

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

Happy Valentine's Day! God is Love.

February 2022

THE KEY



Love is patient,
love is kind. It does not
envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud. It does
not dishonor others, it is not
self-seeking, it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.

But anyone who
does not love does
not know God, for
God is love. We know how much
God loves us, and we have put our trust
in his love. God is love, and all who live
in love live in God, and God lives in them.

"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

Psalm 37:1-4

I love the Psalms for their poetry and inspiration. The Psalms express what the people of God experience in life, both the good and the bad. The Psalms echo our frustrations and celebrations. If you were writing your own "Psalm," what would it say? As I am currently testing "Positive," with COVID, my Psalm would be:

"Oh Lord, when will these days of Covid be over—when will you deliver us from these days of suffering?"

Psalm 37 reminds us that we shouldn't fret because of the wicked—and I think we can all agree that COVID 19 is wicked. "For they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb." In other words,

Do not fret because
of the wicked;
do not be envious
of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade
like the grass,
and wither like the
green herb.

Trust in the Lord,
and do good; so you will
live in the land, and
enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you
the desires of your heart.

this time of suffering will soon be at an end—for this too shall pass. We have been enduring COVID 19, and all the repercussions associated with it like: physical illness and death, overwhelmed hospitals and clinics, worker burnout, social isolation, suffering economy along with inflation, just to list some of the negative impacts of COVID 19 on our lives. So, it is natural for us to wonder when these days will end? When will we safely be able to gather again

as God's people, and worship in the same space without fear? Let the Psalms begin.

Another important aspect of the Psalms is that they give voice to the bad things but



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

JOHN 15:13

never forget to sing about the fact that God is always good and present in our lives. ***"Take delight in the Lord,"*** is a poetic reminder that even though we are going through a difficult time we can rejoice in the fact that **God is with us!** The Psalms remind us that it is important to acknowledge our pain and suffering as well as to remember that God will always deliver us.

If there has ever been a time for Psalms, it's now! This is a time to talk about how we feel, to face our fears, and to know that God cares! We are living a Psalm. It may be hard to see the end of these days of anguish, but it is coming.

What would your Psalm say? As a spiritual practice I encourage you to write it down and sing it. Proclaim your faith in God. February is a reminder that, although the days of winter are present, they will soon give way to spring. At St. Peter's UCC, we will take delight in the Lord! This will be a year filled with God's blessings!

Remember, you are loved!

Rev. Chris Lucking-Taylor

Pastor Chris

*What
would your
Psalm say?*

February Sermon Scriptures:

2/6-Luke 5:1-11

2/13-Luke 6:17-26

2/20-Luke 6:27-38

2/27-Luke 9:28-36

Please see next page.





FEBRUARY SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

2/6 Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

2/13 Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

2/20 Luke 6:27-38

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

2/27 Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.



Letter from council President

Hella St. Peter's!

As we move into another month with Covid still hanging around, Council has voted to limit the use of the building to essential personnel only. This includes going to Zoom only meetings, and of course, Sunday church service.

We will continue Zoom worship through Feb 13 and then make a Council decision as how to proceed based on scientific data and CDC recommendations. Thank you for your patience during this challenging time as we await the departure of Covid and a return to a more "normal" lifestyle!

Because the church continues to experience a monthly budget shortfall, we are looking at ways to trim our expenses and increase our income.

We have already made a couple of changes to lower expenses:

- 1) We are no longer using recorded music for our zoom service. Brian Schieferstein, our chief engineer and technician is able to masterfully, with limited resources and equipment, adjust the live audio feed throughout the service to keep everything sounding top notch. Please be sure to thank him for his dedicated service to our church.
- 2) The office has made black and white printing the default, and Kaye has trimmed the number of pages off the Sunday bulletin which will help reduce printing costs.

We are working diligently to be good stewards of what we have been entrusted with, as we continue to look for ways to increase our income.

