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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10-11 AM**

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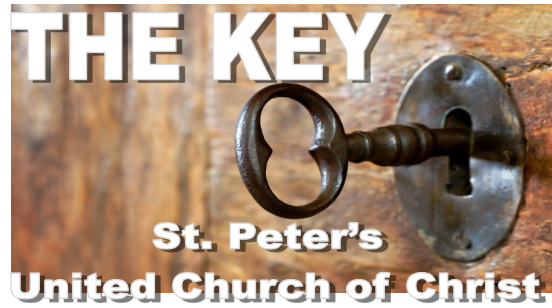
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Dear St. Peter's members and friends,

When you look at the Profile on your computer, or hold it in your hand, the front page reads:

"Search and Call Tools for Congregations: Advancing the Spirit's guidance into God's future. Introducing the new Local Church Profile.

Who are we? (and) Who is our neighbor? (and) Who is God calling us to become?

The new Local Church Profile is not just for congregations in search of a pastor. *All* congregations are encouraged to engage in its process of discovery every 3 to 5 years. The UCC Local Church Profile reflects valuable data, assesses ministry, clarifies change, and helps advance the calling of the congregation. Not just to be completed by a [search] committee - the more participation, the better!"

Many of you have participated in mealtime conversations and all congregational gatherings - the first of which began with an annotated timeline in the Hall last March - the most recent with hosted meals at church the fourth week of January, just past.

Later this month the Transition Team will send to you the feedback you provided to Profile questions. Thank-you! What follows offers the top results from section 1d, page 6:

"Based on what you have learned about who your church is, who your church's neighbor is, and who God is calling the church to become, describe four areas of excellence from *The Marks of Faithful & Effective Authorized Ministry* that your next minister will display to further equip the congregation's ministry in these areas."

First, let's break this down phrase by phrase. **Who is St. Peter's?** You are a community of (mostly) 50 and older, white, economically comfortable, long-time faithful followers of Jesus. You are stewards of a ministry founded by German Evangelicals, the "first" such church in the community and one responsible for seeding and planting other congregations in Lorain County. You are a congregation that values pastoral leaders who who are willing to lead from alongside, who are collaborative, who "join with." You love learning, (housing and supporting St. Peter's Pre-School) and the music arts, and bring a reverence for the traditional.

**Who are St. Peter's neighbors?** Over the next 5 years, retiring and retired economically comfortable baby boomers are the fastest growing and largest number of persons in the 44001-zip code. The next largest are infants to 5 years of age.

**Who is God calling St. Peter's to become?** This answer emerges from your responses... for publishing later this month. However, your core values: *Praising God, Caring for Us, Caring for Others* aptly reflect your demographic and your resources. Your future builds on your present core values.

Therefore... **describe four areas of excellence ... that your next minister will display to further equip the congregation's ministry in these areas.** The words *to further equip* are key: the next minister does not provide or bring what you do not have, or wish not to do, or impose what they believe seems best. They join with you. You are already *equipped*, doing, valuing, engaging. They move alongside and join their expertise, passion, gifts, calling - to yours. Together you continue. Together you discover. Together you agree to deepen and broaden ministry and mission. *Marks of Faithful & Effective Authorized Ministry* are many. St. Peter's Profile, section 1d, page 6, asks for four. Here are the *Marks* you chose, listed in order, scored by adding the tally of firsts and seconds:

"The ability to preach the good news, lead worship and participate in the sacraments in a manner faithful to the broader Christian heritage and appropriate to the characteristics of a specific culture and setting." (First by a margin of 5, affirming all three core values)

"The ability to function as part of a team, to give and receive supervision, and to mutually equip and motivate the community of faith." (Second by a margin of 2, affirming *Caring for us* so that the community can fulfill all three core values.)

"The ability to listen empathically, communicate appropriately, and keep appropriate confidences." (Third by a margin of 1, affirming *Caring for us* and *Caring for others*)

"The ability to provide effective and appropriate pastoral care and Christian education, and to equip and motivate others to share in these ministries" (Fourth by a margin of 2, affirming *Caring for us* so that leaders can fulfill all three core values.)

