

**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 New Year!

PROVERBS 25:13

January 2022

**THE KEY**

*Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest  
Is a faithful messenger to those who send him,  
For he refreshes the soul of his masters.*



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— MATTHEW 16:18-19

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"Happy New Year!"


God is good! All the time!

While I haven't yet been here a year (seven months), I am able to offer everyone a "Happy New Year!" June seems like a long time ago, although we're still going through boxes, deciding on which pictures and paintings to hang where, and choosing which items should be sold in a garage sale, or taken to Goodwill. We've accomplished a lot around the homestead over the past 7 months, too. We've painted the entire house, put in new flooring, a new HVAC system, ordered new appliances in May of 2021 and are still anxiously awaiting their arrival, and had new countertops and a backsplash put in our kitchen. This would have been a lot to do over the course of several years, but we managed to accomplish these things in 7 months. While there's still plenty to do, (it seems like the job of home ownership is never finished)

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it is good to look back at our accomplishments and to take stock in how God has blessed all of us over this past year.

I think that one of the reasons to get excited about a new year, a fresh start, is that we can dream and hope for better days ahead. What will 2022 be for us? Maybe a better question is: How will we manage the ups and downs that occur during this year? No year is entirely "up!" nor is a year in the life entirely, "bad!" (Although, 2020 has to be a contender for "most bad days in a year") It's not unusual for a day to be a mixture of ups and downs, but we normally focus, or dwell on the bad. I think the trick to living a happier and healthier life is to be able to focus less on the bad things that happen and pay more attention to the good that occurs daily.



*Look to the Lord  
and his strength;  
seek his face always.  
Remember the wonders  
he has done, his miracles;  
and the judgments  
he pronounced..”*

1 CHRONICLES 16:11-12

There is no shortage of “bad” in this world. But we should not allow ourselves to become a version of the network news, which seems to always air the worst of what happened in a single day. Instead, we should pay attention to the bad things that happen, but only in order to aim for a better outcome—or the greater good. For example, in December of 2021 there was a deadly outbreak of tornadoes that ripped through Kentucky and other south-central states, leaving a wake of chaos and destruction. While that was and still is news, the greater good is in the efforts of neighbors and others, across this nation, and world, who have shown signs of support, and have offered their money, hands, and prayers to help with the rebuilding. Sometimes the bad can bring out the best in us.

I pray and hope that 2022 will a great year for all of us. I also pray that when our days are filled with challenges and hardships, that our faith and belief that God is always with us, and our knowledge that: **God is good! All the time, God is good!** will provide us with the resolve to **ALWAYS** see the good. I’m not asking us to look away from the bad—I’m asking us to look toward the good.

***Happy New Year!***  
***Remember, you are loved!***

*Rev. Chris Buchanan-Taylor*

Pastor Chris

**January Sermon Scriptures:**

1/2- John 1:1-18 1/9- Luke 3:15-21 1/16- John 2:1-11 1/23- Luke 4:14-30 1/30- Luke 4:21-30 *Please see next page.*





# JANUARY SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

## 1/2 John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

## 1/9 Luke 3:15-21

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened.

## 1/16 John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## 1/23 Luke 4:14-30

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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**Hello friends,**



Looking back over the past year, St Peter's has navigated some pretty challenging events: worshiping through Covid, the ending of an interim's 3 year tenure, and the welcoming of a new settled pastor.

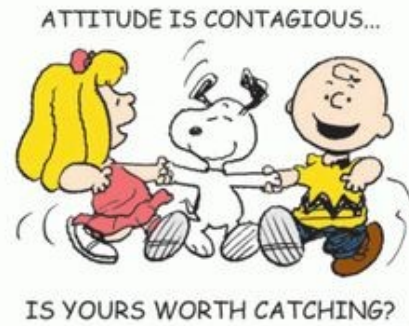
The leadership of our committed council and many volunteers and the loyalty of our members helped make these transitions easier.

We have ended the year with loss and sorrow, and hope and optimism. As we look to the future, the vision of a church (Caring for Us) that reaches beyond it's physical form (Caring for Others) continues to grow through our ministries and mission.

**Jeremiah 29:11** says "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

May the Lord guide us in the days ahead, and always.

God Bless and Happy New Year,  
Mary-K Kirsch



## **PMA, ALL THE WAY!**

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." ~Eleanor Roosevelt

PMA, all the way! This is the way my siblings and I were raised. My Dad instilled in all 4 of us kids an attitude of positivity. When I started working, if I complained to my Dad about what I thought was an unfair situation at work, my Dad's reaction was usually...PMA (positive mental attitude) ...or *tough as nails*. That used to be the Levi Jeans commercial...tough as nails. He taught me to focus on my own work, ignore what others do, and to give 100% every day. And, in exchange, my employer gives me a paycheck. An even trade. But, I'm sure if my complaint was legitimate it was a totally different conversation. But, it taught me to *not sweat the small stuff*.

