

St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

July 14, 2024

8<sup>th</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

*Liam Miller, 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 (from Psalm 51)**

*Julie Ress, Liturgist*

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**A. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

L: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**A: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,

**A: And bring all the world to your feast, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

\*Hymn

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**No. 25**

**\*Invocation**

**A: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do. May they also have grace and power to faithfully accomplish them; and wisdom to share while doing your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Call to Confession**

L: Let us gather our hearts together with hope, sincerity, and love for God and our neighbor, as we confess our sins against God and one another.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**A: 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: 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. 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.*

Time for Silent Prayer ~ Prayer Challenge #11 – Pray for God to fill you all with full knowledge and wisdom – James 1:5 ~ 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**

### **The First Reading – Amos 7:7-15**

<sup>7</sup> This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.’”

<sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup> and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

### **The Holy Gospel – Mark 6:14-29**

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” <sup>15</sup> But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.”

<sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Message*

*"Power to Do What?"*

*Pastor Teri Lynn Stackhouse*

**\*Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy, universal Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Hymn

**"Amazing Grace"**

**No. 546**

**\*Invitation to Generosity**

L: Good and gracious God, we come to know in life that we give of ourselves in various ways: with our time, our talent, and our treasure. Help us now to give with a cheerful heart what we are able to return to God, a portion of what God has given to us in our lives and in all creation.

\*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: Creator, all we have comes from you and your creation. Receive these gifts we give with thanksgiving and hope for a shared future without lack, disparities, poverty, and unmet needs. Amen.**

\*Hymn

**“Blessed Assurance”**

**No. 543**

**\*Benediction**

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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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## Announcements



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Please join us immediately following service for a short memorial service for Bonnie Diehl.  
This will be followed with a light meal in Fellowship Hall.

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### **Summer Singing**

Anyone interested in singing during worship this summer please sign up at Communication  
Corner.

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Adults, we need ushers!

Women or men, please help your congregation by volunteering yourselves!  
We need you!

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### **Praise Dance Classes**

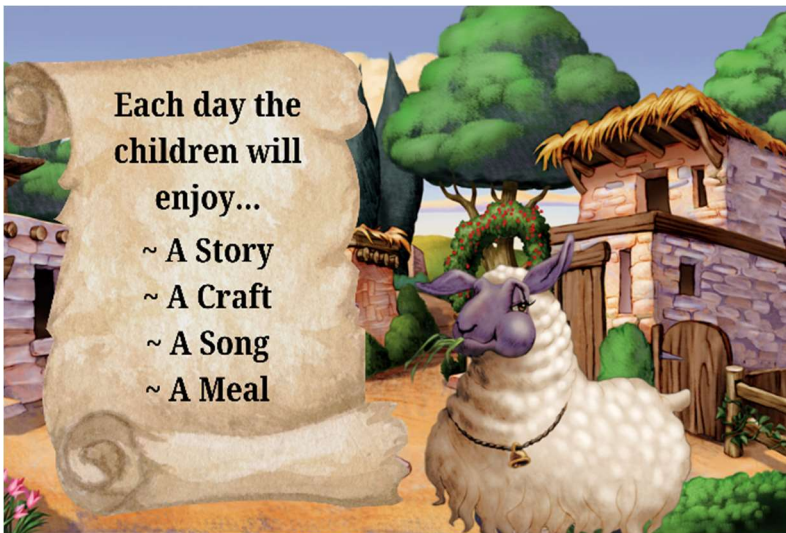
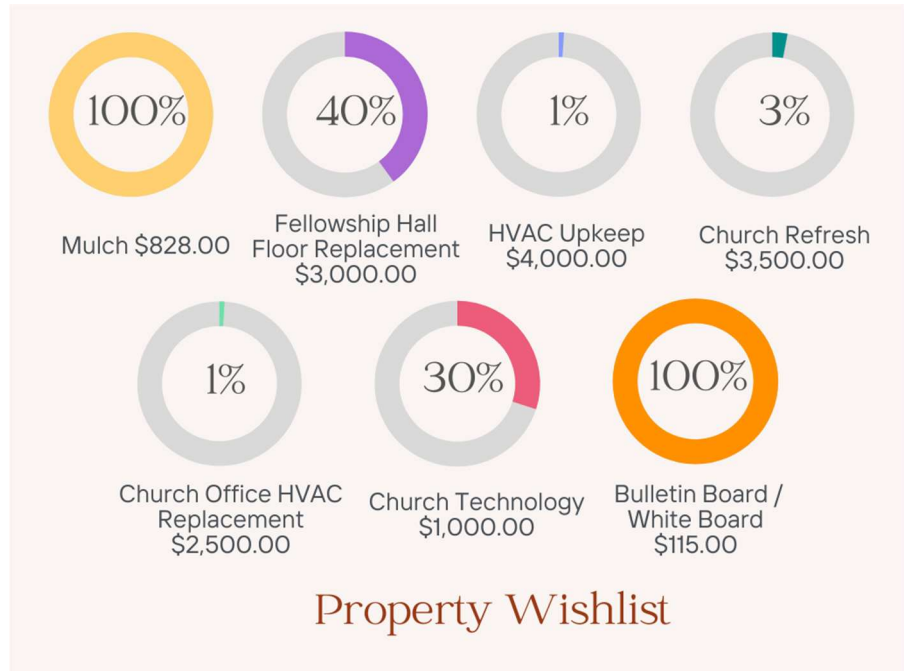
Due to low attendance and increased costs, classes will be suspended.  
The last class will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Our July 28<sup>th</sup> worship picnic has been moved to Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.

