

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!

"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.**"

Luke 4:18

July 2022

THE KEY

*Now the Lord is
the Spirit, and where
the Spirit of the Lord
is, there is freedom.*

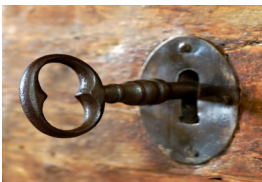


"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the **KEYS** of the Kingdom of Heaven."

— MATTHEW 16:18-19

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Pastoral Ponderings

From the desk of
PASTOR CHRIS

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."

John 16: 12-13 New International Version

The first part of the above passage in the gospel of John, which is a part of a much larger section where Jesus is giving his disciples a goodbye speech after sharing their last meal together, has been resonating with me for several days as we have all been trying to deal with and understand the horrible recent acts of violence and destruction in our country and in Ukraine. Mass shootings, and other random acts of violence, which seem to plague our country more than others, have me wondering if we are not at the same place the disciples were when Jesus said, "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear." How much more can we bear? How much more should we bear? I think that we must be close to our tipping point.

July 4th, America's day for celebrating our independence from Great Britain, is upon us. Our

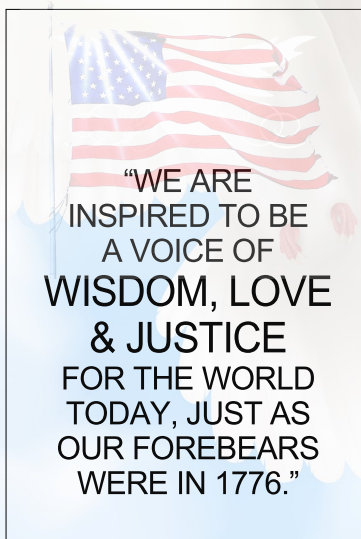
ancestors, the colonists, were at their tipping point when they signed the Declaration of Independence. They didn't feel that remaining a part of the British empire was in their best interests.

Our independence would be an inspiration to the world to reach for democracy.

The word, "inspiration," comes from the Latin, *inspiratio*, and means "divine guidance." I think that we were inspired to become independent. And, furthermore, I think we are inspired to be a voice of wisdom, love and justice for the world today, just as our forebears were in 1776. But

how can we do that, how can the world hear our voice, and be inspired, if our voice is muffled by violence, bigotry and intolerance?

"Let freedom ring!" whether in song or speech, is an expression of our desire to not only show, but to be love. The Liberty Bell is a symbol of





“LET FREEDOM RING!”

“THE LIBERTY BELL IS A SYMBOL OF HOW THE SPIRIT OF GOD INSPIRES US TO BE MORE JUST AND LOVING. THE RINGING OF THE BELL IS A CALL TO ACTION!”

how the Spirit of God inspires us to be more just and loving. The ringing of the bell is a call to action! I hope and pray that we won't let this season of independence pass without hearing the bell of liberty calling us to love.

The disciples had no idea of what would be in store for them later that night. They were confused by Jesus' words, because they couldn't imagine a world without him. It was too hard, at first, for them to grasp what Jesus meant when he said he wouldn't always be with them, but that he would give them the Spirit. They were not awakened by a bell that night, but by troops sent to arrest Jesus. Rather than a bell resonating the sounds of freedom, the disciples only saw and heard a kiss. It would be seven weeks later, as the disciples gathered to celebrate the Jewish holyday of

Pentecost, that the Spirit would arrive in dramatic fashion. In some ways, Pentecost is our Independence Day. We share the gospel of Christ with the world, in every language, so that freedom in Christ may reign! That same Spirit is with us today.

May we be inspired to celebrate our independence from injustice, intolerance, hatred, bigotry and violence! May freedom and justice ring! May the freedom in Christ heal our wounded world.

Happy July 4th! And Happy Pentecost!

Remember, you are loved!

Rev. Chris Buckner-Taylor

Pastor Chris





JULY SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

7/3 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

7/10 Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I

will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

7/17 Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

7/24 Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

7/31 Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."



A Message from our Council President

Greetings St. Peter's!

Thank you to everyone for all of your work and support of St. Peter's.

Council continues to work to find ways to strengthen the church through good stewardship of our resources.

- The Finance Committee has evaluated our costs and income and is making recommendations.
- We are limiting the use of AC to days of extreme heat and humidity. Apparently the sanctuary was quite comfortable during the

June 12 Sunday service: a swallow found its way in and stayed until the Pastoral prayer began!

