

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 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) - atrium meeting room
	10:00	Worship & Sunday school
	11:15	Constitution roundtable – dining room
	11:15	Confirmation Class attends roundtable, then class
	3:30-7	Celebration in dining room for Shirley Asmussen
	6:30-8:00	Youth Group (Grades 7-12)
Monday	9:00	Retired Men's Group at Cowan's
	6:00	AA
	6:30	Quilting
Tuesday	10:30	Staff Meeting
	7:00	Cemetery Board
	7:00	Social Concerns Committee – atrium meeting room
	7:00	Board of Christian Education
Wednesday	9:00	Quilting
	10:00	Prayer network
	12:00	“Great Decisions” study – atrium meeting room
	6:00	AA
	6:00	Chapel Bells
	6:45	Vesper Bells
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00	AA
	7:00	EA Confirmation Day planning meeting – atrium meeting room
Friday	11-7	Stew Supper – dining room
Saturday		Set up auditorium for Men of the Church Banquet
	5:00	Worship
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	10:00	Worship & Sunday school

11:15 Constitution roundtable – dining room

11:15 Confirmation

Don't forget about the listening sessions for the Constitution – Your input is welcomed as we prepare to vote on our revised constitution at the Spring annual meeting. Listening sessions are planned for Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, at 11:15 AM in the dining room.

Great Decisions: Led by Dr. Bill Schwab every Wednesday from 12-12:45 in the Atrium Room. Come for a different kind of midweek study as we look at some global concerns from a faith perspective. Some of the decisions to be discussed are:
1) "The United States and Rising Powers" - What kind of relationship will the U.S. have with the rest of the world in the 21st century? 2) "Afghanistan and Pakistan" - Are there realistic goals for U.S. involvement in this complex area? 3) "Global Food Crisis" - What can be done to ensure the world's food security? A DVD educational clip will share information and we'll open the floor for a round-table, thought-provoking discussion. It's much better than talk radio!

The **Fourth Annual Stew Supper** will be held Fri., Feb 5, 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 “dessert – stew supper”) or let Byron Stolte know. For tickets, please see Pat Hartzell or the church office – adults \$8.00, children (3-12) \$4.00.

The **Men of the Church Banquet** will be held Feb. 9, 6:30 PM, here in the auditorium. The guest speaker is Robert Boyle of Justine Petersen, a St. Louis-based company that assists low-income individuals and families to develop, maintain and increase their financial assets. St. Peter's is partnering with Justine Petersen as part of our outreach. Tickets (\$10) are available from the church office, Cecil Blankenship and Russel Sherman. Deadline to purchase tickets is Feb. 1. On an additional note, the Men of the Church committee is asking anyone who would like to donate dessert (preferably pies) to please sign “**dessert-banquet**” on the Friendship Register or contact the church office.

MARK YOUR 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

Trivia Night February 20th here at St. Peter's - Plan now to attend this event of great fun and purpose. Proceeds will go to help fund operations at our conference's Camp Mo-Val as ways are sought to meet needs in the wake of reduced church giving through Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) offerings. Tickets for this event are \$15/person, or a table of eight for \$96 (\$12 per person if you buy a whole table!) If you are interested in attending, see Pastor Leah. Perhaps St. Peter's could put together a table or two and have some fun alongside tables from Immanuel-Holstein, St. John-Casco, St. John's-Bem and many others already reserved. This event is open to other churches and the community, so reserve your seats now!

Saint Peter's United Church of Christ of Owensville and the Eastern Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the UCC, invite you to a worship service to **install the Rev. Christopher Ross** as our pastor on Sun., Jan. 31, 3 PM. Meal reception to follow the service in the church fellowship hall. For more information, contact the church office at (573) 437-2779.

If you would like to honor a loved one or anniversary by donating **altar flowers or worship bulletins** you may sign up on the schedule posted in the Market Street hall or contact church office. Thank you for your generous contribution to our services.

Weds.@St.Pete's – Preparation for Lent Lent will be here before you know it. As in our debut last year, we will mark the season with opportunities for sharing, study, fellowship, and uplifting reflection. Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday Service on Feb. 17 at 7 PM. The following Wednesday will be a special video stream missions event from the UCC. Our three small group opportunities will meet for the first four consecutive Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24.

Please be thinking of which type of small group in which you would like to participate. The Journeymen are preparing for their gathering around Mitch Albom's *Have a Little Faith*.

Debbie Douglas will be leading Journey to the Center of the Faith. The goal of the four sessions will be to prepare for Easter by living closely with Jesus' journey of faith and how who he was, what he taught, and who he is for us now informs our living, the good news we proclaim as Christians, the suffering that comes with being faithful, and the claiming of resurrection. It is Christ-Centered, Kingdom-Visioned, Soul-Strengthened, and Deliriously Hopeful.

