

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

582 Church Street

Amherst, Ohio 44001

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

June 2021

THE KEY

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



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**"The wait is over, I am finally here!"**

*—Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor*

Dear St. Peter's People,

I cannot believe the wait is over and I am finally here! This, all of this, was such an ordeal and it is all finally coming into fruition. The ordeal of which I speak is the whole "Search and Call" process, as well as the whole Covid thing. We are all feeling exhausted because of the things I have mentioned and all the additional life happenings that unexpectedly occur. Because of our Christian/Jewish heritage, you might say that we are a people of "Waiting and Expectations." Waiting is in our spiritual DNA. Nothing happens quickly, or easily in the Bible, does it. No! Everything happens over time, years, decades and millennia.

Our Jewish family waited and are still awaiting the arrival of the Messiah. We believe that Jesus was and is the Messiah, but also that he will be making a return at any moment to finish establishing His Kingdom. We are waiting. That is what we do, we wait. Waiting is not always easy. I get impatient waiting in traffic, let alone waiting for the Messiah's return. I know that "patience is a virtue," but that does not always make it a reality in my life. Cleveland baseball fans have been very patient over the years and are still optimistic about a World Series victory in the future. Good things come to those who wait, just ask a Cub's fan. Waiting may be in our spiritual DNA but we still need to work on it. Which leads to the second part: Expectations.

Expectations are also included in our spiritual DNA. Jesus' teachings alone encourage us to expect better things in this life. Jesus' final lessons to His disciples made it clear that He had expectations too, that they would love one another, as he had loved them. We have our own expectations too. I have expectations of how things are going to go at St. Peter's, and I am sure you do of me as well. Our expectations need to be realistic and rooted in Christ's expectations for all of us, that we love one another. That is my promise to you as we become acquainted. I promise to love and care for you as I follow in the way of Christ. I hope you will do likewise with me and with each other.

We are a people of faith who have been waiting and expecting great things in Christ and we will continue to do so as we work together to sow the seeds of love. It is time!

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

Pastor Chris

Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor



## JUNE SERMON SCRIPTURE READINGS

### 6/6 Mark 3:20-35

... and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

### 6/13 Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

### 6/20 Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

### 6/27 Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.



## Please Join Us in Welcoming Pastor Chris!

**Lakeview Park, Lorain**  
**Sunday, June 13**  
**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

We are looking forward to the arrival of Pastor Chris! A committee is planning a "welcome" for him. We are planning an outdoor service at Lakeview Park in Lorain, Sunday, June 13, at 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We have the gazebo reserved, from 9a.m.-1:00 p.m. and hope to have the service outside and then move to the gazebo to eat afterward. Instead of hotdogs and a picnic, we are planning on having a "Breakfast Buffet" and would like contributions from the congregation. Due to Covid restrictions, things will need to be individual servings, not casseroles, or things that need cut & divided. Suggestions include: individual yogurts, individual juices and waters, fruits such as apples, oranges and bananas, granola bars, muffins, donuts, breakfast rolls (all individual, please), hard boiled eggs, individually wrapped cheese sticks/string cheese. You may want to bring your own coffee or tea if you so desire! If the weather is so inclement that even the gazebo won't help, we will be back in the sanctuary, and have grab and go after the service.



## Homeless Outreach Update

Just a reminder that one family is still going out twice a month and providing the homeless with a hot meal, snacks, toiletries, and any clothing they may need. They are always in need of bottled water and snacks that are easily opened and non-perishable (granola or fruit bars, pop top cans of soup, chili, fruit, or vegetables, packs of cheese or peanut butter crackers, Pop Tarts, etc.). Right now they also need men's jeans size 32 or 34 waist with 32 or 34 inseam. As the weather warms up, they will need men's short sleeve T shirts, sizes large and up.

For now, please place food and clothing items donated for homeless in the clothing collection bin, and indicate that items are for homeless outreach. Thank you for anything you can do!

If you have any questions, please contact  
**Diane Barnum at 419-602-7264.**



## Thank you for your offerings to Strengthen the Church

The Strengthen the Church offering St. Peter's contributed will support the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations, and will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all.



## Dear St. Peter's People,

Your well-wishes and gestures of care  
Your words of thanks and affirmation

Your heart-felt gifts during farewell time:

**warmth for my body** – quilt and blanket and hoodie and pillow and bike gloves,

**food for my belly** – both savory and sweet

**words for my soul** – cards and notes and conversation, and a gentle, humorous roasting

**dollars and cents** – toward a writing tablet that will delight for years to come

**perennial joy** – stained glass church picture and a rose bush

Every expression (throughout our ministry)

of gratitude and appreciation

Warms me through and through

And wraps me in all the ways we have walked beside one another.

