

# St. Peter's Messenger

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## "ARTFUL CHANGE: WORSHIP IN OUR TIME"

Worship workshop coming to St. Peter's U.C.C.

Sunday, September 13th, 11:45 a.m.

Led by Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw

President of Eden Theological Seminary and Professor of  
Preaching and Worship

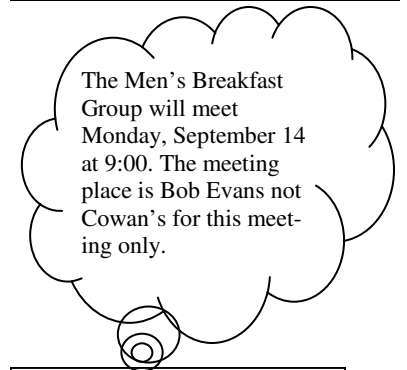
Lunch served at 11:15 a.m.

Have you ever wondered why we worship the way we do? What is the role and place of worship in our lives and in the larger context of the church? Are we best honoring that? How do we honor the steady and sturdy rocks of history and tradition, while remaining faithful to the dynamic purpose of worship in an ever-changing world? Who is the target audience for worship? Should worship be an evangelism tool? What if I want St. Peter's to grow but want worship services to remain as they have always been? Why did "they" change the words to favorite hymns? How can youth and children fully enjoy and participate in worship?

Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw will address these and other questions. In addition, we will break up into small groups to discuss our present and future opportunities in worship at St. Peter's. Help us take a look at areas of music, hymnody, inclusion of children, youth & laity, greeting/ushering, multi-sensory tools, and how Christian education informs worship and vice versa. Your opinions are welcomed and necessary for this one-time event.

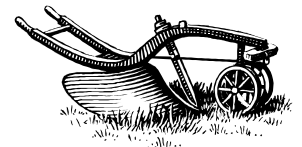
Registration is necessary to ensure that we reserve a light lunch for you. Please sign the friendship pad in the church pews or call the church office at 636-239-6176.

Read Reverend Greenhaw's bio on page 3 of this newsletter.



The Men's Breakfast Group will meet Monday, September 14 at 9:00. The meeting place is Bob Evans not Cowan's for this meeting only.

**Save the Date**  
**Plowsharing**  
**Crafts Sale**  
**November**  
**14 & 15**



## We're Under the Million Dollar Mark!

Thanks to the response of faithful folks' payments toward the principal of the atrium fund and support of fundraisers, we have reduced our loan balance to First Bank to \$997,459.15! Your continued support is appreciated. Remember to use the white envelopes for principal reduction contributions. If you have not made a pledge to the debt-

reduction campaign by missing Commitment Sunday, a letter will be mailed this fall to give you an update and your chance to enable further ministry at St. Peter's to happen.

Debt Reduction Campaign Team

## Pastor Paul's Points

A wealthy, arrogant woman took an ocean cruise. She had brought a great amount of expensive jewelry to impress other passengers. The ship had been at sea for a few hours, when the cabin steward asked her if she would like him to put her valuables in the captain's vault, she replied snootily, "Never mind, I need easy access to them; I put them into the wall safe in my stateroom." The steward remarked that there was no wall safe in her stateroom. Triumphantly she pointed to the place where she had deposited her valuables. It was a porthole.

When Jesus said, "Father into your hands, I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46) the verb translated as *commit* is closer to our understanding of the banker's term, *deposit*. When you deposit what is valuable in a bank, you do not toss it into the brink, waste it, or give it away. You put it where it will be safe and where you know it will remain yours. Jesus trusted God for security, growth, access, and an eternally safe place for his valuables.

Where do you deposit your most valuable possessions – you, your family, and your faith - perhaps "under a mattress" susceptible to theft, moths, rust, and lack of interest? Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Luke 12:33-34). In this newsletter are plenty of opportunities for growth in your investments. I invite you to

look carefully for a variety of ministries waiting for your participation – at least one will be especially what you seek. Look for four adult small groups forming, three small groups for youth and children, a new/prospective/revitalized member's class, a family holiday venture with a mission, a worship workshop encounter, a family worship adventure in October and more. What a rewarding *commitment*.

### SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER?

The Sunday worship service for World Communion Sunday on Oct. 4 will be held in the Ronsick Pavilion at the downtown Riverfront Park. Come join us for a fun celebration! After the service, stick around for a grill-out and potluck picnic. There will be a bouncy house for the kids, games, and fun for everyone. The adjacent parking lot next to the old water works will be reserved for handicap parking and drop-offs for people who need them. If you need to worship indoors, the regular Saturday service will be held as usual in the sanctuary at 5:00. In case of inclement weather, Sunday worship will be held in the Dining Room. Thanks to the church council for sponsoring and planning for this fun day of worship and fellowship.

