

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

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM
Wednesday Breeze Chapel: 7:00 PM
Office Hours: Monday-Friday:
8:30 AM-12:30 PM and 1:00-2:30 PM
Afternoons available by appointment.

God bless your summer!

New faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

August 2022

THE KEY



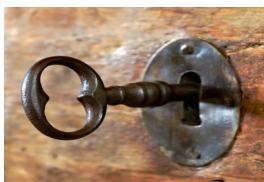
HAVE FAITH

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— MATTHEW 16:18-19

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Pastoral Ponderings

From the desk of
PASTOR CHRIS

Good Stewards in All Seasons!



As the summer is at its midpoint, I would like to share with you a couple of updates concerning our beloved St. Peter's UCC. First, our Budget Committee was hard at work in July in order to come up with a budget for 2023 that was more in line with our income. This was an important step in working to reign in our expenses in order to provide a path forward for our ministry to flourish. God has and is doing incredible things through St. Peter's UCC—and your generosity is helping to pave the way for God's love to work through us. We will be sharing our financial news with you on a more regular basis so that we can all understand where we are, financially speaking, and where we're headed.

We have much to be grateful for, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who support our church and ministry with your time,

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talent and money. We, our church, wouldn't exist without your spirit of generosity which of course comes from your faith in God. We rely on your financial support to pay our bills, staff and to support our ministries, which includes our ministry of providing a family from Ukraine a safe and healthy environment in which to raise their family.

Without your financial gifts we

wouldn't be able to serve our God and community. Not only do we matter but we, together, make a difference in this world.

So much work is being done this summer to keep our church moving in the direction of the Holy



REST UP AND BE PREPARED
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“THE SPIRIT IS WITH US!”

Spirit. In addition to welcoming into our fellowship new church members, our Nominating Committee is preparing a list of servants to meet our ministry needs for 2023, *which might very well include you!* As the result of hard and prayerful work by our Church Bylaw Committee, you will all be receiving the recommended changes to our Church Bylaws *to be voted on* at our Annual Meeting in November.

These are all very important things for our church, but the most important work for us is to follow up on our *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. Some of you may remember that I did a five-part sermon series based on the Five Practices: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk Taking Mission and Outreach, and Extravagant Generosity. My plan for us is to implement these practices into our ministry at St. Peter's

UCC over the next year. We will begin with a 3-part study of **Radical Hospitality** on August 14th/ 28th/ and finishing up on September 11th. Each session will begin after our worship service and conclude by noon. (*Class location to be determined*)

We are already working hard, and we have more work ahead of us, but this work is fueled by our love for God and one another. This is an exciting time to be a part of the ministry at St. Peter's UCC, in Amherst, Ohio, and, although we have been around for many generations, we are just getting started! So, rest up and be prepared to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. The Spirit is with us!

Remember, you are loved!

Rev. Chris Buckha-Taylor

Pastor Chris





AUGUST SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

8/7 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

8/14 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance. But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

8/21 Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

8/28 Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

*The grass withers,
the flower fades;
but the word of our God
will stand forever.*



A Great Time! Brownhelm Outdoor Worship



An Update on the Kobiakov Family

Time seems to be flying by and it is hard to believe that the summer is almost over. Here is an update on what has been happening with the Kobiakov family.

Kuzma is our active four year old. His passions are fire trucks, Hot Wheels, and Legos. Whenever the fire trucks are out down the street from the church he wants to go see them, and thanks to Dot Wilford he has enough Hot Wheels to last a lifetime. Kuzma has been enrolled in the Amherst Schools Preschool and will attend 4 days a week beginning in September.

In July some of our Refugee Funds were used to enroll Lev in a Pro Soccer Club Camp located in LaGrange. It was recommended for him by the coaches at the Amherst Soccer Camp he attended in June. The camp is once a week from July 7- August 11. Lev has also discovered basketball and can discuss things with

you like "dunking" and playing "Horse". This month we enrolled him at Amherst Junior High School where he will be entering the 7th grade.

Hlib has gotten his American driver's license, is continuing his course work for college in Ukraine on line, and is enrolled at LCCC this fall for English as a Second Language classes. A gentleman from our community donated a 21 gear mountain bike for Hlib and with some minor repairs it was good to go. Lev is excited because now the two of them can go riding together.

Nataliia has also passed her American driver's test. Both she and Hlib were given driving lessons by our own Shelley Harmych. She stays active taking care of her family. She has spoken to Sue Conkel about helping with the gardening around the church. She too is signed up for fall classed in English at LCCC.

