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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10-11 AM

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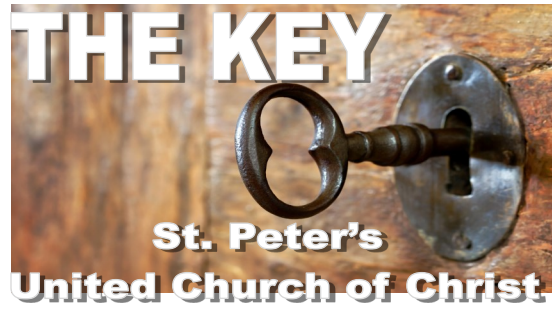
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March 2020

Dear St. Peter's members and friends,

St. Peter's people, in what powerful way(s) will you advance *Praising God, Caring for Us, and Caring for Others* this month? I ask, because March begins the Season of Lent: a time of intentional attention to one's life of faith. Some enrich their God nourishment by removing or limiting distraction. Others deepen or add a practice. What will you choose? I offer this guidance.

Take a one-minute physical - emotional - intellectual "pause" three times every day: 60 seconds mid-morning, 60 seconds mid-afternoon, 60 seconds mid-evening. For those of you working and schooling, parenting or caregiving, note the natural breaks in your schedule.

20 second *Physical pause*. If you often sit, stand or walk, and if you often stand and move, sit in stillness. Notice your body, your breath, your beating heart, the scent in the air, the taste in your mouth, sounds, sight, sensations. Reconnect to the "here and now."

20 second *Emotional pause*. Whatever you are feeling, whatever emotion(s) have your attention, express a whispered (or silent) word of gratitude. Release judgement. Angry? Sad? Confused? Ecstatic? Serene? Agitated? Energized? Joyful? Safe? Scared? Loving? Affirm that you are "saint" and "sinner:" God's child.

20 second *Intellectual pause*. Whatever thoughts come and go, whatever conversation lingers, whatever reading or writing, hands on doing, or observing has your attention, express a whispered (or silent) word of peace. Take a break. Let go of thinking and doing and solving. Simply "be."

Once a day, give intentional attention to your life of faith. *Praising God, Caring for Us, and Caring for Others* Nourish yourself in companionship with God. How much time should you spend, and when? You will know.

How will know you are advancing one or more of St. Peter's core values? Your life of faith will experience intimacy with God. God will become the source and recipient of your praising, your care of one another, your care for others. In the thing you do, the person(s) you are with, in time alone, you will more deeply and powerfully meet the risen Christ.

Prayer, for one minute three times a day, centers and re-centers one's being and doing. Intentionally giving daily attention to one's life of faith loves God, neighbor and self. Practicing this for yourself blesses you and others. Practicing this as St. Peter's household of faith blesses the world.

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).

1 March Matthew 4:1-11

8 March John 3:1-17

15 March John 4:5-42

22 March John 9:1-41

29 March John 11:1-45

General Updates and News

Letter from Council

Hello Everyone,

Council voted to retain Lauri Hubach as treasurer and Karel Schieferstein and Becky Woods as our Financial Secretaries.

Council started looking over our Constitution and By-Laws to get them in line with each other. Nothing can be changed in the Constitution without a congregational vote.

Blessings,

Shelley

Circle Six Update

Circle Six's February meeting had a most interesting presentation! Colonel Matt Nahorn of the Amherst Historical Society did a presentation on the Old Spring here in Amherst! We learned about the spring, about the history of that very area, and how it led to that being the center of our town. How the citizens used it, and how it is currently being maintained! Everyone there learned at least a little bit they didn't already know! 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 Collins'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! Campership scholarships up to 50% are available through Christian Education. Contact Jessie Kubuske at 440-988-4965 or email dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org to apply. Templed Hills also offers scholarships. Check out more information at <http://www.heartlanducc.org/discounts-scholarships-and-camperships/>

Scholarships

Scholarships can now be picked up in the church office. All scholarships must be turned in by May 15th of this year. For any questions please call the church office.

Preschool March Update

Is it spring yet?? The children and teacher's are ready for warm sunshine and fresh air! This month, the children will work on the letters Ll, Ii, telephone numbers and the color green. Teacher's will also be holding conferences during the month. Spring break will be at the end of the month. When we return from spring break, we will be getting ready for the Hop-A-Thon and Easter.

The Preschool is now enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, call the preschool at 985-1972.

Wendy Kosakowski-Preschool Director

Food Bank

The month of February had a total of 44 items donated. Thank you to everyone who donated items to the food bank.

St. Peter's United Church of Christ 2020 Elected Positions/Church Council Members

