

February 20-21, 2010

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 AM 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 8:00-4:00 Scout Blue & Gold Banquet - auditorium  
9:00 Adult Bible study (lectionary-based)  
10:00 Worship & Sunday school  
11:15 Confirmation with mentors  
11:15 Brief Congregational Meeting  
6:30-8:00 Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Monday 6:00 AA  
6:30 Quilting

Tuesday 10:30 Staff Meeting

Wednesday 9:00 Quilting  
12:00 "Great Decisions" Study – atrium room "The Rising Powers of the World" continues  
6:00 Chapel Bells & AA  
6:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday 6:00 AA

Saturday 9-2 Eastern Association Confirmation Retreat  
5:00 Worship

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Notice: There will be a special congregational meeting after the Sunday service on Feb. 21. The sole purpose for the voting on a proposed new copier for the church, per constitutional requirement. Please stay to help us make quorum. The meeting should be very brief and the opportunity before us will not last without action.

**Thank you to everyone who helped make the 4<sup>th</sup> annual stew supper a success.** The profit realized, \$1,420.31, will be put toward the atrium fund principal.

**Thank you to everyone who participated in Mardi Gras.** Special thanks go to: Ann Heinrich & Family (cakewalk); Rusty Smith & family (food pantry); all who contributed baskets and other silent bid items, food, decorations, etc.; BCE for all their work, especially Barb Bauer, and all attendees who ate heartily, played lots of games and spent generously. Contributions go to the Board of Christian Education and the youth fund. See the newsletter for financial details.

**Help Haiti by Eating Pancakes** The children of our church are sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Feb. 28 from 8:45-10 AM, before church services. Your voluntary donation of \$5 will support our Haitian relief ministry through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). We salute our young people for their great concern, a faith that they can indeed make a difference. Let us support them!

**Weds.@St.Pete's** -- Mark the season of Lent with opportunities for sharing, study, fellowship, and uplifting reflection. 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. Join us for:

**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 round table discussions for parents.** 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 This Coming Saturday.** 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 this 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. Space is limited.

**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.

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.

**Spiritual Spring Training:** Spring training has begun for baseball. Players of all ages are limbering up their bodies and minds. It is also spring training for Christians. We are in the season of Lent, which means to lengthen, stretch, or grow. We invite you to limber up your Lenten discipleship through participation in our Sunday morning adult class. We welcome questions in our open discussions of Biblical readings and their applications to our current lives and world. During this Lenten season we will be journeying with Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. The readings and discussions will coordinate with the same readings in our Sunday worship. We meet every Sunday from 9-9:45 AM in the atrium room below the sanctuary. Come, grow your faith and service with us.

**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 during services. 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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\_\_\_\_\_ **I will plan to pick up a hard copy when I am at church.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Please notify me by email when the newsletter and weekly announcements are posted on the web plus other "breaking news."**

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**Chili Cook-Off** – Friedens Peace UCC, New Melle, Feb. 21, 4-7 PM

**Sausage Dinner** – St. Paul's UCC, Marthasville, Feb. 28, noon -5 PM

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

**World Day of Prayer** – Presbyterian Church, Washington, March 5, 7:30 PM

**Fish Fry** - Immanuel UCC Holstein, March 12, 4-8 PM

**Dinner Auction** – Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington, March 13, 5 PM

**Sausage Dinner** – Femme Osage UCC, Augusta, March 14 – 12 – 6.

**Missouri State Sacred Harp Singing Convention** – St. John's UCC, Pinckney March 13 & 14 9:30am – 3 pm.

**Passion Play** – New Melle, March 20, 21, 27, 28

**Sausage Dinner** – Friedens Peace UCC, New Melle, March 21, noon-6 PM

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

**2010 Women's Retreat** April 30-May 2, Camp Mo-Val (limited to 120 women)

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