Thank-You for caring for me

Thank-You for “Caring for Us, Caring for Others, and for Praising God.”

**With my heart full of thanks-giving for you: Thank-You friends!**

Your former Interim Pastor,

April 21, 2021

Dear St. Peter's United Church of Christ,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation of \$25.00 to the Friendship APL. As a nonprofit organization dedicated to the welfare of all animals, we are dependent on the generosity of people like you.

2021 has already been a difficult year for all of us here at Friendship. The seizure of 60 puppies and dogs by our humane staff pushed us to the limits. All of the dogs were either already sick from parvovirus or had been exposed to the deadly illness while at the Columbia Station facility. Some of the puppies were so sick they did not survive the first night at the emergency clinic. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of our staff and the incredible work of our veterinarian community, we were able to save nearly every single puppy after that first harrowing week. The fact remains, we could not have saved a single one of these pups without your generous gift. Every day these puppies have with their new family is a day made possible through your donation.

On behalf of those puppies and dogs that are alive today because of your love and support, I extend my heartfelt gratitude.

Sincerely,

Gregory Willey

## Community National Day of Prayer Amherst, Ohio



We received a Thank You note from St. Paul Lutheran Church of Amherst for participating in the Community National Day of Prayer and for lifting up our nation and our neighbors in prayer.

## My Father's Voice in Prayer

By May Hastings Nottage

Written in 1901 and published by Classic Reprint Series, this work of poetry celebrates the cherished memories of a grown woman tenderly recalling from childhood the voice of her father in prayer.

In the silence that falls on my spirit  
When the clamor of life loudest seems,  
Comes a voice that floats in tremulous notes  
Far over my sea of dreams.  
I remember the dim old vestry,  
And my father kneeling there;  
And the old hymns thrill with the memory still  
Of my father's voice in prayer.  
I can see the glance of approval  
As my part in the hymn I took;  
I remember the grace of my mother's face  
And the tenderness of her look;  
And I knew that a gracious memory  
Cast its light on that face so fair,  
As her cheek flushed faint—O mother, my saint!  
At my father's voice in prayer.  
'Neath the stress of that marvelous pleading  
All childish dissensions died;  
Each rebellious will sank conquered and still  
In a passion of love and pride.  
Ah, the years have held dear voices,  
And melodies tender and rare;  
But tenderest seems the voice of my dreams—  
My father's voice in prayer.





# June and July St. Peter's Preschool News



The Preschool class of 2020-2021 has successfully completed the school year. Everyone is looking forward to a fun and relaxing summer. The children are also hoping for less rain, and lots more sunshine!

This year was so much fun. We will miss our little ones as they move on to the next class or Kindergarten. We are also looking forward to all the new students that are registered for the coming school year.

During the summer, the staff will be looking for some new, fun filled ideas for the next school year. Many of the parents are looking forward to sending their child to this year's VBS whether it is in person or virtually. Everyone can hardly wait!

The staff would also like to thank you for your support at our Dine to Donate at Soul on Fire Pizza fundraiser nights. We always enjoy a night off from cooking. We would also like to thank everyone who donated to the preschool board meeting baskets. It was so kind of you to help encourage parents to participate in the meeting and try to win one of the two baskets that were filled with many of your donations. **THANK YOU!!**

Miss Jones is off to college. She was a wonderful addition to our staff this year. We will miss her and wish her well as she continues her studies in education at Ashland. The preschool is setting up interviews for a poten-

tial Preschool Aide to start in the fall. Please keep us in your prayers.

The preschool is almost filled up. We have only a few spots left! We have started a waiting list for parents interested in attending our morning preschool program in the fall. If you or anyone else is interested in our preschool or being put on the waiting list, please call the school at **440-985-1972**. Thank you for spreading the word about our wonderful school!

**Have a blessed and safe summer!  
See you in the fall.**

Mrs. Kosakowski, Mrs. Nail,  
Mrs. Kobyłka, Miss Jones

## A Huge Thank you to Everyone Who Donated Items to the Preschool Raffle Basket

***The outpouring of donations was amazing!***

Thanks so much for your support of our Preschool!

The winner was **Rachel Nagy**, who also agreed to become the President of the Preschool Board.

*Best Regards, Mary-K Kirsch, Council President*



## Vacation Bible School UPDATE

THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF PLANS FOR VBS.

We will be doing **virtual** again this summer, with (hopefully) an **in-person fun day** at the end! Details are being worked out, and as soon as more is known, we will keep you informed! **Thanks to all who volunteered** to help, we will be looking forward to having you and others help us with the "Fun Day"!