Please prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings and remember that you can:

- 1) Mail them to St. Peters UCC, 582 Church St, Amherst, OH 44001
- 2) Breeze > More > Give Now (it helps the church if you would cover the processing costs - \$1.50 for debit/credit or \$.66 for bank transfer)
- 3) Paypal using these exact instructions in order to avoid a fee: Go to Treasurer@stpetersamherst.org > Paying for an item or service > Change to > **Sending to a friend**

Thank you for your love and support as we continue to Care for Us, Care for Others and Praise God.

Mary-K Kirsch
Council President

For our HISTORY BUFFS

St. Peter's United Church of Christ traces it's beginning to German immigrants who left the old country and settled in Black River or Amherst Townships. Many brought with them the Evangelical faith (a combination of Lutheran and Reformed Churches of Prussia).

When Germans arrived here the Methodist and Congregational churches were already established and holding services in English.

In 1857 the German folks gathered in a home, owned by Mr. William Braun (behind City Hall), and decided to erect their own church. In the mean time they met in private homes and the Methodist & Congregational Churches. There were 96 members (men).

In October of 1857 the first church building was dedicated. The church measured 32 by 42 feet. It had a steeple but no bell.

In 1860 a steel bell, cast in Sheffield, England, was installed in the steeple. This is the oldest article from the first church and still calls people to worship.

During the first twenty years pastors from our church were involved in starting St. Paul's U.C.C. in Elyria and St. John's in Lorain. By 1875 the congregation had outgrown the little wood frame church and decided to add twenty feet to the front of it.

In 1890 the congregation had grown to 165 families. Folks began to dream of a larger brick building. In June 1891, the cornerstone of St. Peter's church was laid and the building was completed in 1892.

...to be continued next month.



FEBRUARY

St. Peter's Preschool News



Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail

It's hard to believe that we are in the month of February. The children will continue to learn the letters Mm, Kk, Ll and Cc. They will also work on the number 8, the colors purple, blue, and the heart shape for Valentine's Day. This month, the children will also continue learning about the five senses.

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a fun party and movie. They will also be passing out Valentines to all their friends in school.

Hop for Your Heart! This year we will hold our annual **Hop-A-Thon** on **February 22 and 23**.

A thankful  is a happy 

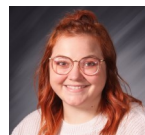


Dine-To-Donate at Soul on Fire Pizza

This month you can place an order by phone **(440) 240-8529** or online at **www.sofpizza.com** a yummy pizza at Soul on Fire Pizza at 3819 Oberlin Ave: Thursday, Feb. 17 and Friday, Feb. 18. Just remember to mention



Kerri Kobylka



Ms. Stempowski

you are from St. Peter's Preschool when placing your order, and we will receive **15% of all sales**.

Now is the time to register your child if you are thinking about preschool for the 2022-2023 school year. Classes are filling up quickly, so don't delay. To schedule a tour or to ask questions, please call the preschool at **(440) 985-1972**. You can also email the school at **preschl@stpetersamherst.org**.

Sincerely,
Wendy Kosakowski
Preschool Director



Christian Education Update

Noisy collection donations from December and January will be going toward **Good Knights**, a local organization that branched off from Sleep in Heavenly Peace and makes beds and supplies bedding to children in the area that otherwise would not have one. February and March noisy collections will go toward buying Easter dinners for local families in need.

COMING SOON!
Gingerbread Bash was such a success that we will be launching an Easter version called **"Easter Egg**

Stravaganza." It will be both in person and virtual as the Gingerbread Bash was. Details coming soon!

While church is virtual only, our Facebook Sunday School page will be up and running again. It will feature crafts, coloring pages, stories, videos and sometimes even snack ideas! Search "St Peter's Shelter in Place Sunday School" and ask to join.

Sincerely, Jessie Kubuske,
Director of Christian Education

**EASTER
EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

**IN PERSON
& VIRTUAL!**



Please JOIN US at CRAFT CLUB!

Monday | Feb. 28 | 6:30 pm

Church facilities are closed for
all group gatherings
until further notice from Council.