*Pastor Paul*

## Wednesday Lunchtime Gatherings to Resume Sept. 30 with Nine-Week StillSpeaking Bible Study Series

The noon hour Bible studies resume Sept. 30 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 ses-

sions. Spend your lunch hour with us and invite your friends! Classes run from noon to 12:45.

The scriptures to be studied come from a cross section of the Bible: Genesis 28:10-17, Exodus 3:7-15, Joshua 1:1-9, Isaiah 43:15-19, Luke 18:35-43, II Corinthians 4:3-6, Acts 10:34-48, John 2:1-11 and John 16:12-13. Pastor Paul may use insights from the classes for a coming sermon series on "God Is Still Speaking."

## Social Concerns

The Social Concerns committee thanks everyone for their donations to Habitat for Humanity. Because of your generosity, this year St. Peter's will donate \$1,000 to this great cause.

The Social Concerns committee would also like to remind you that they are still in need of fleece throws for the Festival of Sharing project. Contact Karen Dawson with any questions you might have.

## Pastor Leah's Perspectives

Things are busy here at St. Peter's as we prepare toward an exciting fall full of ministry opportunities! With the goal of broadening our focus out from the things St. Peter's does well to areas that will help us to become better-rounded as Christians and followers of Christ, Pastor Paul and I are working hard to develop programming that we pray will provide a richer Christian experience to members and friends at St. Peter's. From worship to Christian education, Christian fellowship, service, mission, evangelism and stewardship, the "goings-on" of St. Peter's will intentionally include all of these pieces of the Christian life as we seek to better glorify God. Watch for it!

As you notice all the wonderful things happening at St. Peter's, I pray that you will, yourself, prayerfully consider how you might become involved. As you do, I humbly suggest asking yourself two questions: 1) What might feed my soul? 2) What might I become involved in that would feed others' souls? Maybe you love your church but are feeling a bit disconnected of late due to some life changes or challenges. You want a way to reconnect – to God and others. You would love some deeper Christian friendships. Maybe you are a regular or somewhat regular participant in worship but have never had the time for anything else here at church. You feel like something is missing from your Christian life, but you just don't have the time to explore what it may be. Perhaps it is time for you to examine and rearrange your priorities – to put your faith first and seek out new ways St. Peter's may help

you to fill the void in your life. Maybe you grew up here at St. Peter's but don't come around much anymore. You fondly remember a few individuals here that helped to shape your life as a youth and you hope that the same is happening for our current youth members. Perhaps God led you to read this. Perhaps you are being called to feed a new generation of souls and would yourself, likewise be fed through service to our youth in our youth programs (check out the blue page).

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Join us for small group fellowship and Christian education during "Weds. @ St. Pete's" (all ages); adult Bible study on Sunday mornings or during your lunch break on Wednesdays at noon; a new youth Sunday School class; fellowship opportunities such as youth group or Women's fellowship; an exciting, new, constructivist education-based confirmation class; one-time events like our worship workshop in September, a Halloween party in October or the St. Peter's Family of Christmas Trees in December; bell choir; chancel choir; volunteer opportunities in our food pantry, our church office or the many boards and committees at St. Peter's that are working to align our hearts and feet with the teachings of Jesus and the vision of God for the world! We are blessed by your presence. Come be blessed by ours.

May Christ's peace abound, *Pastor Leah*

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## Bio for The Rev. Dr. David M. Greenhaw

The Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw has served as President and Professor of Preaching and Worship at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, since 1997. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Kansas, attended Eden Theological Seminary where he earned his Master of Divinity, continued his studies at Drew University where he received his Ph.D. in Theological and Religious Studies. David has been an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ since 1979. He served several churches before entering the field of education as a teacher and administrator. He has served as Director of Admissions (Eden Seminary), Assistant Professor Homiletics and Liturgics (Vanderbilt University Divinity School), Dean of the Seminary and Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship (Lancaster Theological Seminary.)

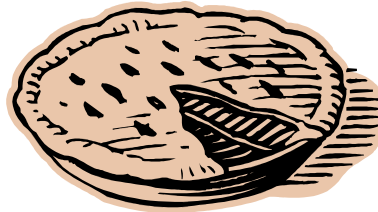
Dr. Greenhaw lectures and publishes on the revitalization of mainline Protestantism. He is a frequent guest preacher in congregations and church gatherings.

David is married to Leigh Hunt Greenhaw, who is a Senior Lecturer in Law at Washington University Law School. They have two sons, Robert who is a first grade teacher at a St. Louis city school, and Andrew who works for Boa Construction in St. Louis.

## Help Out the Emmaus Home with Pies

**Your help is needed!** Please help us make the Friends of Emmaus 37th Annual Fall Bazaar a success. We need our members to make 100 pies for this event. Also needed are 50 people to help cut the pies, serve the meal, make coffee, and clear the tables. Please call Sherry Limbert and let her know that you are willing to help with this mission, or write your name on the Friendship Registry at church. There will be two shifts for workers, 11:30-2:00 and 2:00-5:00. There will be 25 people on each shift to get all the work done. The confirmation class will be helping with this project.

