

October 10-11, 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	9:00	Adult Bible study (lectionary-based) in atrium meeting room
	10:00	Worship (Family Sunday)
	11:30-5	Emmaus Bazaar
	1:30	Confirmands depart from parking lot to carpool to Emmaus
	5:30	Confirmands return from Emmaus
	6:30-8	Youth Group (Grades 7-12)
Monday	9:00	Ladies Breakfast at Cowan's
	3-8	Pizza Hut Night
	6:00	AA
	6:30	Quilting
	7:00	Bible Discovery
	7:00	Civic Chorus Rehearsal
	10:30	Staff meeting
Tuesday	11:00	Bipolar Support Group
	1:30	Stewardship Board
	5:30	Mariners
	6:00	Building & Grounds Board
	6:30	Council Planning
	7:30	Al Anon
	9:00	Quilting
Wednesday	12:00	Bible study in atrium meeting room
	5:00	Weds @ St. Pete's Soup Dinner
	6-6:15	Devotion in Chapel
	6:15-7:30	All church program – David Rice
	6:00	Chapel Bell Choir
	6:00	AA
	6:45	Vesper Bell Choir
7:30	Chancel Choir	
Thursday	10:30	Service at Grandview Healthcare Center
	6:00	AA
Saturday	5:00	Worship
Sunday	10:00	Worship & Sunday school K-6 (after children's moment, grades 7-12 from start of service)

Hear author **David Rice discuss his novel The Year of Jubilee at Weds @ St. Pete's Oct. 14 at 6:15.** The plot of this work of fiction asks the question, "Can a presidential hopeful win the hearts of the hopeless with an ancient plan of grace?" Rice resides in St. Louis with his wife, Angie and three kids. He teaches at a local university and has presented to numerous organizations including the US Department of Education. He offers a graceful answer for a disillusioned society. Copies of his book are available to purchase. (Note: you do not have to have read the book to appreciate this Weds. @ St.

Pete's large group session.)

Noon hour Bible studies continue (Wednesdays, from 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!

The **adult class** is again being offered at 9 AM in the atrium room every Sunday. It is a Bible Study and will follow the Lectionary, the schedule of Bible texts that most churches use each Sunday.

If you are a **friend or visitor** of St. Peter's who would like to receive a church newsletter, please contact the church office or write "newsletter" along with your mailing address beside your name on the friendship register.

It's fall! Come to the St. Peter's Weds @ St. Pete's Tailgate Party Oct. 21, 5 PM right before another evening of great fellowship and exciting small groups. You are invited to bring tailgate snacks, sides or dessert to share.

A Halloween party for children hosted by our 7th-12th grade youth group and other volunteers will be held in our auditorium Wed. Oct. 22 from 6:15-7:30. Sign up on the friendship register, on the youth bulletin board (Market St. hallway) or contact Pastor Leah. As a part of this party, **volunteers are needed to provide decorated trunks** (coolers or clothing trunks, not cars) with candy. (Please sign up on the friendship register or in the church office.) For adults providing trunks, we'd love for you to be present to open your own "treasure chests" to the kids. To make this happen, we are scheduling "trick or treating" as the last activity of the evening. We hope this will allow those who want to participate in the Weds. @ St. Pete's large group session, candy distribution and even choir afterwards to get to do all three!

Ebenezer UCC, Augusta, Chili & Beef Dinner, Oct. 18, 11 AM-6 PM

Everyone is invited to attend the service of ordination and reception for Brad Urban, Oct. 25, 3 PM at Zion UCC, Union.

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: St. Peter's United Church of Christ
Fall Congregational Meeting, October 25, 2009, 11 AM.

SAVE THE DATES:

Christmas Rummage Sale, Nov. 7. Plans are being made for a Christmas rummage sale to be held November 7. Only Christmas related items will be for sale. We know everyone has some Christmas decorations that they no longer use. Now would be a good time to get them out and ready for this unusual sale. Decorations, lights, table coverings, anything Christmas; you have it, we will try to sell it. Items may be brought to church and placed on the stage in the auditorium. Contact Dottie Brinker or Ruth Wood for more information.

Plowsharing Craft Sale, Nov. 14 & 15. Volunteer help is needed for the following:

Inventory: Nov. 6 at 5:30 PM

Set up: Nov. 13 at 5 PM

Sale: Nov. 14, 1st shift: 8:30-12 or 2nd shift: 12-3

Sale: Nov. 15 from 9-12

Repacking: Nov. 15 beginning at 12:00

If interested in helping, please contact the church office to sign up.

Join the group traveling to **Holstein to enjoy their lunch ministry**. A carpool will leave St. Peter's Church parking lot at 10:30. Cost is \$3.00 and the deadline to sign up is Oct. 14. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Everyone is invited!!

The **St. Peter's Family of Trees** will be a part of our Christmas celebration. Reserve your tree now! Stop by the office to pick up a form.

Social Security Retirement Seminar, Sat. Oct. 24, 10 AM. Everything you need to know about Social Security Retirement Benefits—perfect for anyone wishing to plan his/her financial future, HR personnel or financial planners. The seminar will be held at the Regional Training Center (RTC) at East Central College located off Hwy 50 in Union. To register or for more information, call 636-583-1628, ext. 205. Registration deadline is Oct. 16. Hosted by the Social Security Administration. No cost for attendance.