

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.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

H A P P Y
Thanksgiving

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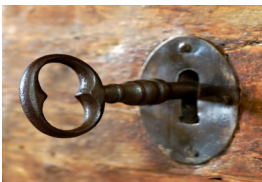
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— MATTHEW 16:18-19

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"THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING THE GLORY OF GOD!"

Pastoral Ponderings

From the desk of
PASTOR CHRIS

You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
the valleys deck themselves with grain;
they shout and sing together for joy.

PSALM 65:9-13 NRSV

As I write and reflect on my message for this month of Thanksgiving, I do so during the glory of fall. The fall colors are bursting with beauty and joy for all to enjoy. How can anyone, who experiences this explosion of color, not be filled with gratitude? ***"The heavens are telling the glory of God!"*** Sadly, though, there are many who may enjoy this time of fall: all the colors, the pumpkins, apple picking, and "Halloweening," but don't really express, or even believe, that it all comes from God.

In addition to being our **Stewardship month**, November is intended to be a reminder for all of us to properly express our gratitude for the bounty that God provides. Even though our land is rich; our fields flourish, our rivers flow and we live in a place of prosperity, there are still many who suffer from scarcity. Gratitude is free of cost—it doesn't matter whether your rich or poor, it is a state of being aware of the abundance around us. In other words, even though some may lack in financial



**“WE CAN RISE AND WHINE,
OR WE CAN RISE AND SHINE!”**

THE CHOICE IS OURS.

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security, they may still find happiness and gratitude for the beauty of the earth.

Thanksgiving is important for all of us, whether we gather around a festival table with friends and family, or feast alone in the knowledge that we are never alone with God. Gratitude is a choice. We can choose to be grateful or not. As a friend of mine says, **“We can rise and whine, or we can rise and shine!”** The choice is ours.

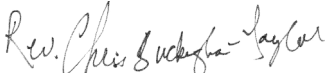
For me, I choose to be grateful for the abundance God has supplied. This applies not only to my home life, but also to our shared life at St. Peter’s UCC. **St. Peter’s UCC is rising to shine!** The past is behind us, and like the people who followed Moses in the wilderness, we must not look to see what we left behind, but our eyes must look forward for the joy that awaits us.

We are on a faith journey together, and I am grateful for your company. We have a glorious opportunity on **November 20th**, to not only offer God our Thanksgiving, but to also demonstrate our thankfulness **by offering up our pledges for consecration for the coming year—2023**. We will celebrate what God has done for us by offering up our gifts of **time, talent and service** for the glory of God.

A great practice for all of us, as we prepare for the coming year, is to write down a list of the things for which we are grateful, and for which we are looking forward to in faith. There is so much around us for which to be grateful, and the future is filled with possibilities.

May God continue to fill our lives with the bounty of heaven, and may we be filled with thanks.

Remember, you are loved!



Pastor Chris

November Sermon Scriptures on page 4:

11/6– 2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17 11/13– Isaiah 65:17-25 11/20– Luke 8:22-25 11/27–Matthew 24:36-44





NOVEMBER SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

11/6 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

11/13 Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the

days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

11/20 Luke 8:22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, “Where is your faith?” They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”

11/27 Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.



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CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Thank you to our walkers and donors!

St. Peter's walkers this year were Pastor Chris, Mary-K Kirsch, Cindy and Ken Bring, their children and grandchildren, and Sarah & Jocelyn Fleeman and Sarah's father.



Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 35 countries. In many developing nations, people could walk up to six miles a day to get food and water. One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. We walk to show solidarity. From its birth in 1969, Walks have grown in more than 500 communities throughout the U.S. The CROP Hunger Walk is the only nationwide Walk.

WE MUST RE-GRASP THE IDEA OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AS BEING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BODY OF CHRIST AND AS THE BIGGEST HONOUR WHICH CAN COME MAN'S WAY IN THIS WORLD. —David Lloyd-Jones

Save the Date!

December 4th *after worship*

On Sunday, December 4th we will be having a **"Pot Luck" meal** together in Fellowship Hall following the service. It will be a wonderful way to begin the Holiday Season. The **Kobiakov family** will be joining us and this is when you can each present them with the ornament you have for their Christmas Tree. As a church family we will also present Nataliia with her quilt. So please save the date, plan the dish you wish to share, and come and fellowship with us.

