

**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.

**LOVE HIM & SERVE HIM**

## What does the Lord your God require of you?

October 2022

### THE KEY

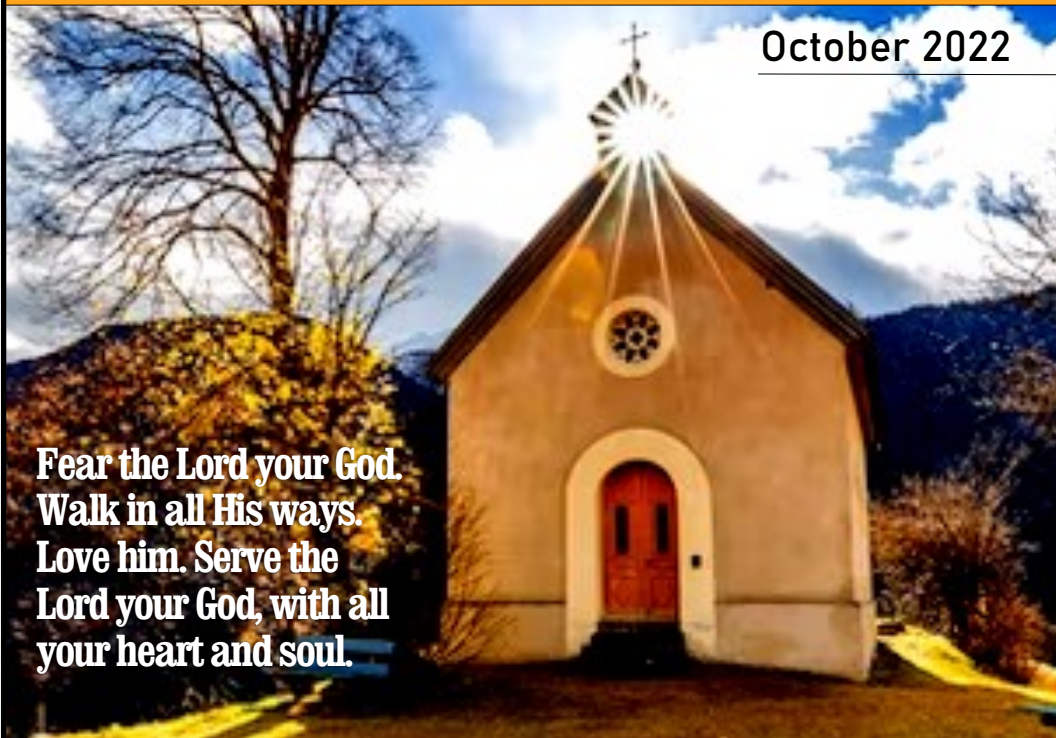
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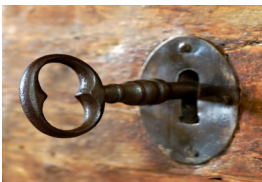
— MATTHEW 16:18-19

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**Walk in all His ways.**  
**Love him. Serve the**  
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## *Pastoral Ponderings*

From the desk of  
PASTOR CHRIS

## "WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS"



**W**ith the news and subsequent pageantry revolving around the death and burial of Queen Elizabeth in September, I have been contemplating her impact on us. Even though "Her Majesty" was not "Our" Majesty, she does leave us all a legacy of the value of "Duty!"

The original meaning of the word "duty" was to "give or receive," but it also means to "hold." Whatever you thought of Queen Elizabeth, I hope you are at least able to value that she put her duty to God and Country before all else. Her legacy is that of how to establish priorities. Most of us, including the Queen's own family, want to be the top priority. The unspoken thinking is—"Duty to Myself, first!" After all, if we don't take care of ourselves, then who will? By putting God and Country before herself, and her own interests, Queen Elizabeth embodied the idea of "Duty."