My sister, brothers, and I still use the phrase, PMA! Not only is that a good reminder to us when going through trials, but it is also a reminder and a memory of our childhood and the wonderful upbringing we had.

**PMA, all the way.** I know that with this type of attitude, you can overcome most obstacles. It has helped me tremendously!

- Kaye Oswald

1. **REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE POWERFUL.**
2. **CHOOSE TO EMBRACE LIFE.**
3. **REALIZE THAT YOU GET TO CONTROL YOUR REACTIONS.**
4. **KNOW THAT NO ONE IS BETTER QUALIFIED.**
5. **BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH.**
6. **LOVE YOURSELF.**
7. **STAY COOL.**
8. **JOURNEY WELL.**



JANUARY

# St. Peter's Preschool News



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobyłka



Ms. Stempowski

Christmas is over and the New Year has begun. It was so nice to take the time to enjoy the wonder of Christmas.

This month the children will learn the letters Nn, Dd, Ii, and Ss. We will also introduce the 5 senses.

To go along with the letter Ss, the children and teachers will be

wearing slippers and sleepwear to school. We are looking forward to rolling out of bed to come to school. For our field trip, we will be going to Skate World. We are looking forward to taking a few laps around the rink!

Now is the time to enroll your child for the upcoming school year.

Look for a registration paper in the preschool hallway. You may also call the preschool for more information. If interested, please call the preschool at **(440) 985-1972**.

***Have a Great New Year!***

Wendy Kosakowski  
Preschool Director

## Christian Education 'Good Will' and 'Fun Times'



Thanks to all that donated for the Christmas dinners, be it actual food donations or noisy collection donations. We were again able to fill 12 boxes to drop off to the High School. Our December and January noisy collection will go toward our local "sleep in heavenly peace" which is called "Good Knights". They build beds for children that don't have one, as well as buy bedding for those beds.

Our **Gingerbread Bash** was a huge success! We had 12 families registered, with a total of **23 children** for the in person event on December 5. We also had **8 families** participate virtually!

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



# Please JOIN US at CRAFT CLUB!

Monday | Jan. 24 | 6:30 pm | Fireside Room

Masks aren't required if you **have been** fully vaccinated. If you **haven't been** vaccinated, we require you to wear a mask for your own protection. Bring your current (or old) craft project to work on and to have some fun fellowship with other crafters!



## CIRCLE 6 MEETING Devotions: Dot Wilford Program: Game Night Tues., Jan. 4, 6:00 p.m.

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

### "The Gift of Music"

On behalf of Circle Six, I would like to thank everyone who attended our violinist program with Mary Beth Ions. The turnout was fantastic and the music and entertainment were phenomenal. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. As Mary Beth put it, the acoustics in our church are wonderful and she compared it to some very prominent

venues. I am so thankful we were able to sponsor this program again this year and I hope we are able to continue this tradition and perhaps even expand upon it.

I would further like to thank everyone who provided cookies and treats for the reception following the concert and for the help we received in setting up Fellowship Hall. A special shout out to Dorothy Wilford

for the lovely centerpieces she made. None of this would be possible without the support of all of you.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all of you for the generous donations we received! They will allow us to move forward with our annual Christmas giving mission to various charities including, but not limited to, Blessing House, Tunnels to Towers, and Good Knights.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!*

Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President, Circle Six

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Dec. 20, 2021 Minutes

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## ATTENDEES:

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

X= present; E=excused; A=absent

Visitors: Gary Thompson and Geoff Gatz

President Mary-K Kirsch opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and pastor Chris gave an opening prayer.

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## Trustee Report

### Trustee Minutes December 16, 2021

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

### Old Business:

**Sign:** Geoff and Linda Gatz smoothed out the trench. Jim Parker will be doing a virtual lesson to train Kaye Oswald on programming the sign then Kaye can teach Pastor Chris. Jim Parker said if the sign is hooked up to the internet, he can troubleshoot any problems remotely.

**Chimney:** JNG restoration will fix the chimney above main part of building for \$2,200. Trustees will move ahead to get that done.

**Light outside the chapel:** It is a new, solar, motion detector light. Pastor agreed it was working really well, and much safer now.

