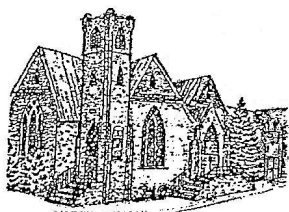


# THE LETTERS OF SAINT PETER

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AUGUST 2015

## *Worship Services at a glance:*

- Sunday, 8/02, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 8/09, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 8/16, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 8/23, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 8/30, 8 & 10 a.m.

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## **From Pastor Char**

Have you ever seen TV ads for eHarmony? It is an online dating service that begins with a person answering various questions. Then the folks at eHarmony suggest possible matches based on the answers provided by hundreds of people. The more honest people are about themselves and what they are seeking in a marriage partner, the better the possibility for a solid relationship.

There are some elements of this process that are similar to the Search Process for a new pastor. The goal is to call a pastor with whom you can develop a solid, lasting relationship as you share in mission and ministry together. As you know, every pastor is different. So the first step is to answer questions that best describe the kind of pastor that you think could share in the ministry that you do together – as partners. This description is shared through the Local Church Profile, a document that the Search Committee is writing. It needs to honestly reflect who you are as a congregation and the kind of pastor you are seeking.

The Pastoral Search Committee is asking for your assistance. In this Newsletter is a survey that invites you to provide some information for the Local Church Profile. Please complete a survey and return it as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, pastors who are seeking a church to serve complete their own profile. Eventually, the Search Committee and potential pastors will share information and discern whether there is a possibility for creating a partnership together.

Once the Search Committee has completed the Local Church Profile, it will be approved by the Church Council and will be made available to the congregation.

Of course, one of the main ingredients is beyond information on paper. We also seek God's guidance in the discernment process. Therefore, you are encouraged to keep St. Peter's and the Search Committee in your prayers.

Blessings,  
Pastor Char

## Mission of the Month

The August Mission of the month is the Grape Country Cluster.

### THE GRAPE COUNTRY CLUSTER

Ten UCC churches in the Missouri counties of Franklin, Gasconade, and Osage participate in the Grape Country Cluster. The monthly meetings provide programs and information that strengthen our ties to one another and the Missouri Mid-South Conference. The meetings also provide a wonderful opportunity to share with one another about what is happening in our local churches and explore possibilities of supporting one another.

The financial contributions from the churches support mutually agreed upon mission such as Lindsey Mercer at INESIN in Chiapas Mexico and the Agape Clinic in Belle.

As always, the Mission Committee thanks everyone for their support of all of these missions!

~ The St. Peter's UCC Mission Committee

## Rally Day

Mark your calendars for August 23 at the 10 am worship service when we will celebrate our Children's Ministry as we begin a new program year.

Our 3rd graders will receive Bibles, we will bless our teachers and children, and enjoy pictures from Vacation Bible School. Come for a joyous worship experience!

## Emmaus Handbell Choir

The Emmaus Bell Choir will be our special guests on Sunday, August 30 at the 10AM service. Dennis Kramme, Director of Development for the Emmaus Resident Trust Foundation, will accompany them and share current information about the Emmaus Home. A Carry In Dinner will follow this special service. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us as we welcome these special folks and they entertain us with their handbell music.

**Congratulations** to Paul Baker and Brynn Sebring, who will be united in marriage on Saturday, August 1 at her parent's beachfront home in Olympia, Washington.

Paul is the son of Brad and Jean Baker and the grandson of Louise Baker. Brynn is the daughter of Bill and Jane Sebring.

Their address is 23425 26th Ave. S, Des Moines, WA 98198.

**KLIC / FROG / TACO** will meet August 9th at Peaceful Valley Pool from 4—6 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions please contact one of the Board of Christian Ed members.

**A New Confirmation Class** will begin on Sunday, August 9. Classes will be held Sunday mornings, 8:45 – 9:45 and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 5:30 – 7 pm. Confirmation is for young people, entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older. For more information, contact Pastor Char Burch.

## Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee is seeking greeters for coming months. Please check the sign up sheets in the narthex to sign up throughout the year.

When choir is in session many of our active greeters will not be available because the choir practices almost every Sunday from 9:15 until we sound good! Please consider volunteering if you are interested in growing our congregation. We seek to be very welcoming to visitors!

We hope that everyone in our congregation would do these five things when you see someone you do not know: 1) Introduce yourself and say...I don't believe I have met you? And wait for their names 2) If they are visitors or members tell them you are so glad they are with us this day and make sure they have a bulletin 3) If they are visitors please get them to sign the guest register with their name and ADDRESS. Pastor Char will send them a follow up welcome letter 4) If possible introduce them to another person 5) Greet them during the passing of the peace. And if you see someone standing alone during passing of the peace regardless...please greet them! We want to be the church of extravagant welcome! We are a great church with great members and need to spread the word!