The date is October 11 from 12-5 p.m. The Quilt Auction begins at 3 p.m. There will be crafts, silent auction, holiday decorations, children's activities, knits and crochets, a thrift shop, jewelry, antiques, flea market, and



much more.

There will be an all-you-can-eat dinner served from 11:30-5:00. The menu includes ham, roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, pie, and a beverage.

Adults:\$8.00

Children (5-12) \$4.00

Children under 5 free

See crafts and folk skills created and explained throughout the afternoon with live demonstrations.

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated items for the gift basket project.

Submitted by,  
Sherry Limbert

## Board of Christian Education Notices

**Teacher Commissioning** will be Sunday, September 13. Please join in acknowledging these very special people for their love and commitment to our children.

**Bible Presentation:** Third graders of St. Peter's U.C.C. will be presented Bibles during the 10 a.m. worship service on September 20. Please notify the office regarding your third-grader's attendance.

**The Fall Sunday School** begins September 20 at the 10:00 service with classes for preschool through sixth grade. Children are encouraged to attend the beginning of worship with their parents, join in the Children's Message and then go to their Sunday School classes. The second Sunday of each month will continue to be Family Sunday where the children stay with their parents the entire service.

The Board of Christian Education would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to all those who donated craft supplies, decorations, food, and/or money to Vacation Bible School this year. Around 41 children joined in the fun and excitement of "Camp Edge".

Articles submitted by,  
MaryAnn Boland

**Pizza Hut Nights:** On the second Monday of every month you can eat in, carry-out or have delivered any menu item except alcoholic beverages and St. Peter's will get 20% of the gross to benefit our atrium fund. The coupon below may be used for your order...ask your relatives, friends and neighbors to support us as well. Enjoy your pizza while helping us raise funds for the atrium fund.

Please complete and return this coupon to a Pizza Hut employee at the time of purchase.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**I SUPPORT THE ST. PETER'S UCC ATRIUM FUND**

Total Spent: \_\_\_\_\_ (To be filled out by Pizza Hut employee and attached to the receipt.)

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY  
TO BE A PART OF THE FIRST ANNUAL  
ST. PETER'S FAMILY OF CHRISTMAS TREES**

We will open our beautiful atrium and other church spaces to the public for the first three weekends in December to display your unique specially-themed Christmas tree.

Christmas travelers will discover rooms of fun, inspiration, hospitality and how St. Peter's is a congregation that enjoys celebrations and mission to the community.

Trees will be a part of a fun contest determined by travelers' completed ballots to award: *"Most colorful. Best reflection of theme. Best family effort. Best group effort. Best individual effort. Best Recession Tree, Charlie Browniest Tree. Best use of recycled materials. Best child's tree. Most unique. Most creative. Best smile getter. Most elegant. Best reflection of the Holy Season and more...."*



The *"Best of Show"* will be awarded to the tree receiving the largest number of canned-goods placed under the tree. Cans will go to the St. Peter's, Borgia & Loving Hearts food pantries; monetary donations for refreshments will go to the Atrium Fund.

Your tree's theme selection (no duplicates allowed) and specific display location will be on a first-confirmed basis, so return the reservation form to the church office a.s.a.p. All trees are asked to reflect the overall theme for our event of

*My Favorite Things..*

St. Peter's members, families, friends, your company or organization are invited to participate. Trees will be returned to the providers. Volunteer hosts and refreshment providers are needed for Fridays, 5-8 p.m., Saturdays from 2-5 p.m. & Sundays from 12-3 p.m.

If you can donate an artificial tree for someone else to decorate, that is especially welcomed. Trees may be set up Nov. 23 - Dec. 3 and returned after Dec. 20 or through Christmas services. Reservation forms are available in the church office. Please contact Pat Hartzell or Karen Dawson for more information. This great idea is sponsored by the Stewardship Board.

**INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO SEE MEANINGFUL MAGIC  
AT THE  
ST. PETER'S FAMILY OF CHRISTMAS TREES!!**

## Cemetery Board Meeting

Members in attendance at the August 4, 2009 Cemetery Board Meeting were Jeff Francis, Jack Harty, Alvin Gerling, Alex Oscody, Wendell Schneider, Byron Stolte - Sexton and Melvin Roewe - Council Rep.

Wendell Schneider called the meeting to order.

The July minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

**Old Business:**

Alex made the motion to implement a \$100 recording fee for cremation ashes in holder on a headstone. Alvin seconded and the motion passed.

**New Business:**

Alex informed the board that he is looking into moving the Edward Jones account funds into a new CD at 4.5 or 5% or lump it into the one at the Bank of Franklin County to maximize returns.

Alvin made the motion to let Byron

purchase a new leaf blower. Alex seconded and the motion passed.

