



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

June 9, 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

*Chloe Seery, 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**

*Dorothy Coore, 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 down and are acquainted with all our 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

*“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

**No. 6**

**\*Invocation**

**A: We are called to “observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as our God commanded us.”  
Be with us, Holy One, so that we may be refreshed and renewed, every day.  
May the Holy Spirit descend upon us as we gather in worship and praise, for all we do in  
Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**\*Call to Confession**

L: As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace. *Allow a short moment of silence.*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**A: Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May 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.*

**Graduate Recognition**

Time for Silent Prayer ~ Prayer Challenge #6 – Pray for someone who was mean to you and ask God to do them good. Luke 6:28 ~ 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 – Genesis 3:8-15, 21**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’”<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. <sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

### **The Holy Gospel – Mark 3:20-35**

They all went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— <sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

*Message*

*“Forgive Us Our Trespasses”*

*Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse*

### **\*Affirmation of Faith ~ A Credo – by Daniel Berrigan, S.J.**

**It is not true that creation and the human family  
are doomed to destruction and loss—**

**This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;**

**It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty,  
death and destruction—**

**This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.**

**It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—**

**This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given,  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
his name shall be called wonderful councilor, mighty God,  
the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.**

**It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil  
who seek to rule the world—**

**This is true: To Jesus is given authority in heaven and on earth,  
and He gives that to us: ... lo I am with you, always, even until the end of the world.**

**It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted,  
who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers—**

**This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and daughters shall prophesy,  
your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall have dreams.**

**It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind,  
of justice, of human dignity, of peace  
are not meant for this earth and for this history—**

**This is true: The hour comes, and it is now,  
that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.**

**So let us have hope - even hope against hope.  
Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.  
Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:  
Jesus Christ—the life of the world.**

\*Hymn

**“We Walk by Faith”**  
*(included in bulletin)*

**ELW No. 635**

**\*Invitation to Generosity**

L: In gratitude for all that God has given us, we receive this morning's offering, pledging these gifts and our lives in God's service.

\*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: The Lord is faithful, and will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that we as a congregation are doing and will continue to do the things the Lord desires. May the Lord our God direct our hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance, in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**We offer ourselves to Your service, Lord, for the care and protection of all that you have made, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Grace and Love. Amen.**

\*Hymn

**"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"**

No. 614

**\*Benediction**

P: The grace of God the Father and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, dwell with us forever. 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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Lily Heuerman ~ Granddaughter of Bob & Carol Heuerman ~ Graduating from Our Lady of Visitation. She will be attending Seton High school next year.

Jordan Keethler ~ Grandson of Bob & Ramona Hedspeth ~ Graduating from Campbell County High School.

Nathan Morgan ~ Grandson of Bobbie Morgan ~ Graduating from Scott High School. He will be attending Northern Kentucky University.

Austin Fortman - Grandson of Jan Williams ~ Graduating from Oak Hills High School with highest honors. He will be attending UC School of Engineering.

Aidan Williams ~ Grandson of Jan Williams ~ Graduating from Aurora University with a degree in Political Science.

Elijah Walpole ~ Grandson of Kathy Walpole ~ Graduating from Harrison Jr. High School. He will be attending LaSalle High School.

Logan Walpole ~ Grandson of Kathy Walpole ~ Graduating from LaSalle High School. He will be attending Heidelberg University on a baseball scholarship.





# Announcements



Please join us for cake to celebrate our graduates, immediately following service in Fellowship Hall

Adults, we need ushers! Women or men, please help your congregation by volunteering yourselves! Please sign up at communication corner.  
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 for a couple weeks 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.

Nursery Summer Volunteers Needed - Please see Tammi if you are interested in volunteering on Sundays...(don't forget we have snacks and AC 😊)

Property  
List

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL UCC  
COMMUNITY MEAL

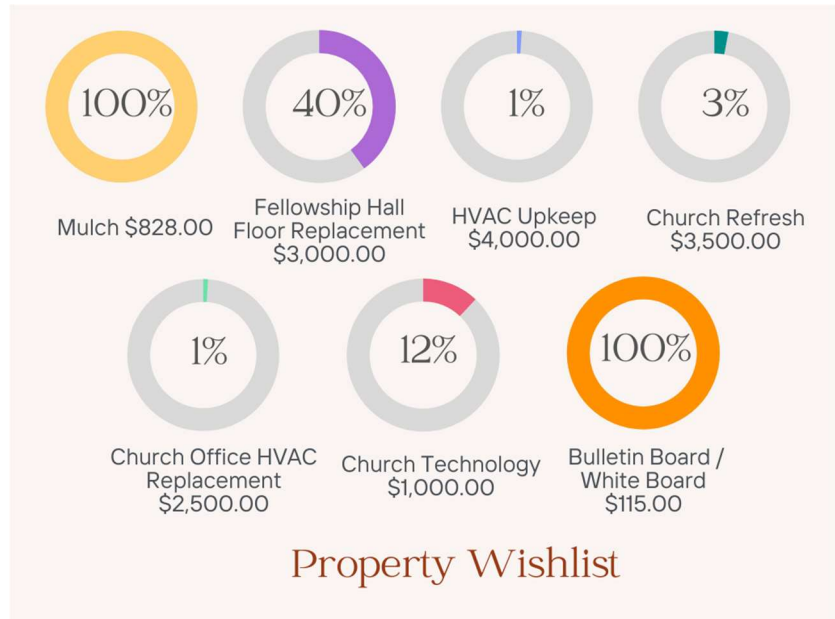
Come and get it...

JUNE 15TH  
10:30 - 12:00

- Home Cooked Meal
- Free Bag of Food to Take Home
- Clothing and Housewares (when available)
- Friends & Fellowship - All are welcome

Wish

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.



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!!!

June 29<sup>th</sup>  
 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm



Each day the children will enjoy...

- ~ A Story
- ~ A Craft
- ~ A Song
- ~ A Meal

VBS 2024  
June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

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

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



## 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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CHPL.org

# 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	18	19 Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	20	21 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	22 Steering & Search Committees - 11:00 am
23/30	24	25 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	26 Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H.	27	28 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	29 Mission Services, Steering & Search Committees - 11:00 am VBS Registration - 12:30 - 2:30 - Outside Youth Group - 4:00 - 6:00 - F.H.

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