## Please JOIN US *at* CRAFT CLUB!

Monday | June 28 | 6:30 p.m.

Craft club will meet **June 28 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fireside room. Masks are required, (even if you have been vaccinated!) and we will set up to be socially distanced.

All are welcome, bring your current (or old) craft project to work on and to have some fun fellowship with other crafters! Can't wait to see you then!



## Circle 6 Meeting

Tuesday | June 8 | 6:00 p.m.

### *Circle Six is meeting again!*

On May 4 Circle Six had a "dinner" meeting in Fellowship Hall, following social distancing and masking protocols, except when eating. Everyone brought their own meal, and then a business meeting was held and craft time.

They are looking forward to their annual picnic on **June 8 at 6 p.m.** at **Amherst Beaver Creek Reservation** in the **shelter house**.

*(Note: this is a "change of date" due to availability of the shelter house)*

## St. Peter's Food Pantry

CAN YOU IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT HUNGER?

The month of April had a total of **115** food items donated. Thank you to everyone who donated items to the food bank. It is greatly appreciated by St. Peter's, and those receiving help!

A big thank you to **Pam Miskov** for taking the time to ensure all the items are transported to Good Shepherd Food Bank. There currently is a need for:

<b>Canned Meat</b> (Tuna, Chicken)	<b>Kleenex</b>	<b>Paper Towels</b>
<b>Canned Soup</b> (Pop top lids)	<b>Spaghetti Sauce</b>	<b>Pasta</b>
<b>Spaghetti-Os</b> (Pop top lids)	<b>Peanut Butter</b>	<b>Jelly</b>
<b>Mac &amp; Cheese</b> (Microwavable)	<b>Oatmeal Cereal</b>	



'TRULY I TELL YOU,  
JUST AS YOU DID IT  
TO ONE OF THE LEAST  
OF THESE WHO ARE  
MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY,  
YOU DID IT TO ME.'

MATTHEW 25:40

Please leave your donations in the drop of boxes at the church.



# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

May 17, 2021 Minutes

## ATTENDEES:

<b>President:</b> Mary-K Kirsch	x	<b>Interim Pastor:</b> Arlen Vernava	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

x= present; E=excused; A=absent

Visitor: Jessie Kubuske

President Mary-K Kirsch opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. emphasizing our core values and that we will open future meetings by reinforcing our core values.

## Trustees Report

Jim Kubuske verbally gave the Trustees Report. That report, previously provided via email, is inserted below:

### Trustees Meeting 5/13/2021

In Attendance: Jim Kubuske, Head Trustee, Edgar Vargas, Don Krucek

### Old Business:

- ▶ Doug Haney was to pick up tents from church for use with charity. Not sure when he will return them.
- ▶ Edgar replaced the toilet flapper in the basement women's restroom as it was leaking.
- ▶ Edgar trimmed bushes and spread mulch. People have been donating mulch for this use.
- ▶ Edgar helped Diane Barnam move the donated clothes during the last week of April.
- ▶ Movement Works has moved out. Jim Kubuske and Shelley Harmych did a walk through with Jess Weidner and received keys. Jess will be refunded \$115. (She paid \$150 a month, and had pre-paid for May, \$150/30 days = \$5 per day. She had possession for 7 days. 7days x \$5 = \$35, \$150 - \$35 is \$115.) She will be refunded the money and she asked for a lock from a cabinet that she had purchased. All will be mailed to her.
- ▶ Electric sign: Church is not in the historic district, so we don't need that type of variance, but because we are in a residential area, we need a residential variance. Wagner Signs is working on the variance, and the

hearing is May 26 at 6:30 p.m. It was decided that the sign will change every 30 seconds, and if necessary, hours will be from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sign automatically dims at sunset. Wagner is asking that one or possibly two people be in charge of programming. Trustees decided that the Administrative Assistant and 1 other would be trained.

### New business:

Sue Conkle and Becky Woods have asked to start a "Garden Club" whose purpose would be to clean up the flower beds around the church and upkeep on them. Edgar was asked if this infringed on his work, and he said it did not. The Trustees decided that the "club" needs to make sure that they get approval before planting or making changes. They will ask for 48 hours notice. Edgar said they can use his big black garbage bags.

Shelley Harmych fixed the Sanctuary Flag Pole. She screwed the Eagle back on.

There are new Lowe's cards on file in the church office.

Trustees would like to ask the council about Edgar cleaning the basement floor. The floors need to be stripped and waxed, and the carpet cleaned after Movement Works moves out.

Geisel Heating-Air Conditioning will be at the church on May 18, 2021 to inspect the A/C units.