There will be a budget meeting held at 7 p.m. on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The board also needs to start looking for new cemetery board members to replace those going off the board at the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held in September.

Respectively submitted,  
Jeff Francis  
Secretary

# July Council Minutes

St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
Church Council Minutes  
July 28, 2009

Members Present: Joline Logan, Mel Roewe, Marge Jones, Joyce Schatz, Brenda Morman, Lisa Tobben, Ed Menefee, Rhonda Stockglausner and Pastor Paul

Absent Members: Chad Briggs, Koren Kerr, Julie Frankenberg, Charlie Sincox and Pastor Leah

Call to Order: Ed

Opening Prayer: Pastor Paul

Secretary's Report: approved

Treasurer's Report: approved

Senior Pastor's Report: attached

Associate Pastor's Report: attached

Correspondence: Person's in Ministry Retreat is Sept. 21-23, 2009 at the Lake of the Ozarks: both pastors would like to attend; Joyce made a motion that both pastors be permitted to attend the retreat. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed. (07/09/1) letter from Joan Heisel—Ed will address Joan's concerns in a letter.

Old Business:

United Way Grant for Food Pantry—Judy Schneider asked Tom Buescher if he felt the food pantry would need a separate ID tax number in case the food pantry would get audited. He felt it was not needed. Joline made a motion that the council give the food pantry permission to seek the United Way Grant. Marge seconded the motion. The motion passed. (07/09/2)

Replacement of Ties in North Parking Lot—Due to the large number of ties that need replacement, a suggestion was made to replace the ties with a stone garden wall because it would last longer. Ed said he could get service workers to do the labor. The cost of the materials would be \$1,200. Dave Butler and several church members may be asked to supervise the placement of the stones. Joyce made the motion to replace the ties with a stone wall. Rhonda seconded the motion. The motion passed (07/09/3)

Tuck Pointing of Church Building is Needed—There are problems with the foundation bowing on the east side of the building. In order to address the bowing problem, tuck pointing needs to be done. The council will ask Building and Grounds to seek bids to have the tuck pointing done and the foundation repaired. Money for both projects will probably come from Undesignated Wills.

Liability Waivers —Anyone using our building should sign a liability waiver. Rhonda made a motion to accept the liability waiver for persons using our building. Mel seconded the motion. The motion passed. (07/09/4) Since the waiver document has a place for a notary public to sign, the council will ask Carol Hackmann if she will become a notary at the expense of the church.

Festival of Trees—the council approves of a Festival of Trees Christmas display around our church. Families will be asked to provide themed artificial trees at various locations in the church as a means to raise donations for the food pantry. The public will be asked to vote on their favorite tree by placing canned goods beneath it. A minimum of twelve families (trees) would be needed to make the festival a success.

Constitution Review—There was much discussion about the boards/committees section of the constitution being taken formally out of the document and added as an addendum. It needs to be a separate document. One of the main problems with the way the constitution reads now is we violate the constitution when we cannot fill all the positions for members on all of the boards/committees. As a separate document, the addendum would list the boards/committees and their functions. The council approves this action.

Justine Petersen Memorandum of Understanding—after looking over the memorandum, Joyce made the motion to sign a contract with the Justine Petersen micro loan group. Marge seconded the motion. The motion passed. (07/09/5)

Worship Workshop—set for Sept. 13, 2009, under the direction of Dr. Greenhaw from Eden. All church members will be encouraged to participate to have input on what goes on in worship.

## July Council Minutes Continued

Atrium Funding—because two different envelopes are used to collect funds for the atrium, they need to be handled the same way by the bookkeepers. Carol will have two spreadsheets for the atrium—one to pay the monthly loan payment and one to pay on the principal.

### New Business:

Recommendation for Suggestion Box—a suggestion box will be placed in the foyer by the elevator outside the church office. All suggestions will be reviewed by the council. Signatures are required on all requests.

Emergency Response Plan—In today's climate, we are in need of a crisis response plan. We currently only have a fire escape plan. We will use as a guide another church's plan and tailor it to fit our church. We will establish a procedure for emergencies such as an intruder in church or severe weather. Once the plan is established, it will be disseminated to the congregation.

Pastor Leah's Installation—August 30, 2009, at 4:00. Council members will participate in giving Leah symbols of ministry. A pot luck dinner will be held after the service.

Worship Service and Church Picnic at the Riverfront Park—In honor of World Communion Sunday, we will hold a "Shall We Gather at the River" service on Sunday Oct. 4. A church picnic and events will follow. Joyce made the motion to spend \$50 to reserve the pavilion at the park for the service/picnic. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed. (07/09/6) There will be a back-up plan in case of inclement weather.

Church Advertising—Mel made the motion to drop the Yellow Pages ad since it is not used much anymore. Marge seconded the motion. The motion passed. (07/09/7) Pastor Leah purchased an ad on behalf of the church in Washington High School's fall sports program. Rhonda suggested looking into purchasing banner ads online in the emissourian.