Anton who is skilled with auto repairs is helping members of the Lorain Ukrainian church and friends of the man who has loaned them a car with his talents. He is going through our American bureaucracy trying to get the papers necessary to find a legal job to support his family. Second Harvest had a pop-up food distribution so we got to experience that with him. He is taking English classes in the fall with Nataliia and Hlib.

At church on July 17th it was mentioned that we still needed a bike for the four year old. Several members answered the call. Jennifer and Neil Wasilk gave Kuzma a bike and we purchased three bicycle helmets so the boys will be protected while riding. If anyone who feels called to add to our Refugee Fund we would be most thankful. Our next project is purchasing school supplies and some school clothing for Lev and Kuzma. The Lord is at work in our wider community too. Brownhelm U.C.C. is purchasing a new washing machine for the family. It is much needed since the one we have is vintage and has a very small capacity.

Please keep the Kobiakovs in your thoughts and prayers. There has been much bombing in their home town, and the surrounding area recently, and they still have immediate family and friends there.

Prayers and Blessings,
Linda



St. Peter's Preschool News



Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobylka



Ms. Stempowski

WELCOME BACK PRESCHOOL!

How fast can a summer vacation go?

Well ask anyone on the preschool staff and they will all say "Too Fast"!

With all that aside, the teachers will be starting to work to get their rooms ready for the new school year. The classes are filling up nicely. **Parent Night will be taking place on August 16 and Open House on August 23.**

We have planned many new and exciting activities as well as many fun field trips. The preschool has had t-shirts printed up this year. Every student registered will receive one. We are very excited for everyone to see

them. We also have a wonderful **Preschool Board** with members who support all that we do. The preschool staff thanks them all!

Our staff is looking forward to another wonderful year of teaching and nurturing a future president, nurse, teacher, lawyer and yes, maybe even a minister.

At St. Peter's UCC Preschool we teach

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT !

God Bless, The Preschool Staff

Christian Education

REMINDER!

We have a box for you to place your clean used **plastic bags** for the Amherst High School Leo club's recycling project. The Leo Club has been collecting plastic to be recycled by the Trex company. The club is given 6 months to collect 500 lbs. Last year we reached the goal and the Leo members decided to donate the bench to Amherst City Hall. There is also one in Patriots' Park.



Yoga on the Lawn

at St. Peter's

Every Wednesday
8:30-9:45 AM

Please note that for the summer months our Wednesday morning Yoga Class will be held outside on the lawn, weather permitting, in the front of the church. Please arrive by 8:20 AM.

You-Stretch-Yoga (a very basic approach) for anyone! No yoga experience is necessary. 200 RYT Instructor Mary-K Kirsch will be teaching a "light on yoga but big on stretching class".

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.

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

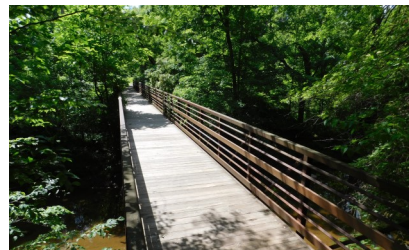
Cost is \$10 per class.

Circle Six Meeting

Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 PM



Beaver Creek Reservation



Circle Six will hold it's next meeting and picnic on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 PM at Beaver Creek Reservation. Bring a dish to share and bring a guest. There will be no program – just good food, conversation and fun!

Thank you, Sally Readinger, President

Music Announcement



Good news! Beginning on **September 4th, 2022**, we will enjoy the music of Dr. Allen Cadwallader as our church organist. Dr. Cadwallader studied Music Theory and Organ Performance (Emphasis on Sacred Music) at the acclaimed Eastman Conservatory, in Rochester, New York. Dr. Cadwallader taught at Oberlin Conservatory for the last few decades. He has an extensive background in church music and ministry, and we feel blessed to have his services, at least for the fall season. We'll share more about Allen Cadwallader as we near his arrival.

