

## 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)
	10:00	Worship (Family Sunday)
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Mardi Gras Celebration - auditorium</b>
Monday		Presidents' Day - Church Office Closed
	6:00	AA
	6:30	Quilting
Tuesday	10:30	Staff Meeting
	12:30	Youth/Kids event - dining room (call or email Pastor Leah to participate)
	2:30	Worship service at Cedar Crest Manor
	7:00	Church Council
Wednesday	9:00	Quilting
	12:00	<b>"Great Decisions" study – atrium room</b> This week: The Rising Powers of the World
	6:00	AA
	6:00	Chapel Bells
	6:30	Chancel Choir
	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Thursday	10:30	Worship service at Grandview Healthcare Center
	6:00	AA
Saturday	5:00	Worship
	6:00	Doors open for Trivia Night
	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Trivia Night to benefit Camp Mo-Val - auditorium</b>
Sunday	8:00-4:00	Scout Blue & Gold Banquet - auditorium
	9:00	Adult Bible study (lectionary-based)
	10:00	Worship & Sunday school
	11:15	Confirmation
	11:15	Brief Congregational Meeting
	6:30-8:00	Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

**MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION!** EVERYONE is invited to participate in the annual Mardi Gras celebration after the 10 o'clock church service. 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. The Board of Christian Education

**Trivia Night to Benefit Camp Mo-Val – this Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** A few tables remain and a few open seats at already reserved tables. If you have not done so, please confirm your reservation with Pastor Leah by submitting \$96 for your table or \$15 for

your individual slot. Checks should be made payable to "MMS-UCC". Thanks for your support!

**Make Easter meaningful by beginning with Ash Wednesday.** Join us for a brief Ash Wednesday worship experience this Wednesday at 7:00 in our sanctuary. The pastors will lead us in the Call to Discipleship, the Burdens of Idolatry, Meditations on Violences, Selfishness; Forgiveness and New life, and the Ashes of Forgiveness.

**Help Haiti by Eating Pancakes** The children of our church are sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Feb. 28 from 8:45 – 10:00 am, before church services and after church services until noon. Your voluntary donation of \$5 will support our Haitian relief ministry through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Tickets may be obtained at Mardi Gras. We salute our young people for their great concern. Let us support them!

Notice: There will be a **special congregational meeting** after the Sunday service on Feb. 21. This is for the sole purpose of voting on a proposed new copier for the church, per constitutional requirement.

**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. Beginning two weeks later, our three small group opportunities will meet for the first four consecutive Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24. The Dembecks will again be helping to organize their now famous soup dinners for the groups from 5:15-6:00. The pastors will offer a Lenten devotional at 6 PM in the chapel.

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.

**A Children's Group** will be offered to coincide with the adult groups. The children will cycle through a rotation of creative activities each night that engage different interests as they explore their faith. This group will be lead by Pastor Leah. Additional help is still needed.

**Rhonda Stocklausner 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.

People from the community are welcome to attend as well. Please pick up an informational flyer and/or sign up in the atrium following worship.

**More Football for February** As if this year's Super Bowl match up isn't enough, the Journeymen invite all men of St. Peter's, your wives and your friends to join them to watch Super Bowl XXXVIII. New England Patriots vs. the Carolina Panthers: This is the game where Long Snapper Brian Kinchen, the subject of their last study book, had to "get a grip" or lose it all. This event will also serve as a "warm up" for our next heroic study of Mitch Albom's *Have a Little Faith*, beginning March 3.

Save the date of Sat., Feb. 27 at 6:00. Kirk and Cindy Kriete are our gracious hosts. They live at 404 Miller Street in New Haven. Please bring a Super Bowl snack to share

and your beverage of choice. There'll be lots of cheers and great fellowship. Please RSVP to Pastor Paul.

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.

The **Social Concerns Committee is collecting bars of soap** to help with mission work. Please place items in the box located near the church office.

**Sausage Dinner-** St. John's UCC, High Hill, Feb 14, 11:30-2:30

**Fish Fry** – Ebenezer UCC, Augusta, Feb. 19, March 5 & 19 – 5-7:30 PM

**Sausage Dinner** - St. Paul's, Marthasville, Feb 28 Noon-5:00

**Dinner Auction** - Immanuel Lutheran School, March 13, 5:00

**Emmaus Homes** - Walk Run 'n Roll for People of All Abilities, April 24

**For more information on these events and others, remember to check the Market Street bulletin board every week.**

**2010 Women's Retreat** April 30-May 2, Camp Mo-Val. Limited to 120 women. For more details see Market Street bulletin board.

**Thanks** to Steve Hausmann for playing the opening and closing hymns for the Sunday service.

**Please note:** there will be no coffee hour next Sunday due to the Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet or the following Sunday because of the pancake breakfast.

**St. Peter's Messenger is "Going Green"!** 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. Hard copies of the newsletter will be available for pickup. All shut-ins and nursing home residents will continue to have their newsletter mailed. Please complete the form below and return it to the office or drop it in the offering plate.

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