Nominating Committee--New council members and committee/board members are needed by September

Our janitor, Holly Kommina has asked if her husband, a lay preacher, may use our dining room for a meeting for an Indian outreach ministry. The council will consider the request.

St Peter's House: Due to the poor economy, the Emmaus Home has been impacted by government cutbacks and will be closing some group homes. St. Peter's House is one home to be closed. We will seek to find a new service provider for St. Peter's House.

### Boards and Committees:

Cemetery Board—the cemetery is losing money when customers who buy plots opt to have loved one's ashes placed in a hole drilled in a tombstone. The money spent on a grave opening is not collected. Ed suggested having a stone placement fee in these cases to regain the money being lost.

Building and Grounds—a railing off the kitchen entrance on the west side of the building was damaged by a car. The committee recommends not replacing the railing but doing minimal repairs to it. Mel made the motion that Building and Grounds make the necessary repairs to the railing. Rhonda seconded the motion. The motion passed (07/09/8)

Worship committee—there was a complaint that there are too many greeters at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Perhaps they should be placed at other entrances as previously done.

Stewardship Board—they are considering offering a raffle of various items and services to pay down the atrium debt.

Adjournment: Lisa made a motion to adjourn; Marge seconded it and the meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Morman  
Council Secretary



St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
Council Minutes  
June 16, 2009

Members present: Joline Logan, Marge Jones, Joyce Schatz, Julie Frankenberg, Mel Roewe, Rhonda Stockglausner, Brenda Morman, Koren Kerr, Ed Menefee, Pastor Paul, Pastor Leah

Absent: Lisa Tobben, Chad Briggs, Charlie Sincox

Call to Order: Ed

Opening Prayer: Pastor Paul

Presentation from Justine Petersen Financial Group

Secretary's Report: approved

Treasurer's Report: approved

Senior Pastor's Report: attached; Debbie Douglas, new seminary student will start her internship after Labor Day. She'll be introduced to the congregation on Sept. 13.

Associate Pastor's Report: attached; Youth trip to K.C. was cancelled due to lack of participation.

Correspondence: None

**Old Business:**

- **Constitutional Review Update:** There have been two meetings; The committee will get a copy of revisions before it is given to the congregation. New committee members need to be recruited from the congregation in September after the council looks over revisions.
- **Debt Reduction Campaign:** We received 104 pledges out of 234 giving units. In May there was \$19,000 in the Atrium Fund. There needs to be a clarification in the newsletter about the way pledges are collected. Church members need to use separate envelopes beyond the envelopes used for the monthly building fund envelopes so that the pledges from the capital campaign go toward paying off the principal—not just paying the monthly bank note. Julie suggested we keep approximately a two-month payment cushion (\$15,000) in the Atrium Fund. Koren made a motion to maintain a reserve of \$15,000 in the Atrium Fund. Marge seconded the motion; the motion passed. (06/09/1)
- **Welcome Packets:** Packets are complete; a note of thanks will be mailed to Tim Roewe for his generous contribution to the packets.
- **New Seminary Student:** The pastors interviewed Debbie Douglas and selected her. Mel made a motion to accept Debbie Douglas as our next intern. Joline seconded the motion; the motion passed. (06/09/2)

**New Business:**

- **Church Loan:** The loan on the church atrium will be up for renewal in September 2010. Julie said she would look into the best rates to renew the loan.

- **Replacing Landscaping Ties:** Building and Grounds want to replace landscaping ties in the north parking lot on Market Street. Ed said community service workers will do the labor. Mel made a motion that the council approve the replacement of the ties. Brenda seconded the motion; the motion passed. (06/09/3)
- **Justine Petersen Micro loans:** Rhonda made a motion to send an agreement to Bob Zick for his review and recommendation. If he approves the agreement, then the contract will be approved. Joyce seconded it; the motion passed. (06/09/4)
- **Use of Building for Tutoring:** Lisa Stahlhuth, a teacher at Fifth Street Elementary School, asked if she could use a classroom in our building for tutoring one day a week. She would tutor one student at a time between 8:30-4:00. After much discussion, Julie made a motion that Lisa be granted permission to use a classroom for tutoring if she passes a background check and she signs an agreement the council formulates with recommendations from Bob Zick. The room rental fee will be waived. Mel seconded the motion. After much discussion, a vote was taken. The vote was as follows: 5 for; 1 against; 2 abstain. Motion passed. (06/09/5)

**Boards and Committees:**

- **Constitutional Review Committee:** There is a constitution record book available from the past that the council can consult as they update the constitution.
- **Board of Christian Education:** The board only has 6 members and 9 are needed to accomplish all the tasks of the board. Meetings are very long and more meetings are necessary to get everything done. More board members are needed.
- **Social Concerns:** Money is being raised for two houses being built in Sullivan by Habitat for Humanity. They are also collecting materials for backpacks for children in foster care.
- **Stewardship Board:** Pat Hartzell is organizing a community activity for Christmas called Festival of Trees.
- **Church and Ministry:** The bill (\$994.36) for welcome packets was submitted. Money was earmarked for this from the Evangelism and Social Concerns Committees.