We also are working on gift bags for visitors. Any suggestions or comments see Bonnie Hengstenberg, Judy Balluff, Libby Brueseke, Jo Ellen Steineker, Lisa Schlottach or Pastor Char.

## St. Peter's Wine Group

The St Peter's Wine Group would like to let everyone know that we are still in existence, still active and actively seeking new members!! You do not have to love wine to join us...though many of our gatherings are at wineries . We are just a social group who enjoy each other, good wine from time to time, good food and conversation and laughs....and sometimes music! What we have done this year has been: a gathering on Valentines Day for dinner at JnL2, a gathering on Mike and Judy's patio for appetizers etc., a gathering at Belmont Winery to hear the band Laurie Riekhof is in, playing swing music and for pizza, a gathering at St Jordan Creek Winery for a Shrimp Boil and to hear music. And that is just the beginning. We like to get together. If you would like to join us, please contact any active member. These include Diann Wacker, Jo Ellen Steineker, Bonnie and Augie Hengstenberg, Libby and Richard Brueseke, Bob and Ruth Depperman, Imy and Ron Vitoux , Cindy and Don Ferris, Laurie Riekhof, Gail Guitierrez, Joyce Cook and Larry Schneider and Mike and Judy Balluff. If you are on Facebook send Judy a message and she will include you in our Facebook group so you will get notifications of what we are doing....but we can let you know by phone too if you let us know you are interested. All are welcome!! Come join us!!

## Pantry suggestions:

Sunday, August 9th, we have our monthly collection of Helping Hands Outreach Food Pantry items. The suggested items again this month are canned juice, canned fruit, canned meat, and jelly.

As always CASH or checks are very welcomed! You will notice the display and collection area set up for these items with a place in which to leave cash donations for the Food Pantry created by the Mission Committee of St. Peters. Thank you for your continued support of Helping Hands!

## Parsonage Renovations

There has been much activity at the Parsonage! The inside walls have been painted and the sanding/staining of the hardwood floors should be completed shortly. Things are looking nice!

We still have registers and baseboards to replace. Some unexpected repairs on the porch should be finished this week. That will be followed by painting the porch and outside windows. The Duct cleaning will take place when the weather gets cooler. As we sit here today we are exploring the need for a new roof at the parsonage. You will be informed as soon as a decision is made.

Also, if you have driven by the parsonage you may have noticed that four pickup loads of overgrown bushes have been hauled off! Thanks to the volunteers that made this happen! There is more outside work we hope to do.

You may remember that the Annex was also mentioned at the March Congregational Meeting. We have two bids to replace some windows at the Annex. These are being evaluated at this time.

### Pre School Enrollment

Provide a Christian experience for your Pre-Schooler or someone you know! Enrollment is open for the 2015-2016 school year. Students must be 3 years old by July 31, 2015 to enroll in the Tuesday/Thursday program and 4 years old by July 31, 2015 to enroll in the Monday/Wednesday/Friday program. Either mornings or afternoons are available. Call 573-437-8779 with questions or to obtain an Enrollment Form.

### FESTIVAL OF SHARING

The Board of Christian Education will be collecting paper products for this years "Festival of Sharing". We are inviting all to help. Collection will begin August 9th through Sept 13th. Please bring any donations and place in the back of church, and watch our "Paper Mountain" grow.

#### **\*\* Paper Products Pack - Pack Value \$14.00**

3 pkgs toilet tissue (4-double rolls)  
2 rolls paper towels (good quality)  
1 facial tissue (large rectangular box)

### Prayers to...

We were saddened by the passing of Eileen Gawer on July 10. The funeral was held at Gottenstroeter Funeral Home officiated by Rev. Terry Knight. Eileen was a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, and a teacher for the Gasconade County R2 School District for 39 years.

We keep in prayer her family: daughters Sharon Gawer King and Susan Homfeldt Botkin; brother Walter Bruens, Jr.; sister Marrion Burens Kuhn; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and 2 great great-grandsons.

## Thanks Go To...

**The Board of Christian Ed would like to *THANK*** all that helped to make our Vacation Bible School “The Great Treasure Hunt” a successful and fun filled day. From the organizing, teaching, cooking, and photography, your help was GREATLY appreciated! We donated \$100 to the Helping Hands Back Pack program as our VBS mission this year.

***Thank you*** to Maciejewski Plumbing and Heating for donating a drain cover (and insulation.) ***Thanks*** to Bob Depperman and Rodney Bossaller for working on the drain problem in the kitchen!

***Thanks*** to Jim Jenkins for his work on the parsonage porch.

***Thanks*** to Bonnie Hengstenberg, Libby Brueseke, Ruth Depperman, and JoEllen Steineker for assembling the July newsletters.

