

September 12-13, 2009

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. Child care is offered during the 10 AM service.

This week at St. Peter's:

Sunday	10:00	Worship – Family Sunday (No K-6 Summer Sunday school)
	11:15	Lunch; 11:45 Worship Workshop
Monday	9:00	Ladies Breakfast at Cowan's
	9:00	Retired Men's Group at Bob Evans
	1:30	Fifth Street School/Sheltered Reality Concert in sanctuary
	3-8	Pizza Hut Night
	6:00	AA
	6:30	Quilting
	7:00	Bible Discovery; Civic Chorus Rehearsal
Tuesday	10:30	Staff meeting
	11:00	Bipolar Support Group
	2:30	Service at Cedar Crest Manor
	6:00	Sunday School teacher meeting (3 rd floor classrooms)
	7:00	Church Council
	7:30	Al Anon
Wednesday	9:00	Quilting
	6:00	Chapel Bell Choir & AA
	6:45	Vesper Bell Choir
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	10:30	Service at Grandview Healthcare Center
	6:00	AA & Al Anon
	6:00-7:30	Micro-lending Workshop
	7:00	Mental Illness Support Group
Friday	7:00	Lock-in for Grades 4-6 begins
Saturday	8:00	Lock-in ends
	9:00	Scout Committee Meeting
	5:00	Worship
Sunday	10:00	Worship & Fall Sunday school Begins! Third Graders to receive Bibles
	11:15	Confirmation Begins
	6:30-8:00	Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Registration for Weds.@St. Pete's: Book reservations needed today! Pastor Paul will be in the atrium immediately following the service to provide information on multiple small group studies, all-church programs, dinners and fun for the entire family. Choose from exciting groups such as What Matters to You? Matters to Us (a great group for new members or others wishing to know more about our UCC faith traditions), Leaving Church, Great Decisions and The Long Snapper, plus groups for age 4-grade 3, grades 4-6, grades 7-12 and child care. All church programs held on weeks small groups do not meet include author David Rice on The Year of Jubilee, a special Veterans Day salute and historical program, and a UCC history program led by Rev. Dr. Bill Schwab. Volunteers are needed to help with the meals. See sign up sheet at the information table.

“Artful Change: Worship in Our Time” A Worship Workshop Sunday, Sept. 13, 11:45 AM. Lunch served at 11:15 AM, led by Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw. Have you ever wondered why we worship the way we do? What is the role and place of worship in our lives and in the larger context of the church? Are we best honoring that? How do we honor the steady and sturdy rocks of history and tradition, while remaining faithful to the dynamic purpose of worship in an ever-changing world? Who is the target audience for worship? Should worship be an evangelism tool? What if I want St. Peter's to grow but want worship services to remain as they have always been? Why did "they" change the words to favorite hymns? Can youth ever enjoy it? Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw will address these and other questions. In addition, we will break up into small groups to discuss our present and future opportunities in worship at St. Peter's. Help us take a look at areas of music, hymnody, inclusion of children, youth and laity, greeting/ushering, multi-sensory tools, and how Christian Education informs worship and vice versa. **Your opinions are welcomed and necessary for this one-time event.**

New Justice and Mission Ministry begins at St. Peter's for the community Thursday. St. Peter's UCC is partnering with Justine Petersen to help low- to moderate-income entrepreneurs in Franklin County succeed by offering access to funds not otherwise available. Let us help you to start or strengthen your business! **Sept. 17, 6-7:30 PM,** in the atrium meeting room. Everyone is welcome. **Considering starting a business?** Begin by meeting one-on-one with a Justine Petersen counselor who will assist you through the business planning process. **Looking to grow your business?** Many clients have existing informal businesses, but do not have written business plans. Justine Petersen assists entrepreneurs to transition from informal to formal micro-enterprises through technical assistance, training and loan origination. **Small business financing:** Justine Petersen is a nonprofit organization based in St. Louis that provides comprehensive micro-enterprise lending for business related expenses. Through a generous contribution that began our local efforts at St. Peter's, Justine Petersen is expanding its efforts to serve Franklin County small businesses. If you require financing to grow or start your small business, please come and join us to learn more about services that Justine Petersen provides and how they can serve your business needs.