Powerful Bible Quotes That Will Change Your Perspective on Life

Everything should be done in love.
— 1 Corinthians 16:14

Glory to God, who is able to do far
beyond all that we could ask or
imagine by his power at work within us.
— Ephesians 3:20

May the God of hope fill you with all
joy and peace in faith so that you
overflow with hope by the power of
the Holy Spirit. — Romans 15:13

The Lord is my strength and my shield.
My heart trusts him. I was helped, my
heart rejoiced, and I thank him with my
song. — Psalm 28:7

Don't fear, because I am with you;
don't be afraid, for I am your God. I will
strengthen you, I will surely help you; I
will hold you with my righteous strong
hand. — Isaiah 41:10

Love should be shown without
pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to
what is good. — Romans 12:9

I can endure all these things through
the power of the one who gives me
strength. — Philippians 4:13

Taste and see how good the Lord is!
The one who takes refuge in him is
truly happy! — Psalm 34:8

Circle Six Meeting

PROGRAM: COMMUNIST
TUE., FEB. 16 6:30 P.M.

Our February meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall.
Please bring your own boxed dinner and beverage.



Due to the closing of the church because of the current Covid protocols set in place by Church Council, the Circle Six meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 1 is canceled. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Sally Readinger, President

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Jan. 17, 2021 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	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, Jessie Kubuske, and Lynn Hollstein
President Mary-K Kirsch opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Chris gave an opening prayer.

Trustee Report

The following Trustee Report was submitted to members of Council:

Trustees Meeting 1/13/22

Attendance: Jim Kubuske, Geoff Gatz, Edgar Vargas, Gary Thompson, Don Krueck, Pastor Chris

Work orders:

Work order for blower noise in basement, Edgar said it's a fan belt, he will check it.

Work order for downstairs toilet plugged, Edgar fixed it and cleaned up the surrounding area.

Work order for caulking preschool windows, Edgar will look into it.

Work order for blinds in the administrative office to reduce brightness. Gary Thompson looked into it, and found a film on suction cups that can block most of the Sunlight to make it easier to read computer screen and protect Kaye Oswald who is susceptible to skin cancer. One was installed, and more will be discussed going forward. May also help with air-conditioning costs in the summer.

Work order for light replacement in the Altar Guild area is still being investigated. Fluorescent tubes were replaced, and if there continues to be a problem the ballast will be replaced.

Old Business:

Boy scouts came and dismantled the tree and stored it. It was decided to order tree bags as the cardboard boxes are falling apart, making it hard to move tree up and down stairs.

Advent wreath taken down by Edgar, stored in basement next to blower. Needs a little attention before next Advent season.

Chimney above offices will be done this weekend or next.

Parsonage use and costs were discussed, tabled for the moment.

New Business:

The sanctuary and administrative office were without heat. A heater was plugged in and blew a fuse, which, after much difficulty, was found and replaced by Edgar. Geisel was called, and came the same day. Pump was "frozen" and Geisel repaired it. It is a temporary fix, and the pump will need to be replaced eventually at a cost of \$937. Geisel service contract will be renewed to help cut repair costs.

Duck pointing of sandstone in the front of the building was discussed.

There was a request for hall rental, but it was decided that due to Covid protocol they would be turned down. Also mentioned that if the hall is rented at this point there will be an extra \$35 for Covid sanitizing afterward.

Kitchen stove replacement was discussed, and replacing it will be put on the back burner at this time. Cost might be anywhere from \$2,500 to \$15,000. Buying another convection oven was also discussed. The venting "suppression system" repair will be needed to use stove top burners and this will be discussed at a later time.

Edgar talked with Sue Conkle and Diane Barnum and they wanted all to know that they are storing the donated clothing in the garage to make pick up easier.

Geoff Gatz is refinishing a table from the lobby outside the office.

Next meeting is February 17, 2022.

