

WELCOME

Welcome to St. Peter's United Church of Christ. If you have no church home, we hope you will consider St. Peter's UCC as that place. Whether guest or member, please make your presence known by signing the Friendship Register in the pews and greet those near you.

Our prayer chapel is open following this service and daily from 9-4 for personal meditation and communion. It is located off the second floor elevator. Sunday school for children ages 4 to Grade 6 begins after the Children's moment. A class for youth grades 7-12 begins Jan. 17 at 10:00 underneath the sanctuary. Adult Sunday school is 9 AM on Sundays. Child care is offered during the 10 AM service.

This week at St. Peter's:

Sunday	9:00	Adult Bible study (lectionary-based) in atrium meeting room
	9:30	Morning coffee hour in auditorium
	10:00	Worship (Family Sunday*)
	11:00	Family Sunday coffee hour in auditorium
	3:00	Wayne Nolting Memorial Service at Miller Funeral Home
	6:30-8:00	Youth Group (Grades 7-12)
Monday	9:00	Women's Breakfast at Cowan's
	3:00-8:00	Pizza Hut night
	6:00	AA
	6:30	Quilting
	7:00	Bible Discovery
Tuesday	10:30	Staff Meeting
	5:30	Mariners – dining room
	6:30	Council Planning – Sr. Pastor's office
	7:00	Church Leaders' Meeting – auditorium. All invited to learn more.
Wednesday	9:00	Quilting
	6:00	AA
	6:00	Chapel Bells
	6:45	Vesper Bells
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	10:00	Women's Fellowship business meeting followed by Bible study
	6:00	AA
	7:00	Mental Illness Support Group
Friday	8:00	Lock-In (Grades 7-12)
Saturday	8:00	Lock-In ends
	5:00	Worship
Sunday	9:00	Adult Bible study (lectionary-based) in atrium meeting room
	10:00	Worship & Sunday school
	3:30	Martin Luther King service at Franklin County Baptist Association

*A reminder: Today is **Family Sunday** which means children will stay in church with their families and Sunday school will not be offered. Activity kits will be available for children at the back of the sanctuary. Please return the kits after the service.

Coffee Fellowship will now be held before and after church in the auditorium on Family Sunday, the second Sunday of the month. Please join us for this great gathering. Punch and cookies are also served.

Martin Luther King Day Service planned: You are invited to join others in the community for the annual ecumenical King Service on Sun., Jan. 17 at 3:30 PM. This year it will be held at the Franklin County Baptist Association located on Hwy 47 between Union & St. Clair. All St. Peter's members are welcome. We will carpool leaving the church parking lot at 3:00. Confirmation class members are required to attend. This gathering of unity is sponsored by NUUR-Neighbors United in Undoing Racism. The annual **Leaders' Meeting** will be held Jan. 12, 7 PM in auditorium **for all Council, Board and Committee members plus any person looking to get involved and share gifts of service at St. Peter's.** Please plan to attend.

All committee and board reports for the 2009 Annual Report are due to the office or newsletter editor via email (lplacht@fidnet.com) by 9 AM Jan. 14.

"Wherever you are in your journey of life, come journey with us." The St. Peter's Sunday Adult Bible class is meeting every Sunday morning from 9 to 9:45 AM in the lower level atrium room.

Immanuel's UCC, Holstein, will host a Fundraiser Brunch, Jan. 10, 8 AM–1 PM. Menu: scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, ham, potato casserole, green beans, fruit, coffee & juice. All you care to eat: adults \$6; children \$3.

Contribution Statements: The church office will make every effort to send out contribution statements for 2009 before the end of January 2010. If you need yours earlier, please contact the church office. Do not file your tax return before receiving your contribution statement for the year. Also, should you have any questions about any amount reported or not reported on the statement once you receive it, please notify the church office within 90 days of receipt of the statement. Statements not questioned by May 1 will be assumed to be accurate, and any supporting documentations (such as offering envelopes) retained by the church may be discarded. On another note, please do not use tape on your offering envelopes.

Anyone who wishes to honor a loved one or anniversary by donating **altar flowers or worship bulletins** for any given week, the schedule for 2010 is posted in the Market Street hall. Thank you for your generous contribution to our services.

Friday, Feb. 5, the **Fourth Annual Stew Supper** will be held from 11-7 in the dining room. Proceeds will benefit the Atrium Fund. Our "famous" stew will be served with slaw, bread, and delicious homemade dessert. Both "dine in" and "carry out" will be available. The following are ways the congregation can be of help: lend an electric skillet for cooking stew meat on Thurs., Feb. 4; lend an electric roaster for cooking the stew on Thursday/Friday; bake a dessert, preferably a homemade pie; help with serving and cleanup on Friday, (Shifts are 11-2, 2-5, and 5-8). If you can help in any of these ways please note it on the friendship register or let Byron Stolte (239-3264) know.

A Message from our Conference Minister: Dear Friends: I am writing to inform you of the resignation of Shirley Asmussen as the Director of Outdoor Ministries of the Missouri Mid-South Conference. Shirley joined the staff of the conference in June 1995 as the Administrator of Outdoor Ministries. During her 14½ years with us she has worked with the children and youth of our conference in summer camping programs and weekend retreats. We want to extend our grateful appreciation for the gifts that Shirley has shared with us during those years and wish her well in her future endeavors. I hope

to share information with you in the next week about an interim director of outdoor ministries and the formation of a new interim Mo-Val Board of directors that will meet for the first time on Jan.16. Peace, Rev. Jeff Whitman, Conference Minister, Missouri Mid-South Conference, UCC

MARK YOU CALENDARS FOR MARDI GRAS! EVERYONE is invited to participate in the annual Mardi Gras celebration after the 10 o'clock church service on Feb. 14. There will be games and prizes, a food stand sponsored by the youth for everyone to have lunch, a cake/bake walk, and a themed basket silent auction. There is something for all ages, so come and enjoy. There is a sign-up sheet in the atrium if you are interested in donating a themed basket or individual items for a basket and cakes or other desserts for the bake walk. Items may be brought to the church office. Thank you, Board of Christian Education

Emmaus Needs Your Help! 2010 looks to be another challenging year for Missouri's social service agencies, including Emmaus Homes. As state lawmakers look to cut budget spending even further, services to individuals with disabilities have been targeted. Emmaus needs your voice to help protect the funding necessary to provide safe, healthy, happy homes for our 250 residents with developmental disabilities! All are invited to attend an informational meeting at the Emmaus St. Charles Campus (2200 W. Randolph St., St. Charles, 63301) on Sat., Jan.16, 1-2:30 PM. At this meeting, discussions will be held regarding ways in which you can help Emmaus Homes and its residents by contacting members of the Missouri state legislature and other state officials regarding funding issues and other matters important to the welfare of people with developmental disabilities. Emmaus senior staff and Board members will be available to provide information and answer your questions.