Amherst Historical Society Upcoming Event
1161 Milan Avenue, Amherst



PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Honoring Harry S. Truman

Saturday, Sept. 3

Appetizers and Cash Bar 5 PM, Truman presentations
5:30 PM, Dinner 6 PM, Swing City Big Band 7 PM

\$55/person - \$100/couple

\$45/member - \$80/member couple

Basket Raffle and 50/50 | Period Attire Encouraged

Reservations required by August 22, 2022 at 440-988-7255



Downtown Amherst
August 10 | 4-7:30 PM

Enjoy family-friendly entertainment while strolling the streets of the historic district. Shops, restaurants and businesses will be open late! **Plus its FREE!**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

July 18, 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 | X |
| Treasurer: Lauri Hubach | X | Congregational Rep: Tom Hollstein | X |
| Congregational Rep.: Stacy Gleason | X | Financial Secretary: Rebecca Woods | E |
| Congregational Rep.: Sally Readinger | X | Congregational Rep: Susan Conkle | X |
| Past President Moderator: Shelley Harmych | X | X= present; E=excused; A=absent | |

Visitors: Geoff and Linda Gatz, Lynn Hollstein, Jessie Kubuske, Sharon and Gary Thompson
The meeting was opened at 7:03 pm with a prayer by Pastor Chris. Mary-K Kirsch, President, called the business meeting to order.

Trustees Report

Jim Kubuske gave an update to the June 16, 2022 Trustee Minutes:

The boiler inspection will be next Monday. He is still waiting on two bids to be submitted from 2 contractors who had inspected the roof. It appears at this time that the roof needs repair, not replacement.

A question was raised about the waxing and stripping of the floors in Fellowship Hall, restrooms, and lower level hallways. Pastor Chris suggested that the Trustees discuss the matter at their next meeting.

A copy of the June 2022 Trustee Minutes is included as follows:

Trustee Minutes 6/16/22

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

Old Business:

- Geoff and Gary replaced the sump pump under the education wing. Geoff donated materials needed.
- Chimney repair was finished on Tuesday, June 15, 2022. Silverton enterprises will give an estimate on roof repair. Vincent Roofing and Ohio Roofing are also coming to give an estimate. Most places would not respond or said they wouldn't repair a flat roof.
- Edgar cut the patch of clover in the church lawn. Mary K had asked him to leave it, but it was beginning to look pretty ragged.
- Outside door to elevator has been fixed; other door on that side still sticks. Needs the frame taken off and fixed so door will fit better.
- Parsonage keys are all straightened out and in use.
- New phones were installed and working. Should save \$200 a month.
- Gary and his son will put the enter sign back up in the parking lot.

New business:

- There will be outdoor services in July, August and September, weather permitting. Chairs will need to be set up and canopies for shade. Tables for refreshments as well.
- Edgar will be stripping and waxing in the preschool this week and next. Preschool pays for this.
- Hall rental: There will be a rental on October 8. Circle 6 has been notified so that there is someone there to "chaperone" and make sure all is cleaned up.
- Air conditioning will still be used in the sanctuary. Ushers will determine temperature.
- Mary K has said it smells "mildewy" in the basement. Trustees will check into it. There is a new dehumidifier. Possibly needs to use a fan during yoga to move air.
- Gary said that the door at the northeast corner of the fellowship hall needs to be repaired so that it opens.
- Geoff would like to look into repairing facade on back side of education wing along the parking lot in the future.
- Looking for bikes for the Ukraine children in parsonage. Edgar will donate one.

There will not be a meeting in July. Next meeting is August 11.

Treasurer's Report

June 2022

Pass-Through payments needing approval:

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| NIN | \$ 20.00 |
| OCWM | <u>\$105.00</u> |
| | \$125.00 |

NIN (Neighbors in Need)
OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission)

Note: Pass-Through items are donations received for missions that we forward to the mission.

General Fund Summary

| | <u>June 22</u> | <u>June 21</u> | <u>2022 YTD</u> | <u>2021 YTD</u> | <u>YTD CHG</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Offerings Cash/Check | 10,541.00 | 6,357.00 | 66,915.54 | 58,592.00 | 8,323.54 |
| Offerings Breeze | 1,360.00 | 2,025.00 | 9,172.00 | 9,365.00 | (193.00) |
| Offerings PayPal | 0.00 | 20.00 | 205.00 | 1,415.00 | (1,210.00) |
| Transfer to General | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9,700.00 | 7,250.00 | 2,450.00 |
| PPP Loan | | | | | |
| Forgiveness/EIDL | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 19,804.82 | (19,804.82) |
| Blessings from | | | | | |
| the Saints | 10,089.00 | 21,901.37 | 40,535.23 | 48,690.64 | 8,155.41 |
| Expenses | (21,990.00) | (30,303.37) | (126,527.77) | (145,117.46) | 18,589.69 |
| | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 16,310.82 |

Full report available in the church office.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PASS-THROUGH PAYMENTS. THE MOTION PASSED.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Chris indicated that visitations were made today to several members in extended care facilities. All were doing well.

In August Pastor Chris will be giving a series of sermons on the 5 Practices, on 8/14/22, 8/28/22 and 9/11/22, on **Radical Hospitality**.

