

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.

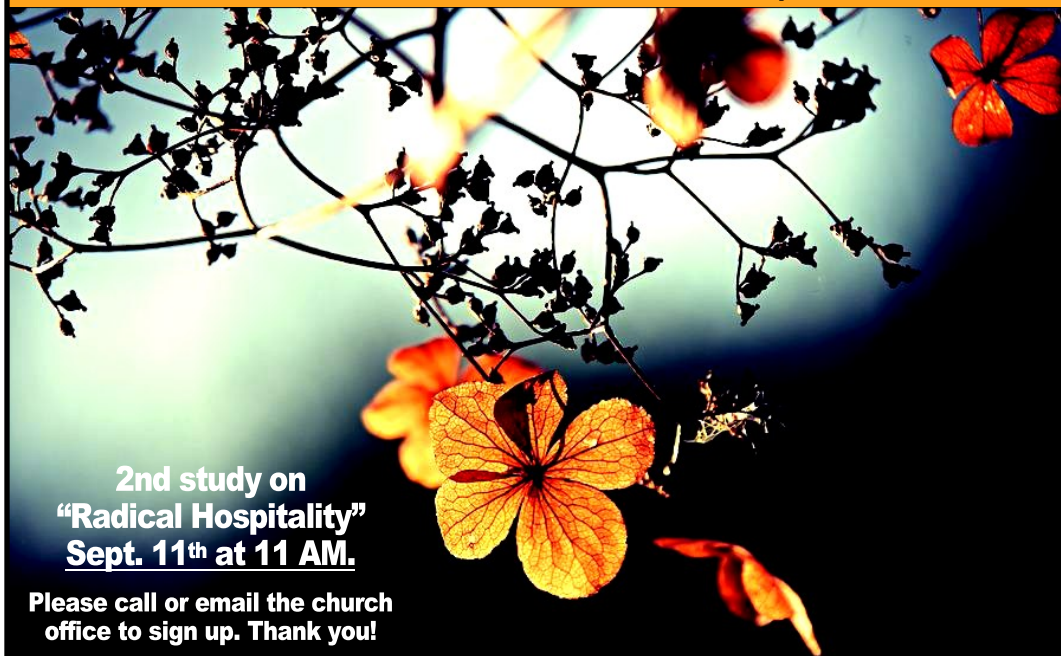
You are loved!

“What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

Matthew 8:27

September 2022

THE KEY



**2nd study on
“Radical Hospitality”
Sept. 11th at 11 AM.**

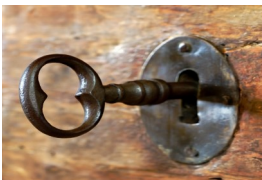
**Please call or email the church
office to sign up. Thank you!**

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— MATTHEW 16:18-19

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Pastoral Ponderings

From the desk of
PASTOR CHRIS

"FORWARD IN FAITH"

What a difference a year makes! We are entering our second September together at St. Peter's UCC, and I believe we are moving forward in the light of God. While I'm not going to get into the numbers here, I will say that when I arrived at St. Peter's UCC last year in June, it took me a few months to understand where we were, financially speaking. Our budget relied heavily on the use of endowment funds that were generously donated to the church over the past ten years, or so, in order to meet our spending needs. There is nothing wrong with using funds that were donated to St. Peter's in order to support our ministry, but those funds were—if spending were to remain commensurate with the budget—only going to last us another year or two. In 2022, with the faithful oversight of our Church Council, our Treasurer(s) and a Finance Committee, we were able to find effective ways to trim our budget without diminishing our ministry. That is why we are likely to be well under budget by the time this year concludes and our endowment funds, while significantly reduced over the years, are still intact.

Our **Stewardship Campaign for 2023**, "**Forward in Faith**," is based on Matthew 8: 23-27 ...

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

Our stewardship focus for 2023 is that we know that **we are not alone in this boat of faith! Christ is with us! Christ is at the center of our ministry at St. Peter's UCC!** Ministry is hard work and sometimes we get lost and overwhelmed by the storms—whether they be building needs that suddenly arise—like having to repair the roof, or things like that— or the losses of people through deaths or transitions, to name



WHERE ELSE WOULD WE RATHER BE THAN IN
THIS BOAT WITH CHRIST?

“IT’S BOAT TIME!”

