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St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

September 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

Season of Creation

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

*Chloe Seery, 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*

Where Are We Now? Search and Call Progress!

*Deb Boland, Search Committee*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Dorothy Coore, Liturgist*

L: Praise the Holy One! We gather with God in the congregation.

**A: God's works delight us, inspire us, challenge us, and uphold us.**

L: God is good! God works with all of us in covenant, in the congregation.

**A: Righteousness endures forever. The covenant is everlasting.**

L: Praise the Holy One! Give honor to God in the congregation.

**A: Honoring God leads to wisdom. Let us praise the Holy One forever!**

\*Hymn

**"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"**

**No. 6**

**\*Invocation**

**A: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living hope for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*Call to Confession**

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

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**A: God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough of anything to share with the world. We do not see with the eyes you see with, for you are all-wise.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and strengthen us for life in the world. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, Son of God, you are nourished and strengthened.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the hope of the world, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. 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 #22 – Try praying while kneeling down.

Acts 9:40 ~ 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! 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: James 5:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**Choral Anthem: "There Is Joy in the House of the Lord" arr by Don Besig**

#### **Gospel: Mark 9:38-42**

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."<sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. <sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.

**\*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

*“In the Bulb there is a Flower”*

**No. 638**

**\*Invitation to Generosity**

L: May we offer our gifts as a prayer of trust that God provides, a prayer of resistance that declares creation's abundance and sufficiency, and a prayer of hope that needs can be met. We pray with our mouths, our hearts, and our spirits. Let us also pray with our time, our talents, and our treasures.

\*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: Creating God, thank you for hearing our prayer, receiving these gifts, and making them holy for your kingdom. Bless and honor every gift, enlarge our territory, and renew the resources as a demonstration of generosity and flourishing in your realm. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*“For the Fruit of All Creation”*

No. 714

**\*Benediction**

P: May the love of God uphold you as your love of neighbor compels you.

May the peace of Christ sustain you as the work of peace inspires you.

May the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit direct you as the call to community beckons you.

Go, in the assurance of belonging to God and one another in hope and joy. Amen.

**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.**

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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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

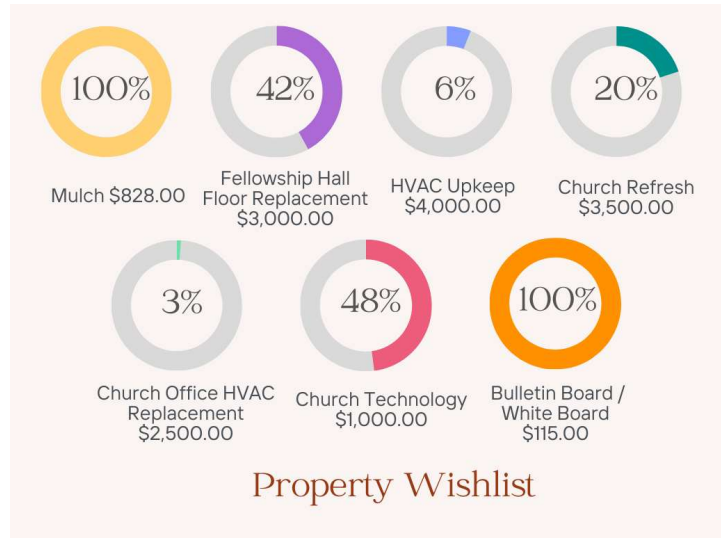
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Our church will observe Totenfest during morning worship on Sunday, November 3rd. We will remember all of those of our church family who have passed away in the last year. If you would like to add the name of a loved one or friend to our Totenfest list, please send that information to the church office by Wednesday, October 30th.

# 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





Beginners are welcome

# Knitting / Crochet Group

Every Friday - 10-12

IF YOU ENJOY KNITTING OR CROCHETING COME JOIN US  
ON, FRIDAY MAY 10, FROM 10 TO 12 HERE AT CHURCH.  
DON'T KNOW HOW, WELL COME AND WE CAN TEACH YOU.  
ANY QUESTIONS ASK CINDY SEERY.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

### *The Women of Christmas* by Liz Curtis Higgins

A sacred season is about to unfold for three women whose hearts belong to God. Elizabeth is barren, yet her trust in God remains fertile. Mary is betrothed in marriage, yet she is willing to bear God's Son. Anna is a widow full of years, yet she waits patiently, prayerfully for the Messiah to appear in the temple courts.

*8 week Series  
Every Wednesday  
10/9 - 11/27  
3:00 - 5:00 pm*

Mental  
health  
is a universal  
human  
Right



# 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.



## 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.

**T**o enlighten the entire church family on the values of participation and commitment

**O**ffer to all the hand of fellowship, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us

**L**ight the way for the community, as we serve God and reach out to minister

**O**ffer support and care for one another, with grace

**V**isit and minister to all in need, as Jesus did

**E**ncourage one another to walk in the faith, actively in love

# OCTOBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	<b>2</b> Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	<b>5</b> Search Committee - 11:00 am
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	<b>8</b> Property - 7pm - Par.	<b>9</b> Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	<b>12</b>
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<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	<b>23</b> Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Knitting/Crocheting Group - 10 am - 12 pm - Library	<b>26</b> Trunk or Treat 6-7 pm Youth Group - 4:00 - 6:00 - F.H.
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