- Our volunteer garden club has done a magnificent job of beautifying the church property with love and care through regular weeding and transplanting. We look forward to outdoor services in this bucolic setting.
- And our parsonage has become a welcome haven for a Ukrainian refugee family with church members and the community at-large stepping up to support these people in need.

These are just a few visible examples of our congregation working together for the greater good. There are many more "hidden" efforts that go on behind the scenes—and you are all appreciated for your hard work.

Together we are making a difference!

Mary-K Kirsch
Council President



Yoga on the Lawn at St. Peter's

Wednesdays from 8:30-9:45 AM

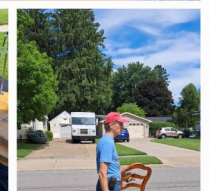
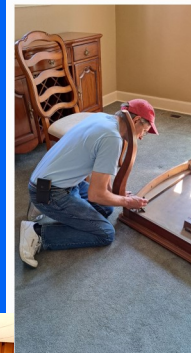
Please note that for the summer months our Wednesday morning Yoga Class will be held outside on the lawn, weather permitting, in the front of the church. Please arrive by 8:20 AM.

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.



Ukrainian Progress Report

Our Ukrainian family, the Kobiakov's, are getting settled into our parsonage and becoming more comfortable with being in Amherst. **They are very appreciative of all we have done for them.** The Amherst Police Department is working on getting bicycles for the boys and a benefactor has given the family gift cards for clothing. At this time their needs have been met and they know we are here for them. Sunday, June 19th, they attended our church service, and those there had an opportunity to meet them. To all of you who donated items and/or labor by preparing the parsonage, I offer a "big" THANK YOU!

Linda

Thank you!



St. Peter's Preschool News



Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobylka



Ms. Stempowski

The Preschool class of 2021-2022 has successfully completed the school year. Everyone is looking forward to a fun and relaxing summer. The children are also hoping for less rain, and lots more sunshine!

This year was so much fun. We went on several field trips and even had our Christmas Program that included 2 guests. We ended the year with a class picnic on the church lawn. The children sang a few songs and received their end of the year folder and a gift. We will miss our little ones as they move on to the next class or Kindergarten. We are also looking forward to all the new students that are registered for the coming school year.

During the summer, the staff will be looking for some new, fun filled ideas for the next school year.

Many of the parents are looking forward to sending their child to this year's VBS. Everyone can hardly wait!

The staff would also like to thank you for your support at our **Dine to Donate** at Soul on Fire Pizza fundraiser night. We always enjoy a night off from cooking.

The preschool is almost filled up. We have only a few spots left! We have started a waiting list for parents interested in attending our morning preschool program in the fall. If you or anyone else is interested in our preschool or being put on the waiting list, please call the school at (440) 985-1972. Thank you for spreading the word about our wonderful school!

Have a blessed and safe summer!

See you in the fall.

The Preschool Staff

Christian Education Update: Sunday School Breaks for Summer!

REMINDER

We now 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.



Circle Six June Meeting

Fun had on the Mystic Belle Cruise

Circle Six ladies had such an enjoyable time cruising on the Mystic Belle! Please note, there will be no meetings through the summer months, but will return in the fall for our September meeting.

Enjoy your summer, Sally Readinger, President



DONATIONS NEEDED

Hospice of the Western Reserve Warehouse Sales

We are looking for additional items to be donated for our next sale. Items needed include furniture, housewares, domestics, collectables, framed artwork, seasonal items, and fine & costume jewelry. Items are accepted up until two weeks before a sale. The sales are held at Hospice of the Western Reserve Headquarters, 17876 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44110. Proceeds support patients and families of Hospice of the Western Reserve. Please contact us at **216-255-9090**. And, mark **September 17-18, 2022** on your calendars.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hospice of the Western Reserve

Consider becoming a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer. Volunteers are needed to serve patients at the Hospice Houses, in their own homes, and area nursing homes/assisted living facilities. There are many virtual and face-to-face opportunities. Virtual training series are held every month for new volunteers. Prospective volunteers may register for training once prerequisites are met. For more information, contact us at **216-255-9090** or fill out an online application at hospicewr.org/volunteer.



2022 DATES:

Saturday, February 26 and Sunday, February 27

Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22

Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18

Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Sundays 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.



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NO PERSONAL SHOPPING CONTAINERS ALLOWED

**Proceeds benefit the patients and families
of Hospice of the Western Reserve.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEART OF HOSPICE!
VISIT [HOSPICEWR.ORG/VOLUNTEER](https://hospicewr.org/volunteer) FOR OPPORTUNITIES.