Adjournment: Rhonda made a motion to adjourn. Marge seconded it. The meeting adjourned after the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Morman  
Council Secretary

(Due to the council meeting being held later in the month, June's minutes appear here.)

# Members in Long-Term Care

<i>Cedar Crest Manor 324 West Fifth Street Washington, MO 63090</i>			
<i>Homestead at Hickory View 1481 Marbach Drive Washington, MO 63090</i>			
<i>Grandview Healthcare 201 Grand Avenue Washington, MO 63090</i>			
<i>New Haven Care Center 9503 Hwy. 100 New Haven, MO 63068</i>			
<i>South Pointe Assisted Living 5125 Old Hwy. 100 Washington, MO 63090</i>			<i>Your cards, visits, and prayers are appreciated!</i>

# Atrium Fund Financials As of 7-31-09



<b>First Bank Loan Balance</b>	
<b>Monthly Payment</b>	
<b>Promissory Notes Balance</b>	
<b>Rott Foundation Loan Balance</b>	
<b>Quarterly Payment</b>	



## Women's Fellowship

### “ATTENTION”

Women's Fellowship is ready to get back into action. After a nice summer break we are ready to get back into the swing of things. Mark September 10th on your calendar. Pastor Paul will have a Bible study and we will be having a delightful finger foods lunch so be sure to dig out your favorite recipes and come and join us at 10 a.m.

Also mark your calendars for the Women's breakfast at Cowan's at 9 a.m. on September 14. Remember, all church women are invited.

Mary Jo Stoyer

## Save the Date

The Fall Meeting of the Eastern Association, Missouri Mid-South Conference will be Sunday, September 27 at Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, 3115 Elm Street, St. Charles, MO.

Our business meeting will start at 2:00, with presentations from committees of the association, and news about what is going on in our Covenantal Life together. At 5:30 supper will be served, and we will join in table fellowship.

For more information, contact Krista Betz at 314-918-2603.

## One Great Hour of Sharing Success Stories

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous gifts of \$1,567.39. Your donations will be used to support the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering as per your request.

One Great Hour of Sharing was present in many ways at the recently concluded United Church of Christ General Synod 27 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Delegates and visitors viewed a world map with over 200 stickers across 80 countries designating where your OGHS gifts are at work.

Karl Jones and Gayle Strickler, UCC National Disaster Ministries Network

Coordinators, from Pennsylvania and Iowa shared their experiences in assisting churches and communities to prepare for and respond to disaster.

Samer Laham of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East, who faithfully and conscientiously directs Iraqi refugee relief programs in Syria shared the ongoing challenges faced by refugees and expressed appreciation for OGHS gifts which are providing for vocational training.

Reverend Greg Bain and Grace Immanuel UCC of Louisville, Kentucky received the Refugee & Immigration Ministries Heart of Mission Award for

their ministry of resettling 23 refugees over the last decade, including two of the "Lost Boys of Sudan" who arrived in 2001 and just this spring graduated from college.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing change lives. Thank you.

Susan M. Sanders



## Prayer Chapel Devotion

There are those among us in the faith community who doubt and question whether it is appropriate for children to be present in and participate in worship. Perhaps this story will be a source of information and inspiration.

At the age of three, Laura Birch of First Christian Church in Orange, California, always stood in the pew with rapt attention. When the other young children came forward for the children's sermon and then went off to the nursery for lesson time, Laura would return to her pew and stand quietly so that she could see all of the service and hear it and maybe learn as much as possible. She was always attentive and well behaved, and a grand listener. From Laura there was no squirming and wiggling, just plain intense observation.

One day, while spending time with her grandmother, the grandmother overheard her talking with her dolls and stuffed animals. Lined up neatly on the den sofa sat a congregation of quiet and rapt congregants of dolls and stuffed animals. Laura stood in front of them, leading them, from

memory, in the practice of the words she knew so well:

"The body of Christ, broken for you. The blood of Christ, poured out for you." And in conclusion, Laura added her own benediction: "Ladies and gentlemen....God loves you!" Amen.

"Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift." (Ephesians 4:7) Even a child understands and accepts the miracle of the love of God poured forth in the life and symbolic acts of Jesus.

The Prayer Chapel is open daily from 9-4 for your personal devotional time. Come and enjoy the sacred quiet space for renewal. Reverend Audrey Nourse has provided weekly resources from the lectionary for you to use in your meditation. Communion is available in the chapel every Sunday other than when communion is offered in worship.

Pastor Paul

## News from the Food Pantry

July was another busy month at the food pantry. We served 62 families or individuals who came to us in need of food. Thank you to all the volunteers who work many hours every month to keep the pantry running. We also want to thank everyone who donated food or money to the food pantry.

