

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ST. PETER'S MESSENGER

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PASTOR PAUL'S POINTS

This June, your council and ministers will begin the long process of reviewing and updating our church's constitution in preparation for your review and approval. Though we have set aside two evenings for workshops, the effort scopes beyond that. A review committee of lay persons spent considerable hours in review and suggestion; Leah and I intentionally set aside entire days to review every section and clause to make notes accordingly. I view this effort as part of my obligation as a minister of the gospel and doctor of the church. Our governing document almost becomes *scripturesque* as it lays the framework for how we as a congregation live out our calling to be a Church of Jesus Christ. It should reflect our mission cornerstone as laid out in Acts and the epistles, therefore the need for scrutiny. People searching for a church, on occasion, ask for a copy of the constitution to ascertain the theology, policies, and faithfulness of a congregation. Every member should be given one.

In my time at St. Peter's, I have observed how our existing document exerts strong influence on how ministry in our congregation is lived out. On the positive side, leadership is duly elected as part of a structure that provides for smooth business operations and accountability. The foresight of our former framers deserves great credit. On the other hand, a challenge and opportunity remains in particular regard to the structures of our ministries (ordered in board and committees) and the degree of how they provide roadmaps for every-member-involvement and creative evangelistic

visioning.

As you know, nominators and chair people work hard to fill committee slots. Many faithful folks (possibly you) have been asked and accepted to serve, while at the same time sometimes questioning their purpose. Some vital committees remain understaffed and often the same faithful hardworking veteran saints are the ones who finally say yes and agree to serve again. New members, youth, and a significant number of others (possibly you) have difficulty finding their way and claiming ownership of their church. This leaves church staff, ministers, and the above faithful few carrying a disproportionate volume of work. Calls for volunteers for special projects or new ministries often go unheeded. Thankfully and miraculously, a great deal of work does get done but it is often outside of official structures. This would indicate that perhaps what worked in the past may not be what is sought by church members today. (Even the word "member" is rearticulated by many churches for new ears.)

A number of church planning visionaries have suggested and implemented new models for organizing the life of the church for the 21st century. They aren't radically different from what is comfortable yet provide catalysts for new energy, acceptance, and growth. I am looking forward to discussing as a congregation our blueprint for the future – pretty timely for the season after Pentecost, I'd say.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Bike & Build group to stay at St. Peter's*
- *Congratulations to our graduates*
- *Eastern Association installations*
- *Pennies Have Power for Festival of Sharing*
- *Bible Discovery Group*
- *St. Peter's Journeymen have invigorating time at retreat*
- *Food Pantry is full again*

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SHANNONDALE NEWS RELEASE

Shannondale Church and Community Center was hit by what is now being called an in-land hurricane on Friday afternoon, May 8, 2009.

After inspection of the facilities, the entire area from Salem down to Eminence suffered massive tree damage. At Shannondale, there is damage to the roof of the Fulk's home, some small amount of damage to the Bean Cabin, and to the Shower House at the Camp Grounds. The Shannondale van was struck on the rear fender by a falling tree and the basketball shelter has a large tree laying on it. In the Camp Ground one of the picnic shelters was destroyed. All of the power lines are down, many torn away from the buildings. Reverend Jeff Fulk has contracted with a local logger to purchase the marketable trees

that are down.

Steve Redman, Disaster Coordinator for our conference, will be organizing work groups. Jeff says, "There will be enough work to keep work groups busy all summer cleaning debris, sawing, moving, and splitting wood." There will also be an eventual need for an electrician to repair the power lines coming to the cabins.

If you want to help, contact Steve Redman.

PASTOR LEAH'S PERSPECTIVES

The soft light of the setting sun stretched across the Missouri River as a handful of youth and adults spread out on a hill above the fast-floating waters. Prayerfully, we sought only to sit in God's presence – to dedicate a few minutes of our day where we allowed the clutter of our minds and lives to float on...while we sat still, seeking to notice our Creator.