The text below from Deuteronomy asks us "**What does God require of you?**" In other words: What is our duty? We absolutely have a duty to ourselves to live with honor and integrity. As

Christians, we have a duty to love one another as Christ loved us." If married, you have a duty to honor and support your partner or spouse. If you are a parent, you have a duty to your children to provide shelter, love, protection and nurture. As an individual, you have a duty to take care of yourself, your family, friends and community, which includes our nation.

Jesus not only taught us about the love of God, but also how to

reprioritize our lives. Christ taught us through word and deed, to **put God first!** And one of the ways in which we put God first is to take care of the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Serving the

"So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul."

DEUTERONOMY 10:12





Queen Elizabeth II  
Her reign of 70 years and seven months  
1952-2022

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“WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS”

needs of the entire community is one of the ways we show our love and duty to God. What does God require of us?

I imagine that, as part of Queen Elizabeth’s prayer life, she asked herself—“What does God require of me today?” Her position as Monarch required different responses to that question than you or I. While we are all to put God first, how we do that depends on where we are in life. What God requires of all of us is faithfulness, to love God with all our heart and soul. How we do that, **how we demonstrate our love for God is different for all of us.** We all have different skills and abilities, and our positions in life provide us with unique opportunities to serve God.

Queen Elizabeth served God as the Monarch of Great Britain. You and I have different positions, we are not Kings and Queens, but our duty is the same. Whether Monarch or commoner, **our duty is to God and to the welfare of all our brothers and sisters in Christ.** Jesus taught us to serve and love one another as servants.

May we rediscover the power of our duty to God this October as we consider the ways in which God might use us in St. Peter’s UCC to spread God’s glory. Our **Nominating Committee may be presenting you with an opportunity to serve** and love God with all your heart and soul, by serving on a committee that you may not have considered before. In the end, our purpose is the same—to love and serve God with our whole being.

Duty, to give and to receive. May we give ourselves to the service of God and in doing so, may we receive the service of others.

***Remember, you are loved!***

*Rev. Chris Suchan-Taylor*

Pastor Chris

**October Sermon Scriptures on page 4:**

10/2– Luke 17:5-10    10/9–1 Luke 17:11-19    10/16– Luke 18:1-8    10/23– Luke 18:9-14    10/30– Luke 19:1-10





## OCTOBER SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

10/2 Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

10/9 Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

10/16 Luke 18:1-8

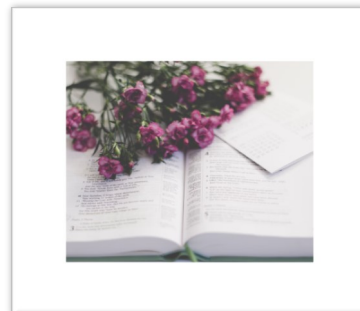
Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

10/23 Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

10/30 Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."



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



# CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 9 at 12:30 PM

*Please join us  
to help end hunger!*



## MEET

Meet at UCC Congregational  
990 State St. (Rte 60) in Vermilion.

## EAT

Start with a light lunch at 12:30 PM  
provided by UCC Congregational.



## WALK

Take a short walk to the beach  
Roundtrip about 1.8 miles.

Start with lunch ( sloppy joes, fruit, chips, canned pop or water), or join us at church at 12:30 to *just* walk. Or, if you want lunch and *only* a short walk, drive and park down by the beach & someone from the church will carpool you to join the lunch. Then your car will be down there and you'll have less than 1 mile to walk. Either way, we hope we have a good attendance!



*"I used to do Crop Walk as a teen,  
and now I got to share the fun  
with Leah, her friend Ella, and  
Mary-K's puppy Victor".*

—REBECCA WOODS  
2021 WALKER

1. Get your pledge form from the church office.
2. Get sponsors/donations.
3. Turn in pledges/form to Tom Jewell the day of the walk.

If you can't walk, that's okay, it just helps us relate to what people in developing nations do every day just for food and water. You can either sponsor/donate yourself, or you can try to get others to sponsor/donate to you.

