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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10-11 AM

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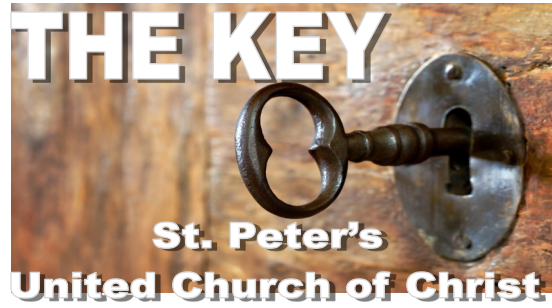
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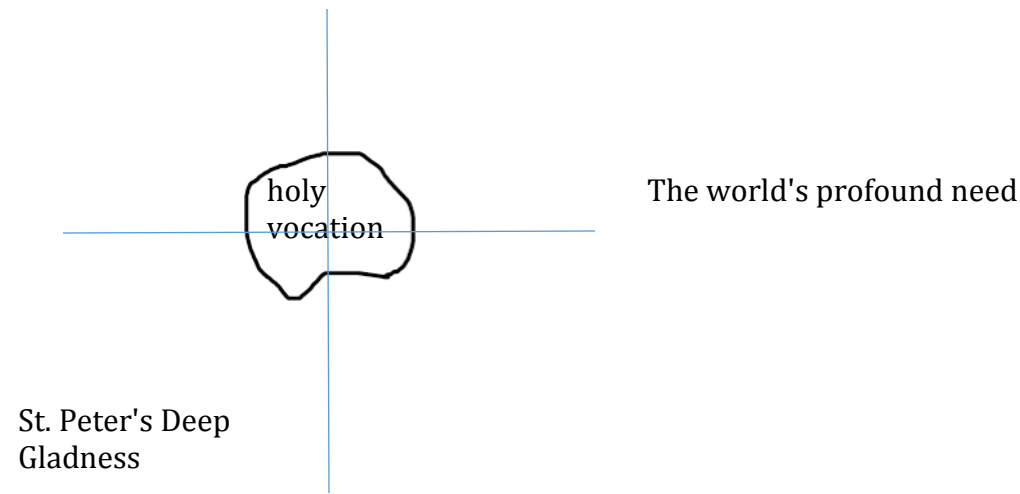




November 2019

Dear St. Peter's Members and Friends,

Dear St Peter's members and friends,
20 October 2019. Sunday. Morning Worship, chili and soup lunch. Hold on to that date, for it marks a tipping point in St. Peter's life. On this date about 50 persons participated in "worshipful work" - holy vocation discernment. Beginning last Spring, St. Peter's all-congregational conversations have asked: "what are St. Peter's deep gladness that responds to the world's profound need?"



These all congregational conversations included potluck after worship meals, and at home and at church hosted events. Your prayerful work claimed St. Peter's at his best, today. This crucial distinction, "today," sits at the heart of God's deep gladness for St. Peter's: not wishful desire from past times nor wishful thinking about the future. St. Peter's deep gladness express current, right-now, all congregational core values.

In what way does St. Peter's "be" and "do" it's deep gladness? On Sunday the 20th of October, you claimed:

- **Praise God.** For example: with words, spoken and unspoken and written; with song and music; alone and together; in worship and in nature; in prayer, the sacraments, and thanksgiving.

- **Caring For Us:** For example: leadership, buildings and grounds, material things and governance; giving time, talent and /or material resources - stewardship; and attention and care to members and friends, friendship, care, concern, welcome, love - in times of gladness and in sorrow.

- **Caring For Others:** For example: attention and care to near-by persons seen (when serving at the soup kitchen) and unseen (donating clothes and food); to far-away persons seen, and unseen (when adopting a child or community project, and through the yearly budget item: Our Churches Wider Mission).

Praise God - Caring For Us - Caring For Others. Are these three core values, St. Peter's, "everyone's" particular God-given practices? Are these true today? Are these true tomorrow? Are these true for your next season of ministry? Many of you seem to say "yes."

