

May 8-9, 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. Today is "Family Sunday". All children and youth will remain in the sanctuary as we worship together. 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 - atrium
	10:00	Family Sunday Worship
	11:00	Coffee hour - atrium
	2-6:30	Jubilee Church - auditorium
Monday	9:00	Women's Breakfast – Cowan's Restaurant
	3:00-8:00	Pizza Hut Night
	6:00	AA
	6:30	Quilting
	7:00	Bible Discovery
Tuesday	10:30	Staff Meeting
	5:30	Mariner's - dining room
	6:00	Building & Grounds Board
	6:30	Council Planning
Wednesday	9:00	Quilting
	Noon	Bible Study
	6:00	AA
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday		Church Camp Registration Deadline
	10:00	Women's Fellowship Meeting, Program & Potluck lunch
	6:00	AA
	7:00	Mental Illness Support Group
Saturday	5:00	Worship
Sunday	9:00	Adult Bible study (lectionary-based)
	9:20	Coffee hour - auditorium
	10:00	Worship & Sunday school
	11:00	Coffee hour – auditorium

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Shannondale Fund. A total of \$518 has been collected thus far.

The Women's Fellowship is collecting empty prescription bottles for Haiti. Please remove labels. Empty Tylenol, aspirin, Advil, etc. bottles will also be accepted. They are also **collecting postage stamps**. Please tear off the part of the envelope with the stamp and they will do the trimming. Collection boxes for both items are located on the coat rack outside the church office. Business owners are encouraged to save stamps, too.

Mark your calendars for May 16th. Donna Houchins will once again have a kite flying exhibit in the auditorium after the children's message. It's really something to see! Additionally, this Sunday will also be "Teacher Appreciation Sunday", where the Sunday School Teachers will be recognized for all their hard work. The teachers will be recognized at the beginning of the church service, and then the students and teachers will proceed to the auditorium for the kite flying exhibit, and then a cookies and punch reception will be held in the atrium following the church service.

It's time to sign up for summer camp! Children, youth and the young at heart of all ages are encouraged to take a week and go to church camp this summer! Registration materials and instructions on how to sign up are available on the youth bulletin board in the Market Street Hallway (follow the orange camp signs). Questions about camp? Pastor Leah has spent many summers at Camp Mo-Val and would be more than happy to answer your questions. To meet early camp registration deadlines, all registrations and money should be turned in to St. Peter's Church Office **by Wed., May 12**. St. Peter's believes in, supports and benefits from the Christian education and faith formation that takes place at Camp Mo-Val. Every participant will have half of their registration costs covered for one week of conference-sponsored church camp. We hope to see you at camp!

Book Signing! *Timothy Tree Frog*, a children's book written by a member of St. Peter's, Audrey Nourse, will be available for purchase for \$15 after worship on May 16 in the atrium. Audrey will be present to sign your book. *Timothy Tree Frog* is the story of a tadpole who wishes with all his heart to become a tree frog. What happens next is a charming and accurate account of transformation, love, and the continuing cycle of life begetting new life. Preschool and younger elementary children will love the story, the songs, and the surprise ending. You are invited to stop at the book signing table to get your book signed!

On Sunday, May 23, in addition to Confirmation, we will be celebrating Pentecost which is the "birthday" of the Christian Church, universal. We would encourage everyone to wear red that day which is symbolic of the Holy Spirit's tongues of fire in Acts 2:1-3 (a great symbol for our youth joining the church that day as well!)

The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting items to make health kits which will be sent to Haiti. Please deposit the following items in the box marked "Health Kits for Haiti" located outside the church office on or before May 30:

1 hand towel, 1 wide tooth comb, 1 nail clipper,
1 bar soap, 1 wash cloth, 6 band-aids, 1 toothbrush

St. Peter's UCC - a Spiritually Engaged Congregation The church council is hosting a special workshop on what it means to be Spiritually Engaged in your personal life of faith and how this shapes your church. Please plan on coming to learn more Wed., May 26 at 7 PM. Jonathan Jones is a member of St. John's UCC in Chesterfield, coordinator of the Missouri Mid-South Conference men's retreat and a professional corporate consultant. He has done extensive research, particularly with the Gallup Faith Research organization and is eager to help churches affect change for spiritual growth. He will be leading the workshop.

This seminar is especially for church council, board and committee members but is provided also to all St. Peter's folks who want to grow spiritually in our fellowship. To RSVP and for more information, contact Pastor Paul or the church office.

Senior Health Fair: East Central College, May 14, 9-1, including free vision screening, hearing tests and special glaucoma testing sponsored by Washington Lions Club

Quilt Show: sponsored by Eastern Association, May 15, at St. John's UCC, Cappeln

Spring Festival/Chicken Dinner: Ebenezer UCC, Augusta, May 16, 11:30-5:30 PM

Grief Support Group: sponsored by Heartland Hospice & Homestead at Hickory View, May 17-June 28, every Monday for 6 weeks (excluding May 31,) 1:30-3:30 PM at Homestead. Contact Heartland Hospice 390-4723. Seating is limited.

Alzheimer's Association Support Group: For caregivers and people with early memory loss at Homestead at Hickory View, Third Thursday of every month at 6 PM.

Diabetes Support Group at St. John's Hospital: Linda Hussey, registered nurse and Certified Diabetes Educator will offer a presentation on Skin Care at the next Diabetes Support Group meeting at 7 PM, Mon., May 24. For more information: (636) 239-8248.

Spring Picnic/Quilt Auction: St. John's UCC, Bem, May 29, 4-9 PM

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

Members and guests. If you haven't done so already, please pick up and read the May edition of the "St. Peter's Messenger" newsletter. Copies are located in the atrium and south entranceway, or visit www.stpeters-washington.org to view it online.

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.

Offering Envelope Notice: To help insure proper credit is given for donations, please put your offering envelope number on each donation (including special offering envelopes). Thank you.

I am **collecting old cell phones** (can be broken) for my Girl Scout Bronze Award project. I will take the cell phones to the St. Louis Zoo to be properly recycled. All money raised will go to animal conservation/habitat renovation efforts all over the world. I have set up a display outside the office with more information and a collection box. Please help clean up the environment for animals AND for you and me. Thank you. Grace Koch

Like to Knit? Like to Crochet? Emmaus Homes Needs You! Emmaus Homes is starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry and is seeking individuals who enjoy knitting or crocheting to make prayer shawls. The shawls will be given to Emmaus residents, family members, or employees who may be going through a difficult time in their lives. If you or someone you know may be interested in making a shawl, contact Chris Adams, Director of Annual Giving at 636-534-5218 or email adamsc@emmaushomes.org.

Consistent Childcare worker being sought for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings here at St. Peter's. \$10/hr. Resume and written references being accepted. Must submit to a background check. Please contact the church office for a position description. If you are not interested in this position, but would like to serve as an occasional volunteer childcare worker, please contact the church office for a volunteer application and background check release form.