



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

September 22, 2024

A Month of Creation Celebration

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

Kyra Anderson, 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**

Jim Miller, Liturgist

L: Those who trust in the Holy One ascend to worship, and sing as they go throughout the land.

A: Surround us, O God, like the land all around the earth.

L: Let us stretch out our hands and our hearts reaching for your goodness and righteousness.

A: Protect us, O God, like the land all around the earth.

L: Lead us and guide us on good paths and make us agents of peace.

A: Guide our pathways, O God, like the land all around the earth.

Invocation

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Hymn

"O Word of God Incarnate"

No. 322

***Invitation to Confession**

L: With open hearts, we come before you examining our own hearts, our own lives, and our own pathways as we confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

P: Beloved, God's grace is sufficient to meet you in weakness. And yet, faith without works lacks power, conviction, and life. Let our commitment to the gospel and a life with Christ be reflected in our attitude and actions toward those with different life experiences, identities, and cultures. Be opened to the possibilities, wonders, and joy that the diversity of God's creation presents to us.

*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 #21 – Thank God for His great love for you.
1 John 3:1~ 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

First Reading: James 3:13-18, 4:7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:7}Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Choir Anthem:

"I Will Sing and Not Be Silent"

by Allen Pote

The Holy Gospel – Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Message

"Appalachian Spring, for All Seasons"

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

Profession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

*Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

No. 56

***Invitation to the Offering**

L: O God of justice and love, we give thanks that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and help us to give of our time, talent, and treasure to the needs of our community and world. Amen.

*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.

*Hymn

“Lord I Want to Be a Christian”

No. 589

***Benediction**

P: Go into the world as agents of healing, appreciating the wonder of creation. See the land, find the earth and the soil, the water and the sky, in all forms, expressions, and ways. Boldly embrace the fullness of humanity: Welcome the stranger, consider another person as beloved, and be a friend in Jesus. Go in peace to love and serve God.

A: Thanks be to God.

*Benediction Response

**God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
we, your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.**

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

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Announcements



Pastor Teri Lynn will be attending the
Joint Heartland Conference Annual Gathering & Disciples
Regional Assembly September 27th and 28th.



Attention all painters.

The Property Department is looking for volunteers to help with painting
the wood trim around the windows and the baseboards in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you
Property Dept.

Please see a member of the Property Dept.

Mike Miller

Jim or Teresa Miller

Andy Hitz

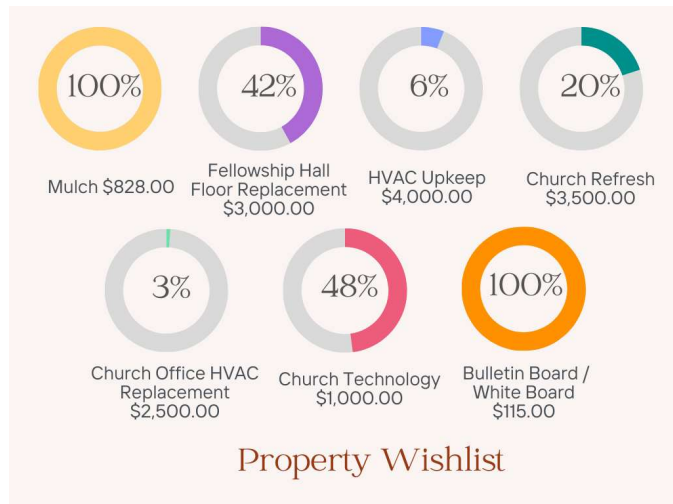
Deb Boland

Jo Ann Iames

Glenn Schnell

Property Wish List

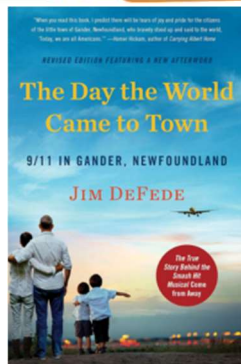
The Property Department is asking for donations to help with the cost of maintaining areas of the church. If you are able to help, please fill out the form located in the Narthex and return it with your donation. We will update the graph each week so you can see the progress of our goal.



FREE FOOD GIVEAWAY

Tuesday October 1st
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Our free food distribution is the first Tuesday every month

513-661-3745
3001 Queen City Ave



Monthly Book Club

September 25th
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

(4th Wednesday of every month)

A book by Jim DeFede that tells the story of how the people of Gander and its surrounding communities welcomed and helped thousands of stranded travelers after the 9/11 attacks



SEPTEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion	2	3 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	4	5	6	7
8 Rally Day Worship Picnic	9	10 Property - 7pm - Par.	11 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	12 Operation BRIDGE - 10-2 - F.H.	13 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	14
15 Bell Choir - 11:30 Rm. 107	16	17	18 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	19	20 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	21 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
22	23	24 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	25 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	26	27 Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	28 Heartland Conference Convocation - Pastor Out
29	30					