If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water. John 4:10

In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks these words to a woman who does not know the gift of God in her life. Perhaps she does not know the gift of God because she has suffered undue hardship through the loss of several husbands. Perhaps she does not know the gift of God because she has experienced the scorn and alienation of her community (forcing her to seek well water at one of the hottest times of the day). Perhaps she does not know the gift of God because she is a woman in a male-dominated society and time, used to giving more than receiving. Perhaps she does not know the gift of God because she, as a Samaritan (a low-rung outsider of the land), does not feel invited to approach and know the Creator of her ancestor, Jacob. Whatever the reason, Jesus' interaction and offer of a gift *to her* (rather than just a demand of her) stops this woman dead in the tracks of her daily routine, tripping her in her com-

mon sense and inviting her to see and frame her life in a whole new way. And that she does. Leaving her water jar behind, she excitedly returns to the village, embracing her value in God's eyes and boldly witnessing to her experience with Jesus.

When we know the gift of God, when we stop our busy lives to notice a God who loves us beyond fault or measure, our perspective changes: First, we realize we aren't alone. We begin to feel God's closeness in our lives – a closeness that will accompany us to the greatest times of life (as God shares in our joys) and carry us through the hardest times of life (as God shares in our tears). Second, we begin to feel the value of our lives through God's eyes (rather than the eyes of the world). And ultimately, we come to the place where we can joyfully set our water jars down...because the living water has washed over us, filled us, and carried us to share the gift of God with others.

As our new youth group sits beside the river, as they engage activities to better notice and know the gift of a God who loves us more than we'll ever know, as they gather in circles to grow closer to one another and closer to their Creator, I ask for your prayers – that all youth and children of our church, community, and world might feel and know the love of God, that they might remember their worth in God's eyes as their self-understandings change and grow, and that solid and faithful foundations of youth ministry – nourished and empowered by the living water of Christ – might live into God's vision and Christ's call. Amen.

CEMETERY BOARD

St. Peter's Cemetery Board met Tuesday, May 5. Members in attendance were Jeff Francis, Bill Howard, Alvin Gerling, Alex Oscody, Wendell Schneider, Byron Stolte - Sexton, and Melvin Roewe-Council Representative.

The meeting was called to order and the Secretary minutes and Treasurer's reports from April were read and approved.

Old Business: Vince Sanfilippo sprayed for moles and it seems to be working.

New Business: A motion was made and approved for Maxine Fink to sell her plots to her nephew for what she paid for them.

The Board will begin to track the amount of interest paid to make sure they are getting the right amount in checks on CD's paid out.

The Board will check to make sure all accounts fall under St. Peter's UCC and that all accounts are FDIC insured.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Jeff Francis

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Social Concerns committee has been busy with several projects. They would like to share some of them with you.

Social Concerns committee highlights:

A \$50 donation was made to the Lenten guest lecturer on March 11. The committee also provided the bread and helped to prepare soups for the evenings' dinner.

The committee approved a \$500 budget adjustment from Social Concerns to Church and Ministry committee to help with the cost of the new member welcome kits.

The Social Concerns committee will be taking donations for Habitat for Humanity through June 15. Checks can be made payable to St. Peter's UCC with Habitat for Humanity in the memo line. Also, if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Dawson.

Submitted by,
Alison Francis

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES-APRIL 2009

Members Present: Joline Logan, Mel Roewe, Rhonda Stockglausner, Lisa Tobben, Julie Frankenberg, Joyce Schatz, Koren Kerr, Ed Menefee, Brenda Morman, Chad Briggs, Marge Jones, and Pastor Leah

Call to Order: Ed Menefee - Opening Prayer: Ed M.

Secretary's Report: approved

Treasurer's Report: Julie reported that first quarter receipts were encouraging. Atrium Fund receipts were good too. We received \$5000 from the estate of Wilma Volkerding. We have been notified that we will receive \$5000 from the Earl and Marie Damschroeder Trust. Also Julie reported that there was a problem with Pastor Paul's salary--taxes had been withheld when they shouldn't have been because ministers are seen by the IRS as self-employed. This posed quite a problem for our accounting system so Tom Buescher helped us figure out how to fix the problem. Because Tom volunteered a tremendous amount of time for us during the busy tax season, Julie felt the council should thank him in some way. Brenda made the motion that St. Peter's provide Tom Buescher with a gift certificate and a letter of appreciation. Lisa Tobben seconded it. Lisa made the motion that we give Tom a \$75 gift certificate to a business to be named later. Mel seconded it. The motion passed (04/09/1). Julie will write Tom a letter of appreciation and find out the name of his favorite restaurant and buy a gift certificate there. Lisa questioned the miscellaneous income category in the General Receipts Fund. She wanted to know what it is used for. Julie explained it has been used for several things—coffee hour, the Good Samaritan Fund, refunds we receive, Journeymen books, Lenten study books and meal receipts, and confirmation robes. This year the Mardi Gras receipts (\$1065) were put into this fund and Julie suggested it go into the Youth Fund because as it now stands, if the money in the Miscellaneous Fund is not spent by the end of the year, the money will not transfer to the next year. Chad B. made the motion that Mardi Gras receipts be moved from Miscellaneous Income in the General Fund to the Youth Fund. Rhonda S. seconded it. The motion passed (04/09/2) Lisa T. asked for clarification for the council on when we deposit money into the flex account.