Rhonda Stockglausner is leading a class on parenting issues. Discussions will be according to the group's interests. Possible topics include: parenting styles, parenting birth to kindergarten and elementary children; parenting adolescents and teens; the single parent, divorce issues, etc. Lots of handouts will be given. To help the facilitators prepare, please indicate your interest on the Friendship register or notify Pastor Paul or the church office. People from the community are welcome to attend as well.

St. Peter's helps earthquake survivors in a special way. The earthquake in Haiti has devastated many lives. The response from partnering organizations of the Festival of Sharing is well underway. Kits from our October event were sent to the Dominican Republic in November. These kits were distributed to citizens of Haiti Jan. 14. A cargo container left New Windsor on Jan. 15 headed for Haiti. Thanks to all who provided for kits and contributions.

Donations of the following Festival of Sharing kits will be needed: IMA Medicine Boxes, Health Kits and Layettees. Please start collecting these kits. We are sending a special shipment in early February. The contents for the kits can be found on the Festival of Sharing website umocm.com/festival.htm as well as drop off locations around the state. Or you can call our office for more information at 573-474-3332.

This shipment will be sent in memory of Rev. Joe Trower who died on Monday, Jan. 18, 2010. Joe has been a familiar face in the ministry to the hungry and poor. Terri Williams, Festival of sharing coordinator, Office of Creative Ministries Staff

There will be an **all-you-can-eat breakfast to benefit ALIVE** (Alternatives to Living in Violent Environments) at the Washington Applebee's Feb. 6, 8-10 AM. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes and choice of juice, coffee or milk. Adults \$6 (\$7 at door), children (3-11) \$4. To purchase tickets call 636-583-9863.

Staying Connected to the Wider Church Last year, the Missouri Mid-South Conference discontinued our long-running newspaper The Courier. In its place, we now publish a weekly email newsletter called The eCourier. We invite you to join our mailing list by emailing a request to mms@mmsucc.org. If you are unable to receive email, then you can still stay in touch—each church office and pastor receives our weekly newsletter which they may distribute to you upon request in printed form. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Evans in the MMS office at (314) 918-2605.

Heart To Heart Fair At St. John's Mercy Hospital Offers Free Heart Health Screenings

When people think about heart disease, they should consider these facts:

- Heart disease is the No. 1 killer among men and women in America.
- An astounding 70 million Americans suffer from cardiovascular disease.
- Women are six times as likely to die of heart disease than breast cancer.
- Between 70 and 89 percent of sudden cardiac events occur in men.

- Men suffer heart attacks about 10 years earlier in life than women do.
- Heart disease kills more women over 65 than do all cancers combined.
- It is called the silent killer because many people do not realize they are at risk.

“One of the most important first steps people can take is to get to know their numbers – blood pressure, weight, body mass index, cholesterol, triglycerides and glucose. They also should consider their family’s health history,” said Dr. Joseph Polizzi, cardiologist. “Knowing your numbers lets you know if you have risk factors for heart disease. If your numbers aren’t where they should be, you can take steps to reduce your risks for heart and vascular diseases.” St. John’s Mercy Hospital is offering the public a chance to learn their numbers and learn more about heart disease and prevention at the **Heart to Heart Fair from 10 AM-2 PM Sat., Feb. 13**, at the hospital. In addition to heart health screenings with immediate test results and personalized counseling, this fun and engaging event includes tips on reducing stress, fitness demonstrations, product samplings, wellness presentations by St. John’s Mercy physicians and clinicians, guided tours, a children’s Valentine’s Day Card Contest, giveaways and much more. Men and women are encouraged to attend and – just in time for Valentine’s Day – bring their loved ones. Admission is free and registration is encouraged but not necessary. To pre-register call 866-450-0575 or visit stjohnsmercy.org/hearttoheart. For Heart to Heart Fair information, contact Public Relations at 636-239-8234.

St. Peter’s Messenger is “Going Green”! In an effort to become better, more faithful stewards of our church’s resources due to increasing paper and postage costs, we will attempt to distribute the monthly newsletter to as many households as possible through e-mail notification rather than mailing hard copies. The council has heard how many people prefer the colorful on-line publication and the immediate access to the newsletter on our website, www.stpeters-washington.org. The newsletter is much brighter plus you don’t have to wait for bulk mail delivery to have it arrive before your eyes. We will “Think Green” in the coming spring with the April issue being the first comprehensive effort. You can now receive notice and view the newsletter each month on the web. If you desire or need the newsletter mailed to you as it currently is, we will be happy to continue to do so, **but you must let us know**. Please return the form below directing us to continue mailing your copy. If we do not hear from you, then we will assume you are presently reading it online, or not reading *The Messenger* at all. Several additional hard copies of the newsletter will be available for pickup during services. All shut-ins and nursing home residents will continue to have their newsletter mailed. Please complete the form below and return to the office or drop it in the offering plate. This will help us, help you, to be better informed.

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