Blessings to you all!
Linda



Advent 2022

Starts November 27th

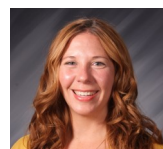
The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the church's year. Advent and Christmas focus both on the past—the coming of Jesus as an infant born into poverty in Bethlehem, and the future—the coming of Christ in glory to fulfill God's loving purposes for humanity. Advent this year comes at a time of anxiety and hope. It's not easy to hope when times are bad. Mary, as she waited for the birth of her child into an uncertain world, knew how to live with hope—to believe the promises of God. So Advent is a time when we wait, with Mary, for the birth of new life into a world living in the shadows of death.



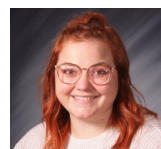
Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobylka



Ms. Stempowski

NOVEMBER

The best possible introduction for children to the world of learning.

Our goal is to encourage and instill in children a joy of learning, and a love for God and his creation.

November is the month where the leaves are falling off the trees and everyone is dreaming of turkey and parades. With that in mind, the students at preschool are busy getting ready for Thanksgiving.

This month we will work on the letters Hh, Tt, rectangle, the number 1 and the color brown. On

November 21 and 22, there will be a **Thanksgiving Sharing Party** with the children. The children will learn about the importance of sharing and giving to others.

For our **first mission project** we will be collecting gift cards for the Ukraine family in the parsonage and other families in

need in our area.

This is the time of year when we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have family, friends, and food on the table.

Sincerely,
Wendy Kosakowski, Director

The Preschool Staff would like to wish everyone a Wonderful and Safe Thanksgiving!



Sunday School Noisy Collection

November's Noisy Collection will be used to buy **Christmas dinners** for local families that may not be able to afford one. There will be baskets again in front of the pulpit and lectern for other donations. They might include:

CANNED VEGETABLES
BOXED SCALLOPED POTATOES
CAKE MIXES AND FROSTING
OTHER NON PERISHABLES THAT MAY BE
GOOD FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sincerely,
Jessie Kubuske,
Director of Christian Education



YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Our Wednesday morning, and Thursday evening class will meet in the lower level of St. Peter's Church. Please arrive by 8:25 a.m. for the morning class, and by 5:55 p.m. for the evening class. Enter through the door by the Chapel.

"YOGA with Mary-K" is for anyone who needs lengthening, stretching and loosening as we target the fascia, connective tissue and joints to develop strength and restore flexibility. Bring your own mat, a water bottle and wear comfortable clothes.

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, Nov. 1 at 6:00 PM

Sandstone Candle Works



Circle Six will hold it's next meeting on Tuesday, November 1 at Sandstone Candle Works, 166 Park Avenue, Amherst @ 6:00pm. Please bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Circle Six will pay \$5.00 towards each member's purchase. It's a great time to get some Christmas shopping completed.

Circle Six Pumpkin Roll Sale

Baking Friday Nov. 4 & 11. Pickup Sunday Nov. 6 or 13.

It's that time of year again when Circle Six will be baking their delicious pumpkin rolls. If you haven't put your order in yet, please do so as soon as possible. We will be baking on Friday, November 4th and November 11th. The number of pumpkin rolls available for purchase will be limited and orders MUST be received prior to baking and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Please please please take care when filling out your order form so there are no questions and be sure you know in advance how many you'll need. They will be wrapped for the freezer and ready for pick-up on Sunday, Nov. 6th or 13th.

Thank you, Sally Readinger, President



A Message from our Council President

Hello Friends!

As we watch the last vestiges of summer recede, we are preparing for a busy season in the church at large and in our church.

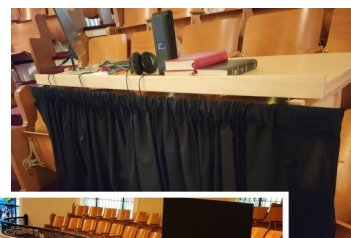
November 20th our Annual Meeting will be held immediately following Sunday worship, where we present the new slate of council members to be voted on to serve in the upcoming year.

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank all current members of church council for their diligent and selfless work over this past year (and in many cases over several years). Without the commitment to

our church, St. Peters would simply be a building that provides a Sunday worship service.