And though you will not name it in answer to Profile question 1d, keep in mind that: "The ability to organize and implement programs, administer the operations of a complex organization, and initiate change when appropriate" was 2 points from your fourth, and far ahead of your sixth. It's an area you are growing into with more confidence and courage. It fulfills all three of your core values.

One last observation. Notice that your choices stand upon choosing a Pastor who wishes to move alongside and be with you. Your choices are about mutuality and agreement.

Having read and thought and talked with others, does all of this feel true of St. Peter's?

Peace,

## Sermon Study Scripture - February and March

Method for study: preferably with at least one other person

- 1 read aloud
- 2 notice the one word that "sticks" and write it down
- 3 read aloud in a different translation
- 4 notice the one phrase that "sticks" and write it down
- 5 what are you curious about? what questions have you for the text? what questions does the text ask?
- 6 read aloud
- 7 name the "one thing" God is asking you to be or to do. (based on hearing the text aloud, and your conversation and questions).

2 February Matthew 5:1-12

9 February Matthew 5:13-20

16 February Matthew 5:21-37

23 February Matthew 17:1-9

26 February Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent

1 March Matthew 4:1-11

8 March John 3:1-17

15 March John 4:5-42

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## General Updates and News

### Circle Six Update

Circle Six's January meeting was game night. A quick evening of fun, food and fellowship!

February's meeting will be a presentation about the Old Spring here in Amherst presented by Col. Matt Nahorn. If you'd like to learn more about the spring, please join us on February 4 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Looking ahead...our March meeting will be one of interest to many people, and all are welcome! Our presenter is Rebecca McFarland. She will be presenting "Eliot Ness: The Cleveland Years" Twenty years ago, when librarian Rebecca McFarland was working for Rocky River Public Library, one of her job duties was giving book talks.

Rebecca picked up a copy of Max Allan Collin's novel, *The Dark City*, a fictional account of Eliot Ness's arrival in Cleveland. Since reading that book, Rebecca has become an internationally recognized expert on the life and times of Eliot Ness. It all started because she wondered if even half the story Collins wrote about him was true. At the time she hadn't even known that Eliot Ness had lived and worked in Cleveland. Don't miss this opportunity!!!! 7pm, March 3 in the Fellowship Hall.

### Templed Hills Summer Camp Registration

Registration for the 2020 Summer Camp is now open! The deadline is April 15. Please visit <https://heartlanducc.campbrainregistration.com> to register today!

### Noisy Collection

Thanks to all that donated last month to the children's "Noisy Collection" We raised \$112 that will go to "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" and is enough to purchase 2 mattresses and 1 sheet set!

### Food Bank

The month of January had a total of 101 items donated. Thank you Allan Murphy for picking up and delivering the food items donated for the month of January while Pam enjoys her vacation.

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## Letter from Council

Hello Everyone,

The council worked on the brochure for weddings to be held at St. Peter's. The wedding coordinator's position was also looked over.

Shelley attended the Main Street meeting which is held every first Thursday of the month. If you would like something mentioned about St. Peter's, please get in touch with Shelley before that day.

Blessings,

Shelley

### January Council Meeting Minutes

The general fund for the month of December ended in a **negative** balance. The General Fund balance as of December 31, 1919 was (\$71,000). Balance for the Future Funds Income account was \$42,000 and the Endowment Fund Income account was \$16,000.

Ash Wednesday worship service will be held on February 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Additionally, on February 26, at 7:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., ashes only will be distributed.

The previously announced church retreat occurred on January 18, 2020, at which the January council meeting was held and a working session also occurred for council members, for church leaders, and for committee representatives.

The working session reviewed PAEI principles with a focus on the effect of the P principle (what) and the A principle (how) vs. St. Peter's core values.

