



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

October 20TH, 2024

22ND 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
Prayer Requests, Joys and Concerns

*Kamaya Anderson, Acolyte
Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse*

Live stream begins
Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements
Stewardship Moment

*Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse
Deb Boland*

***Call to Worship**

Michelle Daniels, Liturgist

L: Today we gather to worship, with all our hopes, weariness, joys, and concerns swirling within us. We gather to worship One who both ascends above our condition and descends to meet us in the midst of them.

A: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and glory.

L: We are humbled and grateful that the Servant God knows our names and seeks our presence.

A: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty.

L: We raise our spirits as one body, strengthening, fortifying, and encouraging one another as we honor The Holy One's glorious and precious name.

A: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. O Creator, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and joy.

***Invocation**

A: God of Many Names, we gather as a people formed by you. You give us breath and life and being. You meet us in the sanctuary and on the sofa. You call us by name with purpose, care, and love. May our time together in this space, online or onsite, remind us of our connectedness to you, each other, and all creation. May you be glorified, honored, and worshiped in spirit and in truth. May we be rooted, challenged, and encouraged in love. We welcome your presence among us. We seek your guiding Spirit. We place our trust in you. Amen.

***Call to Confession**

L: Bound together with the Love of Christ, let us confess our trespasses to God.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: Renewing God, we confess that all too often we conform to this world. The voices we prioritize are far removed from you. We drown out your Still Speaking Voice with the noise of consumerism and commercialism. We ignore your gentle nudge in favor of our own desires and comfort. We fail to actively love our neighbor, care for your creation, or even honor ourselves as your divine crafting. We resist transformation through the renewing of our minds and settle for echo chambers of thoughts and ideas that deplete and deprive our souls of abundant life. Forgive us and continually challenge us to be the people you have empowered and equipped us to be.

***Assurance of Pardon**

P: Beloved children of God, even now, the Holy One supplies the means to rewrite your story. God will strengthen you in your weakness, direct you in your uncertainty, and encourage you in your weariness. God has formed you, sustains you, and will be with you through it all. 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 #25 – Pray for ministry leaders and volunteers in your church. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 ~ 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.**

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: Psalm 91:9-16 *(All read responsively)*

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble;

I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

Choral Anthem

"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

by Tom Fettke

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking.

Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able."

Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Message

"Baseball Theology"

Pastor Teri Lynn

***Affirmation of Faith ~ Philippians 2:5-11**

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

*Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu"

No. 600

***Invitation to Generosity**

L: Jesus shows us by his servant life that the invitation to give is a gift, not a debt. We share our resources because we were created to be mutually dependent upon one another. When we give generously, we demonstrate our faith in God's generosity, provision, and abundance. Therefore, let us give with thanksgiving and love for God and our neighbor.

*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: Giver of every gift, we give thanks for your provision that allows us to live a generous life. Use our offerings of time, talent, and treasure to expand your kingdom. May these gifts be magnified and meet the needs of this community and your world. Amen.

*Hymn

“Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant”

No. 490

***Benediction**

P: As you go, take the keys of heaven with you. Unlock hope in a world in need of encouragement. Loose joy where there is despair. Give peace room to grow. Release love with every encounter. And the God of hope, joy, peace, and love will be with you.

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.

Everyone,

Thank you so much for the sweet surprise of the Pastor's Appreciation Celebration after worship on Oct. 13th! The fellowship was wonderful, the cake was amazing and the punch was sweet. Most of all, the card signed by everyone touched my heart. It is in my dining room for me to see every day. I love you all and appreciate you having me here to serve you as your Interim Pastor.

With gratitude,
Pastor Teri Lynn

Hurricanes 2024 Relief Efforts

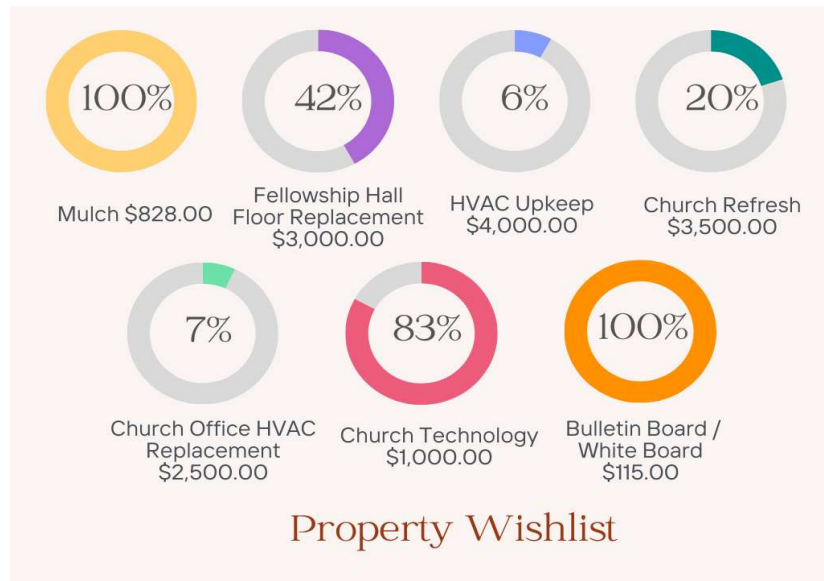
St. Peter & St. Paul UCC has applied and been approved for a matching grant to assemble hygiene and cleanup buckets to help hurricane survivors clean their homes and businesses. Here is a peek at the items that will be needed for these buckets. We are in the process of developing a sign up sheet of all the necessities and will provide further details. We are asking for donations of the items below and monetary donations that we will use to purchase needed items and also volunteers to help assemble and transport the buckets. Deadline is November 24th. Stay tuned for more information...

We will need 30 of each of the items below.

- ✓ One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Advertisement on the outside acceptable.)
- One 4-8oz. pump spray air freshener
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry cleaning towels (No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. Remove from packaging.)
- One 32-64oz. or two 25oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-34oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-40oz. bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles.)
- One package of 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100ft. clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free, non-surgical. Durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of work gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather.)
- 20-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)
- One 6-9oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent (Pump spray bottles must have protective covers. Packs of 10-20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable.)

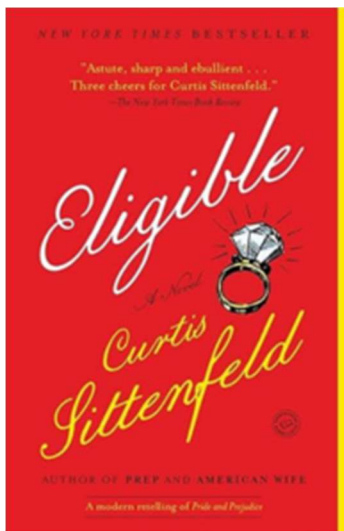
Property Wish List

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.



Please Note---Starting October 20th any funds donated to the Property Wish List will not be represented in the numbers above until the first week of December.





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.



TRUNK *or* TREAT

SAVE THE DATE
OCT 26TH - 6:00-7:00 P.M.

JOIN THE FUN!
BRING YOUR LITTLE ONES OR SET UP A TRUNK.
WRAPPED CANDY OR MONETARY DONATIONS
APPRECIATED.

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL UCC

MONTHLY YOUTH GROUP OCTOBER 26, 2024

Last Saturday Every Month 4 PM - 6 PM



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

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 pm 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.
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