216.255.9090 | hospicewr.org/warehouse

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 27, 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	E	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: Geoff and Linda Gatz, Lynn Hollstein, Jessie Kubuske, Katie Leonard, Sharon and Gary Thompson, Al Murphy

The meeting was opened at 7:02 pm with a prayer by Pastor Chris. Mary-K Kirsch, President, called the business meeting to order.

Preschool Fund-Raising Account

Katie Leonard, President of the Preschool Board, spoke to the Council about the Fund-Raising account that the preschool currently has. Katie requested that a separate account be set up under the preschool budget, which contains monies from fund-raising activities. Currently, the funds are carried on St. Peter's budget and the preschool is requesting a transfer of this account, or a portion of the balance, to the preschool's budget so that authorized preschool personnel may access these funds via debit card or other means to cover miscellaneous expenses, etc. Katie noted that the preschool would be willing to start with a \$3,000 Fund-Raising account balance for preschool use per existing restrictions. Sally Readinger noted that there should be a review of checks and balances for use of this new fund. Pastor Chris commented that he did not have a problem with a separate fund-raising account within the preschool budget and suggested that the Budget Committee discuss the issue to ensure that all checks and balances and procedures are in place. Once that has taken place, Pastor Chris, Sally, and Lauri will discuss how the Fund-Raising account will be set up for use with appropriate preschool personnel. Katie noted that she had yet to talk to Wendy about the proposed printer expenses for inclusion in the preschool budget.

Treasurer's Report

May 2022

Pass-Through payments needing approval:

Veterans Ukraine	
Veterans of the Cross	
NIN	
Big Brothers	
OGHS Endowment	
OGHS	
Daniel Jacky	\$150.00
OCWM *	\$105.00
	\$255.00

*Our Church's Wider Mission

General Fund Summary

	May 22	May 21	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	YTD CHG
Offerings Cash/Check	11,752.00	13,026.00	56,574.54	52,235.00	4,339.54
Offerings Breeze	1,890.00	1,445.00	7,612.00	7,320.00	292.00
Offerings PayPal	0.00	20.00	205.00	1,415.00	(1,210.00)
Transfer to General	1,770.00	1,450.00	9,700.00	7,250.00	2,450.00
PPP Loan					
Forgiveness/EIDL	0.00	19,804.82	0.00	19,804.82	(19,804.82)
Blessings from					
the Saints	3,476.01	(17,065.51)	30,440.23	26,789.27	(3,650.96)
Expenses	(18,888.01)	(18,680.31)	(104,531.77)	(114,814.09)	10,282.32
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(7,301.92)

Full report available in the church office.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PASS THROUGH PAYMENTS FOR \$255.00. IT WAS SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Chris reported that the third Sunday in July, August, and September will be an outdoor service. Also, the service held this past Sunday at the Brownhelm UCC and the picnic afterward went well.

Pastor Chris reported that the budget committee is looking at proposing a 50% charge back to the preschool for use of the church's copy machine. The preschool uses the copier more than any other group and Pastor Chris suggested that those charges be shared by the preschool. He suggested that the budget committee review other expenses in the budget. Further, he would like to have the budget completed in July or August so the results may be reviewed by all affected parties, that changes are included in the preschool budget, and, finally, an earlier presentation of the budget to Council. For the Trustees, Geoff Gatz stated he was responsible for the contracts for trash, the copier, and floor mats. The Budget Committee is made up of Pastor Chris, Lauri Hubach, Sally

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Readerger, Geoff Gatz, Becky Woods, and Mary-K Kirsch.

The Financial Committee has been disbanded since their work has been completed. Mary-K thanked all who have been volunteering and diligently working on committees. Other committees still working on issues are the By-Laws Committee, Nominating Committee, and Spiritual Life Committee.

Financial Secretary Report

Becky Woods gave the Financial Secretary's Report. Offerings for the month of May were \$13,613.44, which was the highest monthly amount for offerings, for the first five months of 2022. Offerings totaled \$60,402.83 for YTD 2022.

Spiritual Life and Compassionate Care

The Spiritual Life Committee continues to make visits.