# 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.



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

Want to Volunteer? - Just ask Tammi Hart how!

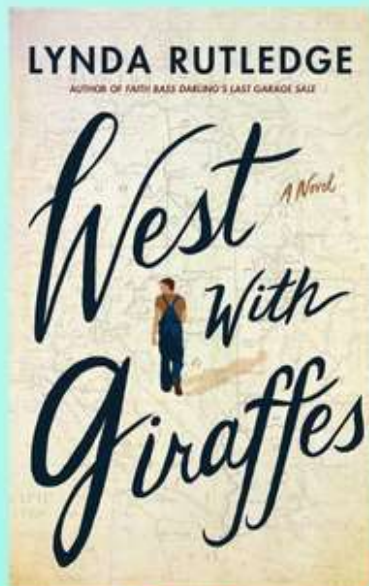




## ST. PETER & ST. PAUL UCC MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEAL

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.

**JULY 20TH, 2024 | 10:30AM - 12:00PM**  
**(3RD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH)**



## Monthly Book Club

July 24th

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

(4th Wednesday of every month)

AN EMOTIONAL, ROUSING NOVEL  
INSPIRED BY THE INCREDIBLE TRUE  
STORY OF TWO GIRAFFES WHO MADE  
HEADLINES AND WON THE HEARTS OF  
DEPRESSION-ERA AMERICA.





St. Peter & St. Paul UCC Monthly Youth Group

Get to know your neighbor and your faith

JULY 27TH 2024  
4 - 6 PM  
LAST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH

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

## Youth Group In July:

- Meal: Spaghetti & Meatballs!
- Craft: Come and be an artist.
- Bible Study: Our Human Journey & Jesus.
- Take Home: To remember the journey.



# Books of the Bible

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- NEWTESTAMENT
- ACTS
- TITUS
- HEBREWS
- JAMES
- JESUS
- JUDE
- EPHESIANS
- JEHOVA
- COLOSSIANS
- ROMANS
- PETER
- JOHN
- LUKE

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# JULY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Praise Dance Exercise - 7-8 pm F.H.	<b>2</b> Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	<b>3</b> Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	<b>4</b> 4th of July Praise Dance Exercise - 3-4 pm F.H.	<b>5</b> Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Pastor's Cool Connection-Ice Cream Social-New Member Reception - 10:45 Communion	<b>8</b> Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H. Praise Dance Exercise - 7-8 pm F.H.	<b>9</b> Property - 7pm - Par.	<b>10</b> Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	<b>11</b> Praise Dance Exercise - 3-4 pm F.H.	<b>12</b> Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Vacation Bible School 15th - 19th 6:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	<b>20</b> Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Praise Dance Exercise - 7-8 pm F.H.	<b>23</b> Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	<b>24</b> Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H.	<b>25</b> Praise Dance Exercise - 3-4 pm F.H.	<b>26</b> Knitting/Crocheting Group - 1 pm - 3 pm - Library	<b>27</b> Youth Group - 4:00 - 6:00 - F.H.
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Praise Dance Exercise - 7-8 pm F.H.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.			