By definition, core values are "core" because they are on the lips, in the hearts, and in all the actions of every engaged and active St. Peter's member and friend. A stranger encounters *you*, St. Peter's UCC, in worship and church functions. This stranger sees and tastes and touches St. Peter's deep gladness through their encounter with *all of you*. Another stranger encounters *you*, St. Peter's UCC, at the grocery store. This stranger sees and tastes and touches St. Peter's deep gladness through their conversation with *you*.

I encourage you to "test" your claim. Here is how. Pretend you meet a stranger who asks you about St. Peter's UCC. You have one-minute to describe to them St. Peter's deep gladness: **Praise God**. What do you say that paints a picture of St. Peter's being and doing this core value? Then, pretend you meet a second stranger... What do you say that paints a picture of St. Peter's being and doing **Caring For Us**? Then, pretend you meet a third stranger ... What do you say that paints a picture of St. Peter's being and doing **Caring For Others**?

The graphic near the top of this message pictures St. Peter's deep gladness: the relationship between the church - and you - and God. **Praise God, Caring For Us, Caring For Others** are rooted in St. Peter's life and ministry, made alive by God's holy spirit. Core values create St. Peter's practical foundation. From the foot of the cross they rise up to meet the need of St. Peter's world. There core values serve. There St. Peter's does it's holy vocation. Thanks be to God!

Peace,

November Scripture Readings

November 3 — Hebrews 12:1-2
Old Testament — Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

November 10 — Luke 20:27-38
Old Testament — Haggai 1:15b-2:9

November 17 — Luke 21:5-19
Old Testament — Isaiah 65:17-25

November 24 — Luke 23:33-43
Old Testament — Jeremiah 23:1-6

November 28 Thanksgiving Day — Philippians 4:4-9
Old Testament — Deuteronomy 26:1-11



General Updates and News

Letter from Council

Hello Everyone,

Council finalized the Hall Rental agreement. There will be an increase for the rental fee.

We have collected \$80,000 toward the window restoration. We continue to collect money whether it comes from the little church, dinners, quilt fundraiser or individual contributions to reimburse the Future Fund. We still need to pay back \$43,000.

Blessings,

Shelley

Advent Workshop Helpers

Looking for helpers for the advent workshop on December 8 from 3-5 pm. Anyone willing to run a table either call (440-988-4965) or email (dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org) to let Jessie know that you are willing to help. Crafts and supplies will be supplied for you, you just have to help at the table. (Unless you have a fantastic craft you want to do, let Jessie know and she can get the supplies!)

Registration for advent workshop will begin November 17. Also looking for donations of prepared macaroni and cheese in crock pots, hot dogs, and buns. There will be sign up sheets starting November 17 in the back of the sanctuary.

The Gift of Music

The ladies of Circle Six Present: The Gift of Music with Mary Beth Ions. December 10, 2019, at 7pm in the Sanctuary, with refreshments to follow in the fellowship hall. Tickets are required, and are free. They are available at the church office ((440)988-4965) or ask a Circle Six member. Donations will be accepted. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early!

Circle Six Update

At the Circle Six October meeting, the ladies made 8 blankets during their annual "blanket" meeting. Lots of good food, laughter, and great fellowship was had during the evening. For our November meeting, we will gather at 7 p. m. at the Sandstone Candle Works on Park Street in downtown Amherst. Join us for another evening of fellowship, and make a candle, "smelly jelly" or soap! Can't wait to see you there!

November Noisy Collection

October's noisy collection (October 27) will be for our annual "Thanksgiving Dinner" drive. Besides the noisy collection, during the month of November, we will be collecting non perishables to add to these Thanksgiving Dinners. A list will follow. Starting Sunday, November 3, donations brought in will be placed in front of the altar. On Sunday, November 24, all the foods will be blessed, and be ready to pack up. Anyone willing to help pack boxes on Monday, November 25, we will be boxing everything up from approximately 10-11 am, and then transporting over to the high school. All help is welcome... "Many hands make light work"

Food Bank

In the month of September, the number of items donated from St. Peter's to Good Shepherd Food Bank were 133. The majority of these items were toiletries. For the month of October, the total items donated were 63.

