

October 17-18, 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 & Sunday School (K-6 leave for the third floor after children's time, grades 7-12 meet under the sanctuary from the start of service.)
- Monday 6:00 AA
6:30 Quilting
7:00 Civic Chorus Rehearsal
- Tuesday 10:30 Staff meeting
2:30 Worship at Cedar Crest
6:00 Pastoral Relations Committee
7:00 Church Council
7:30 Al Anon
- Wednesday 9:00 Quilting
9:00 Newsletter articles due in the church office or to Laura Placht at lplacht@fidnet.com
5:00 "Weds @ St. Pete's Tailgate Party"*
6:15-7:30 Small Groups
6:00 Chapel Bell Choir
6:00 AA
6:45 Vesper Bell Choir
7:30 Chancel Choir
- Thursday 10:30 Carpool leaves church parking lot for Holstein Lunch Ministry
6:00 AA
7:00 Mental Illness Support Group
7:00 Food Pantry Task Force
- Saturday 5:00 Worship
12-11 Grades 7-12 to Six Flags
- Sunday 9:00 Adult Bible study (lectionary-based) in atrium meeting room
10:00 Worship & Sunday school (after children's moment)
11:00 Congregational Meeting (with confirmation class to follow)
2:00 Confirmands picked up by parents
6:30-8:00 7th-12th Grade Youth Group

* The entire congregation and friends are invited to a Tailgate Party on the East parking lot this Wednesday from 5:00-6ish. This will essentially be a "snacky pot luck", so bring some "snacky pot luck" food to share, your comfy lawn chairs (some tables and chairs will also be present), and warm up your arm for the long snapping contest, sponsored by our Journeymen group.

The **Fund Raising Committee** would like to say thank you to everyone for their help and for coming to the Miller's Grill breakfast. There was a great turnout and it was a great time. Total profit realized was \$573. We are planning to do another breakfast in the

Spring.

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!

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.

The Social Concerns committee, with the generous help of the congregation, was able to donate \$1000 to Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County. That \$1000 paid for all of the flooring in 2 houses!

Articles for the monthly **newsletter** are due in the church office by 9 AM on the 21st of each month or they may be emailed to lplicht@fidnet.com by that same deadline.

A **very special thank you** to everyone who volunteered at the **Emmaus Bazaar** (we logged almost 200 volunteer hours), to Pastor Leah and Jamie for celebrating their wedding anniversary there (while working), to the confirmation class and their parents who covered most of the second shift and to all who furnished pies.

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

"Wherever you are in your journey of life, come journey with us." The St. Peter's Sunday Adult class is meeting every Sunday morning from 9 to 9:45 AM in the lower level atrium room. We are traveling through the Bible with the same Bible passages used in our Sunday worship. We are informal and open to lots of discussion. We invite you to become travel partners with us whenever you can come. Student pastor, Debbie Douglas, will be providing leadership this Sunday, and Pastor Leah will be with us on Oct. 25.

SAVE THE DATES:

Christmas Rummage Sale Plans are being made for a Christmas rummage sale to be held Nov. 7. Christmas related items and winter clothing for children 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 or children's clothing; 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.

Downtown Washington Christmas Parade: Get out your lawn chairs, lights, and Santa hats and join St. Peter's Lawn Chair brigade. Once again, members and friends of St. Peter's UCC will march in the Washington Christmas Parade. The parade is held on Friday, Nov. 27, the day after Thanksgiving, beginning at 5 PM. We will decorate a float and follow the float with our Award Winning, Defending Champion, Lawn Chair

brigade. We need your help in decorating the float and participating in the parade. There will be a sign-up sheet in the atrium. You may also call Susan Harms or the church office. Time and location for the float and Lawn Chair information will be listed in the bulletin once it is decided. It's an Old Fashion Christmas at St. Peter's.

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.

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

St. John UCC, St. Clair, Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner, October 18, 11-3

St. Francis Borgia, Sausage Dinner, Oct. 18, 11-6

Service of ordination and reception for Brad Urban, Oct. 25, 3 PM at Zion UCC, Union

Faith UCC, Wentzville, Sauerbraten Dinner, Oct. 25, 11-6

Social Security Retirement Seminar, 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, Union. To register or for more information, call 636-583-1628, ext. 205 by Oct. 16. There is no cost for attendance.