



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

September 14, 2025

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 comfortable and able. The Congregation reads text in bold print.**

In our liturgy,

A: All our voices.

CL: is Children's voice.

Our Rally Day service today is being presented by the Sunday School children

Bringing Christ's Light into Worship

Youth Acolyte

Sharing of Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Tammi Hart, Sunday School Director

Live Stream Begins

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Tammi Hart, Sunday School Director

***Call to Worship**

CL: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;
God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us
and waste the gifts we have been given.

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;
let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;
let us worship God together.

*Hymn

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

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***Invocation**

A: Dear God,

Thank You for being our loving Shepherd.

**Thank You for always watching over us,
even when we feel lost or far away.**

**As we listen to the story of the lost sheep,
help us understand how much You care for every single one of us.
Help us to feel Your love and to share that love with others.
Please bless our hearts and minds today.
Amen.**

***Call to Confession**

CL: Call to Confession

Jesus told a story about a shepherd who had 100 sheep. But one little sheep got lost. The shepherd didn't stay with the 99—he went to find the one who was missing. That's how much God loves us. When we mess up, or wander away, God doesn't forget about us. He comes looking, and He's always ready to forgive. So now, let's come to God and say we're sorry—because we know He loves us, and He wants to bring us back home."

***Prayer of Confession**

A: Dear God,

**Sometimes we wander away from You, like the lost sheep in the story.
We don't always listen, we make mistakes, and we forget how much You love us.
We are sorry for the times we didn't follow You, and for the ways we hurt others or didn't do what's right. Thank You for looking for us when we're lost. Amen**

***Words of Assurance**

CL: God is like a good shepherd who never gives up.
When one sheep is lost, He goes to find it.
When He finds it, He celebrates with joy!
That's how God feels about us.
When we mess up and say sorry,
God forgives us and welcomes us back with love.
We are found.
We are forgiven.
We are loved.
Thanks be to God!

***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.

A: Silent Prayer

CL: Pastoral Prayer

The Lost Sheep

Dear God,

Thank You for being a good Shepherd who loves every single sheep,

Even the one that wanders away. You never forget about any of us.

You always come looking when we're lost or scared. Sometimes we make mistakes,

Sometimes we feel far away from You, but You always find us and bring us back with love.

Please help us remember that everyone is important to You—Even the ones who feel left out or alone. Help us to be kind like You are, and to care for others like You care for us.

Thank You, for never giving up on anyone. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

A: 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.**

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament

Galatians 5:22-26 (read from a children's bible)

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-7 (Read from a children's)

Message

"The Lost Sheep"

Children

***Affirmation of Faith**

A: I believe that God is like a good shepherd. He knows me, He loves me, and He takes care of me. Even when I make mistakes or feel far away, God comes to find me and brings me back. I believe that every person matters to God—no one is ever forgotten or left behind. I believe that God celebrates when we are found, and His love never stops. This is what I believe. Amen

***Hymn**

“There were Ninety and Nine”

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***Invitation to the Offering**

CL: In the story of the lost sheep, Jesus shows us how much God loves every single person. God never forgets anyone, and He always brings people back with love. Now, we have a chance to be like the Shepherd—to share God’s love with others. When we give our gifts—big or small—we help care for people, just like God cares for us. Let’s give with joyful hearts, because everyone matters, and love makes a difference.

***Doxology (Praise)**

No.

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**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 Dedication**

A: God is our good Shepherd, and we are thankful that He always finds us and loves us. Now it’s our turn to say “thank you.” We give our gifts, our time, and our hearts to God, because we are part of His flock, and we want to follow Him with joy. Let’s give with thankful hearts, and show God’s love to others, just like He has shown love to us. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Jesus Loves Me”

No. 113

***Benediction**

CL: As we go from here, remember: God is our loving Shepherd. He knows our names, He searches for us when we’re lost, and He always brings us back with joy. Wherever we go this week, let’s follow His voice, trust His love, and help others know they belong too.

***Response of the People**

A: We are God's sheep—loved, found, and never forgotten.