Senior Pastor's Report: attached to original

Associate Pastor's Report: attached to original; Pastor Leah announced that St. Peter's is 3rd in the conference for the number of people going to camp this year. Twenty-two kids and adults have registered for camp.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

- Capital Campaign: At the next council meeting in May, Ed asked that the council make advance pledges to the capital campaign. Advance pledges will be announced in church on May 30/31. Ed also asked council members to volunteer to form a team for the campaign. This only involves calling people and inviting them to Commitment Sunday. Several council members volunteered. Joline told the council that she was approached by a member of the congregation about their dislike of spending \$15,000 for the use of Church Extension for the campaign.
- Pastor Emeritus Committee: Rhonda volunteered to work with Roger Fleer on writing a biography of Pastor Schwab with the help of Diane Schwab that can be read at the ceremony.
- Reception for Beth Cherney: council members were asked to bring 2 dozen cookies; Brenda will make the punch and set up for the reception in the atrium.
- Constitution Review Workshop: Rhonda S. suggested the council watch a PowerPoint presentation about the Eastern Association at our next meeting on May 19. The PowerPoint can give us insight on why we should be connected with the Eastern Association and why it should be included in our constitution.
- Confirmands and communion: Joline asked for clarification on when confirmands would be serving communion because for council members in the choir, it is upsetting to leave the choir loft and then not be needed to serve communion. Ed suggested confirmands only be scheduled to serve communion once or twice a year—a month before Easter for practice and then on Easter. Rhonda suggested confirmands be used as ushers once a month. Lisa suggested confirmands be used to collect Sunday school offering.

New Business:

- Bike and Build: A group called Bike and Build travel the country trying to raise awareness for the need for more affordable housing; they work with groups like Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together. They have requested the use of our church to stay overnight on June 12. They also asked if we could provide them a potluck dinner. Rhonda made the motion that St. Peter's allow Bike and Build stay overnight in the church. Lisa seconded it. The motion passed (04/09/3).
- Congregational Meeting Open Forum Concerns: 1). Council minutes be included in newsletter—they will be included in the next newsletter. 2). Change in time of Saturday service—the council voted on the issue during February's council meeting. Mel R. made the motion to permanently set the time for the Saturday night service to 5:00. Marge J. (continued on next page)

CHURCH COUNCIL CONTINUED

seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The reason the time was changed was to accommodate families with children and to increase attendance. 3). Request for more Lenten services—Weds @ St. Pete's addressed more of the Christian education aspect of a Lenten service; Rhonda suggested perhaps more devotional time could be added after the Lenten meal next year. That would allow members time to affirm their faith. Members missed the Good Friday service. Pastor Paul suggested Good Friday be a reflective time and an opportunity to share fellowship with other UCC churches in the area. All open-floor items were reviewed and tabled.

- **Worship workshops:** The pastors would like to hold worship workshops for the congregation in August or September to give people a voice in worship practices. Perhaps, David Greenhaw, President of Eden, could speak at or lead a workshop.

Board and Committee Reports:

Cemetery Board: Mel reported the lighted flagpole and flag are up in the cemetery.

Building and Grounds: The committee looked into having the parking lot resealed and found it was not necessary. The church foundation on Market Street looks like it is bulging.

Board of Christian Education: Reception for Sunday school teachers is May 17.

Social Concerns: They are collecting funds for Habitat for Humanity. Brenda Morman will visit their next meeting and ask for a donation toward the church welcome packets.