Mary-K asked if there were any questions or comments on the Trustees Report. There were no additional questions from the floor.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Report:

Becky Woods and Lauri Hubach reviewed the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's report with the group. Lauri answered questions and gave explanations on a few larger variances that were contained in the General Fund vs. Actual Budget Report for the year 2021. Below are the pass through payments for December 2021 and the General Fund Summary:

Pass-Through payments needing approval:

Payable To:	For:
Veterans of the Cross	\$215.00
OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission)	\$105.00
Total	\$320.00

General Fund Summary

	Dec. 21	Dec.20	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Change
Offerings Cash/Check	14,188.91	20,108.90	122,574.32	148,455.61	(25,881.29)
Offerings Breeze	1,300.00		17,654.99		
Offerings PayPal	100.00		2,015.00		
Transfer to General	1,770.00	1,800.00	16,828.00	12,665.00	
PPP Loan					
Forgiveness/EIDL	0.00		19,804.82		
Blessings from the Saints	9,388.54	(1,374.44)	112,351.68	80,650.06	31,701.62
Expenses	(26,747.45)	(20,534.46)	(291,228.81)	(241,770.67)	49,458.14
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Full report available in the church office.

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

Pastor's Report

Pastor Chris reported that he has started planning for Lent and other activities for the upcoming months. He also indicated that using Zoom for meetings has worked well. He stated that there will be no Breeze services until the recent Covid surge has subsided. The discussion then turned to using Zoom and Facebook for the Sunday services. Christine Burman said that we had 69 attendees on these media on 1/16/22. Mary-K went around the room and asked everyone their opinion on how long to continue Sunday services on Zoom and Facebook and if masking should be used for in-person worship. A few members thought that we should not reinstate in-person worship until the end of January and have masking resume when in-person worship resumes. A few other members felt that we should not reinstate in-person worship until mid-February, which will be closer to our next council meeting, and we will revisit the matter to decide what we will do going forward. The consensus reached was to continue only on Zoom and Facebook until mid-February and at the next council meeting we will revisit the matter. Becky Woods suggested that we explore the possibility of utilizing a donate button link on the Facebook page. That option will be explored. Members can also donate by sending a text to a phone number. Both are easy ways to donate. Further information on how to use these methods will be communicated with the emailed weekly bulletin.

Geoff Gatz asked Pastor Chris that the hymns be included in the weekly email containing the bulletin for the Zoom services. Pastor Chris stated that the hymns will be added. Kaye Oswald will continue to be in the office and the preschool will be open, but the remainder of the church will be closed to group meetings.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO HAVE CHURCH SERVICES ON ZOOM AND FACEBOOK ONLY THROUGH FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AND HAVE ONLY A SKELETON CREW ON DUTY TO PRODUCE CHURCH SERVICES. THE MOTION PASSED.

Shelley Harmych is now joining the council as a Moderator, Past President.

Pastor Chris stated that an email will be sent to each of the council members to request a committee assignment for council members to attend a committee meeting and report to the Council.

Becky Woods noted, in response to the motion just made, that she needs to enter the church to count money on Sundays or another specified day during the week. Pastor Chris indicated that she would be able to come into the church to perform this duty.

Spiritual Life and Compassionate Care Committee Report

Sharon Thompson gave the Spiritual Life and Compassionate Care Committee report. Sharon indicated that Compassionate Care will be doing Care Bags in February, they are currently still sending cards, and they are also not doing in-person visits because of Covid. Mary-K asked that Sharon resume her Compassionate Care reports before the church service begins. Others on council also asked for the return of Sharon's report.

Altar Guild Report

Susan Cherry and Lynn Hollstein were asked by Mary-K to provide the duties that are performed by the Altar Guild's members, since the Altar Guild is looking to add 2 members to the committee to fill existing open positions. Sue and Lynn listed the duties verbally. Altar Guild will work on a formal list that can be published in The Key or church bulletin.

Ushers- There was nothing to report.

Tech Team

Mary-K reported that the team is continuing to look for additional individuals to join and learn the jobs of the tech team.