Pop Tabs

Please save pop tabs to support Ronald McDonald House. They provide housing for families with children receiving care at UH Rainbow Babies and Children Hospital. Collection containers are in the back of church, in the Fellowship Hall or can be dropped off in the church office.

Trunk or Treat Update

Wow! Trunk or Treat had a fantastic turnout! It was estimated we had somewhere between 300 and 500 people...there were so many and they came so quickly from all directions we couldn't count! We had 15 "trunks" and one person in a chair...thank you to all who participated. To those of you that dropped off bags of candy...thank you so much! Every car ran out of candy and we used to donated bags until they were gone. All candy was gone by 6:30! We even made the Elyria Chronicle Telegram! Check out the article on the bulletin board in the basement!



October Council Meeting Minutes

Council meeting minutes can be found in the back of the church or in the church office once they are submitted following the monthly council meeting. Due to a delay, October's council meeting minutes will be excluded in this months KEY.

Preschool November Update

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 Yy, Tt, the number 1 and the color yellow. The Lorain Harbor Lions Club will also be coming in this month to do vision screenings for our students. Then on November 25 and 26, there will be a Thanksgiving Sharing Party with the children and their special guest. The children will learn about the importance of sharing and giving to others.

Four out first mission project we will be partnering with the Sunday School and be collecting Thanksgiving dinner items for students, and their families, of the Amherst School system.

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

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

Wendy Kosakowski, Preschool Director





PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karin Andy, May Poor, Dave Roesch, Joyce Darakis, Jim Brown, Maxine Mann, George Small, Norm Kurth, Steve Cooksey, Joe Phillips, Betty Walters, Julia Damon, Tom Hollstein and all those with conflicts or concerns left unspoken.

If you know of any member who wishes to be placed on the prayer list or to be removed from the list, please contact the church office at (440) 988-4965.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/3	Michele Jeffers	11/13	Tanner Goodwin-Pyers	11/19	Barbara Wiley
11/5	Christine Burman	11/13	Esther Moos	11/20	Grant Braid
11/6	Kevin Goodwin-Pyers	11/15	Betty Walters	11/21	Donald Flock
11/6	David Harmych	11/16	Jennifer Conkle	11/21	Emily Kendrick
11/7	Brad Haney	11/16	Catherine Gleason	11/23	Danielle Dziak
11/9	Andrew Ross	11/19	Shelly Hill	11/30	Adam Ross

If we missed your birthday, please let us know. Call Katie at 440-988-4965.

Looking Ahead

- Hanging the Greens will be Sunday, December 1. (Thanksgiving is late this year! November 28!)
- Advent Workshop is Sunday, December 8. Please think about volunteering! This year we will also need donations of food (macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, buns, cookies).
- Choir Cantata will be Sunday, December 15.

RECIPES from the kitchens of St. Peter's members:

Cranberry Orange Relish

Ingredients

- 12 ounces cranberries
- 1 orange with peel, chopped
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup orange liqueur
- (substitute orange liqueur with orange Juice if desired)



Directions

1. In a food processor, grinder, or blender, combine the cranberries, orange and sugar. Blend until evenly chopped.
2. Stir in the liqueur and refrigerate for several hours to allow flavors to blend.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Communion Family Worship 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM /FH Adult Confirmation Class 12PM Youth Confirmation Class 2PM	4 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1:30-3:15PM	5 Circle Six Meeting 7PM Fellowship Hall MovementWorks 4:30-7PM	6 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 4:30-7:30PM	7 MovementWorks 4:30-7:30PM Girl Scouts Meeting 6-7PM Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 8PM	8 MovementWorks 9AM-12:15PM	9 MovementWorks 9AM-12:15PM
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24 Family Worship 10 AM Noisy Collection Fellowship 11 AM/FH	25 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1:30-3:15PM Craft Night 6:30PM Fireside Room	26 MovementWorks 4:30-7PM	27 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 4:30-7:30PM	28 Thanksgiving Day Church will be closed	29 MovementWorks 9AM-12:15PM	30 MovementWorks 9AM-12:15PM