Thank you to : Jim and Hazel Schaffner, Chuck and Linda Johns, Mel and Betty Edwards, Dorothy Johnson, Don

and Phyllis Northington, Bill and Judy Verdine, Gwen Sage, Jim and Ruth Konrad, Al and Nancy Fischer, Steve Hausmann, Ruth Wilson, Beta Sigma Phi, Alvin and Marian Gerling, Greg Marquart, Rose Kloepinger, Jim Gephardt, and anonymous donors.

Finally, I have a request. Our volunteer shoppers, Jim and Judy Scannell have asked if we can try to find someone to take over their job. They have been doing the weekly shopping for the food pantry for ten years and

would like to step down and let someone else share in the fun. Helping at the food pantry really is a rewarding experience, and if you think this is something you could do please call Judy Schneider. Thank you again to everyone for their support.

Submitted by,  
Judy Schneider

## Thanks for the Opportunity

Fellow St. Peter's Members:

I've just finished my annual three weeks of subbing for Mr. Barnett, our organist, and as always I enjoyed it. It is good to hear good, strong congregational singing; the other two churches I sub at have much smaller memberships. At the church I attend here in O'Fallon, the organ is in the back of the church and up in the balcony, so it is really hard to hear any singing

I also want to thank you for the nice comments that some of you said to me personally and others I heard about indirectly.

St. Peter's organ is the biggest and best one I get to play. I thank you for the opportunity "to come home."

Carol Muench

### Quilting News

The quilters are busy trying to finish the six quilts they are working on. They have three for the Emmaus Bazaar and three for the Festival of Sharing that they are sending to each mission. The quilters would love for you to stop by and see their quilts, but if you don't get the opportunity, they will probably show them to you before they send them off.

The quilters are excited to welcome a new quilter to their group, and they miss Joan because she is sick. A few of them have been on vacation so they haven't gotten as much done as they would have liked to.

The yellow and green tied 9-patch baby crib size quilt we told you about last month is still for sale.

Judy Eickmeyer and the Quilters

## Prayer Network

The Prayer Network will meet on September 2 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 concerns or requests for yourself or others.

For more information, please call Norma Hausmann or Dorothy Althage.

A Thought:

Prayer connects us to a more meaningful relationship with God.

## Musical Notes

Thank you to the following people for providing Special Music in August: Carol Muench, sub organist for three Sundays; Hank and Sue Anderson; Carolyn Slack; Maggie Noud; Vince Sanfilippo; Patti Fleer; and Emilee, Noelle, and Marie Kellermann.

The tentative schedule for September is:

9-6	Cecil Blankenship
9-13	Patti Fleer
9-20	Maggie Noud
9-27	Hank Anderson

All choirs will begin on September 9. 6:00 Chapel Bells - 6:45 Vesper Bells - 7:30 Chancel Choir

New members are welcome. Please call Levere Barnett for more information.

## NAMI Classes Available

I am happy to inform you that the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) St. Louis has five Family-to-Family Classes starting in September! These classes are located in **St. Louis City at Places for People; Union, MO at Zion UCC; St. Peters at Grace UCC; Fenton at UniGroup** and a fifth class will be for Spanish speaking people at a location yet to be determined. Please let me know immediately if you are interested as they are filling up quickly! The material has been updated this year and we will have some additional materials about PTSD and substance abuse issues and the course will be taking into consideration how traumatic having a family member with mental illness can be on the family and other caregivers and friends!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<u>1</u> 10:30 Staff 11 Bipolar Support Group 7 Cemetery Board 7 Board of Christian Education 7:30 AI Anon	<u>2</u> Quilting 10 Prayer Network 6 p.m. AA	<u>3</u> 6 p.m. AA & AI Anon	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> 5:00 Worship
	<u>6</u> 10:00 Worship Summer Sunday School Food and Alumnum Can Drive 6:30-8 Youth Group (Gr. 7-12)	<u>7</u> <i>Labor Day</i> Church office closed	<u>8</u> 10:30 Staff 11 Bipolar Support Group 1:30 Stewardship 5:30 Mariners 6 Bldg. & Grds. 6:30 Council Planning 7 Social Concerns 7:30 AI Anon	<u>9</u> Quilting 6 p.m. AA 6 Chapel Bells 6:45 Vesper Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	<u>10</u> 10 Women's Fellowship 6 p.m. AA & AI Anon 7 p.m. MISG	<u>11</u> 6:00 St. Peter's Men's Retreat Begins
<u>13</u> Family Sunday 10:00 Worship Fellowship after worship 11:15 Soup and Sandwich Potluck 11:45 Worship Workshop	<u>14</u> 9 Ladies Breakfast @ Cowan's 9 Retired Men's @ Bob Evans 1:30 Sheltered Reality in Sanctuary 3-8 Pizza Hut Night 6 p.m. AA 6:30 Quilting 7 Bible Discovery 7-9 Civic Chorus	<u>15</u> 10:30 Staff 11 Bipolar Support Group 2:30 Cedar Crest 7 Church Council 7:30 AI Anon	<u>16</u> Quilting 6 p.m. AA 6 Chapel Bells 6:45 Vesper Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	<u>17</u> 10:30 Grandview 6 p.m. AA & AI Anon 6 p.m. Micro lending meeting	<u>18</u> 7 p.m. Lock-in (Gr. 4-6)	<u>19</u> 8 a.m. Lock-in ends 5:00 Worship
<u>20</u> 10:00 Worship Fall Sunday School Confirmation 6:30-8 Youth Group (Gr.7-12)	<u>21</u> 9 a.m. Newsletter articles due 6 p.m. AA 6:30 Quilting 7-9 Civic Chorus	<u>22</u> 10:30 Staff 11 Bipolar Support Group 7:30 AI Anon	<u>23</u> Quilting 6 p.m. AA 6 Chapel Bells 6:45 Vesper Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	<u>24</u> 6 p.m. AA & AI Anon 6:30-8 Scout Pack Mtg. 7 p.m. MISG	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> 5:00 Worship
<u>27</u> 10:00 Worship Fall Sunday School 2 Eastern Association Fall Meeting Good Shepherd UCC St. Charles	<u>28</u> 6 p.m. AA 6:30 Quilting 7-9 Civic Chorus	<u>29</u> 10:30 Staff 11 Bipolar Support Group 7:30 AI Anon	<u>30</u> Quilting 12 Bible Study 6 p.m. AA 6 Chapel Bells 6:45 Vesper Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir (continued in next cell)	Weds@St. Pete's begins 5-6 dinner 6-6:15 Devotional in chapel 6:15-7:30 Small groups		

