



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

June 23, 2024

5th 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

Matthew Westermeyer, 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**

Wendy Bauer, Liturgist

L: Holy One, you have searched and known us.

A: You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts.

L: You search out our paths and our lying downs and are acquainted with all my ways.

A: Even before a word is on our tongues, O Holy One, you know it completely.

L: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

A: We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that we know very well.

*Hymn

"It Is Well with My Soul"

No. 561

***Invocation**

A: We are called to care for all people on this earth you have made. This is a day in which we think about all people, and how we are connected to one another. You have blessed us with this time and this place, to bring your Good News to the world. May our hearts be open to how we can create connections, by listening and responding to the talents that every person has. We are blessed to be a blessing: thank you for creating us for this purpose. Amen.

***Call to Confession**

L: In the name of the Risen Christ, and with hope, sincerity, and love for God and our neighbor, let us confess our sins against God and one another.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: Creator of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the qualities of bodies or minds, or the many varieties of human experience.

We have tried to love our neighbors while benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of love in Christ, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

P: Loving God, restore us in your image to be the beloved community, united in our diversity through the risen Christ. You are grace, mercy, hope, and love. You loved us even when we were dead in sin, and you made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. 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 #8 - Be quiet before God so that you can hear the voice of His Spirit - Psalm 85:8 ~ 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

First Reading – 1 Samuel 17:40-49

⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. ⁴¹The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴²When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." ⁴⁵But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

⁴⁸When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

The Holy Gospel – Mark 4:38-41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But 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?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Message

“Big Stuff”

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

***Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

No. 85

***Invitation to Generosity**

L: In gratitude for all that God has given us, we ask that as we each are led by faith into giving, let us be bold in our faith for the sake of Jesus Christ, who stills the storms of living. Help us to give, as Jesus has given to us. May our generosity overflow, with faith, hope, and trust.

*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 God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us richly, and given us the care of the earth: Increase our willingness to engage that care, and with these gifts give us new insight into your purposes for the Church on earth, and for this congregation, new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

No. 618

***Benediction**

P: And now, as we are sent forth into this world, send us with compassion, strength to serve, and hope to share. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Benediction Response

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son,
And give God the glory! Great things he has done!**

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



Adults, we need ushers & greeters!

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

Summer Singing

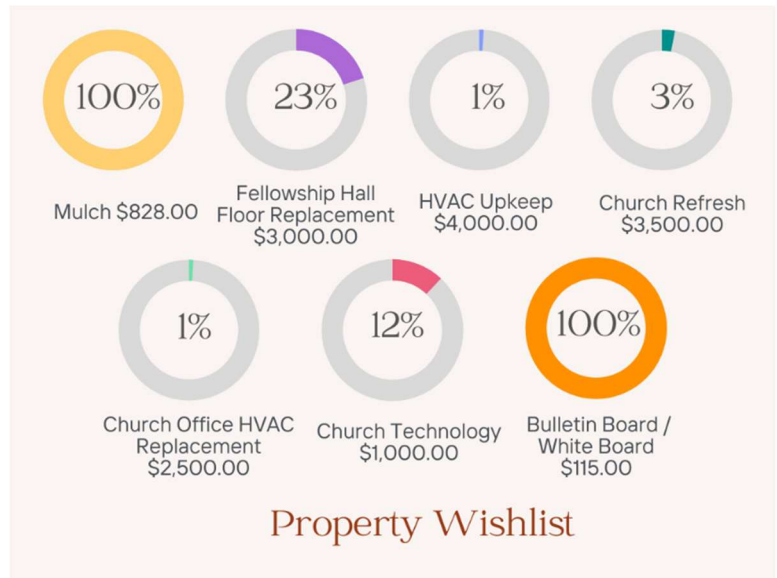
Anyone interested in singing during worship this summer please sign up at Communication Corner.

Community Meal – Clothing Donations

Thanks to everyone who has donated clothing to our Community Meal. We have received an abundance of donations recently and need time to sort and organize them. If you have clothing donations for the church, could you hold onto them to give us time to sort through the inventory we have. If you have any questions or are interested in helping to sort through items, please see Jackie Frank.

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.



