

July 31-August 1, 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. Summer Sunday school/musical practice for children and youth begins after the Children's moment in the auditorium. Child care is offered during the 10 AM service.**

Please visit our new atrium gallery, located on the lower level. It is also open throughout the week during church business hours. Pieces are available for purchase.

This week at St. Peter's: August 1 - 8

Sunday	9:20	Coffee hour in atrium
	10:00	Worship & Summer Sunday school
	11:00	Coffee hour in atrium
		Food Pantry Drive & Aluminum Drive
Monday	9:00	Retired Men's Group – Cowan's Restaurant
	6:00	AA
	6:30	Quilting
Tuesday	10:30	Staff Meeting
	7:00	Cemetery Board
	7:00	Board of Christian Education
Wednesday	9:00	Quilting
	10:00	Prayer Network
	6:00	AA
Thursday	1:30	Budget Committee
	6:00	AA
Saturday	5:00	Worship
Sunday	9:20	Coffee hour in atrium
	10:00	Worship & Summer Sunday school
	11:00	Coffee hour in atrium
	6:30-8	Youth Group Gathering at Riverfront Park

**Thanks** to Claudi Walker, Emilee & Noelle Kellermann and all the children for their spirited worship service last week. The St. Peter's Team and Rainbow Ringers led us all in joyful praise.

**Members and guests:** Copies of the August edition of the "St. Peter's Messenger" newsletter are located in the atrium and south entranceway, or visit [www.stpeters-washington.org](http://www.stpeters-washington.org) to view it online.

**Youth Group Gathering This Month:** Sunday evening, August 8th at the Riverfront Park, 6:30-8 PM. Please have your parents drop you off and pick you up from the park. Send an e-mail to [pastorleah@stpetersucc.org](mailto:pastorleah@stpetersucc.org) if you can attend and plan on coming hungry!

**Children who would like to sing** with the chancel choir at the riverfront on Sunday, Sept. 12, are welcome! Practice is during Sunday school in August.

The **quilts hanging in the atrium** have been completed by the Quilters and will be donated to the Emmaus Bazaar, the Festival of Sharing Quilt Auction and Back Packs of Love.

**Moving/Decorating Party Thurs. Aug. 12, 1 PM**

Who's invited? Anyone available at that time!

Why should you come? Because you love your church, you love God and you love ice cream (Pastor Leah's treat once the moving is through!)

What are we moving? The bulk of the computer lab is moving from the ground floor to a 3rd floor classroom and the old computer lab space is being converted into a comfy and welcoming Sunday school classroom for grades 6-8! Donations of gently used couches are more than welcome to help us create the new classroom space!

Think you can offer assistance? Contact Pastor Leah. Thank you!

**Rev. Bilinski** has been invited to participate with her husband, Jamie, in a second continuing education trip to Israel/Palestine, Aug. 17-28. She was on her first trip in seminary. Through this trip (offered free of charge) Pastor Leah will have the opportunity to explore more perspectives in the Israel/Palestine conflict as well as visit Holy sites. She looks forward to sharing her experience after time to process. If you would like for Pastor Leah to place a prayer of yours in Jerusalem's wailing wall (an outer wall of the second temple in the time of Jesus), please write your prayer on one sheet of paper, folded up tightly and get these to her by Wed., Aug. 11.

### **Mark Your Calendars: K-12 Sunday School Begins Sunday, August 22nd!**

Sunday school classes will be offered for children and youth, ages preschool through 12th grade. Classes on the 3rd floor Christian education wing this year will include...

- Preschool
- Grades K-1
- Grades 2-3
- Grades 4-5

Classes in the historic Christian education wing of the church (under the sanctuary) will include...

- Grades 6-8 (in the old computer lab/new middle school room)
- Grades 9-12 in the youth room

Look for our computer lab to be moving to the 3rd floor Christian education wing, where it will be more accessible to the younger Sunday school classes! Thank you to all who provided awesome "Galactic Blast" decorations to VBS this year - decorations that will be put to good use in our new computer lab!

### **Plan now to attend our St. Peter's Pool Party and BBQ at Camp Mo-Val from noon to 5, Sun., Aug. 29.**

There'll be swimming, canoeing, paddle-boating, volleyball, wagon rides, nature hikes, picnicking, fishing and plenty of leisurely activities for older adults. The BBQ meal may be purchased there as a fundraiser for Camp Mo-Val. This is our St. Peter's August fellowship event for the whole family. Please join the fun! (Mo-Val is off Hwy 50, just west of Union. Take UU south and follow the signs.) Please indicate your or your family's presence by signing the friendship register or notifying the church office.

### **St. Peter's Family Retreat Weekend -- Friday evening Sept. 24th thru Sunday breakfast, Sept. 26th**

**Location:** Camp Mo-Val, in updated facilities with indoor bathrooms, A/C and heat, with families being housed together. **Activities:** Bonding time with your family and church family, getting away from our hectic lives, relaxing in the out-of-doors, having your meals cooked for you, and taking advantage of activities offered (if you so choose) -- such as canoeing, paddle boating, fishing, hiking, games, campfires and s'mores, story sharing, crafts and much, much more for the youngest to the oldest. There will be a small number of area UCC churches participating to round out the numbers, so let Pastor Leah know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending so your spot or your family's spot can be reserved! FYI: "Family" is not limited to a definition of two parents and kids! 80 year-old best friends often constitute "family" for one another. Or individuals for whom your church family has become your family - we want you there too! If a weekend change of pace sounds like just what you need, sign up now!

The **Women's Fellowship** continues to collect postage stamps. Please tear off the part of the envelope with

the stamp and they will do the trimming. A collection box is located on the coat rack outside the church office. Business owners are encouraged to save stamps, too.

**Sturdy baby changing table** needed for St. Peter's nursery. If you have one you'd like to donate, please contact the church office or Pastor Leah.

**Annual Picnic**, St. John's UCC, Cappeltn, August 1, 11-6

**Bethany Picnic**, August 13, 5 PM-?? PM, Hwy Z, South of Berger

**Rummage Sale**, Zion UCC, Union, August 13, 8 AM-?? & August 14, 8 AM-12 Noon

**Rummage Sale**, St. Francis Borgia, August 12, 13, 14

**Femme Osage UCC Annual Picnic**: Sun., Aug 15. Noon-6 PM. Kettle cooked beef and deep-fried chicken. \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 6-12, under 6 eat free.

**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.

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