But we, St. Peters, are so much more: a loving supportive congregation, not perfect, but ever striving to be examples of Christ's living love. We are a diverse group of people who come together for the ONE GOAL: share the good news by our words, our work and our actions. Let us continue to move forward with unity as we care for us and others in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Mary-K Kirsch
Council President



A special thanks to Team Gatz who addressed the Tech Team needs by building a custom table for our computer equipment. Not only is it functional, it is also beautiful - from the wood craftsmanship to the cover curtain that hides the electrical cords! Thanks, again, Geoff and Linda!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

ATTENDEES:

"When a leader in the Church inspires council members with vision, he helps them focus on their real mission so that they are ministering to people rather than merely administering programs." — M. Russell Ballard

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

Visitors: Lynn Hollstein, Geoff and Linda Gatz | The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with a prayer by Pastor Chris. Mary-K Kirsch, President, called the business meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report

Pass-Through payments needing approval:

Payable To: For:

OCWM* \$105.00
Total \$105.00

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

SALLY READINGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PASS-THROUGH PAYMENTS TOTALING \$105.00 FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022. CHRISTINE BURMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED.

General Fund Summary

	Sept 22	Sept 21	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	YTD CHG
Offerings Cash/Check	9,326.00	8,895.02	96,303.54	87,912.41	8,391.13
Offerings Breeze	400.00	1,623.00	13,538.00	13,677.99	(139.99)
Offerings PayPal	0.00	0.00	205.00	1,415.00	(1,210.00)
Transfer to General from Preschool	3,140.00	1,770.00	15,010.00	11,518.00	3,492.00
PPP Loan Forgiveness/EIDL	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,804.82	(19,804.82)
Blessings from the Saints	11,490.73	16,227.18	59,955.27	82,507.10	22,551.83
Expenses	(24,356.73)	(28,515.20)	(185,011.81)	(216,835.32)	31,823.51
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,103.66

Full report available in the church office.

Trustee Report

In attendance: Jim Kubuske, Don Krucek, Gary Thompson, Geoff Gatz, Edgar Vargas

Air conditioning has been installed in the preschool. Screens are stored in preschool storeroom.

Sharon Thompson reported that 2 people (Joan Whitman and Taylor Stumpkowski) have volunteered to be "event managers" in the event that neither Circle Six nor Trustees are available to monitor events in the Fellowship Hall.

Trustees voted to go ahead with fall check up from Geisel since it is part of our pre-paid maintenance.

Geoff reported that Born's price for snow removal is a good price since they actually get out of the truck and shovel walkways. \$217/push, which includes salt. If they come to just salt it is \$75.

The church received a donation of \$200 from the Wesley wedding. They used our parking lot for overflow parking for their backyard reception. It did not affect parking for the funeral in the morning.

Jim has called Callahan repeatedly to come fix the outside light that is on at the wrong times. No reply.

The Boy Scout Eagle court of honor on October 15 and reception after went smoothly. All was cleaned up after. There will be another Eagle court of honor on November 6.

Geoff, Gary and Linda scraped and repainted the windows to the front south-east door to basement. It is cleaned and usable. The northeast door is not usable at this time due to structural issues.

It was decided to get a 4 cubic yard receptacle from Republic services, as long as it has a lock. (there will be more than enough keys for the church groups to use it) Recycling bin will be removed. It will cost us about \$60 a month plus fees. They will remove trash every other week. If it is found that a 4 cubic yard bin is not big enough, they will revisit getting a 6 cubic yard. If we need extra pick ups it is \$50 per pick up.

Wendy (preschool) is working on a grant toward improvements to the church and preschool, and has asked for quotes to help her with the grant writing. They are planning on LED lights, touchless faucets, a new vanity in the nursery where the children wash their hands each morning, new stalls in the restroom and hall and classrooms painted. Edgar is bidding on these things, and there will be other bids submitted. Thank you Lauri Hubach for the heads up on this grant!

Geoff has had Stonehenge Restoration come and look at the facades below the windows of the preschool, and the foundation issues around the front steps. He is waiting on a bid. They will also be contacting the company that did the restoration on Central School for their input.

A question was asked by council about using the kitchen for a spaghetti dinner. As long as there is no grease it is ok to use. There is no fire suppression unit for emitting grease smoke to the outside. Trustees are curious if the church can do dinners for people outside the church, do they need the health department ok?

Boy Scouts will be coming on Monday, November 21 to put up the Christmas tree. 2 tree bags will be purchased before that time to replace the old cardboard boxes that are disintegrating. The tree is so large it needs two.

The trustees will set up a time at their next meeting to set up the outside lighted advent wreath before November 27.

Next meeting, Thursday, November 17.