**Outdoor wreath:** Spotlights needed adjustment to the light sign. Jim and Edgar fixed it before the meeting.

### New Business:

### Work requests:

1. Window crank for preschool window is still waiting for one to come in stock at Lowe's
2. Lights in fireside room fixed
3. Mailboxes were moved outside the office

4. Elevator odor was taken care of by Edgar

5. Light by chapel (see above)

6. Baseboard in Fellowship Hall will be investigated

7. Water in the kitchen needs to be hot enough to run the dishwasher. Trustees will put a sign up reminding people to use both hot and cold to be safe.

8. Pipe above stairs going into fellowship hall - Geoff and Linda Gatz are working on a covering.

9. Altar guild light - could not find a light that wasn't working

10. Doorway from parking lot to chapel needed to be able to stay unlocked. Edgar repaired the door bar so it can be unlocked.

11. Don put the preschool sign back up as it blew down.

Boy Scouts will help take down and put away tree on January 10. The outdoor advent wreath will come down sometime that week.

### Goals for 2021:

Tuck sandstone around church  
(check with JNG restoration).

Use of parsonage.

**Next meeting:** January 13, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Mary-K asked the group if there were any questions concerning the Trustee Report. All council members were in agreement with the report.



## Treasurer's Report, Pass-Through Payments, and Financial Secretary Report

All council members were in agreement to accept the pass-through payments for the month of November 2021, as listed in the Treasurer's Report.

### **Pass-Through payments needing approval:**

<b>Payable To:</b>	<b>For:</b>
OCWM*	\$105.00
	\$105.00

\*Our Church's Wider Mission. Note: Pass-through items are donations received for missions that we forward to the mission.

### **General Fund Summary**

	Nov. 21	Nov. 20	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Change
Offerings Cash/Check	9,640.00	8,262.00	108,385.41	128,346.71	(19,961.30)
Offerings Breeze	1,337.00		16,509.31		
Offerings PayPal	250.00		1,915.00		
Transfer to General	1,770.00	1,525.00	15,058.00	10,865.00	
PPP Loan					
Forgiveness/EIDL	0.00		19,804.82		
Blessings from					
the Saints	17,945.79	6,701.44	102,804.82	82,024.50	20,780.32
Expenses	(30,942.79)	(16,488.44)	(264,477.36)	(221,236.21)	43,241.15
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Full report available in the church office.

Pastor Chris suggested that we consider looking monthly at expenditures or revenues that vary from the associated budgeted amount. He suggested that a committee be formed with the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, a Trustee, and Pastor Chris as members.

All council members accepted the Treasurer's Report for November 2021, along with the Financial Secretary's Report.

### **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Chris updated the group on the distribution of bags by Compassionate Care for people to use on their walkers.

Pastor Chris asked us to hold the Raesler family in our prayers.

There will be a Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, 12/24/21, and the usual Sunday service on 12/26/21 at 10:00 a.m. After the Christmas weekend, Pastor Chris will take a few days off.

### **Committee Reports**

**President/Moderators:** Mary-K gave a report on the President/Moderator meetings going forward. The three moderators and Pastor Chris will meet once a month. The days and times are still to be determined.

**Altar Guild:** Pastor Chris requested that Altar Guild members assist him on Tuesday, 12/21/21 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with arranging candles on the altar for the Blue Christmas service.

**Ushers:** Mary-K indicated that Allen Murphy was doing a good job recruiting new members for the ushers.

**Tech Team:** It was brought up that Daniel Jacky is pre-recording music to be used in the copies of the services that are posted online, instead of using the real-time recordings. The cost of these recordings is \$150.00 per hour. The question posed was, do we want to continue the pre-recording at this cost? This will be reviewed and discussed at a future meeting.

Mary-K indicated Brian is using loaned equipment. Mary-K also asked if we need to purchase our own new or used equipment? This issue will continue to be studied.

### **Old Business:**

The new electronic sign is now working. Brian Schieferstein still wants to have a hard line installed. Pastor Chris thanked Geoff and Linda Gatz who did the landscaping around the sign.

Becky Woods asked about the Little Church offerings and loose offerings received. Lauri suggested that the Little Church offerings be credited to the Improvement Fund.

A motion was made to direct funds received in the Little Church to the Improvement Fund. It was seconded and passed.

Pastor Chris suggested that the loose change offerings be directed to the general fund. Becky indicated that she is currently using the general fund as the account for loose change offerings.

Becky indicated that she had cleaned out the 6,000 pennies from the large jar in the rear of the church and converted that into a \$60.00 check. Pastor Chris suggested that this amount be paid to Circle Six to use to pay for donuts and coffee for coffee hour.

