

**October 31-November 1, 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
Monday	9:00	Retired Men's Breakfast at Cowan's
	6:00	AA
	6:30	Quilting
	7:00	Civic Chorus Rehearsal
Tuesday	10:30	Staff meeting
	7:00	Cemetery Board
	7:00	Social Concerns Committee
	7:00	Board of Christian Education
	7:30	Al Anon
Wednesday	9:00	Quilting
	10:00	Prayer Network
	12:00	Bible study
	5:00	All Church soup supper
	6-6:15	Devotion in chapel
	6:15-7:30	Small Groups
	6:00	Chapel Bell Choir
	6:00	AA
	6:45	Vesper Bell Choir
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00	AA & Al Anon
Friday	5:30	Plowsharing Crafts Inventory in dining room
Saturday	8-12	Everything Christmas Rummage Sale in auditorium
	9-11	Scout Meeting
	5:00	Worship
Sunday	9:00	Adult Bible study (lectionary-based) in atrium meeting room
	10:00	Worship (Family Sunday), Pastor Emeritus celebration for Rev. Dr. Bill Schwab
	11:00	Reception
	11:15	Confirmation

Next Sunday will mark a special milestone for our church as the Rev. Dr. Bill Schwab will be granted the honor of Pastor Emeritus for St. Peter's UCC. Please plan on being in attendance for this celebration.

**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. Deadline is Nov. 10. Volunteers needed to staff hospitality room and donation of cookies and treats are needed. Contact Pat Hartzell or Cecil Blankenship if you can help.

**“Wherever you are in your journey of life, come journey with us.”** The St. Peter’s Sunday Adult Bible 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.

**Christmas Rummage Sale** Plans are being made for a Christmas rummage sale to be held Nov. 7, 8-Noon. 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 the 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.

**St. Peter’s UCC to Honor Veterans in Veteran’s Day Program:** St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, as part of its Weds.@St.Pete’s program has dedicated its Nov. 11 gathering to recognizing all Washington area men and women who have served in the armed forces. Marc Houseman, President of the Washington Historical Society, will provide special insights and hidden histories on Washington’s two Medal of Honor winners, Cub Pack 811 will lead participants in a flag ceremony and St. Peter’s Retired Men’s Group will offer a special tribute. The program begins at 6:00 in the St. Peter’s dining room and will conclude at 7:30. A free-will soup supper begins at 5:00. All are invited but please RSVP to 239-6176.

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> shift: 8:30-12 or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

A **Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner** will be held following each of the services Nov. 21 & 22. Turkey, dressing and gravy will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a favorite Thanksgiving dish (to feed 12) to the dinner. These meals will be true potlucks. If we end up with all desserts or no desserts at all, we will be thankful for what has been provided. Please sign the friendship register, email [spuccwsh@yhti.net](mailto:spuccwsh@yhti.net), or call the church office to let us know how many from your family will attend which day. The Rev. Don Crismon will be preaching at these services. Let’s have a big turn out to hear him speak and join in fellowship after the service you attend for a great meal.