Church and Ministry: Materials for welcome packets have been ordered. Washington Promotional Products is providing the materials at a very low cost to us.

Mel made a motion to adjourn and Koren seconded it. The regular council meeting adjourned; an executive session followed the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Morman
Council Secretary

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The Building and Grounds Board held their monthly meeting on 5/12/09 at 6 p.m..

Members in attendance were Jim Schaffner, Gene Hunt, Fred Hodgson, Koren Kerr - Council Rep., and Jay Mittler.

Old Business

The Board decided that the "Church Parking Only" sign for the lot at Fifth and Market streets should be a permanently mounted sign. It will be a flip over design so that "Church Parking Only" is displayed only for certain events on week days. Approximate cost of the sign will be \$85. David will install it.

B & D Paving inquired again about their bid for resealing the parking lots. Jim will inform them that we have decided to wait until 2010 to do that work.

New Business

Jim recommended that two dehumidifiers be purchased to put in the basement rooms. Koren will check with the Church Council for permission to purchase them.

Painting the auditorium ceiling was discussed. It was decided to go ahead with that project. David will do the painting.

The contract with Jim's Heating for servicing the HVAC systems is due. David is going to check into getting competitive

bids from some other companies before the contract is signed.

During our inspections of the parking lots we noticed that the timber retaining walls on the Fifth and Market lot are in bad shape. They will need to be replaced soon. It was suggested that this may be a project that could be done by church members with help from the older youth groups of the church.

The plaster on the east foundation wall is in bad shape. We need to look into repairs for it soon.

Discussion was held about the cleaning and maintenance staff, who they report to, and who should be giving them their instructions. It was decided to ask Pastor Paul to come to our next meeting to discuss this so everyone is in agreement.

Sharon Thompson has submitted her resignation from the Building and Grounds Board because she is unable to be at meetings due to her work schedule. We need to find someone to replace her.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting is on 6/9/09 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Mittler

THE TWENTY-NINTH MAN

(A Reflection on the Recent St. Peter's Men's Retreat)

Twenty-seven men from churches throughout the Missouri Mid-South Conference met with Pastor Jeff Fulk at the Shannondale Retreat and Community Center a few weeks ago. In reflecting on this gathering, I would like to tell you about the twenty-ninth man I saw there.

I saw this man had already been at work long before we arrived, as Pastor Jeff explained to us, Friday evening, the ministry of Shannondale Retreat and Community Center. He had been at work in the after school program, in the annual clothing drive, in the GED program, in the craft center, in the nature center, in the tree farm, and in the Shannondale UCC church, just to name a few of the ministries.

I saw this man with the men that cooked and served the meals to the other men.

I saw this man with the men that washed dishes and cleaned up after each meal.

I saw this man with the men at the tables in the midst of the conversations as we shared our meals together.

I saw this man with the men that repaired the leaking roof of Timber Lodge.

I saw this man with the men that stained the craft center.

I saw this man with the men that were weed-eating, raking leaves, and cleaning out the gutters.

I saw this man with the men that cleaned the pavilion.

I saw this man with the men that played bocce ball Saturday afternoon.

I saw this man with the men that hiked four miles to the river and back.

I saw this man with the men that explored the lookout tower.

I saw this man with the men that played waffle ball.

I saw this man with the men at the bonfire Saturday night as we shared, with each other and Him, what it means to be a Christian man and how we can learn more about Him and be more like Him.

I saw this man with the men Sunday morning as we cleaned Timber Lodge, leaving it cleaner than when we had arrived.

I saw this man with the men at Shannondale church as we worshiped Him with the members of Shannondale church and heard Him speak through Pastor Jeff, teaching us the need for more shepherds in this world and exhorting us to be shepherds.

The man I saw is the man that said, "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." ([Matthew 20:28](#))

The man I saw is the man that we, as Christians, have been called to be like.

The man I saw is the man that dwells in every Christian, by His Spirit.

I saw Jesus at Shannondale this weekend. I saw him in the heart of every man that was there.

Bill McFadden

P.S. (The men were able to provide \$695 for the ongoing mission at Shannondale.)