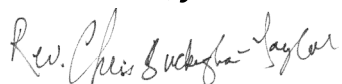
a few types of church storms. As we at St. Peter’s continue our journey of faith we will face more storms, but may we always remember that **we are a people of faith and Christ is with us!**

Because we know that Christ is with us at St. Peter’s UCC, we must cross this sea of faith together. We do that by sharing our gifts of time, talent and money. Your gifts, no matter how great or small, help us to navigate the waters of faith. As we have prepared a budget for 2023, based on data collected over the past few years that covers our giving patterns, we have faithfully worked out a budget that we believe is going to be balanced by the end of 2023! In doing so we are hoping to increase our endowment fund so that when the inevitable storm arrives, we can let Christ continue to sleep because we know he is with us, and we are a people of faith. Together, we will cross this sea in order to continue our ministry of sharing Christ’s love.

You will be receiving your Stewardship packet either in the mail or available for pickup at the church later this month.

What a difference a year makes! And what a difference we make when we work together and share our gifts of time, talent, and money to further Christ’s mission in all the world. **Where else would we rather be than in this boat with Christ?** As they say in Canada, “It’s a boat time!”

Remember, you are loved!



Pastor Chris

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations
Radical Hospitality, 3-part Study

Our 2nd study will be on **Sept. 11th** after worship and end by noon. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall with beverage and bagels. The 3rd series will be on **Sept. 25th**. Please call or email to sign up so we know how many to prepare for. *We hope you can join us!*

September Sermon Scriptures on page 4:

9/4–Philemon 1:1-21 9/11–1 Timothy 1:12-17 9/18–1 Timothy 2:1-7 9/25–Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15





SEPTEMBER SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

9/4 Philemon 1:1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

9/11 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

9/18 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

9/25 Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, “Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

LET'S END HUNGER - "CROP HUNGER WALK"

Sunday, October 9 | 11:30 PM

United Church of Christ Congregational in Vermilion is hosting this year's walk, starting with a **light lunch at 11:30 AM**, followed by a short walk around downtown Vermilion. Please join us!

Get your **pledge forms** from the church office, get sponsors/donations, and turn in to Tom Jewell the day of the walk. If you can't walk, that's not a problem. Walking 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 THE MONIES RAISED WILL GO DIRECTLY TO AMHERST FOOD PANTRY at GOOD SHEPHERD BAPTIST CHURCH!

Thank you for helping this community-led fundraising event to **END HUNGER** and by supporting U.S.-based hunger-fighting organizations.

What is the CROP Hunger Walk?

CROP Hunger Walks are community-led interfaith events that raise funds to end hunger locally AND around the world. Everyone is welcome to join!

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 and to bring awareness while raising funds for permanent change.

From its birth in 1969, CWS-sponsored CROP Hunger Walks have grown to include walkers of all ages, faiths and backgrounds in more than 500 communities throughout the U.S.

The CROP Hunger Walk is the only nationwide Walk that addresses hunger both locally and globally.



Why We Walk



Local

Partner with and support 1,600 local food banks and soup kitchens - Gather in solidarity with others in your own community to end hunger and poverty.



Global

Show solidarity with the millions who walk miles every day in search of food and water. Support individuals impacted by poverty and disaster through CWS.

The Impact

CROP Hunger Walkers raise more than **\$6 million** annually to bring help and hope to those who need it most.



PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY

Support 1,600 US-based hunger-fighting organizations



Water systems and increased access to safe drinking water



PHOTO: SHANLEY STUDIO

Tools and training to help families grow the food they need



Livestock to give families food security and economic stability

500 WALKS

107,000 HUNGER FIGHTERS
ALL WITH ONE GOAL:
BUILDING A WORLD
—WHERE THERE IS—

enough for all



Wendy Kosakowski



Heather Nail



Kerri Kobylka



Ms. Stempowski

SEPTEMBER

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

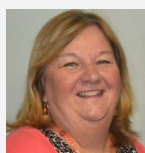
Pastor Chris begins singing with the children Mondays 11AM and Tuesdays 11AM & 1PM!

It is hard to believe that September is already here! The preschool staff is excited and ready to start the new school year! We have so many fun and exciting activities and field trips planned for the school year.

Our first field trip will be to Miller's Apple Hill to pick some apples. We look forward to the hayride and learning the fun facts about apples. This month the children will be learning about friendship and sharing. We will also learn the letters Aa, Zz the number 0, and the color red!

Please say a quick prayer for the staff, students and parents as we start out the year. It is so nice to have the love and support of the church on our side.

Sincerely,
Wendy Kosakowski, Director



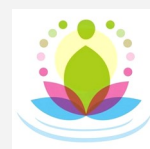
Sunday School is back!

