

St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

October 13TH, 2024

21ST 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

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

***Call to Worship**

Wendy Bauer, Liturgist

L: Praise the Holy One! We gather with God in the congregation.

A: God's works delight us, inspire us, challenge us, and uphold us.

L: God is good! God works with all of us in covenant, in the congregation.

A: Righteousness endures forever. The covenant is everlasting.

L: Praise the Holy One! Give honor to God in the congregation.

A: Honoring God leads to wisdom. Let us praise the Holy One forever!

*Hymn

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 67

***Invocation**

A: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***Call to Confession**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our trespasses to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, Son of God, you are nourished and strengthened.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the hope of the world, 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 #24 – Tell someone about your need/struggle and ask them to pray for you. Esther 4:15-16 ~ 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.

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

Please be seated.

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: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Choral Anthem:

"Our Lord is in this Place"

by Mary McDonald

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

17As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" 20He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 21Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 22When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!"

25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” 26They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” 27Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

28Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” 29Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Message “3-D Printed Houses & Other Impossible Things”

Pastor Teri Lynn

***Affirmation of Faith ~ We Are God’s Handiwork**

**We are God's work of art— each one of us a precious gem,
a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.**

**We are God's handiwork– woven together in love,
shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.**

**We are the church of Jesus Christ— diverse in human qualities,
but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are the Body of Christ—
living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love,
throughout the world he loved so much.**

**We are here to be reminded once more who we are,
whose we are and what our lives are about.**

**We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered
to live out the miracle of who we are,
by the power of God working in and among us.**

We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

~ adapted from “God’s Work of Art,” written by the Rev. David Inglis, pastor of Henrietta (NY) United Church of Christ. Posted in *Worship Resources for Human Relations Day*, 2011, on the Sharing God’s Gifts website of the United Methodist Church. <http://www.umcgiving.org/>

*Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

No. 717

***Invitation to Generosity**

L: May we offer our gifts as a prayer of trust that God provides, a prayer of resistance that declares that creation’s abundance and sufficiency, and a prayer of hope that needs can be met. We pray with our mouths, our hearts, and our spirits. Let us also pray with our time, our talents, and our treasures.

*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: Creating God, thank you for hearing our prayer, receiving these gifts, and making them holy for your kingdom. Bless and honor every gift, enlarge our territory, and renew the resources as a demonstration of generosity and flourishing in your realm. Amen.

*Hymn

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

No. 609

***Benediction**

P: May the love of God uphold you as your love of neighbor compels you.
May the peace of Christ sustain you as the work of peace inspires you.
May the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit direct you as the call to community beckon you.
Go, in the assurance of belonging to God and one another in hope and joy. Amen.
A: Thanks be to God.

*Benediction Response

**The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious, and be gracious;
the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.**

Postlude

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

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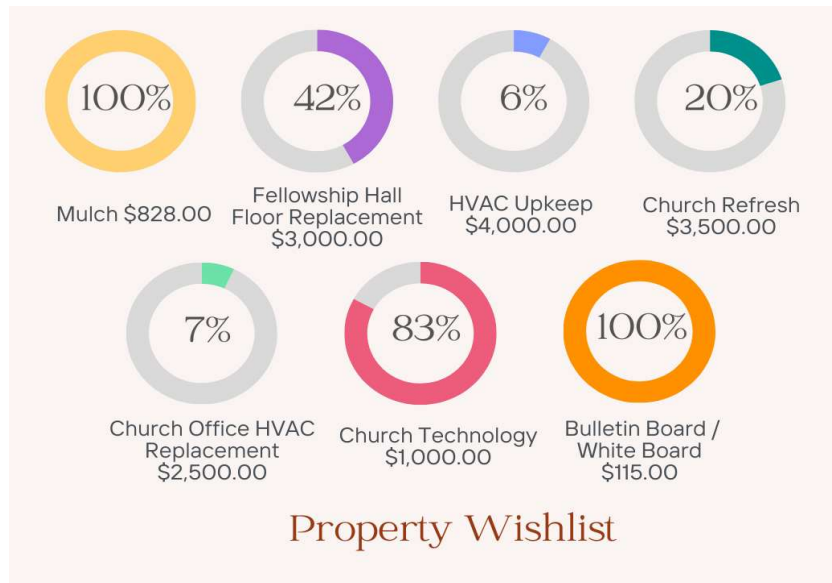
Announcements



Our church will observe Totenfest during morning worship on Sunday, November 3rd. We will remember all of those of our church family who have passed away in the last year. If you would like to add the name of a loved one or friend to our Totenfest list, please send that information to the church office by Wednesday, October 30th.