ST. PETER'S JOURNEYMEN RETURN FROM INVIGORATING RETREAT

THANKS SO MUCH TO OUR DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY OUR CHAIR, DR. JON BAUER, OUR ADVANCE PLEDGE HOSTS, PUBLICITY, FAITH FOUNDATIONS, MEAL COMMITTEES, AND TEAM MEMBERS.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY FESTIVITIES AND THE PENTECOST PICNIC BARBECUE LUNCH WERE OUTSTANDING AND A GREAT EVENT OF FELLOWSHIP.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO CREATE SPECIAL OCCASIONS IN WORSHIP AND BEYOND. THERE CERTAINLY IS MOMENTUM AND SYNERGY AT ST. PETER'S UCC.

PRAISE BE TO GOD!
IN CHRIST'S SERVICE,
PASTOR PAUL

Five men of St. Peter's joined 23 other men of the Missouri Mid-South Conference for a deeply meaningful spring retreat at our Shannondale Center - or was it 24.... Bill McFadden from Prince of Peace UCC in St. Louis provided the previous reflection that we share with you. Might it inspire you or the man in your life

to participate in Journeymen and to mark his calendar for the fall Father/Son, Grandfather/Grandson, Uncle/Nephew, Mentor/Mentee, Buddy/Buddy retreat to be held at Camp Mo-Val on September 11-12. Please see Pastor Paul if you know of a boy or teen without a male role model who would benefit from going.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

We have good news to report from the food pantry. Because of several successful collections, including the Girl Scouts and Postal Workers, our shelves are full. Of course, this food needs to last us through the summer and fall, because we have no major food drives until November.

The number of people coming to the pantry for food continues to be high. For the month of April we served 71 families. Thankfully, we have many individuals and groups who donated to the food pantry in April. They are: Ruth Wilson, Joline Logan, Lucille and August Homeyer, Dot Johnson, Jim and Hazel Schaffner, Ken and Lee Holtmeyer, Annette Horn, Byron and Leola Stolte, Mel and Betty Ed-

wards, Doris and Edgar Meyer, In Honor of Dr. John Riggs, Jackie Stendel, Jonathan Glover, Dr. Walde and Staff, and Villa Ridge Christian Church.

We also want to thank the Sunday School students for planting tomato plants to be handed out to clients coming to the pantry. Now our clients can have fresh tomatoes this summer.

We need to thank all of our wonderful volunteers, those who volunteer every month and those who helped with the special collections. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way.

Submitted by,
Judy Schneider

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

At 8:30 a.m. on June 11, the Women's Fellowship group will meet for a breakfast brunch at Lions Lake at the pavilion on Grand Avenue. Breakfast and juice will be provided. If you would like coffee or any other beverage you are asked to bring your own.

After the meeting, we will be playing Bunco; so bring prizes, (nothing over \$3.00 and nothing

used please). We are hoping for good weather and a lot of ladies.

This will be our last meeting until September, but we will still have our breakfast at Cowan's. They will be June 8, July 13, and August 10.

Have a great summer.

Mary Jo Stoyer

PRAYER NETWORK

The Prayer Network will meet on June 3 at 10 a.m.

All are welcome both to join our Prayer Network as a caller and also to call the church office, Norma, or Dorothy with any prayer requests for yourself or others.

For more information, please call Norma Haus-

mann or Dorothy Althage.

A Thought:

God answers prayer just as He promises in the scriptures.

Thank you,
Dorothy Althage

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Worship

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

God
is
still
speaking,

BIBLE DISCOVERY ADVENTURES

Bible Discovery met on Monday, May 11 in the church dining room. The one and only Linda Miller entertained the group as our guest storyteller. She played the piano to a sing-along crowd (even took requests!), told personal stories - both profound and funny, and told about ways she uses her Bible and God's love to help with life's challenges. Linda charmed everyone, and we're hoping she will return for an encore. She is always a big hit!

Individual bubble wands and bubble juice were distributed by Logan Gillig, and the entire group went to the church parking lot to

fill the skies with pretty bubbles.

Returning inside, each person decorated doorknob hangers with peel 'n stick foam flowers.

Refreshments of coffee and carrot cake were served before saying our "Goodbyes."

This was our last meeting until next fall.

Submitted by,
Jackie Krafft

(You can see more pictures on the Christian Education page of the website
stpeters-washington.org)

THE QUILTERS

The Quilters would like to invite all you teachers out there to come and quilt with them...OR learn to quilt...OR just come and visit to see what they do. And of course they would love for you to have lunch with them!