Jessie Kubuske,
Director of Christian Education

Join us for our first session of Sunday School on Sunday, September 18! Hopefully that day will be an outdoor service, and we will dismiss the kiddos up to the classrooms, and have them back before the end of the service. The plan right now is to have **root beer floats** to celebrate! *(Hope we don't spoil their lunches!)*



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 on the Lawn at St. Peter's

Every Wednesday | 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.

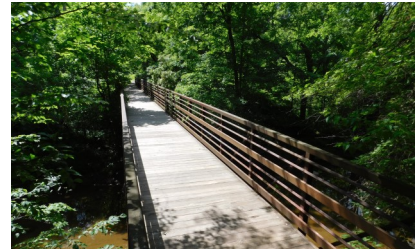
Cost is \$10 per class.

Circle Six Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 6:00 PM



Beaver Creek Reservation



Circle Six will hold its next meeting and picnic on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 PM at Beaver Creek Reservation. Bring a dish to share and bring a guest. There will be no program – just good food, conversation and fun!

Thank you, Sally Readinger, President

Music Announcement



Good news! Beginning on **September 4th, 2022**, we will enjoy the music of Dr. Allen Cadwallader as our church organist. Dr. Cadwallader studied Music Theory and Organ Performance (Emphasis on Sacred Music) at the acclaimed Eastman Conservatory, in Rochester, New York. Dr. Cadwallader taught at Oberlin Conservatory for the last few decades. He has an extensive background in church music and ministry, and we feel blessed to have his services, at least for the fall season. We'll share more about Allen Cadwallader as we near his arrival.

Amherst Historical Society Upcoming Event
1161 Milan Avenue, Amherst



PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Honoring Harry S. Truman

Saturday, Sept. 3

Appetizers and Cash Bar 5 PM, Truman presentations
5:30 PM, Dinner 6 PM, Swing City Big Band 7 PM
\$55/person - \$100/couple
\$45/member - \$80/member couple
Basket Raffle and 50/50 | Period Attire Encouraged

Reservations required by
August 22, 2022 at 440-988-7255

Amherst Historical Society Upcoming Event

A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER at SANDSTONE HALL

113 South Lake St.

Friday Oct 8 & Saturday Oct 9

each day at 6:00 pm

Tickets are: \$30 per person | \$25 per person
for AHS Members. Reservations are required along
with your choice of chicken or vegetarian meal.

Reservations required by
Oct. 1 at 440-988-7255

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

August 15, 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	X	Financial Secretary: Rebecca Woods	E
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, Sharon and Gary Thompson | The meeting opened at 7:01 pm with a prayer by Pastor Chris. Mary-K Kirsch, President, called the business meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report

July 2022

Pass-Through payments needing approval:

Payable to:

OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) \$105.00
\$105.00

Note: Pass-Through items are donations received for missions that we forward to the mission.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PASS-THROUGH PAYMENT OF \$105.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

General Fund Summary

	<u>July 22</u>	<u>July 21</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>	<u>YTD CHG</u>
Offerings Cash/Check	11,945.00	10,270.00	78,863.54	79,642.00	(778.46)
Offerings Breeze	1,540.00	0.00	10,709.00	0.00	10,709.00
Offerings PayPal	0.00	0.00	205.00	0.00	205.00
Transfer to General from Preschool	0.00	0.00	9,700.00	7,250.00	2,450.00
PPP Loan Forgiveness/EIDL	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,804.82	(19,804.82)
Blessings from the Saints	6,747.85	18,941.00	47,283.08	67,631.64	20,348.56
Expenses	(20,232.85)	(29,211.00)	(146,760.62)	(174,328.46)	27,567.84
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,697.12

Full report available in the church office.

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

Pastor's Report

Pastor Chris is planning the scripture readings for September in conjunction with Stewardship results this year. We should end 2022 with a smaller deficit. A men's group meeting in conjunction with Brownhelm UCC will be held on the first Thursday of each month (the first meeting will be on September 8, 2022) at The Nest in Vermilion at 9:00 am. Pastor Chris announced that the first class in the series for "Radical Hospitality" has been moved to August 28, 2022. Please contact the church office to sign up. Confirmation classes will begin in October. New members who will be joining the church are Larry Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Janis, and Kathryn Obenour. The nominating

committee will meet soon. Pastor Chris will be conducting a sing-along at the Brownhelm UCC church. Additional information will follow. The Oberlin student that Pastor Chris had been speaking with about being the organist advised him that she couldn't take the job since she did not have a car and had no means of transportation. Pastor Chris has been speaking to another organist who will be able to start in September but will be playing for "tips."