Future Revision of By-Laws

Shelley Harmych reported that this committee, which she head, will not be working on changing the by-laws, but working on cleaning up and updating existing by-laws. This committee will work on having this completed sometime this summer. Her committee will consist of Shelley Harmych, Brian Schieferstein, Jennifer Wasilk, and Sharon Thompson.

Pastor Chris gave the closing prayer and the meeting closed at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cherry, Council Secretary

WE SANG IT AS
A CHILD...



WE CAN BELIEVE IT!

FEBRUARY *Birthdays*

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

Psalm 118:24



Patricia Stumpp	February 01
Sarah Fleeman	February 03
Jennifer Wasilk	February 05
Donald Krueck	February 09
May Poor Laule	February 09
Tamara James	February 13
Richard Berry, Sr.	February 15
Matthew Wasilk	February 15
Joyce Darakis	February 16
Gloria Versace	February 18
Linda Brown	February 20
William Makay	February 20
Richard McCurdy	February 22
Nicole Schieferstein	February 22
Darlene Krieg	February 24
Peggy Raesler	February 24
Beverly McGinnis	February 25
Lynn Hollstein	February 26
David Rice	February 27

February EVENTS

- Feb. 1 Staff Meeting 10 a.m.
Circle Six 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 3 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Compassionate Care 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 7 Communion Sunday Virtual
- Feb. 7 Boy Scouts 6-8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11 Preschool Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16 Clergy Meeting 11:30 a.m. FH
- Feb. 17 Trustees Meeting 6 p.m.
- Feb. 21 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 23 Family Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 28 Craft Club 6:30 p.m. Fireside Room

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



Love. Grow. Serve.

Greetings St. Peters,

The year 2022 is on tract to be a roller coaster ride with a lot of ups and downs. We were on a high with the wonder of Christmas and the hope of New Year, but Covid is still capable of challenging us mentally, physical, and spiritually. We at St. Peter's continue to be resilient and a light in these times. We have shown repeatedly that we care for each other. We work to show we care about our community and we have shown that we will worship and praise the Lord God and Jesus Christ, not allowing Covid to stop us. The Spiritual Life Ministry with God's blessing, and St. Peter's wonderful support, has been able to carry a light of love from church to those members of our church who for many reasons are unable to attend worship or receive communion in church. We feel honored and blessed serve our church in this manner.

If any member of St. Peter's knows of any member who might be interested in what we offer please call the church office.

Peace from Spiritual Life Ministry,

Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor, Pam Miskov, Judy McCurdy

Prayer Changes Things



Lord, your Word speaks promises of healing and restoration and I thank you for the miracles you still perform today. Today I claim those promises over our friends listed below. *I believe in the healing power of faith and prayer* and I ask you to begin your mighty work of healing in their life. Please reach down and surround them with supernatural peace and strength and give them the faith to believe that all things are possible for you. Protect them from discouragement and let your miraculous healing begin. **In Jesus name. Amen.**

Please add the following people to your prayers:

Family of Lois Barankovich
Penny Knepper
Tom Hollstein
Don Swift
Bev Mischka
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
Karen Andy
Christine Burman
Lois Barnes
Elaine Thompson

Ruth Kossow
May Poor
Roger Becker
Carol Battenhouse
Darlene Mudrich
Jean Marsh
Edgar Vargas

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**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP UPDATE: Please note that the Men's Fellowship are still deciding on a day and time. Please stay tuned. *Thank you!*

St. Peter's Food Pantry

For the month of December, we collected 33 FOOD ITEMS

Thank you to everyone who *continually* donates items to the food bank. It is greatly appreciated by St. Peter's church, 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:

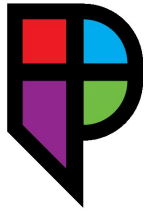
Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken)	Kleenex	Paper Towels
Canned Soup (Pop top lids)	Spaghetti Sauce	Pasta
Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)	Peanut Butter	Jelly
Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)	Oatmeal Cereal	

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.'

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