



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

July 7, 2024

7th Sunday after Pentecost

If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome!
Thank you for joining us, we're happy you are here.

Please make sure to sign-in in the Narthex and include your name and email so we can keep you updated on upcoming events and special worship services.

*Please stand if you are able and comfortable

Congregation reads text in bold print

In our liturgy, A: is all our voices. L: is the liturgist's voice P: is the Pastor's voice

Pre-Service Music ~ 9:55 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary to prepare for worship

Bringing Christ's light into Worship

Brody Strahn, Acolyte

Prayer Requests, Joys and Concerns

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

Live stream begins

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

***Call to Worship**

Bob Hedspeth, Liturgist

L: Like the pages of some great novel,

A: Each page and paragraph is distinct,

L: Yet, together, they tell a story, an ongoing story of the ministry and mission of Jesus.

A: We are the United Church of Christ, a covenanted family of congregations and believers who, together, witness to the love and grace of God, shown to us in Jesus, and enabled through us in God's Holy Spirit.

L: As the covenanted family, as the pages of that great novel, we gather for worship.

A: Come, Holy Spirit, equip us for this time of worship, and empower us for the ministry in God's name to which it leads us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

No. 225

***Invocation**

A: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Call to Confession**

L: Gracious God, we are bound by our need for others, and we know that we belong to you. Gathered here, let us confess our sin and be reminded of God’s Love.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father)

No. 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Time for Silent Prayer ~ Prayer Challenge 10 – Pray for strength and courage to say “yes” to where God calls you – Psalm 25:4-5 ~ Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Through Song

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

No. 306

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.

Young People's Message!

All young people are invited to come forward for their own special time with the Pastor.

Young people may go to Sunday School

Tammi Hart

The Holy Scriptures

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13

¹ [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded.

They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Message

“Let Us Build a House”

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

***Affirmation of Faith ~ UCC Statement of Faith, Doxology Form**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

*Hymn

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

No. 557

***Invitation to Generosity**

L: We offer to you all that we are, and all that we have. Let us bring our gifts of time, talent and treasure before God for the love of our neighbor and the world.

*Doxology (Praise)

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

A: O Lord our God, maker of all things, through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service, and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

Communion Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Dear Friends, here in this place, we bring the Sacrament of Holy Communion on first Sundays and on Church Festival days. We practice an open communion, which means all are welcomed to this table...it is God's table. As Jesus did, we have been welcoming people of all abilities and ages, from every time and every place, to join in the Sacrament.

We remember, the night before Jesus would be betrayed and crucified, that he sat among his friends and took bread, blessed, and broke it, and said “Take and eat for this is my body given for you. As often as you do it do it in remembrance of me.”

After the supper had ended, Jesus took the cup, blessed it and said, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” My friends, whenever we share this bread and cup, we remember the compassion and love Jesus taught and the call to follow Christ in all we do.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Healing, encircle these elements today. Surround us with your care, pour your peace that passes all understanding on us. This is the meal of Christ for all God's children. Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

No matter where you are on the path of life, each of you are welcome at this table.

We sing of God's Grace...

*Seraphic Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and Earth are full,

Are full of the majesty of Thy glory,

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Distribution of Communion

P: Come. Find your place at this table, you who seek the Spirit's power and grace. We are a community in Christ. Join in the meal of love with all Christians. Our God has given Christ Jesus, for us, forever!

All may come forward for the bread (Gluten Free is available) and wine (outer ring of cups) or grape juice (center of tray). If you are not able to come forward, raise your hand and we will bring Communion to you.

Prayer of Gratitude

A: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and you have nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy in word and deed, through the power of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

*Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

No. 622

***Benediction**

P: Christ sends you out to proclaim God's good news! God has done great work *in* you. Now go and let God work *through* you! Amen!

*Benediction Response

No. 28

**There is strength in the name of the Lord;
There is power in the name of the Lord;
There is hope in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
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Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ!

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Current Office Hours: W, Th, & Fri. 10am – 2pm (W & Th remotely) ~ Sat 9-11am + 513-661-3745

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Announcements



Praise Dance Classes

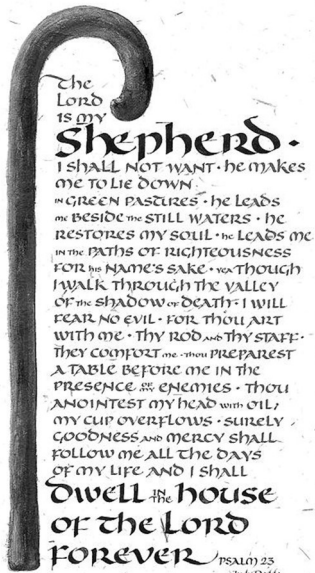
Classes will be cancelled on July 15th and July 18th due to Vacation Bible School.