Mary-K asked if there were any questions and if we would accept the Trustee Report. Tom Hollstein asked if we need a food inspection if we have community meals at the church. Mary-K suggested that the Trustee's check

to find the answer to the question that was raised. Consensus amongst the group was to accept the Trustee Report.

Pastor's Report

The annual congregational meeting will be held on November 20, 2022 after the church service. After the annual meeting, in Fellowship Hall there will be representatives from various church groups and members can review the programs and sign up to be part of the groups.

Pastor discussed options for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. It was decided that there will be a Saturday Christmas Eve evening service at 7:00 pm. There will be a 11:00 pm service at the Brownhelm UCC for those who wish to attend at that time. On Christmas day there will be a shared service (combined St. Peter's and Brownhelm UCC) at St. Peter's in Amherst. The following Sunday, January 1, 2023, there will be a live service at St. Peter's. All those present agreed to make this a live service.

A change to the By-Laws will be distributed to the membership incorporating the clarifying language for the role and duties of the Past President on Council, as listed below:

"The Past President shall be added as a voting member to Church Council for a one year term, with primary duty being Chair of Personnel Committee. The Past President would act as Chair of Church Council only when the President and or Vice-President are unable to lead or attend the Church Council meeting."

This change will be presented at the annual meeting for approval.

A motion was made to accept the change to the By-Laws to add the role of the Past President as follows: "The Past President shall be added as a voting member to Church Council for a one year term, with primary duty being Chair of Personnel Committee. The Past President would act as Chair of the Church Council only when the President and or Vice-President are unable to lead or attend the Church Council meeting." The motion was seconded and the motion passed.

President's Report

Mary-K reported that she is smoothly moving forward with all contacts.

Treasurer's Report

We reviewed a few minor changes to the budget and preschool budget. Sally reported that they (Sally and Lauri Hubach) had met with Wendy Kosakowski and her PTO President regarding a few changes to the preschool budget and to show the preschool budget as \$0 (fundraising vs. expenses) at the end of the 2022/2023 preschool year. We then discussed what process should be followed for preschool additional requests for funds. The consensus was if additional funds are needed, the preschool should submit their request to the Assistant Treasurer. Council will also appoint a council member to be the liaison between Council and the preschool. Mary-K will continue to attend preschool board meetings as liaison through the end of December 2022. Once the new Council is installed, a new person will be appointed.

Pastor Chris suggested that in 2024 the annual meeting to elect officers and council members be held in January and the annual budget be presented to the congregation at that time. Also, we discussed compiling a pro forma budget by June so that the church budget and preschool budget can be reconciled. At the

end of the discussion a consensus was reached to accept the presented budget reports.

Spiritual Life

The group recently had a meeting and each person on the committee is sending cards, taking gift bags, and telephoning members.

Altar Guild

Nothing new to report other than the Altar Guild still needs volunteers.

Ushers

Mary-K reported that Al Murphy had advised her that we have enough ushers at this time.

Tech Team

Mary-K stated that she was informed that when someone is speaking at the lectern the audio on electronic media is fine but if the walkabout microphone is used, the audio goes in and out. Mary-K will pass this issue on to Brian.

Garden Team

The problematic evergreen on the north side of the building was taken care of. Sue Conkle said there are still some areas that need to be cleaned out in the near future.

Nominating Committee

Christine reported that they have one new confirmed Trustee and one candidate for Secretary and also possibly another candidate. The committee has one nominee for Vice-President.

Reading of Announcements for November

Mary-K will ask Jessie Kubuske if she will be able to read the announcements for November.

Ukraine Family

Linda Gatz reported that she recently took the family shopping for winter clothes. She noted that November 13 is Hlib's birthday and suggested that we all send birthday cards to him. Linda stated that there will be a PotLuck dinner after the 12/04/22 church service. At that time, they will present Nataliia with her quilt and Linda reminded each attendee to bring an ornament of theirs for the Ukraine family's tree. Linda will also purchase the tablecloths, plates, and utensils.

Miscellaneous

Geoff Gatz reported that during the annual maintenance for the boiler in the preschool there was a broken part and replacement would cost \$680 (approx.) Geoff will check with D & M to ask for a bid on a maintenance contract. Geoff also made a bridge for the organist to get to the organ, installed a light for the organist, and he will contact Shelley and Brian to see how to clear up the choir loft.