They quilt on Monday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8 a.m. until you get tired or about 3 p.m.

They still have a few quilts tops for sale and they would be happy to quilt them for you.

A History Note: During 1947, special quilting days were discontinued. Also, there was no quilting during the months of July and August, they resumed in September. I guess you know why.. NO AC; we now have a nice COOL room so come join us.

Judy Eickmeyer and the Quilters



PENNIES HAVE POWER

A couple of years ago the Festival of Sharing Coordinating Committee started a program asking that collection of pennies be designated for the "Where needed most fund". Women's Fellowship sponsors this program at St. Peter's.

Members of the congregation can participate by dropping their pennies in the collection jars found in the Market Street hallway.

In these tight economic times many are pinching every penny to make it go as far as possible. The Festival of Sharing is no different. In fact the Festival works hard every year to keep overhead costs low to enable as much of the "Where needed most funds" to be used for di-

rect mission.

For more information, contact Joan Heisel.

Submitted by,
Joan Heisel



ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST TO HOST YOUNG CYCLISTS

Thirty young adults with Bike & Build Inc., a national non-profit committed to affordable housing, are bicycling into Washington on their journey across the United States. The cyclists travel from Virginia Beach, VA to Canon Beach, OR in order to raise money and awareness for affordable housing causes. For the evening of June 12, they will stay at St. Peter's United Church of Christ en route west. During their stay, they will host a bicycle clinic for children ages 5-16 to emphasize bike safety and will feature a short ride on the Riverfront Trail. Their presentation, clinic, and ride are open to the public. The clinic begins at 6:30 p.m.

"We are deeply proud that Bike & Build has 250 riders this year who are so committed to the affordable housing cause that they are willing to raise much-needed funds and spend two months of their summer biking across the amazing country," said Bike & Build Executive Director, Rosemary DiRita. "Bike & Build provides the opportunity; it is the riders who make the impact on housing issues through our cycling trips."

The group will be traveling for more than 10 weeks and will help to build affordable housing in eight locations, including St. Louis and Kansas City. In order to participate in the trip,

each rider raised at least \$4,000 to help fund the trip costs and affordable housing efforts nationwide.

Bike & Build offers eight cross-country biking trips each summer. The 18-25 year old riders see and experience first-hand the affordable housing need in this country. They stop in towns along their route and participate in construction efforts at affordable housing sites that are in progress. The riders also meet with local officials and community members to discuss affordable housing issues.



Based in Philadelphia, Bike & Build is a non-profit organization that encourages young adults to address the country's affordable housing crisis through organizing bicycle trips. Trip participants support the affordable housing cause by fundraising and building efforts. Since 2003, Bike & Build has motivated over 750 young adult volunteers and contributed over \$1.6 million to housing groups such as Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together to fund projects in the United States. For more information, visit www.bikeandbuild.org or call 267-331-8488. To participate in the clinic, contact Pastor Paul.

MEMBERS IN LONG-TERM CARE

Cedar Crest Manor 324 West Fifth Street Washington, MO 63090			
Homestead at Hickory View 1481 Marbach Drive Washington, MO 63090			
Grandview Healthcare 201 Grand Avenue Washington, MO 63090			
New Haven Care Center 9503 Hwy. 100 New Haven, MO 63068			
St. Clair Nursing Center 1035 Plaza Ct. N. St. Clair, MO 63077			



Your cards, visits, and prayers are appreciated

*Life isn't
about
waiting for
the storm to
pass, it's
about
learning to
dance in the
rain.*

MUSICAL NOTES

Thanks to the following people for providing Special Music in May: Patti Fleer, Maggie Noud, Marcia Koch, Hank Anderson, Carolyn Slack, Vince Sanfilippo, and Marybelle Buescher for being organist for May 24.

The tentative solo schedule for June is:

June 7 Maggie Noud

June 14 June Wilson

June 21 Cecil Blankenship

June 28 Vince Sanfilippo

Levere Barnett-Director of Music

Home Phone

Email:



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to all our graduates. We are so proud of you. We apologize to those we missed. Please contact the church office with other graduate information or to report an address of current college students.