### Preschool February Update

It's hard to believe that we are in the month of February. The children will continue to learn the letters Dd, Vv, Xx, Kk. They will also work on the number 4 and the heart shape for Valentine's Day.

To celebrate Dental Health Month, we are excited to have a Dental Hygienist come to our school and teach the children about good dental hygiene. The children are going to have "Donuts with their favorite Dude" on Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 7. We are looking forward to this great event.

Hop-For-Your-Heart is Monday, February 10 and Tuesday, February 11. We are excited to see how many hops everyone can do.

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a fun party and movie. The children will also be passing out Valentines to all their friends in school.

Thank you to all who came to our Preschool McDonald's Fundraiser Night. It was so nice to visit with everyone.

Now is the time to register your child if you are thinking about preschool for next year. To schedule an observation or to ask questions, please call the preschool at 985-1972. You can also e-mail the school at [preschl@stpetersamherst.org](mailto:preschl@stpetersamherst.org). You can also catch the link to our e-mail address on the preschool web page. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wendy Kosakowski- Preschool Director

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# PRAYER LIST



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Joan Whitman, Ruth Husar, Christine Burman, Jean Snyder, Ron Whitman, Rob Whitman, Jim Brown, Joe Phillips, Maxine Mann, Roger Becker, Joyce Darakis, Terry Darakis, Julia Damon, Sherry Spratt, Steve Cooksey, Karin Andy, Lois Barnes, Norm Kurth, George Small, Ruth Kossow, Elaine Thompson, May Poor, Dave Roesch, Betty Walters, Bob Spratt, Carol Battenhouse, Darlene Mudrich 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.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2/1 Anthony Cambarare  | 2/13 Jessica Braid          | 2/22 Laura Hause        |
| 2/1 Duane Kurth        | 2/14 Connie Cotton          | 2/22 Richard McCurdy    |
| 2/1 Sarah Kurth        | 2/15 Richard Berry          | 2/23 Stephen Hause      |
| 2/1 Patrica Stumpp     | 2/15 Kelsey Gregg           | 2/24 Darlene Krieg      |
| 2/2 Matthew Nagy       | 2/15 William Guild          | 2/24 Peggy Raesler      |
| 2/3 Erica Duncan       | 2/15 Matthew Wasilk         | 2/24 Betty Washka       |
| 2/4 Angelina Cambarare | 2/16 Joyce Darakis          | 2/25 Alex Bruce         |
| 2/4 Seth Jeffers       | 2/17 Andrew Swift           | 2/25 Bev McGinnis       |
| 2/5 Jennifer Wasilk    | 2/17 Dylan Timple           | 2/26 Lynn Hollstein     |
| 2/6 Stacy Bruce        | 2/17 Lindsey Van Sparrentak | 2/27 David Rice         |
| 2/6 Paula Goodell      | 2/18 Gloria Versace         | 2/27 Robert Spratt      |
| 2/7 Mary Davis         | 2/19 Barbara Staller        | 2/28 Brenda Isaacs-Pass |
| 2/7 Bruce Petkovsek    | 2/20 Linda Brown            | 2/28 Jean Thomas        |
| 2/9 Donald Krueck      | 2/20 Steve Cooksey          |                         |

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

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

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups water

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup long-grain white rice
- 1 teaspoon lime zest

#### Directions

1. Bring the water to a boil; stir the butter and rice into the water. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer until the rice is tender, about 20 minutes.
2. Stir the lime zest, lime juice, and cilantro into the cooked rice just before serving.

### Lime Cilantro Rice



- 2tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Communion Family Worship 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM /FH	3 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1:30-3:15 PM	4 Bible Study 10AM FR Circle Six Meeting 7 PM Bible Study 7PM Penny K's home	5 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 4:30-7:30PM	6 MovementWorks 4:30-7PM Girl Scouts mtg. 6-7PM FH Sanctuary Choir 7 PM Choir Loft Handbell Choir 8 PM Choir Loft	7 MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM	8 MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM
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