**Next meeting:** June 17, 2021.

Discussions will include: Sanding the front doors, parking lot blacktopping, and the chimney repair.



The council discussed the re-sealing and striping of the church parking lot. Jim presented two bids: Tiger Striping, \$3,914 and Griffith Paving, \$3,972. After discussion the council decided to accept Griffith's bid, since they had done the original paving. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Griffith Paving's bid.

## **Financial Secretary's Report**

Becky Wood gave the Financial Secretary's Report. Total amount received in April was \$13,773.89. We received \$1,363.00 for the stained glass windows account. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the Financial Secretary's Report.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Lauri Hubach gave the Treasurer's report for April 2021.

## **General Fund Summary:**

	<u>Apr-21</u>	<u>Apr-20</u>	<u>2021YTD</u>	<u>2020YTD</u>	<u>Change</u>
Offerings Cash/					
Check	10,175.00	16,608.00	39,209.00	53,908.50	(14,699.50)
Offerings Breeze	1,400.00		7,325.00		
Offerings PayPal	520.00		1,395.00		
Preschool Tsf.					
to General	1,450.00		4,350.00		
Blessings from					
Saints	18,445.49	954.57	43,854.78	37,187.27	6,667.51
Expenses	<u>(31,990.49)</u>	<u>(17,562.57)</u>	<u>(96,133.78)</u>	<u>(91,095.77)</u>	<u>5,038.01</u>
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Pass Through Payments Needing Approval:

OGHS*	\$ 6.68
OCWM**	<u>230.00</u>
Total	\$236.68

\* One Great Hour of Sharing

\*\*Our Church's Wider Mission

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the pass through payments.

## **Preschool Meeting**

At the May preschool meeting, one basket was given away to the one parent attendee. That parent also agreed to become the President of the Preschool Board. The preschool also plans to have another meeting with parents in the fall to recruit additional parents for board membership and to give away the second gift basket.

## **Garden Club**

The Garden Club currently is made up of Sue Conkle, Becky Woods, and, possibly, Shelley Harmych. They will meet twice a month to pull weeds, and do work on the flower beds around the Church.

## **Welcome for Pastor Chris**

Jessie Kubuske reviewed the planning for a welcome gathering for Pastor Chris. It will take place at Lakeview Park, Lorain, Ohio on 6/13/21. It will be held at the Gazebo at Lakeview Park. We will be able to begin gathering at 9:00 a.m. Church services, led by Pastor Chris, will start at 10:00 a.m. After the service, there will be a breakfast buffet with muffins, donuts, etc. The gathering will end by 1:00 p.m. If there is inclement weather, the church service will be held at St. Peter's, Amherst with refreshments, as previously listed, afterward. Church Covid protocols will be followed.

## **Covid Protocols Through the Summer**

The group then discussed if the existing Covid protocols would remain in effect through the summer. We explored opinions on being more cautious and less cautious. We listed pros and cons for each situation, and everyone put forth his or her opinion. Pastor Arlen asked us, "What action will best advance our core values of caring for us and caring for others?" We then reviewed the question and conditions posed, which would allow us to arrive at consensus. We arrived at the decision that we would maintain current church protocols through the end of summer, and we would revisit the subject again in September.

Sally Readinger and Lauri Hubach will be meeting with Pastor Chris soon to do employment paperwork.

Pastor Arlen gave the closing prayer, since this was his last meeting with the Council. The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cherry  
Council Secretary



# JUNE Birthdays

*'For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life.'*

Proverbs 9:11

Franklin Smith	June 01
Michelle Harmych	June 03
Betty Pekare	June 05
Margaret Gleason	June 13
Dorothy Wilford	June 14
Jerry Buchs	June 18
Deborah Makay	June 21
Miguel Torres	June 21
Vicki Zeller	June 22
Judy McCurdy	June 25
Kurt Beiswenger	June 27
William Kinloch	June 27

## JUNE IS ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

Everyone who has a brain is at risk to develop Alzheimer's, the only leading cause of death that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed. Worldwide, there are an estimated **47 million people** living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, and without a change, these numbers are expected to grow to **76 million by 2030**. But everyone can help to end this epidemic — especially you. During Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, the Alzheimer's Association asks people around the world to **go purple** and use their brains to fight this devastating disease.

**World Blood Donor Day** is observed on **June 14** each year. Every year over 107 million units of blood are donated around the world, helping to save the lives of millions of people. The day isn't just about encouraging people to donate blood – it is to **celebrate and thank those** who donate blood freely with no reward.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Federation of Blood Donor Organizations and the International Society of Blood Transfusion come together along with the World Health Organization to promote the benefits of donating blood around the world.

