

St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

August 25TH, 2024

14TH 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

Kamaya Anderson, Acolyte

Prayer Requests, Joys and Concerns

Bob Hedspeth

Live stream begins

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Bob Hedspeth

***Call to Worship**

Michelle Daniels, Liturgist

L: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

A: We long to be in your beautiful assembly. Our hearts sing for joy!

L: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

A: You keep the nesting sparrow and the bubbling spring, sustaining the splendor of creation.

L: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

A: As we walk to worship you, we ascend the hills and walk through deep valleys. As we walk through shadows, even there, the early rains have adorned it with pools of water.

L: In you, we go from strength to strength.

A: You hear our prayers, bestow blessings and honor, and withhold no good thing. Praise our God! (from Psalm 84)

*Hymn

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

No. 27

***Invocation**

A: Holy God, your Word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your Word, that renouncing what is false, and turning to you, we may live and thrive by your Spirit, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***Call to Confession**

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's Word, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: Gracious and Holy God, speak to us. So often our prayer time is consumed by our words...when what we need most is your gentle nudges and your bold challenge. Let us hear from you. As you continue to speak, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your wisdom, correction, and confirmation. Lead us and guide us toward your eternal life, for our hope, and on behalf the world. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

P: Beloved, even when God seems silent, God is still speaking, listening, and moving in our lives. Know that every moment of attention we center upon the Holy One is faithful stewardship of our time. God, the Redeemer, will honor our seeking, trusting, and listening with blessing, hope, and grace.

***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 #17 – Ask God to make you the answer to someone's prayer. John 3:17-18 ~ 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!

Tammi Hart

Young people may go to Sunday School

Tammi Hart

The Holy Scriptures

First Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Special Music

“Are You Washed in the Blood”

The Gospel Lesson: John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Message

“Words of Life”

Bob Hedspeth

***Affirmation of Faith ~ The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

**He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*Hymn

“Wonderful Words of Life”

No. 323

***Invitation to Generosity**

L: Let us stand against the powers that would convince us that we lack time to love and serve God with the time, talents, skills, and treasure endowed to us by Creator. Let us be planted with faith in solidarity and perseverance with the Living God, who gives generously, lovingly, and abundantly.

***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: Strong and Giving God, receive our gifts of time, talent, and resources for the building of your community, on earth as it is in heaven. May we do our best to give with a spirit of courage, trust, and empathy. May our faithful stewardship receive confirmation through changed lives and renewed communities for your glory. Amen.

*Hymn

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

No. 632

***Benediction**

P: Go in peace, holding onto steadfast hope in a God who does good things
Who calls us as ambassadors and witnesses to the kingdom of God,
Who sustains and supplies us in love.
Whose work is done through our hands, our voice, and our lives
And who remains with us now and forever.

A: Thanks be to God.

*Benediction Response

**There is strength in the name of the Lord;
There is power in the name of the Lord;
There is hope in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Postlude

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

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~ Sat 9-11am + 513-661-3745

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Announcements



Summer Singing

September 1st the Friends of the Choir are gathering to sing - during the service -
Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone. We are looking for choir and non-members
who would like to sing. If interested there will be a rehearsal at 9:30 on the 1st.

Please wear something red, white or blue.

Sept 8th - Rally Day – Worship Picnic

Let's Rally!

