



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

September 1, 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

Liam Miller, Acolyte

Prayer Requests, Joys and Concerns

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

The barbecues are going! Enjoy the anticipation and celebration. We will begin the Rally Day Picnic right after our worship service. Grace will be offered before the Benediction.

Live stream begins

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

***Call to Worship**

Julie Ress, Liturgist

L: Those who trust in the Holy One are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

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

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

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

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

A: Breathe into us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

Invocation

Holy One, our Maker, we gather to worship you, to renew our spirits, and to connect as a community. Some of us crave a joyful noise, some flourish in quiet contemplation, others desire movement, while others need to ponder our thoughts.

However, we worship, we gather here. In this place, we find you in the midst of us. In this connectivity, we know that your covenant remains in effect. May your Spirit guide, empower, and speak. Amen.

*Hymn

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

No. 61

*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: Holy One, we confess our tendency to form closed groups rather than open communities, and to prioritize comfort rather than embrace curiosity. Our neighbors are all around us, waiting to be included. Help us to truly love our neighbor, whether family, friend, stranger, or foe, as ourselves and with the love you demonstrate toward us.

*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 #19 – Today, find a way to pray without using any words. Romans 8:26-27 ~ 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: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Holy Gospel – Mark 7:24-37

³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Message

“See the Sky, Feel the Air ”

Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse

*Hymn

“When the Poor Ones”

No. 662

*Invitation to the Offering

L: The scripture says “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well.” Let us do well in sharing and giving of our resources, gifts, and time within and beyond this faith community for the glory and love of God.

*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

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

No. 586

***Blessing of the Picnic**

***Benediction**

P: Go into the world as agents of healing, appreciating the wonder of creation. See the sky, hear the birds of the air 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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Current Office Hours: W, Th, & Fri. 10am – 2pm (W & Th remotely) ~ Sat 9-11am + 513-661-3745

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Announcements



Did you know?

Our Health Ministry board is back up on display.

It's located next to the choir room, make sure to stop by and check it out.

On September 15th, after worship and a fellowship celebration for Paul, we will gather at 11:30 for 15 minutes to introduce you to the bells. We will meet in room 107 to share our bells, the bell supplies, do a little work, and make some decisions about our first day to meet for practice.

Rally Day – Worship Picnic

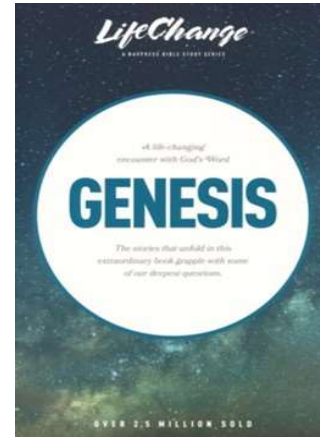
Look what Sunday School has to offer YOU!

ADULTS -

We would love to have you join us in adult study school 9-9:45 am every Sunday.

We are kicking off the new year at the beginning.

The first book of God's revelation to man is a book of Genesis, beginnings. God creates the heavens, the earth, man and woman, but rebellion breaks out, and God begins the task of mending His relationship with mankind. The events that unfold in this extraordinary book give form to the entire Bible, right to the end of Revelation and God's plan for a new beginning



KIDS-

Last year we met interesting people from the Old Testament. This year we study People in the New Testament to help kids become friends with God.

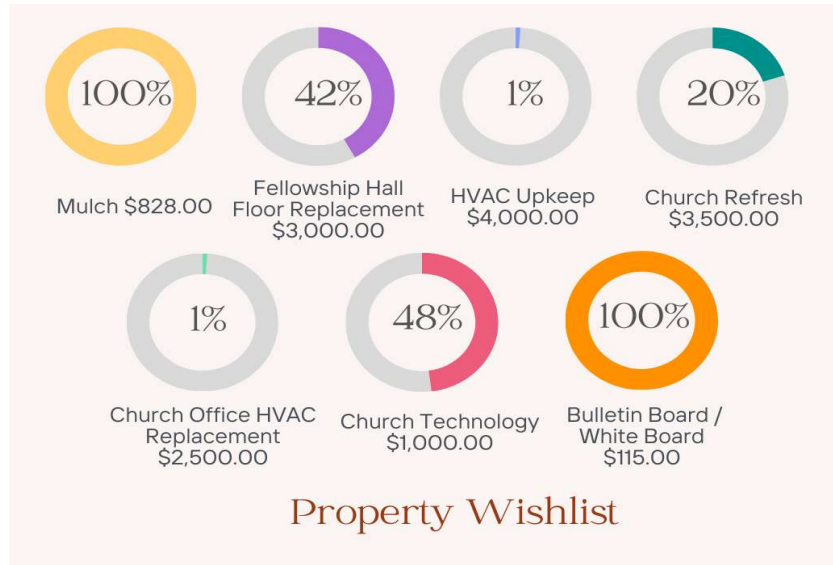
PLEASE JOIN US FOLLOWING SERVICE -

- ❖ Picnic Style Food – Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, etc. Food supplied by the church.
- ❖ Dessert Contest – Judged by everyone.
- ❖ Raffle Baskets & Split the Pot
- ❖ Outdoor games for the family



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.



ST. PETER & ST. PAUL UCC

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Story of the Birth of Jesus
Christ told by Matthew and Luke

WEDNESDAYS STARTING
SEPTEMBER 11TH
FROM 3:00 - 5:00 PM
5 WEEK SERIES

A gathering that encourages deep
spiritual conversations and reflections
among women.



ST. PETER & ST. PAUL UCC MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEAL

COME ON IN FOR A FREE MEAL, A FOOD BAG TO TAKE HOME, AND THE
OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH ALL CLOTHES AND HOUSEWARES DONATIONS
YOU MAY NEED. ALL ARE WELCOME, NO DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2024 | 10:30AM - 12:00PM
(3RD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH)



OPERATION BRIDGE

Join us at the BRIDGE Summer Block Party and Resource Fair hosted by the Hamilton County Quick Response Team - an event dedicated to breaking down barriers and providing easy access to essential community services!



PARTNERS:

- Cincinnati Police Department - District 3
- St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ
- RecoveryOhio
- Ohio Department of Public Safety

SERVICES OFFERED

- **FREE FOOD!**
- Drug Take Back
- Addiction & Harm Reduction Services
- Mental Health Services
- Housing Assistance
- BMV Services



**THURSDAY,
SEPT 12**

St. Peter & St. Paul UCC

3001 Queen City Avenue
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10:00AM - 2:00PM

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Mental health
is a Universal
human Right

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					