

March 13-14, 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	9:00	Adult Bible study (lectionary-based)
	9:20	Coffee hour in auditorium
	10:00	Worship & Sunday school
	11:00	Coffee hour in auditorium
	6:30	Youth Group (grades 7-12)
Monday	6:00	AA
	6:30	Quilting
Tuesday	10:30	Staff Meeting
	2:30	Service at Cedar Crest Manor
	7:00	Church Council
	7:00	Justine Petersen Workshop - parlor
Wednesday	9:00	Quilting
	11-2:30	Washington Garden Club - auditorium
	12:00	"Great Decisions" study on the Global Food Supply- atrium mtg rm
	5:15	Weds.@St. Pete's Dinner
	6:00	Lenten Vespers
	6:15	Small Groups meet
	6:00	AA
	6:00	Chapel Bells
	6:45	Vesper Bells
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	10:30	Service at Grandview Healthcare Center
	6:00	AA
Saturday	10-1	Census Bureau - dining room
	5:00	Worship
Sunday	9:00	Adult Bible study (lectionary-based)
	9:20	Coffee hour in auditorium
	10:00	Worship & Sunday school
	11:00	Coffee hour in auditorium
	11:00	Spring Congregational meeting

Weds.@St.Pete's -- Mark the season of Lent with opportunities for sharing, study, fellowship, and uplifting reflection. Three small group opportunities will continue to meet for the next two consecutive Wednesdays, March 17 & 24. A soup dinner is offered from 5:15-6:00. The pastors will offer a Lenten devotional at 6 PM in the chapel.

The **Social Concerns Committee is collecting bars of soap** for the Washington Overseas Mission trip to Honduras. They will collect until April 4. Please place items in the box located near the church office.

Adult Class Joins Jesus to Jerusalem The Gospel of Luke shares with us that Jesus will not be deterred from going to Jerusalem. The road to Easter becomes rougher for the One who risks costly love. Our adult class will be taking this journey with Jesus every Sunday morning from 9-9:45 AM as we explore Luke's story of the impending Passion. We invite you to join us as we seek to deepen our choices as disciples who risk love in our daily lives. We embrace open, supportive discussion; we take seriously God's call through the Bible to grow our faith and service; we pray for others; we explore service opportunities; we relate our Bible focus each Sunday to our corresponding Sunday worship themes. We invite you to join us for one or as many times as you wish to come. Place is the atrium room below the sanctuary.

Our **Cub Scout Pack 811** will sponsor a **Blood Drive** to be held at St. Peter's on Mon., March 29 from 3-7 PM in the auditorium. There will be signs posted. For anyone wanting to make an appointment to eliminate wait time contact Tanya Kleekamp at 636-221-1814 or cubscoutmom811@yahoo.com.

Our former student pastor, **Beth Cherney, sends word: she will be ordained into the ministry** on Sun., April 11th, 2:00 at her home church, Our Shepherd UCC in Howards Grove, Wisconsin! Beth has accepted a call to serve St. Luke's UCC in South Milwaukee as their minister. Congrats to "Rev. Beth" can be sent via St. Luke's UCC, 2200 18th Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172 or by e-mail: pastor@stlukesucc.us

The **Census Bureau** will be testing here at the church on Saturdays in March at 10 AM and has openings for the following positions in Franklin County: 1) Census Takers, 2) Crew Leaders & Assistants, 3) Recruiting Assistants. You must be 18 years of age. (Veterans given preference). **PLEASE CALL: 866-861-2010 – OR – 573-818-3330**

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 bulletin board beside the doors leading outside or you may contact the church office. Thank you for your generous contribution to our services.

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

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

Spiritual Exercise Retreat – First United Methodist, Washington, March 20, 9:30-1:30

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

Men's Retreat April 16–18, Shannondale Community Center, \$70 per person. Financial grants available. Contact Pastor Paul for registration.

CF Trivia Night – St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall, Dutzow, April 17, 7 PM

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

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

Eric Moeller and the Strummalongs May 5, evening of fun at The Crux on Hwy. A

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

Public Invited to Attend Presentation on Stretching and Strength Training: Kathy Bitser, a physical therapist, will offer a session on stretching and strength training at 2 PM Mon., March 22, at St. John's Mercy Hospital in Washington. The public is invited to attend the free event, which is sponsored by the Diabetes Support Group. The Diabetes Support Group at St. John's Mercy Hospital offers a variety of interesting programs designed to help those with diabetes stay well and in control. All meetings are free and meet in the

Educational Services Department, Classroom A, in the Mercy Medical Building, 851 E Fifth Street. For more information, call 636-239-8248.

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.

Name _____

_____ **Please continue to mail the newsletter to me.**

_____ **I will plan to pick up a hard copy when I am at church.**

_____ **Please notify me by email when the newsletter is posted on the web.**

_____ **My email address is** _____

EASTER MEMORIALS If you wish to place an Easter lily or memorial, please complete this form & return it to the church office by March 29.

I would like to make a contribution to: Memorial Fund \$ _____ Atrium Fund \$ _____

I would like to provide an Easter lily. _____

*(Note: Call an area florist no later than **March 19** to place an order to have the plant delivered to the church Fri., April 2.)*

In memory of (name or names) _____

Given by (names) _____

Phone _____ or email _____