In September a Men's Fellowship group will meet on a Thursday morning at The Nest in Vermilion. The Brownhelm Church men will also be part of the group for breakfast and prayers once a month. Further details to follow.

There will be new members accepted into the church in August.

Pastor Chris will participate in a joint interview process for a new organist, who will be interviewing for organist on a temporary, try-out basis.

President/Moderator Report

Mary-K reported that she has been working with the budget committee and they have been making changes and reducing costs.

Tech Team

Mary-K reported that Tom Hollstein has been learning her Zoom job and is doing well.

Financial Secretary Report

Offerings for the month of June were \$11,606.24. YTD 2022 offerings totaled \$72,009.07.

Spiritual Life/Compassionate Care

Mary-K asked everyone to send a get well card to Pam Miskov, who is still recovering from a recent illness.

Altar Guild

For communion service in August we will begin using the new 1 oz. cup for wine and wafer. The cups with the white/yellow liquid will be white grape juice. The other cups will contain red wine.

Garden Team

Sue Conkle reported that the Garden Team is still pulling weeds. The sunflower seeds planted this year are now coming up.

By-Laws Update

Shelley Harmych asked the group if we had all received and reviewed only the updated constitution, by-laws, policies, procedures, and job descriptions. There was one file that was not received by some council members and Sharon Thompson will resend it to council members. The preschool section was given to Wendy for review, but she has not yet responded. A job description was written for the council-at large position, as there was no previously written job description.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT ALL OF THE UPDATED REVISIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS. THE MOTION PASSED.

New Business

Lauri Hubach presented the preschool budget and explained any additions and increases in budget items.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE PRESCHOOL BUDGET FOR 2022/2023. THE MOTION PASSED.

Pastor Chris indicated that the organist that is going to be interviewed would cost \$150/week for playing the organ. Should this person be hired as organist and choir director, choir practice would have to be moved to Sunday instead of Thursday. We will also have 3 Oberlin College students to sing with the choir.

Shelley also stated that at this time she has a full hand bell choir and she will not have to play the hand bells.

Linda Gatz updated the group on the progress of the Ukrainian family in the parsonage. The middle son, Lev, was attending a soccer camp in LaGrange. Linda and Natalia enrolled him in school. The youngest boy will be attending preschool 4 days a week. All three adults are taking English lessons. All three children have helmets and bikes. St. Peters will be helping with supplying the kids with school supplies and clothes. The Brownhelm UCC will provide a new washing machine for the family. Linda announced that the ladies of St. Peters, who sew, are making a quilt for Natalia. Church women who sew can make blocks to be used in the quilt. Those who don't sew may donate money to the quilt project. They plan to have the project completed by November.

Gary Thompson suggested that Zoom attendance be affirmed by facial presence. Pastor Christ indicated that this will be reviewed.

It was also mentioned that microphones need to be used during announcements, since those on Zoom are unable to hear the announcements given from the congregation. Pastor Chris will make an announcement on this on Sunday.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS PASSED.

Pastor Chris gave the closing prayer. The meeting ended at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cherry
Council Secretary

AUGUST EVENTS

Aug. 4 Compassionate Care 10:30 a.m.
 Aug. 7 Communion Sunday
Aug. 11 Central Village Worship 11 a.m.
 Trustees Meeting 6 p.m. Zoom
 Aug. 12 Stursa Wedding Rehearsal
 Aug. 13 Stursa Wedding 2 p.m.
Aug. 14 Celebration of Life for Mason Parham
1-5:00 PM upstairs at Ziggys
 Aug. 15 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Zoom
 Aug. 17 Clergy Meeting Brownhelm 11:30 a.m.
Aug. 21 Outdoor Worship Service 10 a.m.
 Aug. 28 Family Worship—Noisy Coin

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!

Yoga with Mary-K: 8:30-9:45 AM

Wednesdays at St. Peter's

on the lawn weather permitting!