***I will sponsor the first person who asks me. (Kaye)***

**25% of monies raised go to the Amherst Food Pantry at Good Shepard Baptist!**  
***Thank you for helping this community-led fundraising to END HUNGER!***

## Our Ukrainian Family Update

September has seen all three boys begin school. **Hlib** is continuing his university studies online with his friends and classmates in the Ukraine. **Lev** is in the 7th grade at Amherst Junior High School and is settling in. He especially likes his Life Skills class. **Kuzma** loves preschool and wakes up in the morning wanting to know when it's time to go.

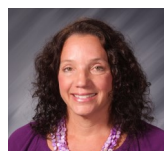
I realize that it's early, but I want you all to have time to consider what you would like to do, and I am hoping that you will all want to participate. I will be buying the Kobiakovs a **Pre-Lit Christmas Tree** from the congrega-



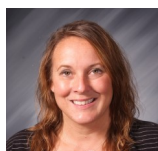
tion. This will be their first Christmas in the USA. I would like each of you to **consider giving them an ornament**, handmade or new, that represents you and/or your family. Please sign them so they know who they are from. We will be giving this to them after Thanksgiving.

Lastly, I want you to know that the Brownhelm U.C.C. has **stocked our chest freezer** for the family; mostly meat items, and of course, ice cream for Anton. I know we all appreciate their generosity.

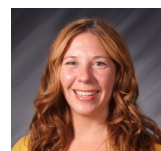
*Blessings and Prayers, Linda*



Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobylka



Ms. Stempowski

# OCTOBER

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

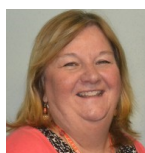
Our goal is to encourage and instill in children a joy of learning, and a love for God and his creation.

It is hard to believe that we have successfully finished the month of September. The children and staff are nicely adjusting. Everyone enjoyed the field trip to Miller's Apple Hill. The apples were very tasty! It was nice to visit with all the parents and grandparents that attended.

This month we will learn the shapes triangle and oval, the colors black, orange, brown. We will also introduce the letters Oo, and Hh, Gg, Pp, and Bb. Our second field trip will be to Schuster's Farm where the kids get to pick a pumpkin.

We are also looking forward to our... BOOOOOOOOO!!! Did I scare you??? Halloween Party at the end of the month. We will try hard not to scare anyone as the children parade around the preschool!

**Sincerely,**  
Wendy Kosakowski, Director



## Sunday School Update

Jessie Kubuske,  
Director of Christian Education

**Noisy Collection** from September and October will go towards buying our annual Thanksgiving Dinner baskets. In November we will announce and have a collection of food goods that you may also donate. *As always, thank you for everything you do!*



## Yoga at St. Peter's with Mary-K

Every Wednesday | 8:30-9:45 AM

Our Wednesday morning Yoga Class will now transition back to meeting in the lower lever of the church. Please arrive by 8:20 a.m. and enter through the door by the Chapel.

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

Bring your own mat, wear comfortable clothes, and be ready to loosen up those tight muscles and joints with a gentle, personalized approach to a healthy body.

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

Cost is \$10 per class.





# Circle Six Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 6:00 PM

## “Mission Project”

Circle Six will hold it's next meeting on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be making our Mission Project – blankets. Please bring your own boxed dinner and beverage.

*Thank you,* Sally Readinger, President

## The Church Needs Your help!

Are you looking for some way to help your church? When Circle Six is unavailable to do it, we are in need of an Event Monitor. You will *open* the church for the event, *watch* that people stay in rented area only, *answer* questions, and *lockup* when done. We are looking for 5-6 people so there are backups, but only 1 is needed at a time. **You will receive \$50.00 per event.**

If you are interested or have questions, please call Kaye in the office at **440-988-4965** or Sharon Thompson at **440-327-3447** or [sgthompson@windstream.net](mailto:sgthompson@windstream.net). Thank you for your help!



**"EVENT MONI-**



## Roses & Back-to-School!

Beautiful roses shared by Deb Makay, and Leah and Chuck Woods first day back-to-school pictures. And, we have Tanner Wasilk lighting candles. We wish you all a great school year and thanks for sharing photos!