Washington High School

Casper Becker - will attend ECC
Molly Behr
Brianna Boland (Valedictorian!)
Ethan Collier
Jennifer Hemmer
John Homeyer
Lindsay Jackson
Morgan Menefee - will attend ECC
Joseph Siebert
Heather Vitoux

St. Francis Borgia

Elizabeth Schatz

University of Missouri - Columbia

Ryan Morman B.S. in Education
Laura Sentivany B.S. in Business Admin.
Mark Buddemyer B.S. in Information Technology

Eden Seminary- Beth Cherney

East Central - Laurie Ebker Associates Degree of Nursing
will attend Central Methodist



INSTALLATION SERVICES

The Eastern Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ congregation invite you to a worship service to install **Reverend John Attaway** as pastor on Sunday, June 7 at 3 p.m. - 3115 Elm Street, St. Charles. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

The Eastern Association of the Missouri Mid-South conference and the members of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Hermann, MO invite you to worship God and to participate in the installment of **The Reverend Rick Riedel** as pastor on Sunday, the fourteenth of June at three o'clock in the afternoon at St. Paul UCC - 136 West First St., Hermann. Refreshments will be served following the service.

MISSIONS FESTIVAL

Bethany United Church of Christ - June 19 @ 7 p.m.

Featuring: Laura Shore sharing experiences from her Mission Trip to Kenya

The Emmaus Homes Bell Choir; The Ida Gerleman Singers

An old-time hymn sing

Refreshments by the fine cooks at Bethany UCC

Free Will offering opportunity to benefit Emmaus Homes

Plus a chance for you to share your mission experiences

Contact Pastor Althen for more information.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u> 9 a.m. Retired Men's Group @ Cowan's Quilting 6 p.m. AA	<u>2</u> 10:30 Staff Mtg. 7 p.m. BCE 7 p.m. Cemetery Bd. 7 p.m. Social Concerns 7:30 Al Anon	<u>3</u> Quilting 10 Prayer Network 12 Bible Study 6 p.m. AA & Al Anon 5:30 Constitution review workshop	<u>4</u> 6 p.m. AA	<u>5</u> 5:00 Youth Fellowship to K.C. overnight	<u>6</u> 9-12 Scout Comm. Mtg. 5 p.m. Worship
<u>7</u> 9 a.m. Adult Study Summer Sunday School 10 Worship 12-4 Emmaus Party Food & Aluminum drives Youth returns from K.C. late	<u>8</u> 9 a.m. Ladies Breakfast @ Cowan's 3-8 Pizza Hut Night 6 AA Quilting	<u>9</u> 10:30 Staff Mtg. 1:30 Stewardship 6 Bldg. & Grds. 6:30 Council Planning 7:30 Al Anon	<u>10</u> Quilting 12 Bible Study 6 AA & Al Anon 5:30 Constitution Review Workshop	<u>11</u> 8:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship @ Grand Avenue Pavilion 6 AA 7 MISG	<u>12</u> 6:30 Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 Bike & Build presentation	<u>13</u> 2 p.m. Wedding 5 p.m. Worship
<u>14</u> 9 Adult Study 10 Worship Family Sunday Fellowship after worship 6:30-8 Youth Group	<u>15</u> Quilting 6 AA	<u>16</u> 10:30 Staff Mtg. 2:30 Cedar Crest 7 Church Council 7:30 Al Anon	<u>17</u> Quilting 12 Bible Study 6 AA & Al Anon	<u>18</u> 10:30 Grandview 6 AA 6 Wedding Rehearsal	<u>19</u> 7:00 Grape Country Cluster Gathering @ Bethany UCC, Berger	<u>20</u> 2 Wedding 5 Worship
<u>21</u> 9 Adult Study 10 Worship Summer Sunday School	<u>22</u> 9 Newsletter article due to Laura Quilting 6 AA 6:30 Jamaica Partnership	<u>23</u> 10:30 Staff 7:30 Al Anon	<u>24</u> Quilting 12 Bible Study 6 AA & Al Anon	<u>25</u> 6 AA 7 MISG	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Recital Rehearsal 5 Worship
<u>28</u> 9 Adult Study 10 Worship Summer Sunday School 2 Recital 6:30-8 Youth Group	<u>29</u> Quilting 6 AA	<u>30</u> 10:30 Staff Mtg. 7:30 Al Anon				