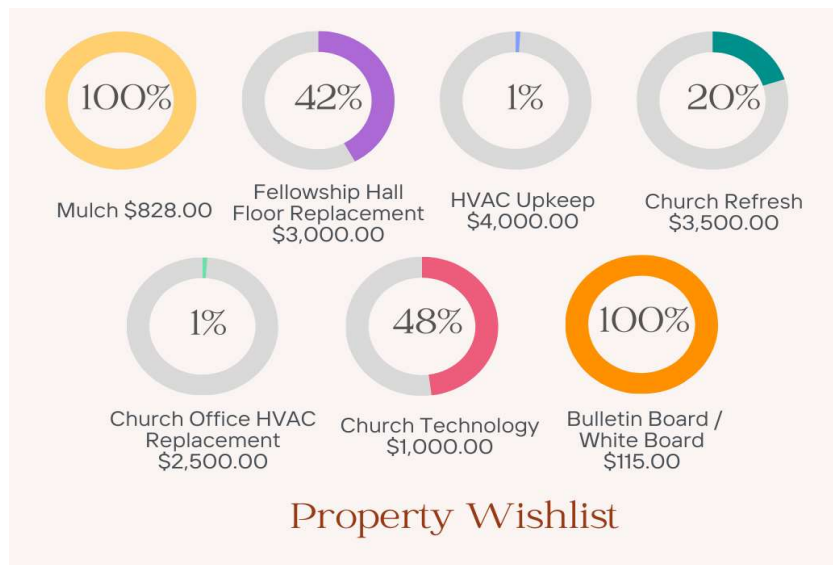
After a long summer, Rally Day is our time to celebrate being back together as a church family. Invite your friends and neighbors and join us for lunch, family friendly games, basket raffles and more! You don't want to miss this fun event - let's Rally!

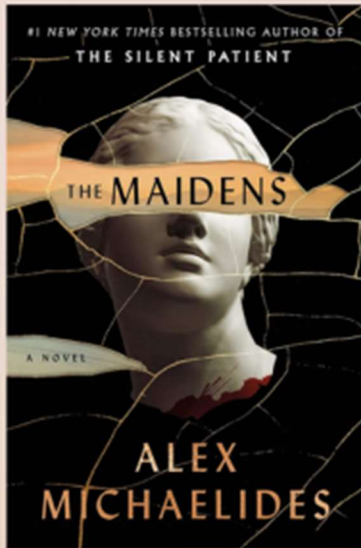
- ❖ Picnic Style Food – Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, etc. Food supplied by the church.
- ❖ Dessert Contest – Judged by everyone.
- ❖ Raffle Baskets & Split the Pot – 6 tickets for \$5.00
- ❖ Outdoor games for the family



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.





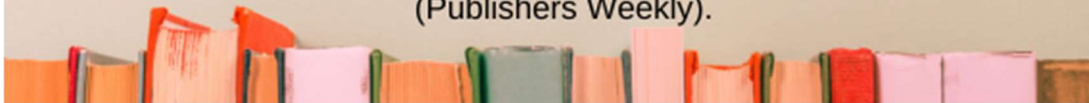
Monthly Book Club

August 28th

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

(4th Wednesday of every month)

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Silent Patient* comes a spellbinding tale of psychological suspense, weaving together Greek mythology, murder, and obsession, that further cements "Michaelides as a major player in the field" (Publishers Weekly).



St. Peter & St. Paul UCC Monthly Youth Group

Get to know your neighbor and your faith

AUGUST 31ST 2024

4 - 6 PM

LAST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH

All 6-12 grade neighbors and friends are invited. Share the word with everyone!

Free Food Distribution

SEPTEMBER 3RD



If you or someone you know is in need stop by our free food distribution between 12:00 - 2:00 PM.

**Our free food pick-up is open to all.
No documentation needed, no questions asked.**

Knitting/Crochet Group

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting come join us!!!

**Any questions
ask Cindy
Seery.**

**Every Friday, from
10 to 12 here at
church.**



Good Manners

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- COMPLIMENT
- EYE CONTACT
- THOUGHTFUL
- INTRODUCE
- FRIENDLY
- THANK YOU
- CHARMING
- EXCITABLE
- SINCERE
- PLEASE
- ASK QUESTIONS
- FUNNY
- KIND
- SHARING
- SMART
- SMILE
- FAITHFUL
- LOVING
- CARING
- SURE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Communion	Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm. Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bless the Backpacks		Property - 7pm - Pat.	Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.		Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H.		Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H. Council - 7 pm - Rm 107	Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H.		Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	Youth Group - 4:00 - 6:00 - F.H.