

**ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10-11 AM**

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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
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June-July 2018

# THE KEY



ST. PETER'S U.C.C.  
582 CHURCH STREET  
AMHERST, OH 44001





As I write my last message to you, on Monday morning following a most affirming last-Sunday together, I am reminded of so many things. I recall my anticipation – and my fear – at joining St. Peter's as your pastor.

I clearly remember "finding" St. Peter's in the UCC database. This database is a bit like match.com. Its purpose is to connect churches looking for a pastor with pastors looking for a church - and is a most excellent tool. I was amazed to learn that there were over 800 churches looking for a pastor! I narrowed my search to 200 churches and through prayer and research I narrowed my search to 20. The amazing thing is that, *from the moment I read St. Peter's profile, I knew we were destined to walk together.* Something settled in my soul.

I submitted my profile to each of the 20 churches on my list. I received three basic responses: 1) we are in the call process with a candidate; 2) you are not a fit; 3) we would like to talk with you. I completed seven or eight Skype interviews with various churches and continued to correspond with other churches but my energy continued to return to St. Peter's.

As time evolved, I was called to two churches. I knew I would be content in either church. Both churches were about the same size; both had similar needs and goals; and both were filled with fine and good people. Still, my heart kept pointing me to St. Peter's. And I have never regretted my decision.

I believe God called us to work together. Serving as your pastor has been my most challenging job and it has been the most rewarding. Over the last two years, we have walked St. Peter's into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Under the

leadership of Jerry Buchs, the council and I agreed to work towards equipping St. Peter's *spiritually* and *operationally* to be a welcoming faith community who loves and serves God.

St. Peter's had some "history" to clean up and we bravely looked inward, owning our parts of it, grieving, forgiving ourselves and others, and resolving to address conflict as Christ teaches: through loving hearts and a shared vision of creating God's kingdom on earth. And we have stayed true to our vows.

On Sunday, I preached a sermon about love, fear, and action. Sunday's reading (Matthew 14:22-33) tells a story when the disciples were on the stormy Sea of Galilee.

I think it was an appropriate reading for my last Sunday with you. For, you see, I am embarking on a stormy sea. I am leaving the safety and love of St. Peter's and walking towards my death. But as I shared Sunday morning when that anxiety rises, I pull you toward me; I read and re-read your cards, notes and letters; I caress my beautiful quilt and wrap myself within its warmth; I remember your love and concern for me, and my fear vanishes. Your love enables me to take action and walk forward with a calm heart.

Thank you for your love and support. I have learned many things from you. And I will carry a piece (a peace) of each one of you as I experience God anew, after my death and rebirth. And my Spirit will be more vibrant because of your love.

~Pastor Bev

## Council Meeting Summaries

### April 2018 Council Meeting Summary

The General Fund is in the **negative**. The General Fund Balance as of March 31, 2018 is (\$23,709.85).

Non-endowed investments showed a loss of \$14,332.67. Lauri will reach out to Bob Bove to provide a "health" update for investment accounts.

Preschool's Hop-A-Thon fundraiser total: \$3,252.93

Spaghetti Dinner put on by the Mission Committee had a free will offering totaling \$341.00, which went to the Sub- Zero Mission.

Stained Glass Windows - The stained glass windows in the sanctuary are buckling and some are even pulling away from braces. The trustees are looking into obtaining quotes to have these repaired. The last quote received was a couple of years ago and was \$80,000.

Shelley Harmych shared 3 letters of thanks for monies received from St. Peter's from Big Brothers and Sisters,



### May 2018 Council Meeting Summary

The General Fund is in the **negative**. The General Fund Balance as of April 31, 2018 is (\$26,738.31).

Bob Bove will be at the June Council Meeting to discuss St. Peter's investment funds.

\$392 was donated during the Mission Committee's Chicken Paprikash dinner. Money was donated to Genesis Center

The Mission Committee is looking into what would be involved in having NARCAN at the church for treatment of suspected drug overdoses.

Jessie Kubuske discussed the plans for the June Church Picnic to be held at Mill Hollow. Church to provide Hot dogs and buns, plates, silverware. Church members to bring other foods.



## General Updates and News

### Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic

Bring your lawn chairs and fixins and prepare to worship God amongst the great outdoors **June 10th**. Worship begins at 10 AM at Mill Hollow Park, at Shelter #1. Please contact Jessie Kubuske at (440) 988-4965 or dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org with any

### Rolling River Rampa Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be July 23-27, 9:30 am until 12:30 pm. Cost is \$15 for the first child, two children from the same family are \$25, three or more children from the same family are \$35. Register online at [www.cokesburyvbs.com/Ststpeters](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/Ststpeters) You can pay in the church office or online. Deadline for registration and payment is July 10. Helpers are needed! Anyone that would like to help with VBS contact Jessie Kubuske at (440) 988-4965 or dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org.