Adults, we need ushers & greeters!

Women or men, please help your congregation by volunteering yourselves!
We need you!

Summer Singing

Anyone interested in singing during worship this summer please sign up at
Communication Corner.

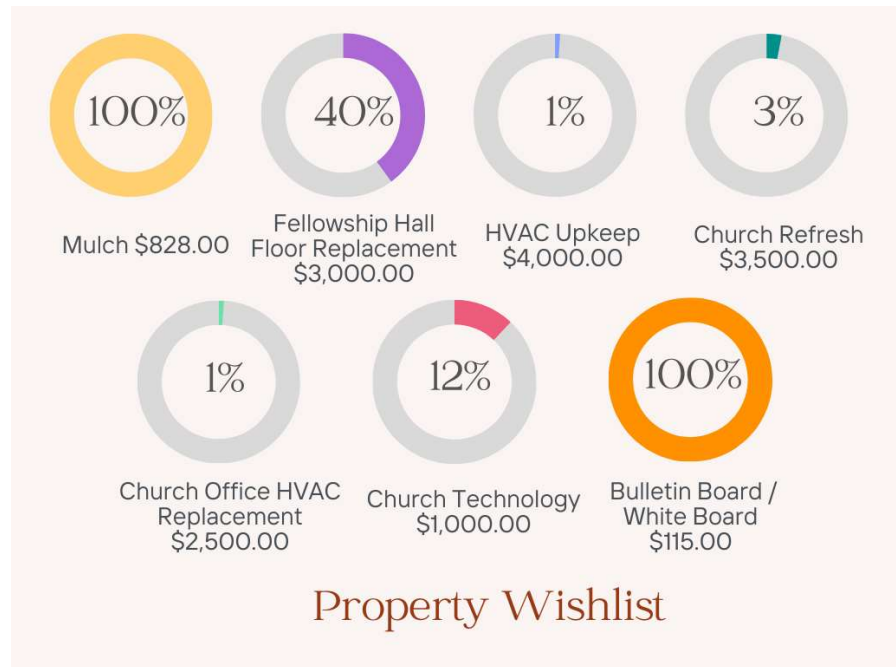


Bonnie Diehl Memorial Service

A short memorial service will be held immediately after service next week July 14th, until 11:20 am. Please join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for a light meal, friendship, mutual support, and conversation.

Property Wish List

The Property Department is asking for donations to help with the cost of maintaining areas of the church. If you are able to help, please fill out the form located in the Narthex and return it with your donation. We will update the graph each week so you can see the progress of our goal.



ST. PETER & ST. PAUL UCC
MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEAL

COME ON IN FOR A FREE MEAL, A FOOD BAG TO TAKE HOME, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH ALL CLOTHES AND HOUSEWARES DONATIONS YOU MAY NEED. ALL ARE WELCOME, NO DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.

JULY 20TH, 2024 | 10:30AM - 12:00PM
(3RD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH)

St. Peter & St. Paul UCC

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE
& GRILL OUT**

SUNDAY JULY 28TH
★★★

WORSHIP STARTS AT 10:00
AND WE WILL GRILL OUT
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING



*The church will supply the meats and we ask that everyone bring a side or dessert.
Please sign-up at Communication Corner*

In the Community

PRODUCE POP UP WITH FREESTORE FOODBANK

2nd Thursdays || 2-4pm
Back of Rear Parking Lot

According to the USDA, half of every meal should be made up of fruits and vegetables. Freestore Foodbank & Anthem are working together to deliver Produce Pop Ups to your neighborhood with our community partners, food pantries, and organizations.

The Covedale Branch has partnered in this collaborative effort to distribute FREE food to families in need on a first-come, first-served basis.

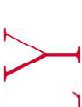
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Praise Dance Exercise - 7-8 pm F.H.	2 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	3 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	4 4th of July Praise Dance Exercise - 3-4 pm F.H.	5 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	6
7 Pastor's Cool Connection-Ice Cream Social-New Member Reception - 10:45 Communion	8 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H. Praise Dance Exercise - 7-8 pm F.H.	9 Property - 7pm - Par.	10 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	11 Praise Dance Exercise - 3-4 pm F.H.	12 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	20 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
		Vacation Bible School 15th - 19th 6:00 - 8:30 pm				
21	22 Praise Dance Exercise - 7-8 pm F.H.	23 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	24 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H.	25 Praise Dance Exercise - 3-4 pm F.H.	26 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 1 pm - 3 pm - Library	27 Youth Group - 4:00 - 6:00 - F.H.
28 Outside worship service & grill out after service 	29 Praise Dance Exercise - 7-8 pm F.H.	30	31 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.			