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

## Sept. 19, 2022 Minutes

### ATTENDEES:

<b>President:</b> Mary-K Kirsch	X	<b>Pastor:</b> Chris Buckingham-Taylor	X
<b>Vice President:</b> Christine Burman	X	<b>Trustee:</b> Jim Kubuske	X
<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	X	<b>Congregational Rep:</b> Susan Conkle	X
<b>Past President Moderator:</b> Shelley Harmych	E	X= present; E=excused; A=absent	

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

### Treasurer's Report

The first item of business was to approve the pass-through payments totaling \$127.36 for August 2022.

Pass-Through payments needing approval:

#### **Payable To: For:**

OGHS	\$22.36
OCWM*	\$105.00
Total	\$127.36

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

**A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PASS-THROUGH PAYMENTS TOTALING \$127.36 FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022. THE MOTION PASSED.**

Lauri asked if there were any questions on the reports distributed. She stated that there were a couple of reductions in expenses and 2022 YTD offerings were up.

### General Fund Summary

	<u>Aug. 22</u>	<u>Aug. 21</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>	<u>YTD CHG</u>
Offerings Cash/Check	8,742.00	11,455.39	87,802.54	79,017.39	8,785.15
Offerings Breeze	781.00	1,389.99	11,293.00	12,054.99	(761.99)
Offerings PayPal	0.00	0.00	205.00	1,415.00	(1,210.00)
Transfer to General					
from Preschool	3,140.00	2,498.00	12,840.00	9,748.00	3,092.00
PPP Loan Forgiveness/EIDL	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,804.82	(19,804.82)
Blessings from the Saints	1,231.46	(1,355.72)	48,514.54	66,275.89	17,761.35
Expenses	(13,894.46)	(13,987.66)	(160,655.08)	(188,316.09)	27,661.01
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,522.70

Full report available in the church office.

### Trustee Report

Attendance: Pastor Chris Buckingham Taylor, Jim Kubuske, Gary Thompson, Don Krucek

Many thanks to Gary Thompson and his son for fixing the outside door to the elevator. It is not a permanent fix, but it is much better!

- Parking lot will be in use September 24. A neighbor is having a wedding reception at his home, and asked to use the parking lot for guests. He is making a donation to the church as payment.
- The Boy Scout Court of Honor was moved to October 9. Jessie Kubuske will act as the church's representative.
- Mary-K had several concerns, trustees are investigating.

- Arthur Diaz donated an upright piano to the church, and paid to have it moved. It was delivered and put in place on Tuesday, September 13. It was decided to order a plaque to put on the piano to recognize the donation. (Gold Star Trophies in Elyria)
- The cranks on some of the preschool windows were not working. 8 new cranks were purchased and 6 placed with 2 remaining. Parts for the church mower were also purchased at this time.
- Roof repair has been completed.
- Trustees Gary Thompson and Edgar Vargas moved furniture downstairs into the new 'Brides Room'.
- With the new piano in the Fireside room, choir can practice in there, so the trustees will begin using part of the choir room.
- The balcony table for the tech team was completed by Geoff Gatz and is in use.
- The Boy Scout Mum pick up in the parking lot on Tuesday, September 13 was completed and went smoothly.
- Trustees helping set up the outdoor service should be there around 9:20 on Sunday.
- Jim will contact Callahan electric about the outside light that is on at the wrong time.
- The preschool has purchased portable air conditioners for their rooms. They will vent out the windows using a plexiglass insert where the screen would be in one window. This will allow the window to close when air conditioner is not in use. Waiting on the plexiglass to be cut.
- Geoff and Linda Gatz and Gary Thompson cleaned up and made the south front door available for use.

### Next Meeting Thursday, October 13, 2022.

Jim Kubuske commented that the plexiglass for the preschool windows has been ordered to replace the window screens when the portable air conditioners are being used.

A discussion began about another grant that may be available for the preschool with additional improvements for the pre-school building that may also benefit the church. Mary-K said that a meeting with Wendy to discuss this second grant needs to happen. Pastor Chris said that we need to have a few people explore the possibilities of the grant, and if it is determined we should go forward, work on writing the grant in order to meet the November deadline for submission. Three council members



volunteered to work on the committee; a non-council member, who has experience writing grants, was also suggested.