EXPERIENCE PRAYER IN A WHOLE NEW WAY! Our St. Peter's youth group has set up six multi-sensory prayer stations that can be found in the auditorium. Look for station #1 in the northeast corner/closet corner and cycle your way through #6, moving at your own pace. Reflections and directions are provided at each station. The prayer stations will be available to you through the month of September, both on the weekends and during weekday office hours.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL for children and youth begins Sept. 20 at the 10 o'clock service with classes for preschool through 12th grade. Children are encouraged to attend the beginning of worship with their parents, join in the children's message (where 3rd graders will receive their Bibles—**if you haven't contacted the church office with your 3rd grader's name, please do so by Tuesday**), and then go to their Sunday school classes. The second Sunday of each month will continue to be Family Sunday where children and youth remain in service with their families.

GRADES 4-6 sign up now for the **LOCK-IN** this Friday, 7 PM to 8 AM Saturday! A sign up sheet can be found on the youth bulletin board in the Market Street hallway or sign up by calling the church, 239-6176.

The quilters invite everyone to **view the quilts on display in the atrium:** those on upper level are for the Emmaus Bazaar; those on the lower level are for the Festival of Sharing.

The **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** to benefit the **Emmaus Home** will be held on Friday, Sept. 25th at the KC Hall. As we have done for many years bakers of St. Peter's are asked to provide desserts, especially PIES! You may drop off your pies in the afternoon at the KC Hall or take them with you when you go to enjoy the fish fry. **Please sign the friendship register "Pies" so we can let Emmaus know how many pies we will be providing.**

Noon hour Bible studies resume Sept. 30 (noon-12:45) with a brand new series and approach. Published by the UCC, nine different voices interpreting nine different biblical passages urgently say one thing: we serve a living, loving God who is still speaking, who is not finished creating yet, who has more truth and light to break forth, and who is calling you and me to respond this day - right now! Each participant will receive a colorful devotional guide and study booklet. Dr. Koch and Rev. Bilinski will be leading various sessions. Spend your lunch hour with us and invite your friends! Please see the September newsletter for more information

New/prospective/revitalized member classes are forming soon. You have your choice of Wednesday evenings ("What Matters to You Matters to Us") or Sunday after church. Please contact Pastor Paul if interested.

The **St. Peter's Family of Trees** will be a part of our Christmas celebration. Reserve your tree now! See Pastor Paul in the atrium or stop by the office to pick up a form.

Shall We Gather at The River? The worship service for World Communion Sunday Oct. 4 will be held in the Ronsick Pavilion at the downtown Riverfront Park. Join us for a fun celebration! After the service, stick around for a grill-out and potluck picnic. There will be a bouncy house for the kids, games, and fun for everyone. The adjacent parking lot next to the old water works will be reserved for handicap parking and drop-offs for people who need them. If you need to worship indoors, the regular Saturday service will be held as usual in the sanctuary at 5:00. In case of inclement weather, Sunday worship will be held in the dining room. Thanks to the church council for sponsoring and planning for this fun day of worship and fellowship.

Anyone interested in quilts, mark your calendars: There will be a preview showing of the Festival of Sharing quilts Sept. 24, 11-2, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton. We will carpool from the church parking lot, leaving at 10:15. **Everyone is invited.**

Friedens UCC, Warrenton, Annual Church Picnic/Dinner, Sept. 20, 10:30-4:00.

Frisella Nursery, Defiance, Emmaus & Our Lady's Inn Benefit, Sept. 26, 10 AM-4 PM

SAVE THE DATE: Plowsharing Craft Sale, November 14 & 15.