Monthly Book Club

June 26th
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
(4th Wednesday of every month)

STARTING JUNE 17TH

PRAISE DANCE EXERCISE

Every Monday 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Every Thursday 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Over 18 \$5.00 a session or \$20.00 for 5 sessions
Under 18 \$3.00 a session or \$12.00 for 5 sessions

VBS
REGISTRATION
RALLY

SATURDAY JUNE 29TH
12:30 - 2:30
Featuring - KONA ICE
Popcorn, Cotton Candy,
Treats, Games
& Giveaways

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We are inviting the community to a fun-filled day to pre-register for VBS as well as to learn more about our church, our food pantry and the resources we have to offer.

Come join in the fun and help us share God's greatness!!!

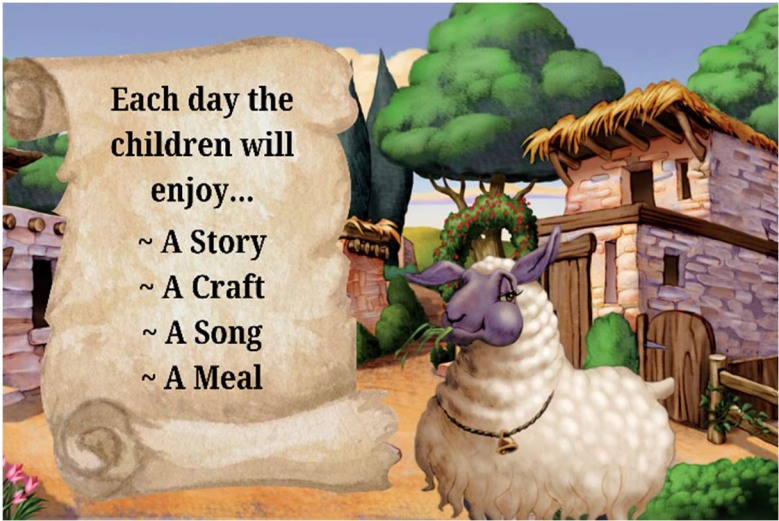
**ST. PETER &
ST. PAUL UCC**
**MONTHLY
YOUTH
GROUP**
Get to know your
Neighbor and your
faith
JUNE 29TH
4:00 - 6:00 PM
Grades 6 - 12



EACH MEETING WILL INCLUDE COOKING A MEAL, AN ICEBREAKER, A LIFE LESSON AND A FUN ACTIVITY WITH A CRAFT OR SOMETHING TO TAKE HOME.



THIS GROUP IS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ALIENATED FROM FAITH GROUPS, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH FAITH GROUPS. IT IS FOR RISING 6-12 GRADE STUDENTS.



Each day the children will enjoy...
~ A Story
~ A Craft
~ A Song
~ A Meal

VBS 2024
July 15th – 19th

Want to Volunteer? - Just ask **Tammi Hart** how!

Want to Donate? - Shop our Amazon Wish List with this QR code



Join us for PASTOR'S COOL CONNECT -

A GREAT GET TOGETHER

July 7th

Immediately following service

Get to know the Pastor while enjoying ice cream, fellowship and fun. Bring a friend!!!



Summer

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POOLSIDE
FISHING
VACATION
GRILLING
CAMPING
FIREWORKS
FESTIVALS
FLIP FLOPS
BEACH
SEASHELLS
SUNSCREEN
HIKING
SUNSHINE
PICNIC
BONFIRE

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JUNE 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Communion	3 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	4 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	5 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	6	7 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	8
9	10	11 Property - 7pm - Par.	12 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	13	14 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	15 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
16 HAPPY FATHERS DAY Father's Day Breakfast - 8:30 am F.H.	17 Praise Dance Exercise - 7-8 pm F.H.	18	19 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	20 Praise Dance Exercise - 3-4 pm F.H.	21	22 Steering & Search Committees - 11:00 am
23/30	24 Praise Dance Exercise - 7-8 pm F.H.	25 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	26 Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H.	27 Praise Dance Exercise - 3-4 pm F.H.	28	29 Mission Services, Steering & Search Committees - 11:00 am VBS Registration - 12:30 - 2:30 - Outside Youth Group - 4:00 - 6:00 - F.H.