### June and July Preschool News

The Preschool class of 2017-2018 has successfully completer 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!

During the summer, the staff will be looking for some new, fun filled ideas for the next school year. We have promoted the church by passing out fliers with VBS information, summer worship hours, Sunday school and preschool information. Many of the parents have expressed interest in volunteering this summer. Everyone can hardly wait!

The staff would also like to thank you for your support at our McDonald's fundraiser nights. We always have fun and enjoy a night off from cooking. It is also so much fun visiting and catching up with everyone.

This year was so much fun. We will miss out 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.

The preschool is filled up. We have 102 students! We have started a waiting list for parents interested in attending our preschool program in the fall. If you or anyone else is interested in our program or being put on the waiting list, please call the school at 985-1972. Thank you for spreading the word about our wonderful school!

Have a blessed and safe summer!

See you in the fall.

### Faith & Family Day with the Crushers

St. Peter's is attending Faith and Family day at the Lake Erie Crushers! Sunday, July 22, 2:05 pm! Tickets are \$19 in advance, Children 4-10 are \$16, children 3 and under are free and must be paid by June 24. The ticket price includes your ticket to the game and a picnic in their designated picnic area which will includes a hot dog, potato salad, beans, cookie and either tea, water, or lemonade. Join us there after church to enjoy a day of fun and fellowship! Any questions? Contact Jessie

### Food Bank

In April and May, a total of **333** items were taken to Good Shephard Baptist Church Food Bank. Thank you for your generous donations.



## PRAYER LIST



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Norm Kurth, Roger Becker, Betty Walters, Julia Damon, Jim Brown, Richard Bartlome, Karin Andy, Julia Damon, Darlene Mudrich, Marge Spangler, George Small, Jim Brown and all others in our congregation with conflicts or concerns in their lives that go unspoken.

Please pray for our children, church leadership and Pastor Bev. If you know of any member who wishes to

## Happy Birthday!

### JUNE-JULY BIRTHDAYS

6/3	Shelley Harmych	6/25	Judy MCurdy	7/7	Charles Logar	7/20	Ethan Link
6/3	Megan Jeskie	6/26	Emily Pratt	7/8	Crystal Diaz	7/20	Travis Mead
6/5	Betty Pekare	6/27	Kurt Beiswenger	7/8	Allen Erhart	7/22	Norma Clark
6/6	Alexander Pugh	6/27	William Kinloch	7/11	Lisa Jeskie	7/22	Amy Robey
6/10	Jodi Nowakowaski	6/30	Andrew Nagy	7/11	Judith Polamsky	/22	Teri Walter
6/13	Suzanne Scalli	6/30	Michael Smeltz	7/12	Marjorie Marshall	7/23	Colin Kossow
6/14	Lisa Duncan	6/30	Jean Snyder	7/13	Gary Haglund	7/23	Theodore Mudrich
6/14	Kevin Scalli	7/1	Susan Krieg	7/15	David Leuszler	7/23	Gary Thompson
6/14	Dorothy Wilford	7/2	Logan Bruce	7/15	Carri Thompson	7/26	Wendy Kosakowski
6/15	James Raesler	7/2	Dean Coghlan	7/16	Denise Di Luciano	7/28	Genna Muriello
6/18	Jerry Buchs	7/2	Ruth Husar	7/16	Janis Jurth	7/28	Gary Orseno
6/20	Karen Mullen	7/3	Dawn Bonnett	7/17	Caroline Cooksey	7/29	Maxine Miller
6/21	Megan Link	7/4	James Adkins	7/18	Diane Barnum		If we missed your
6/21	Deborah Makay	7/6	Karen Geduldig	7/18	Janet Ranney		birthday, please let us
6/22	Vicki Zeller	7/6	Patrica Wolf	7/19	Erin Link		know. Call Katie at 440-
							988-4965.

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

### Southern Potato Salad

#### Ingredients

4 potatoes  
4 eggs  
1/4 cup sweet relish  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/2 stalk celery, chopped  
2 tablespoons prepared mustard  
salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook until tender but still firm, about 15 minutes; drain and chop.
2. Place eggs in a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil; cover, remove from heat, and let eggs stand in hot water for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from hot water; peel and chop.
3. In a large bowl, combine the potatoes, eggs, celery, sweet relish, garlic, mustard, mayonnaise and salt and pepper. Gently mix together and serve warm.





**June 2018**

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Family Worship 10 AM Noisy Collection	Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM Craft Night 6:30PM Fireside Room Boy Scouts Meeting 7-8:30 PM Fellowship Hall		Yoga 9:30-10:45 AM			

**July 2018**

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