President's Report

Mary-K thanked everyone who works for the betterment of the Church.

Financial Secretary's Report

Offerings for the month of July 2022 were \$13,301.43.

Offerings for the year totaled \$85,310.50.

Spiritual Life and Compassionate Care Report

Pastor Chris asked that we continue to pray for Kay Obenour and Dick Pekare.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will continue to use the new covered cups for communion. There was some leaking with last month's cups but they will try another method to improve the sealing of cups.

Tech Team

Tom Hollstein reported on his training sessions with Mary-K as her back-up. Tom and Mary-K asked for a larger table that would fit over the front row balcony seats to provide a larger work space. Geoff Gatz will work on that request. Mary-K offered to provide the church with a nearly new computer to replace the old computer, which sits on the piano, used for Zoom. The old computer on the piano is very slow. Lauri indicated that there are funds available in the Library Fund for the purchase of a computer. A motion was made to purchase Mary-K's like-new computer for \$450.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Garden Team

Sue Conkle reported that they have a handle on the weeds. She will be getting the group together to work on fall preparations.

Ukraine Family Report

Linda Gatz updated the council on the Ukraine Family residing in the parsonage. Mary Miller donated a washing machine and a gas dryer. Linda and company will work on cleaning up the area around the washing machine and dryer before they are installed. Donation of a \$300 Visa card was made by Sally and Gary Glaze. Peggy Raesler donated clothes from her daughter to Nataliai. The fund provided \$200 for school supplies and backpacks for 2 of the boys. The Brownhelm UCC will "fill the freezer" that was given to them, since a washing machine had already been donated. Linda is still waiting to hear from the Brownhelm UCC on this. On Tuesday, 8/16/22, the work will begin on a quilt for Nataliai. On Thursday, 8/18/22, there's an event and dinner at Ariel Hotel in Lorain to commemorate Ukraine Independence Day (8/24) and raise money for Ukraine families. There is a \$50 ticket price. Linda would like to purchase a Christmas tree for the family and use funds from the refugee fund account. It was suggested that everyone in the congregation donate a Christmas ornament for the tree. Lauri Hubach indicated that the balance for the Refugee Fund at the end of July was \$2,113.73.

Trustee Report

Jim Kubuske reviewed the following report:

Trustees Meeting 8/11/22

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

Jim thanked Edgar for sanitizing the church at no cost.

Roof repair: It was decided to go with a roof repair for \$1500. (Silverton Enterprises) (Replacement would be \$38,600—but 2 of the companies said it would be fine with repair for several more years) Unanimous agreement on repair.

Fire Marshall will do inspection by next Friday (8/19/22).

Occupancy numbers for the entire building and individual rooms are finally in from city, Wendy has the number she needs for paperwork.

Preschool is receiving a grant to put air conditioning (just like in the sanctuary, etc.) in the preschool rooms. Unanimous ok from Trustees.

The Tech team has requested a few chairs in the balcony be removed to make more room for camera, etc. Geoff said they may do a table over the chairs instead. More investigation is needed with input from council.

Boy Scouts are having an Eagle Court of Honor on September 11, 12-4. Trustees need a church member to be present.

Boy Scouts will be distributing mums from the parking lot on September 13, 6-8 pm.

There is a work order to move furniture from Fellowship Hall into the old dance room in basement to be used as the "Bride's Room" for future weddings.

Sunday, August 21 is an outdoor service and trustees will need to be there around 9ish to set up chairs and tables for "lemonade on the lawn" and will need to clean up after.

Geisel will be making their semi-annual air conditioning/heating check-up on August 21.

The boilers passed state inspection.

Dumpster decision: No more recycling. 6 yard container will be \$57.64/month, an 8 yard container will be \$18 more per month. There will be a lock on the dumpster so it cannot be used by outsiders. If the container gets too full between scheduled pick up, they can come out again for an additional charge. Trustees are to investigate other dumpsters (library has a 6 yard) and make a decision next month.

Sump pump line: Geoff Gatz will pay to have the line replaced as he was worried about it being inclined slightly upwards, and that it might freeze. He will fill in after the repair.

There have been some calls about the outside light by the chapel being on at weird hours. Gary said that Callahan Electric needs to be called to come out and repair the photo sensor.

Stripping/waxing Fellowship Hall and surrounding areas. It was decided that Fellowship Hall was not needed at this time, but possibly the bathrooms and hallway, and asked for an estimate from Zigmer Maintenance.

