

February 27-28,2010

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 10:00 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	8:45-10	Pancake Breakfast – dining room
	9:00	Adult Bible study (lectionary-based)
	10:00	Worship & Sunday school
	11:00-Noon	Pancake Breakfast – dining room
	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
	7:00	Eastern Association Council
Wednesday	9:00	Quilting
	10:00	Prayer network
	12:00	“Great Decisions” study on Afghanistan & Pakistan-atrium mtg rm
	5:15	Weds.@St. Pete's
	6:00	AA
	6:00	Chapel Bells
	6:45	Vesper Bells
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00	AA
Friday	7:30	World Day of Prayer – Presbyterian Church
Saturday	9:00	Scout Committee Meeting – atrium meeting room
	5:00	Worship
		Food Pantry Drive & Aluminum Drive
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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, and after service from 11-noon. 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 begins this week-- 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 Stockglausner 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.

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 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.

Today is Boy Scout Sunday! We thank the scouts and parents of Cub Pack 811 who are a part of our worship today to remind us of our important commitment to our youth. Scouting is a recognized ministry of St. Peter's. This Scout Sunday is especially meaningful as it commemorates the centennial of The Boy Scouts of America 1910-2010. Information about scouting and the anniversary is available in the atrium.

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 on the Market Street hall beside the doors leading outside. Thank you for your generous contribution to our services.

The **Census Bureau** has openings for the following positions in Franklin County and will be testing here at the church on Saturdays in March at 10 AM.

- Census Takers
- Crew Leaders & Assistants
- Recruiting Assistants

You must be 18 years of age Veterans given preference.

PLEASE CALL: 866-861-2010 – OR – 573-818-3313

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

Seminar for Carbohydrate Counting for Glucose Management –March 4, 7–8:30, St. John’s Mercy Medical Building

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’s UCC Holstein, March 12, 4-8 PM

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

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

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

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

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

HAVE WE HEARD FROM YOU? St. Peter’s Messenger is “Going Green”! We will “Think Green” beginning 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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