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# Members Celebrating Birthdays

## September 1

Timothy Hunt  
Ethan Roewe  
Harriet Wilmesherr

## September 2

Doris Graves  
Koren Kerr

## September 4

Susan Harms  
Glen Meyer  
Alexis Geisert  
Sharon Thompson  
Danielle Epple

## September 5

Richard Houchins  
Rita Bub

## September 6

Emily Menke

## September 7

Betty Buerk  
Kurtlin Vitoux  
Jack Sullentrup  
Mary Montgomery

Jacob Spurgeon

William N. Boland

## September 9

Samantha Hackett  
Doris Blankenship

## September 10

Alexander Buschman  
Judy Scannell

## September 11

William Roewe

## September 14

Lee Miller

## September 15

Kirk Kriete  
Darlene Kossina  
John Yager

## September 16

Denise Balken  
Louis Klingert  
Traci Siebert  
Christina Shocklee  
Debra Lamke  
Joshua Buchholz

## September 17

Lorrene Brauks  
Gene Hunt

Mary Montgomery

## September 18

Laurie Ebker  
Alexander Kempen  
Aidan Ip

## September 19

Timothy Roewe  
Victoria Meyer

## September 20

Erin Blankenship  
Jack Czeschin  
Roslyn Fennessey  
Darlene Langkopf

Judy Sedivy

## September 21

Leo Becker  
Dan Eckelkamp

## September 22

Marie Martin  
Tara Lang-McDowell

## September 24

Frank Wood  
Nancy Croson  
Gary Schonaerts  
Kylie Jacquin

## September 25

Ella Bebermeyer  
Michael Wahl  
Taylor Door  
Allyson Briggs

## September 26

Kathy Schaffer  
Tonie Smith

## September 27

Rachel Lause  
Bradley Mittler  
Carole Sincox  
William Brand

## September 28

Veronica Graham  
Wendell Schneider

## September 29

Marie Kellermann  
Randy Buschling

## September 30

Kevin Hausmann  
Marian  
Lefmann  
John Lick

If your birthday is not listed or is incorrect, call the church office so we can update our records.

## U.C.C. Global Ministries

*Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24*

The Manila, Philippines news recently reported that yet another church worker, who is also the son of a pastor of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), has been reported missing by his family after he was arrested by police and later turned over to the military. The 35-year-old lay worker was arrested by a police team in Tanguib City.

Tensions and violence intensifies in parts of the southern Philippines. Violations to the rights and dignity of persons under the presidency of Mrs. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo continue with impunity. These violations are evident in the widespread poverty, unabated corruption, and extra-

judicial killings and abductions. Many of these abuses have targeted church leaders, workers, and members, particularly those from the Protestant denominations.

Global Ministries asks you to join in calling for action by our government to call a halt to these atrocities. The UCC and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have written letters, signed on to the letters of other denominations and passed resolutions to this effect.

Filipino pastors ask that we pray that the government of the Philippines will be humane enough to stop the rampant human rights violations and extra-judicial killings.

*Xiaoling Zhu,  
Executive of the East Asia and Pacific  
office of Global Ministries.*