<u>Year Elected</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
2018	Shelley Harmych	12-2019	3 rd	309-6593	president@stpetersamhers.org
	Vice President				
2018	Judy McCurdy	12-2019	3 rd	419-366-2828	judymccurdy4@gmail.com
	Secretary				
2019	Susan Cherry	12-2020	1 st	988-7425	scherry@stpetersamherst.org
	Treasurer				
2018	Lauri Hubach	12-2020		320-3690	treasurer@stpetersamherst.org
	Financial Secretaries				
2018	Karel Schieferstein	12-2020		984-3414	brian.karel@slatestone.us
2018	Becky Woods	12-2020		787-7057	woodsames201@hotmail.com
	Trustees				
2017	Sam Bonofiglio	12-2021	3 rd	781-7677	sueconkle@hotmail.com
2019	Jim Kubuske	12-2021	1 st	988-4848	jimk@stpetersamherst.org
2017	Dwight Siron	12-2021	3 rd	839-2618	djsiron@frontier.com
2018	Gary Thompson	12-2020	2 nd	327-3447	sgthompson@windstream.net
2018	Edgar Vargas	12-2020	2 nd	653-7863	
	Members at Large				
2018	Susan Conkle	12-2020	2 nd	537-1749	sueconkle@hotmail.com
2018	Christina Burman	12-2020	2 nd	522-8035	redcar1105@yahoo.com
2019	Stacey Gleason	12-2021	1 st	213-9379	onecoolteacher@aim.com
2019	Tom Hollstein	12-2021	1 st	988-8066	tholls@stpetersamherst.org
2018	Kaye Koler	12-2020	2 nd	308-6864	sewhappyquilting@gmail.com
2019	Gary Thompson	12-2020	2 nd	327-3447	sgthompson@windstream.net

February Council Meeting Minutes

A vote was taken and approved to appoint the candidates for Treasurer and Financial Secretary for 2020. Lauri Hubach was appointed Treasurer. Karel Schieferstein (70%) and Becky Woods (30%) were appointed Financial Secretary.

Ash Wednesday Services on 2/26/20--Ashes will be distributed at 8:30 a.m.--9:30 a.m. in the chapel and from 12:00 p.m.--1:00 p.m. at the drive through on the north side of the church. There will be a meal consisting of soup and chili at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Ash Wednesday service will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Lauri Hubach gave the Treasurer's report for the month of January 2020:

Offerings	\$12,013.50
Blessings from Saints	11,838.01
Expenses	(23,841.51)

Karel Schieferstein reported that at the end of January 2020 there was a balance of \$12,011.74 in the stained glass window fund.

The Trustees reported that the lobby heater has been fixed. They are working on additional signs for the church. The chimney may need to be repaired. They are also looking into repairs of the front door and front steps.



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.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1	June Nau	3/13	Donald Ramsey	3/24	Kelly Dupaski
3/3	Susan Cherry	3/13	Dann Swift	3/25	Carol Murphy
3/3	Cynthia Noster	3/13	Earl Wiegand	3/26	Russ Cambarare
3/6	Emily Parker	3/14	Amanda Chow	3/26	Douglas Haney
3/8	Wilda Ondrick	3/14	Carol Faragher	3/28	Karen Bruce
3/9	Thomas McGinnis	3/14	Garry Timple	3/30	Richard Berry
3/9	Brian Mullen	3/15	Nicholas Scalli	3/30	Audrey Montgomery
3/9	Melissa Tuccini	3/17	Alek Nielsen	3/30	Matthew Moos
3/9	Lori Zahorec	3/19	Maisir Bonnett	3/31	Ryan Orseno
3/10	Audrey Huber	3/22	Robert Bruce	3/31	Shelly Ostang
3/12	Heather Torres				

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 low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups water
- Kosher salt
- 1 cup corn grits
- 4tbsp. Butter, divided
- 1 cup shredded cheddar
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan

Directions

1. In a medium saucepan, bring chicken broth and water to a boil and season generously with salt. Reduce heat so mixture is at a simmer, then whisk in grits. Simmer, stirring often, until grits have absorbed liquid and are very tender, 10 minutes.
2. Stir in butter and cheeses, then season with salt and pepper.

Cheesy Grits

- Freshly ground black pepper



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Family Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10-11 AM Fellowship 11 AM /FH	2 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1:30-3:15 PM	3 Bible Study 10AM Fireside Room MovementWorks 4:30-8:30PM Bible Study 7PM Penny K's Home Circle Six Meeting 7 PM	4 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 4:30-7:30PM	5 Girl Scout Meeting 6-7PM Fellowship Hall	6 MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM	7 MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM
8 Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10-11 AM Fellowship 11 AM/FH	9 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1:30-3:15 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	10 Bible Study 10AM Fireside Room MovementWorks 4:30-8:30PM Bible Study 7PM Penny K's House Preschool Board Meeting 7PM	11 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 4:30-7:30PM	12 Compassionate Care 9:30 AM MovementWorks 4:30-7PM Sanctuary Choir 7PM Choir Loft Bell Choir 8PM Choir Loft	13 MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM	14 MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM
15 Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10-11 AM Fellowship 11AM /FH	16 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1:30-3:15 PM Council Meeting 7 PM/FR	17 Bible Study 10AM Fireside Room MovementWorks 4:30-8:30PM Bible Study 7PM Penny K's House	18 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 4:30-7:30PM	19 MovementWorks 4:30-7PM Girl Scout Meeting 6-7PM Fellowship Hall Trustees Meeting 7 PM/FR Sanctuary Choir 7PM Choir Loft Bell Choir 8PM Choir Loft	20 MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM	21 MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM
22 Family Worship 10 AM Noisy Collection Fellowship 11 AM/FH	23 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 1:30-3:15 PM Craft Night 6:30 PM FR	24 Bible Study 10AM Fireside Room MovementWorks 4:30-8:30PM Bible Study 7PM Penny K's House	25 Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM MovementWorks 4:30-7:30PM	26 MovementWorks 4:30-7PM Sanctuary Choir 7PM Choir Loft Bell Choir 8PM Choir Loft	27 MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM	28 MovementWorks 9AM- 12:15PM
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