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

Pastor Chris gave a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cherry
Council Secretary



Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

Join us by sponsoring a veterans' wreath at a cemetery near you, volunteering or donating to a local sponsorship group.

If you are interested in either purchasing a wreath for a veteran, or if you would like to volunteer to help place wreaths on graves, please **contact Jessie Kubuske**, either by calling the church office at **440-988-4965** or emailing at **dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org**.

Wreaths may be purchased by check or by going online to: **<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>**

Jessie Kubuske
Director of Christian Education

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Nov. 1 Circle Six Meeting 6 p.m.
- Nov. 2 Confirmation Class 6-7 p.m.
- Nov. 3 Compassionate Care 10:30 a.m.
- Nov. 6 Communion Sunday 10 a.m.
Boy Scouts COH 12 p.m. FH
- Nov. 9 Confirmation Class 6-7 p.m.
- Nov. 10 Men's Fellowship Breakfast**
9:30 a.m. Brownhelm UCC
- Nov. 16 Clergy Lunch Meeting 11:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class 6-7 p.m.
- Nov. 17 Trustees Meeting 6 p.m. Zoom
- Nov. 20 Consecration Sunday/Annual Mtg.
Hanging of the Greens after worship
- Nov. 21 Council Meeting 7 p.m. Zoom
- Nov. 23 No Confirmation Class
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed
- Nov. 27 Family Worship—Noisy Coin
1st Sunday in Advent
- Nov. 30 Confirmation Class 6-7 p.m.

Spiritual Life: 1-4:00 p.m., Mondays

Bible Study: 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Zoom

Breeze Chapel: 7-7:30 p.m., Wednesdays

Handbell Choir: 7 p.m., Thursdays

Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris

Panera at 7560 Oak Point Rd., Amherst
Wednesdays from 9-11:00 a.m.

YOGA with Mary-K, St. Peter's lower level
Wednesdays 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursdays 6:00-7:15 PM



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Nov. 10th at 9:30 AM

All men are invited to join us for our 2nd Thursday of the month breakfast at Brownhelm UCC. Our breakfast, prayer and short devotional, should conclude by 10:30 a.m. *Please contact Pastor Chris for more information.*



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Christine Burman	November 05
David Harmych.....	November 06
Brenda Charny	November 09
Roger Becker	November 10
Leah Woods	November 10
William Carpenter.....	November 13
Esther Moos.....	November 13
Phoebe Beal Porter	November 14
Jennifer Conkle	November 16
Richard Schieferstein	November 17
Barbara Wiley.....	November 19
Donald Flock	November 21
Danielle Dziak.....	November 23

Compassionate Care Meeting Nov. 3 at 10:30 AM

Joan Whitman, Team Leader | 440-320-8923 | rwhitman1@oh.rr.com

We meet the 1st Thursday of the month in the Fireside Room at 10:30 AM. Just a reminder, Joan Whitman is the Team Leader. If you have any questions regarding Compassionate Care, or would like to join our group please contact Joan. We would love to have you join us as we minister those in our church that need care.

Are you in need of Prayer?

Call Joan Whitman, contact person for the Prayer Team.

Please call Joan if you would like to be added or removed from **THE KEY** prayer list shown below. Also, if you want to keep your prayer request confidential, we can also add your name for our Prayer Team.



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Karin Andy	Ruth Kossow	Janet Siron
Judy Baker	Jean Marsh	Sherry Spratt
Lois Barnes	Tom McKinley	Mary Ann Sterna
Roger Becker	Bev Mischka	Don Swift
Richard Berry	Glenn Miskov	Jean Swift
Joyce Darakis	Audrey Montgomery	Elaine Thompson
Tudy Diaz	Darlene Mudrich	Edgar Vargas
Valentino Dziak	May Poor	Gloria Versace
Don Flock	Serita Reyes	Sue Smith



St. Peter's UCC

FOOD pantry

In October,
we collected
128
food items!

Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry has started the **Weekend Children's Backpack Program** (*last year the number doubled*). We cannot let any child go hungry if it is in our power. To the right are some suggestions that would be very helpful with this great need.

We will also still collect '**regular food items**' for families in addition to the Backpack Program. Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will ensure that all items are transported to Good Shepherd Baptist Food Bank.

Thank you to everyone who continually donates on behalf of St. Peter's! You are all **ROCKSTARS** of generosity!



THE WORST ENEMY OF HUNGER IS APATHY.

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



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

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

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

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