## June Events

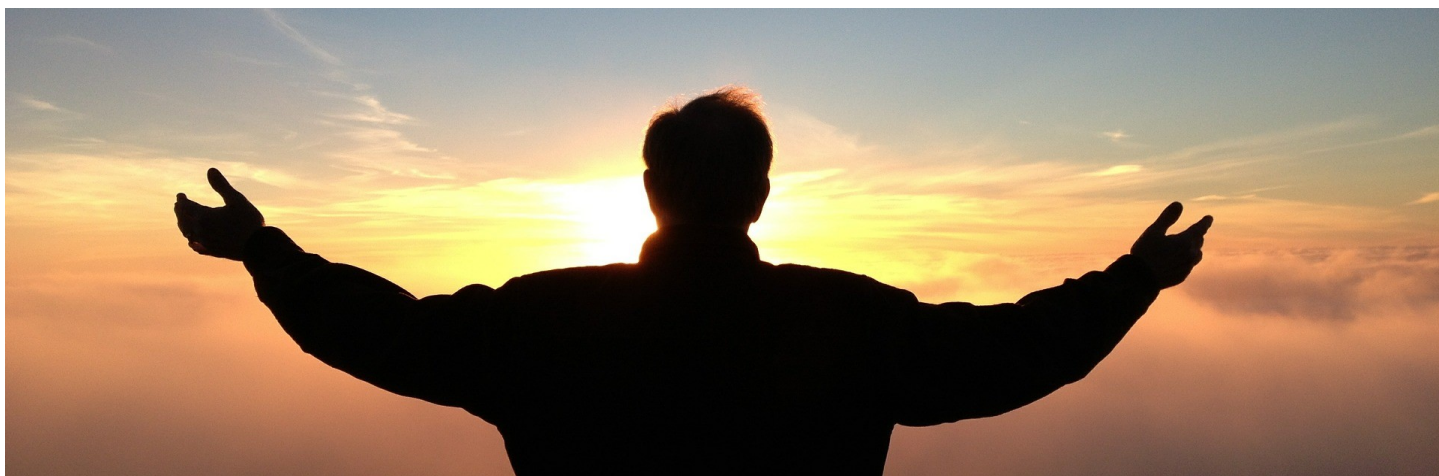
- June 6 Communion Sunday
- June 8 Circle 6 6:00 p.m. | Beaver Creek
- June 13 Outdoor Service Lakeview Park 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- June 14 Executive Board 7:00 p.m.
- June 20 Father's Day
- June 21 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- June 28 Craft Club 6:30 p.m.
- June 27 Family Sunday Worship

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

Zoom Prayer Room: 9:00 a.m., Thursdays



*'Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.'*



# Pray

*"Cast all your anxiety on Him  
because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7*

**Please add the following to your prayers:**

Judy Baker	Glenn Miskov	Darlene Mudrich	Those with conflicts,
Mary Ann Sterna	Valentino Dziak	Pam & Bill Shuster	concerns or medical
Debbie Raesler	Lou & Vickie Zeller	Pastor Arlen & Robin	issues left unspoken
Audrey Montgomery	Lois Barnes	Pastors Chris and Delisa	
Karin Andy	Ruth Kossow	Don Swift	Those who have
Jim & Linda Brown	May Poor	Chrystal & Tudy Diaz	asked for confidential
Joyce Darakis	Roger Becker	Bev Mischka	prayers
Sherry Spratt	Carol Battenhouse		

If you would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact the church office at **440-988-4965** or **adminofc@stpetersamherst.org** or Compassionate Care **sgthompson@windstream.net**

## Favorite Prayer Quotes

"Our prayers may be awkward.  
Our attempts may be feeble.  
But since the power of prayer  
is in the one who hears it and  
not in the one who says it, our  
prayers do make a difference."

- **Max Lucado**

"True prayer is a way of life,  
not just for use in cases of  
emergency. Make it a habit,  
and when the need arises  
you will be in practice."

- **Billy Graham**

"She (my mother) became a  
warrior far superior to any epic  
hero. She became a giant on  
her knees. With a sword in one  
hand she battled the enemies  
of death and disease, and  
with her other hand stretched  
toward heaven she kept  
beseeching God's help and  
His mercy."

- **Bishop T.D. Jakes**

"Is prayer your steering wheel  
or your spare tire?"

- **Corrie ten Boom**

"To be a Christian without  
prayer is no more possible  
than to be alive without  
breathing."

- **Martin Luther**

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is  
putting oneself in the hands  
of God, at His disposition, and  
listening to His voice in the  
depth of our hearts."

- **Mother Teresa**



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