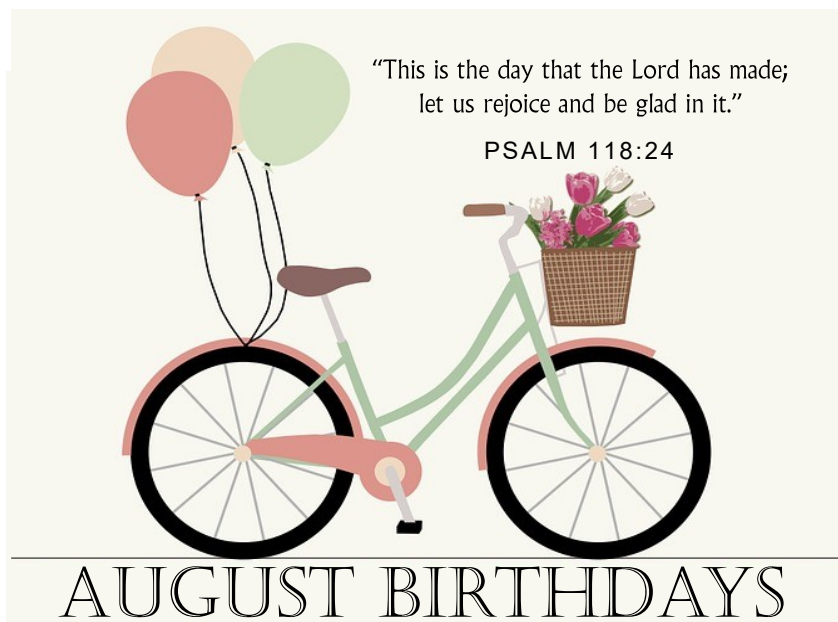
Central Village Worship

Pastor Chris continues to provide a once a month worship service at Central Village in the lobby area for residents. They meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM. This is a 30-minute service. They are very thankful for this opportunity.



Flowers on the Altar

Just a reminder, if you'd like to sign up for flowers on the altar, the green binder is in the back of the church behind the pews on the table on the left. Every Sunday is available, except the Communion Sunday. Thank you!



"This is the day that the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad in it."

PSALM 118:24

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Beverly Mischka August 02 | James Wiley August 14 |
| Scott Snyder August 02 | Mary-K Kirsch August 20 |
| Sherry Spratt August 04 | Julie Swift August 24 |
| Pamela Miskov August 05 | Walter Beale August 25 |
| Rebecca Woods August 05 | Donald Swift August 26 |
| Glenn Miskov August 12 | |

FAMILY FUN JULY EVENTS

Corn Festival, Fri, Aug 12 –
 Sun, Aug 14, North Ridgeville,
 a parade, corn eating contest,
 car show, and more!

Timber Ridge Campground
 Annual Car Show, 51900 Port-
 man Rd #9692, Amherst, Sat,
 Aug 13, 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

24K Magic-#1 Tribute to Bruno
 Mars @ Black River Landing,
 Lorain, Fri, Aug 19, 6:15 –
 11:00 PM



It's Summertime & that means OUTDOOR WORSHIP!

Our first outdoor worship was in June with Brownhelm Congregational UCC, and last month's on July 17th was rained out. Hopefully, our next outdoor worship will be rain free! We will con-

tinue to have chairs set up, but feel free to bring your own, if that would be more comfortable. The following Sundays will be our next outdoor services. We hope everyone can join us!

August 21 | September 18 | October 16



In July,
we collected
83
food items!

We'd like to shout out a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who *continually donates* items to the food pantry. It is greatly appreciated by St. Peter's church, and those receiving help!

Through the summer months we will now be collecting the items on the right.

Thank you to Pam Miskov for her dedication and time, to ensure all items are transported to Good Shepherd Food Pantry. Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. And, again we thank you for all you do to help others.



Canned Soup
(pop top lids)
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Spaghetti Sauce
Pasta
Mac & Cheese
Oatmeal
Cereal
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Kleenex

COMPASSIONATE CARE TEAM

Next meeting: August 4 at 10:30 AM

Please contact **Joan Whitman**, team leader, if you have any questions regarding Compassionate Care. She can be reached at **(440) 320-8923** or email **rwhitman1@oh.rr.com**. Thank you.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Karin Andy
Judy Baker
Lois Barnes
Walter Beale
Luena Beale
Roger Becker
Richard Berry
Christine Burman
Joyce Darakis
Tudy Diaz
Valentino Dziak

Don Flock
Jay Gatz
Ruth Kossov
Jean Marsh
Tom McKinley
Bev Mischka
Glenn Miskov
Audrey Montgomery
Darlene Mudrich
May Poor
Serita Reyes

Janet Siron
Sherry Spratt
Mary Ann Sterna
Don Swift
Jean Swift
Elaine Thompson
Edgar Vargas
Gloria Versace
Kathryn Obenour



Lord hear our prayer.

If you would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact **Joan Whitman** at **(440) 320-8923** Or **rwhitman1@oh.rr.com** or the church office at 440-988-4965 or email: **adminofcc@stpetersamherst.org**



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