### **Pastor's Report**

The last session on Radical Hospitality will be this Sunday (9/25/22). Pastor Chris will report on the recommendations of the group shortly after.

Pastor Chris would like to introduce prospective new members (Tom and Joanne Janas and William (Bill) Carpenter) this Sunday or in October. Kathryn Obenour has been having health issues and will probably not be able to make it to church at this time. On 9/22/22 Pastor Chris is going to a conference on drug use in Amherst. Thursday and Friday Pastor Chris will be attending the Heartland Conference via Zoom. On October 8, 2022, Pastor Chris will do pet blessings from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

Jean Marsh will be celebrating her 90th birthday on 10/08 /22, in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 to 4:30 pm. Please come by around 1:00 pm to wish her a happy birthday.

Pastor Chris will be having the last coffee hour at Arabica coffee shop this coming Wednesday, 9/21/22, as Arabica will be closing.

On 10/9/22 there will be a confirmation covenant signing. There will be two students. Confirmation instructions will begin on Wednesday, 10/12/22, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Pastor Chris will be attending Boundary Training on Zoom during the first week in October. October 17, 2022 will be a day off for Pastor Chris so the Council agreed to reschedule the October Council meeting for 10/24/22 at 7:00 pm.

**A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING TO OCTOBER 24, 2022. THE MOTION PASSED.**

### **Budget/Preschool**

Mary-K, Sally Readinger, and Lauri will be meeting with the preschool (Wendy and the Preschool Board President) on the 2023 budget at the next preschool meeting. They will go over in finer detail the year-to-year changes in the preschool budget this coming Monday.

### **Financial Secretary's Report**

Offerings for the month of August were \$9,889.71. This was down by \$3,722.22 from July 2022. Year-to-date offerings through August totaled \$94,889.71. The reduction in offerings in August was likely due to members on vacation.

### **Financial Team**

Mary-K reported that the 2023 budget is now complete.

### **Spiritual Life/Compassionate Care**

The committee will review the membership lists for voting at the Annual Congregation Meeting. A question arose as to whether electronic media (Zoom, Facebook) attendees would be allowed to vote. A consensus was reached by council members that those attending on Zoom and Facebook should be considered as part of church attendance for voting membership criteria.

### **Altar Guild**

Lynn Hollstein reported that Altar Guild will return to using the wine/juice and bread chalices for communion going forward.

### **Ushers Report**

There is nothing new to report.

### **Tech Team**

The table in the balcony made by Geoff Gatz has been completed and installed and the Tech Team thanks Geoff for his work.

### **Garden Team**

Sue Conkle and team gave a basket containing gardening tools to Nataliia, as she is tending the plants around the parsonage.

### **Rummage Sale**

The preschool felt the October date for the rummage sale be postponed until Spring as preschool parents felt they could not be ready for the October date.

### **St. Peter's Website**

Kaye Koler has volunteered to run the St. Peter's website. Lauri Hubach will train Kaye on website updating. Kaye will contact Kaye Oswald about the screen in the lobby and working with it.

### **Stewardship**

Pastor Chris said information will be sent out regarding Stewardship for 2023. He plans to celebrate stewardship on November 20, 2022 and thank everyone for their giving. We will also have our congregation's annual meeting on November 20, 2022 and a motion was made to establish this date.

**A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO HAVE THE ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022 AND TO CELEBRATE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP. THE MOTION PASSED.**

### **Miscellaneous**

Tom Hollstein suggested we should reestablish having a monthly meal, most likely a spaghetti dinner. We should think about this suggestion and discuss at a later meeting and along with an update on the conditions of the kitchen equipment.

It was questioned as to what was the status of the Nominating Committee, as a few members will be leaving council at the end of this year. Pastor Chris suggested that the committee be chaired by the Vice President, Christine Burman, with one person from the Spiritual Life Committee, a Trustee, and someone from one of the other working groups. Those suggested were Christine Burman, Judy McCurdy, and Stacy Gleason.