Property Wish List

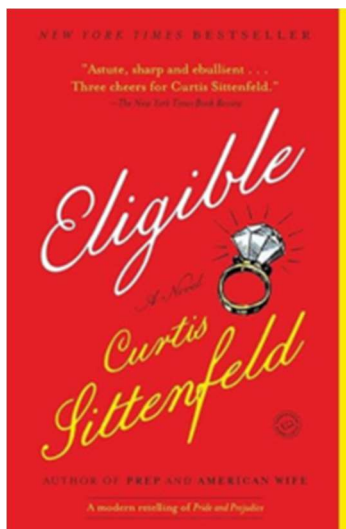
The Property Department is asking for donations to help with the cost of maintaining areas of the church. If you are able to help, please fill out the form located in the Narthex and return it with your donation. We will update the graph each week so you can see the progress of our goal.



MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEAL

October 19th, 2024
10:30am - 12:00pm
(3rd Saturday every month)

Join us for a free meal, food bag to take home as well the opportunity to go through all clothing and houseware donations that you may need. All are welcome, no documentation required.



Monthly Book Club

October 23rd

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

(4th Wednesday of every month)

Wonderfully tender and hilariously funny, *Eligible* tackles gender, class, courtship, and family as Curtis Sittenfeld reaffirms herself as one of the most dazzling authors writing today.



ST. PETER & ST. PAUL UCC

MONTHLY YOUTH GROUP OCTOBER 26, 2024

Last Saturday Every Month 4 PM - 6 PM



A vertical poster for a Knitting / Crochet Group. At the top left, there is a ball of brown yarn with a red band. A white speech bubble contains the text "Beginners are welcome". The main title "Knitting / Crochet Group" is in a large, bold, brown font. Below it, "Every Friday - 10-12" is written in a smaller brown font. A blue crochet hook is positioned to the right of the title. At the bottom, there is a basket filled with balls of yarn in blue, red, and yellow, with a blue knitting needle. The background is a light orange color.

Beginners are welcome

Knitting / Crochet Group

Every Friday - 10-12

IF YOU ENJOY KNITTING OR CROCHETING COME JOIN US
ON, FRIDAY MAY 10, FROM 10 TO 12 HERE AT CHURCH.
DON'T KNOW HOW, WELL COME AND WE CAN TEACH YOU.
ANY QUESTIONS ASK CINDY SEERY.

A vertical poster for a "Trunk or Treat" event. The title "TRUNK or TREAT" is written in large, orange, block letters, with "or" in a smaller, green, cursive font. Below the title, a yellow rounded rectangle contains the text "SAVE THE DATE" and "OCT 26TH - 6:00-7:00 P.M.". Underneath, it says "JOIN THE FUN!" and "BRING YOUR LITTLE ONES OR SET UP A TRUNK. WRAPPED CANDY OR MONETARY DONATIONS APPRECIATED." The bottom of the poster features a cartoon illustration of four children in Halloween costumes: a boy in a green Frankenstein costume, a girl in a purple ghost costume holding a jack-o'-lantern, a girl in a white ghost costume holding a red lollipop, and a boy in a black skeleton costume holding a jack-o'-lantern. The background is dark grey with several black spider silhouettes.

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Mission Statement

St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ

Be the lighthouse of the community, letting Christ's life flow through us as a beacon of hope and strength to others.

To enlighten the entire church family on the values of participation and commitment

Offer to all the hand of fellowship, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us

Light the way for the community, as we serve God and reach out to minister

Offer support and care for one another, with grace

Visit and minister to all in need, as Jesus did

Encourage one another to walk in the faith, actively in love



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OCTOBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	2 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary Bells - 6:00 pm - 107	3	4 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	5
6 Communion	7 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	8 Property - 7pm - Par.	9 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 am F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	10	11 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	12
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20	21	22 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	23 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	24	25 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	26 Trunk or Treat 6-7 pm Youth Group - 4:00 - 6:00 - F.H.
27	28	29	30 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary Bells - 6:00 pm - 107	31 