Joan Whitman is now the Chairperson of the Compassionate Care Committee. A question was raised concerning changing the name of the Helpful Tuesday Fund account to the Compassionate Care Fund to more closely identify with the group it supports.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO CHANGE THE HELPFUL TUESDAY FUND ACCOUNT TO THE COMPASSIONATE CARE FUND ACCOUNT. IT WAS SECONDED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO TRANSFER LEFTOVER FUNDS IN THE HELPFUL TUESDAY FUND ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND. IT WAS SECONDED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Lauri Hubach raised a question concerning donations received for support of the Ukraine family living in the parsonage. What should the account be named and at whose discretion would the funds be used? Currently, Linda Gatz is serving as the liaison to the Ukraine family.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO SET UP AN ACCOUNT NAMED "REFUGEE FUND," FUNDS WOULD BE USED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LIAISON FOR THE FAMILY, AND AT THE END OF THE USE OF THE PARSONAGE FOR A REFUGEE FAMILY, REMAINING FUNDS WOULD REVERT BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

Altar Guild

Lynn Hollstein reported that we will begin to use our own filled containers for communion, as we have nearly exhausted the prefilled juice and wafer containers.

Ushers

Alan Murphy was not available for comment.

Tech Team

Mary-K proposed written instructions or manuals be developed to cover the use of the Tech equipment, which will assist operators when Tech team members are not available.

Garden Team

Sue Conkle reported that the group has been pulling weeds, and she noted that everyone should notice the blooming flowers in the front of the Church. Also, there is a beautiful blooming cactus in the garden established in Pastor Bev's name.

By-Laws Committee

Shelley Harmych and Sharon Thompson are the By-Laws committee. Items, on which they have been working, will be presented to Council at the July meeting.

Church Rummage Sale

Jessie Kubuske reported that she has been working with the preschool for a rummage sale for the preschool parents. Tables will be available for preschool parents to rent and sell their items.

Mary-K stated that she will put together an exploratory committee for an all-church rummage sale.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN. IT WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

Pastor Chris gave the closing prayer. The meeting ended at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cherry
Council Secretary

JULY EVENTS

July 3 Communion Sunday
 July 4 Office Closed Independence Day
 July 7 Compassionate Care 10:30 a.m.
 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:00 PM
July 14 Central Village Worship 11 a.m.
 Trustees Meeting 6 p.m. Zoom
July 17 Outdoor Worship Service 10 a.m.
 July 18 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Zoom
 July 20 Clergy Meeting Brownhelm 11:30 a.m.
 July 24 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 has started another outreach! Someone from Central Village contacted St. Peter's to see if he would be willing to perform a short "monthly" Worship Service 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.

Lost & Found



While cleaning the Parsonage, Sue Conkle found a 14K gold ring in one of the bedrooms in the corner on the carpet. There's an inscription date of 7-31-37 and the initials EFO & MPO.

We have placed the ring in the safe. If anyone thinks this may be their ring, and have sentimental value, please call the church at **(440) 988-4965**.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



"MAY HE GRANT YOU YOUR HEART'S DESIRE
 AND FULFILL ALL YOUR PLANS!"

P S A L M 2 0 : 4

Karen Geduldig.....July 06	Teri Walter.....July 22
Karen Norton.....July 10	Gary ThompsonJuly 23
Diane BarnumJuly 18	Wendy KosakowskiJuly 26
Erin LinkJuly 19	Maxine Miller.....July 29

FAMILY FUN JULY EVENTS

Bruce Springsteen Tribute
 with The Asbury Allstars
 July 1, Black River Landing,
 Lorain

Freedom Festival and Fire-
 works, Victory Park, North
 Ridgeville, Sunday, July 3, .
 Gates open at 5 PM

Chocolate and Wine Walk,
 5495 Liberty Ave., Vermilion,
 July 24, 12-4 PM. This events
 Theme is Christmas in July.



It's Summertime & that means OUTDOOR WORSHIP!

Last year Pastor Chris and Council decided to do an outdoor worship service the 3rd Sunday of the month.

We will continue with this tradition this summer also! Chairs will be set up, but feel free to bring your chair, if that would be more comfortable for you. The following Sundays will be an outdoor worship service, weather permitting . We hope everyone can join us for worship & fellowship!

July 17 | August 21 | September 18 | October 16



In June,
we collected
115
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 is July 7 at 10:30 AM

Just a reminder that **Joan Whitman** is the new the team leader for Compassionate Care Team. She can be reached at **(440) 320-8923** or email **rwhitman1@oh.rr.com**. Thank you.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please keep the following people
in your prayers:

Karin Andy	Valentino Dziak	May Poor
Judy Baker	Don Flock	Serita Reyes
Lois Barnes	Jay Gatz	Janet Siron
Walter Beale	Ruth Kossow	Sherry Spratt
Luena Beale	Jean Marsh	Mary Ann Sterna
Roger Becker	Tom McKinley	Don Swift
Richard Berry	Bev Mischka	Jean Swift
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