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

Pastor Chris gave the closing prayer. The meeting ended at 8:29 pm.

### **Respectfully submitted,**

Susan Cherry  
Council Secretary

# Behold!

Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you... James 5:4

## Neighbors in Need, UCC's annual offering—Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>

This offering supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. *Thank you for your support to NIN.*

### OCTOBER EVENTS

- Oct. 2 Communion Sunday 10 a.m.  
Neighbors in Need Offering
- Oct. 4 Circle Six Meeting 6 p.m.
- Oct. 6 Compassionate Care 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 8 Norma (Jean) Marsh 90th Celebration  
Fellowship Hall 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 9 Boy Scouts Court of Honor noon**  
**CROP HUNGER WALK 12:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 12 Confirmation Class 5-7
- Oct. 13 Men's Fellowship Breakfast**  
**9:30 a.m. Brownhelm UCC**  
Trustees Meeting 6 p.m. Zoom
- Oct. 17 Council Meeting 7 p.m. Zoom
- Oct. 19 Clergy Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- Oct. 23 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**

We will meet at **Panera** at 7560 Oak Point Rd., Amherst on Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.  
**Please stay tuned.** Arabica's has a new owner and will be opening a coffee shop in a few weeks.

Yoga with Mary-K: 8:30-9:45 AM  
Wednesdays at St. Peter's



### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

**All men are invited to join us** for our 2nd Thursday of the month at Brownhelm UCC. Pastor Chris will be cooking up some tasty pancakes. This will be approximately an hour, which will include breakfast, prayer and a short devotional, all of which should conclude by 10:30 a.m. They had 10 men at their first breakfast! We are looking forward to where this ministry will lead us in faith. *Contact Pastor Chris for more information.*



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Lynda Helyes .....	October 01
Linda Gatz .....	October 02
Rebecca Hubach .....	October 02
B. Sue Smith .....	October 03
Jean Martin .....	October 06
Luena Beale .....	October 07
Norma Marsh .....	October 10
Chris Buckingham-Taylor ...	October 12
Sandra Clark .....	October 16
Janet Siron .....	October 16
Patricia Knepper .....	October 19
Cynthia Bring .....	October 25
Vincent Emilio Nedina .....	October 25
Edna Berry .....	October 29



# Compassionate Care Meeting Oct. 6 at 10:30 AM

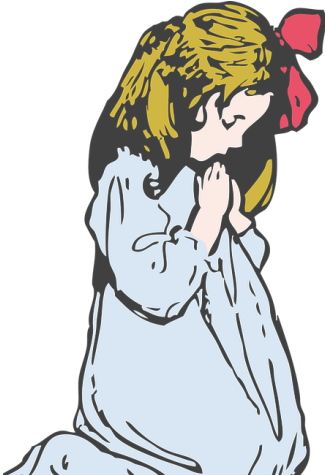
Joan Whitman, Team Leader | 440-320-8923 | rwhitman1@oh.rr.com

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  
Judy Baker  
Lois Barnes  
Roger Becker  
Richard Berry  
Joyce Darakis  
Tudy Diaz  
Valentino Dziak  
Don Flock  
Ruth Kossow

Jean Marsh  
Tom McKinley  
Bev Mischka  
Glenn Miskov  
Audrey Montgomery  
Darlene Mudrich  
May Poor  
Serita Reyes  
Janet Siron  
Sherry Spratt

Mary Ann Sterna  
Don Swift  
Jean Swift  
Elaine Thompson  
Edgar Vargas  
Gloria Versace  
Kathryn Obenour  
Sue Smith



St. Peter's UCC  
**FOOD**  
pantry

In September,  
we collected  
**124**  
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](#)



## ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.

*Afternoons available by appointment  
with Pastor Chris.*



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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](http://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.

### Executive Council

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Heather Nail, Teacher & Assistant Administrator		
Kerri Kobylka, Teacher		
Taylor Stempowski, Teacher's Aide		

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