weary and worn-down with life in general, and we need You to be our good and gracious Shepherd, as our steps are slowing down to a shuffle, and our health is showing signs of fatigue. Carry us on Your shoulder, our Saviour, and let us rest quietly in the crook of Your loving arms. Give us strength to face each day, for new every morning is Your love for us.

***I believe and pray,
in Jesus' name!***

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
TO YOUR PRAYERS:

Don Swift
Bev Mischka
Dave Rice
Audrey Montgomery
Janet Siron
Judy Baker
Jean Swift
Tudy Diaz
Serita Reyes
Dot Wilford
Joyce Darakis
Sherry Spratt
Mary Ann Sterna
Glenn Miskov
Valentino Dziak
Karin Andy
Christine Burman

Lois Barnes
Elaine Thompson
Ruth Kossow
May Poor
Roger Becker
Carol Battenhouse
Darlene Mudrich
Jean Marsh
Edgar Vargas
Tom McKinley
Shelley Harmych
Don Flock
Gloria Versace
Walter Beale
Luena Beale
Richard Berry
Jay Gatz

Lord hear our prayer.

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



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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. | **Sunday School:** 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Breeze Chapel Service: 7:00 p.m.

Please visit our website, www.stpetersamherst.org to make your donation electronically via Breeze or PayPal. Also, we now have the ability to accept donations by TEXT! If you would like more detailed information, please contact the church office.

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