Becky Woods asked about the clothing donations that are currently deposited in the Walker Lobby. Instead of transporting the clothes to another location, she suggested that we distribute them from the church. It was suggested that the garage be used as a point of distribution, possibly on Saturdays. Becky and Sue Conkle will speak with Diane Barnum about this proposal and they will decide what to do.

Pastor Chris gave a closing prayer and the meeting ended at 8:16 pm.

### **Respectfully submitted,**

Susan Cherry  
Council Secretary

# Missions

Church members Diane Barnum, Sue Conkle, and Becky Woods have sorted and organized **over 40 bags** of generously donated clothes, bedding, and shoes this week. They will be distributed throughout Lorain County including low income apartments in Lorain and the Boys and Girls Club in Elyria—just in time for the winter chill. Some items will also be used for our homeless outreach.

*Thank you St. Peter's and the Preschool for your stewardship!*



*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."*

**Jeremiah 29:11**

Darlene Mudrich	January 01
Eleanor Traster	January 07
Patricia Heatley	January 10
Kyle Beiswenger	January 13
Judy Baker	January 14
JoAnn Hamlin	January 15
Danielle Nagy	January 15
Susan Conkle	January 16
Kristy Guild	January 16
Margaret Settle	January 16
Jared Hubach	January 18
Ruth Kossow	January 19
Karin Andy	January 25
Serita Reyes	January 25
Karel Schieferstein	January 25
Patricia Logar	January 26
Sarah Readinger	January 28
Dwight Siron	January 29
Brian Schieferstein	January 30

# January EVENTS

- Jan. 2 Communion Sunday
- Jan. 3 Boy Scouts 6-8:30 p.m.
- Jan. 4 Preschool Returns from break.  
Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.  
Circle Six 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 6 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Compassionate Care 10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 10 Moderator Meeting 7 p.m.
- Jan. 11 Preschool Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 13 Trustees Meeting 6 p.m.
- Jan. 17 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 19 Clergy Meeting 11:30 a.m. FH
- Jan. 23 Family Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 24 Craft Club 6:30 p.m. Fireside Room

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- 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.**

## SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRY

Pastor Chris, Judy McCurdy and Pam Miskov have been faithfully making visitation (*42 since July 19*) to our Compassionate Care members on Monday afternoons. Not only do our members at home and in Nursing Homes appreciate their visits and Communion, but the Team is blessed with special moments of witnessing God's grace. They are so grateful to serve along with the Compassionate Care ministry and thankful for Circle Six cookie donation. We added them to the Christmas cookie plates we had given. In the many ways we are called to serve, may God continue to use us to be a blessing as we care for others with loving, compassionate hearts. Just as He has shown us how through Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior.

There's a song in the Hymnal called: REACH YOUR HAND, *"Father dear, we give to You our hands, our feet, our hearts, to do just as You will, for we would be a witness for the world to see."*

May God's beacon of light continue to shine brightly through all of us, so others may know Him. The world needs our light, let your heart shine!

If anyone would like a Communion Visit, please call the church office at **(440) 988-4965**. Remember, you are never alone or forgotten! You are loved by our God and your church family.

# Prayer Changes Things

*“Lord my God,  
I called to you for help,  
and you healed me.”*

PSALMS 30:2

## Note from Ida Horvatic's daughter, Tina

Ida has been battling stomach cancer. Radiation treatments in July and August did not show improvement. Treatments were stopped in September. The tumor is large and is blocking food from reaching stomach correctly. She is now in O'Neill Healthcare, 38600 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039. She is in a regular room, but under hospice care.

**Room phone is 440-242-8778.**  
Cards or calls would be appreciated.

## PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO YOUR PRAYERS:

Penny Knepper  
Tom Hollstein  
Don Swift  
Bev Mischka  
Debbie Raesler  
Audrey Montgomery  
Janet Siron

Judy Baker  
Jean Swift  
Tudy Diaz  
Serita Reyes  
James Raesler  
Linda Brown & family  
Joyce Darakis

Sherry Spratt  
Mary Ann Sterna  
Glenn Miskov  
Valentino Dziak  
Karen Andy  
Lois Barnes  
Elaine Thompson

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

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](mailto:adminofc@stpetersamherst.org) or Compassionate Care [sgthompson@windstream.net](mailto:sgthompson@windstream.net)

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP UPDATE:** Please note that the Men's Fellowship will not be meeting in the month of January. Please stay tuned. *Thank you!*

## St. Peter's Food Pantry

For the month of December, we collected **129** 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:

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

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

*Thank you again for helping others!*



'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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# ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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