Next meeting September 15, 2022 at 6 pm.

Jim requested for a volunteer from the Church to cover supervision of the 4 hours that the Boy Scouts will be using Fellowship Hall where they will have their court of honor, and to make sure that they clean up afterwards. Pastor Chris indicated that he will be there for two hours and that leaves two hours to be covered by someone else. A request will be made to the congregation for a volunteer for the remaining two hours.

It was noted and passed on to the Trustees that the left side fan in the sanctuary makes a clicking sound when running. The Trustees will check this out.

Lauri Hubach indicated that there was another grant available from the Ohio Child Care and Resource Association that could also be applied for. Further consideration of this grant will be explored.

2023 Budget Discussion

The visitors left the meeting, with the exception of Geoff Gatz, who was a member of the Finance Committee, as the standard business meeting was concluded.

A discussion ensued on any questions the council members had on the draft 2023 budget categories and on the major reduction areas. Areas reviewed were the Oberlin Students, the reduction in organist expenses, bell choir director, and Christian Education. Other areas of reduction were discussed and additional follow-up was proposed. A question arose if it was possible to approve the Draft 2023 budget tonight, and after discussion it was agreed that we would approve the budget as proposed, but reserve the right to make amendments to the budget at a later date.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT 2023 BUDGET AS PRESENTED BUT WITH THE ABILITY TO MAKE AMENDMENTS AT A LATER DATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

Miscellaneous

Tom Hollstein asked that someone look at the monitor in the Walker Lobby. He noticed that the panels change too quickly that one is unable to read the information before the next panel flashes on the screen. That issue will be passed on to Kaye Oswald.

Pastor Chris gave a closing prayer.

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

The meeting concluded at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cherry
Council Secretary



Our volunteers from left to right are: Christine Burman, Kaye Koler, Dot Wilford, Tamara James, Linda Gatz, and Kaye Oswald-(at home).

QUILT PROJECT UPDATE

Our talented quilters had a “Sew Day” in the Fellowship Hall this past Tuesday. As announced earlier, they are working on a quilt to gift to Nataliia, hopefully before Thanksgiving. Nataliia’s Mother quilted. **Donations to the project are still welcome.** Please make sure to mark your donation “Quilt Project”. Thanks to the ladies for their compassion and generous heart of time and talent!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Sept. 1 Compassionate Care 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 4 Communion Sunday 10 a.m.
- Sept. 5 Labor Day Office Closed
- Sept. 6 Preschool Begins
- Sept. 11 Radical Hospitality 2nd series**
Boy Scouts Court of Honor 12-4 p.m.
- Sept. 15 Trustees Meeting 6 p.m. Zoom
- Sept. 18 **Outdoor Worship 10 a.m.**
Chairs will be setup. Please bring your chair if that's more comfortable.
SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS BACK
including Root Beer Floats
- Sept. 19 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Zoom
- Sept. 21 Clergy Meeting 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 25 Family Worship—Noisy Coin
Radical Hospitality 3rd series

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!

NEW! Men's Fellowship Breakfast



Our Men's Fellowship is joining together with the men of Brownhelm Congregational Church to meet on the second Thursday of the month, beginning this September on September 8th at 9 a.m. at the Nest Restaurant in Vermilion, Ohio. We will meet for an hour—which will include breakfast (at your choosing) prayer and a short devotional, all of which should conclude by 10 a.m. We are looking forward to where this ministry will lead us in faith. *Contact Pastor Chris for more information.*



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Fred Helyes September 06
Janet McGinnis... September 06
Charles Woods ... September 07
Carolyn Haney September 08
Angela Cheng September 09
Stacy Gleason..... September 10
Susan Pete..... September 11

Kelly Bosworth ... September 15
Jim Kubuske September 16
Lauri Hubach September 20
Judy Whitman September 20
Nicole Miskov September 21
Leanna Traster.... September 22
Harry Parham September 24



In August,
we collected
76
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.



Most requested food item at this time is
Peanut Butter & Jelly

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:
Sept. 1 at 10:30 AM

Please contact **Joan Whitman**, team leader, if you have any questions regarding Compassionate Care. She can be reached at **(440) 320-8923** or email **rwhitman1@oh.rr.com**. Thank you.

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
Carolyn Haney

If you would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact **Joan Whitman** at **(440) 320-8923** Or **rwhitman1@oh.rr.com** or the church office at 440-988-4965 or email: **adminofc@stpetersamherst.org**



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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 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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Taylor Stempowski, Teacher's Aide		

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