

November 28-29, 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. Sunday School for children ages 4 to Grade 6 begins after the Children's moment. A class for youth, grades 7-12, begins at 10:00 underneath the sanctuary. Adult Sunday School is 9 AM on Sundays.

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
	9:15-9:45	Rainbow Bell Practice in 3 rd floor Sunday school classroom (for ages 3 through grade 2)
	10:00	Worship & Sunday school
	2-5	Farewell Celebration for Rev. Krista Betz (Robbler Winery)
	6:30-8	Youth Group (Grades 7-12)
Monday	6:00	AA
	6:30	Quilting
	7:00	Civic Chorus Rehearsal - sanctuary
Tuesday	10:30	Staff Meeting
	7:00	Social Concerns Committee
	7:00	Cemetery Board
	7:00	Board of Christian Education
	10:30	Staff meeting
Wednesday	9:00	Quilting
	10:00	Prayer Network
	5:00	All Church soup supper
	6-6:15	Devotion in chapel
	6:15-7:30	Small Groups Conclude
	6:00	Chapel Bell Choir
	6:00	AA
	6:45	Vesper Bell Choir
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00	AA
Friday	5-8	Family Festival of Trees
Saturday	2-5	Family Festival of Trees
	5:00	Worship
Sunday	9:00	Adult Bible study (lectionary-based) in atrium meeting room
	10:00	Worship & Sunday school (food pantry & aluminum drives)
	11:15-1:00	Confirmation
	12-3	Family Festival of Trees
	2:00 & 4:00	Civic Chorus Concerts
	3:00-6:00	"Home" Tour

Hosts needed for **St. Peter's Family Festival of Trees** hospitality. Help us greet folks who come to our church to celebrate the holidays. Sign-up sheets to help with hosting our Christmas guests for the Festival are in the Atrium. Hosts will greet, provide

directions to trees and serve refreshments. One and a half- to two-hour shifts are requested. Your hospitality is appreciated!

“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.

Conference Staff News: Rev. Krista Betz, Acting Associate Conference Minister and pastor of Ebenezer UCC in Augusta, has accepted the call to be the Interim Conference Minister of Kansas-Oklahoma Conference starting Jan. 1, 2010. A farewell celebration will be held Nov. 29, 2-5 PM at Robbler Winery, 275 Robbler Vineyard Road, New Haven. Finger foods and appetizers will be served; wine will be available to purchase.

December 6th a group will travel to Sullivan Christian Church to see **“Journey to Bethlehem”**. Everyone is invited. The carpool will leave St. Peter’s Church parking lot at 4:30. For more information, please contact Marion Nelgner.

The Washington Historical Society will host a program presented by Bill Schwab on **The Evangelical Church Society of the West**, the root of our present day congregations. It will take place at the Washington Historical Society Building, 4th and Market Sts., Dec. 8, 7- 8 PM. It is free and open to everyone.

A **White Castle Christmas Caroling Party** is planned for Thurs., Dec 10 at 6:00. Everyone in church is invited to gather in the Dining Room. Then we’ll head out to nursing homes and peoples’ homes who are homebound. (If you know someone from church who would appreciate caroling, please let Pastor Paul know.) After caroling, we will be treated to White Castle hamburgers. Please bring Christmas goodies and treats to share.

The **Women’s Fellowship Bake Sale** will be held Dec. 12, 8:30-Noon. Please bring baked items on the 11th before 6 PM. Trays and bags are available in the dining room. If there are any special ingredients in the items, please mark it on the package. If someone would like to bake for diabetics, it would be appreciated.

One-two host homes and a couple drivers are still needed for the grades 7-12 **Progressive Dinner** on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 13. Contact Pastor Leah if you are able to help. Perhaps you would love to have the youth come but aren’t up for cooking or preparing a meal course? Or perhaps you could provide a meal course but not your home? Let us know what’s possible for you and we’ll work from there.

Needed: empty, Altoid metal mint containers for an art project. Please leave in Pastor Leah’s office mailbox.

Please help make **Christmas merrier for the residents of the Emmaus Homes** by choosing a resident to help this Christmas. The Christmas giving tree is located in the atrium. Please do not wrap the gifts and return them to the church by December 18

A **Loving Hearts Benefit Christmas Concert** will be held Dec. 5, 7 PM at the Wellspring Wesleyan Church, 2396 Hwy A, Washington. The Sheltered Reality Drum Group and other local musicians will be featured. Tickets are available for \$10 in the church office.

Christmas Memorials

I wish to donate a POINSETTIA in memory of:

The cost of each poinsettia is \$10 (payable to the church); the deadline is December 10.

I wish to donate a CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL in memory of:

Enclosed find \$_____ for the Memorial Fund \$_____ for the Atrium Fund
The deadline for memorials is December 21.

Signed: _____