***A: Benediction Response**

O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

Postlude

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

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God in Christ

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There were ninety and nine

THE NINETY AND NINE Irregular

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, with lyrics for four different versions. The second system contains the next four lines of the hymn. The third system contains the final four lines of the hymn. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. Chord symbols G, D, and C6 are placed above the staff at various points.

1. There were nine - ty and nine that safe - ly lay
2. "Lord, thou hast here thy ninety and nine:
3. But none of the ran - somed ev - er knew
4. And all through the moun - tains, thun - der - riven,

in the shel - ter of the fold, but one was out
are they not e-nough for thee?" But the Shepherd made an -
how deep were the wa - ters crossed, nor how dark was the night
and up from the rock - y steep, there rose a cry

on the hills a - way, far off from the gates of gold,
swer, "This of mine has wan - dered a - way from me,
that the Lord passed through, ere he found his sheep that was lost.
to the gate of heaven, "Re - joice, I have found my sheep."

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Jesus Loves the Little Children

C. Herbert Woolston (1856-1927)

George Frederick Root (1820-1895)

1. Je - sus loves the lit - tle child - ren, all the chil - dren of the world,
2. Je - sus died for all the chil - dren, all the chil - dren of the world,

red and ye - llow black and white, they are pre - cious in his sight,
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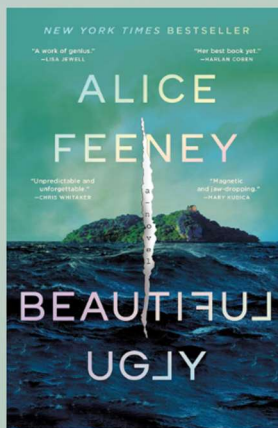
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Je - sus died for all the chil - dren of the world.

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL UCC
COMMUNITY MEAL

Come and get it...

SEPTEMBER 20TH
10:30 - 12:00

- Home Cooked Meal
- Free Bag of Food to Take Home
- Clothing and Housewares (when available)
- Friends & Fellowship - All are welcome



Monthly Book Club

September 24th

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

(4th Wednesday of every month)

Beautiful Ugly by Alice Feeney
INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
"Her best book yet." —Harlan Coben
The million-copy bestselling Queen of Twists Alice Feeney returns with a gripping and deliciously dark thriller about marriage. . .
. . . and revenge.



Ladies Bible Study

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



The first half of Daniel is well-known and much-loved. The second half is little-read and less-understood! These seven studies will show how the truths about God in the second half enabled Daniel and his friends to live faithful, courageous lives in the first half; and how they will inspire us and our churches to do the same, knowing that Jesus has won, is ruling, and will return.

**7 WEEK STUDY
STARTING
WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 17TH
- OCTOBER 29TH
3:00 - 5:00 PM**

DANIEL: STAYING STRONG IN A HOSTILE WORLD - BY DAVID HELM

SAVE
the
DATE

November 16, 2025

CELEBRATING 75TH
ANNIVERSARY OF
ST PETER & ST
PAUL UCC

More info to come.

BITS 'N PIECES 2.0

COME CRAFT WITH US ✨

Looking for a fun and relaxing way to connect with others? Join our crafting group every Friday from 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM—whether you're a pro or a total beginner, we'd love to have you! Interested in knitting or crocheting? Don't worry if you've never picked up a needle or hook before—we'll teach you!



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.

To enlighten the entire church family on the values of participation and commitment

Offer to all the hand of fellowship, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us

Light the way for the community, as we serve God and reach out to minister

Offer support and care for one another, with grace

Visit and minister to all in need, as Jesus did

Encourage one another to walk in the faith, actively in love

SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	2 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	3 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Bells - 5:30 - 6:30 - Fellowship Hall	4	5 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Library	6
7	8	9 Property - 7pm - Par.	10 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Bells - 5:30 - 6:30 - Fellowship Hall	11	12 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Library	13
14 Rally Day	15	16	17 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir Pot luck 5:30 F.H. Practice 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	18	19 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Library	20 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
21	22	23 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	24 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	25	26 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Library	27
28	29	30				