***Thank you*** to Julia Lewis for presenting information and insight to the Essential Oils mentioned in the Bible!

***Thank you*** to the Hospitality Committee for providing the funeral luncheon following the Eileen Gawer funeral.

***Thanks*** to Rodney Bossaller for removing the unwanted growth in the parsonage yard.

**Please remember that if you see someone “doing good” around church, or on behalf of Saint Peter’s, to submit the information to the church office so we can recognize the person or group on our “thank-you” list.**



August 2	David Mayberry
August 2	Lisa Antisdell
August 2	Opal Giedinghagen
August 4	Janette Rosson
August 5	Bill Griffith
August 5	Mark Willoughby
August 7	JoEllen Steineker
August 13	Kimber Mayberry

August 16	Bob Uffmann
August 18	Bob Schultz
August 23	Donald Greenwalt
August 23	Kendra Greenwalt
August 24	Susan Davis
August 26	Megan Walker
August 27	Beth Walker
August 30	Bonnie Hengstenberg



August 17	Reginald & Mary Scheel
August 23	Donald & Kendra Greenwalt

August 27	Wayne & Cathy Bunnars
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## Up to Date Info?

Does the church have your ***updated contact and household information*** (change of address, college students moving out, etc.)? If you’re not sure, give the church office a call at 573-437-2779 or e-mail [stpeters@fidnet.com](mailto:stpeters@fidnet.com). Thanks for keeping us up to date!



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 Spirited People Leading Spirited Lives™

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Dear Pastor and Congregation,

Earlier this year, the Emmanuel Homes, Inc. Board of Directors made a critical decision to begin transitioning our clients off of the Marthasville campus and into the community. Since announcing this decision, many inaccuracies have been published in the local media. This letter is intended to clear up some of those inaccuracies, most importantly that Emmanuel Homes **IS NOT** closing. The decision by the Board to transition the 75 clients who live on the Marthasville campus into the broader community was based on the 3 tenets of our strategic plan: best practice, financial stability, and good stewardship.

This decision was not an easy one. **As always, our clients remain our top priority.** No clients will be displaced nor will any staff lose their job as a result of this transition.

Research indicates that clients have better outcomes in residential settings of less than 5 people; community homes typically have 4 people or less living in them. Additionally, Emmanuel is currently subsidizing the housing for the 75 individuals living on the Marthasville campus at a rate of approximately \$500,000 per year. This subsidy will continue to grow as fewer people elect to live on campus. After the clients from the Marthasville campus transition to the community, Emmanuel will be able to redirect more of our charitable dollars - currently being used to support campus infrastructure - into services that directly impact the lives of all of our clients. **Support from our donors is now more critical than ever before.** Donations are used to directly impact the lives of our clients by funding charity care, pastoral services and client activities.

Currently more than 270 adults with developmental disabilities are served by Emmanuel in homes throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area (including the Washington/Marthasville area). Since the announcement, our staff has met with clients and their families, many of whom are excited about exploring new homes in the local community including Warren and Franklin counties.

For more than 120 years, Emmanuel has been an integral part of this community by providing high-quality services to adults with developmental disabilities. In recent years, Emmanuel has undergone many changes in where we provide our services, however what remains unchanged is our unwavering commitment to our clients. Emmanuel has always been a leader in our industry by creating national best practices and standards for adults with developmental disabilities. As we continue to expand our services into the community, our focus remains clear: to provide the highest quality services with a continued focus on our faith-based tradition.

Thank you for your continued support of Emmanuel.

Sincerely,

Chuck Gross  
 Board Chair  
 Emmanuel Homes, Inc.

Rev. Dr. Richard Zuehl  
 Immediate Past Board Chair  
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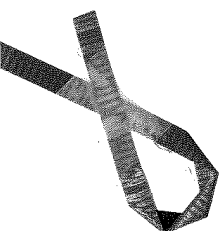


**Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.®**

I just wanted to say **THANK YOU** for your generous support as a donor of the Gasconade County Relay for Life. With your help we were able to raise over \$21,000.00 so far. You have no idea how many lives are touched every year in our area. Without your support we would not be able to help our survivors here to have one more day, one more year. Without Relay we would not be able to do so much research. We hope that one day no one will need to be doing Relay.

Without **Research** there will be no cure.  
 Without a **Cure** we cannot save a **Life**.  
 Again **THANK YOU**.

Relay for Life Committee



Congregational Survey, Summer 2015

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<p>2             Holy Communion            8am-Worship            10am-Worship</p>	<p>3            5:30 Pastoral Search Comm mtg            7pm-Dorcas mtg</p>	4	<p>5            5:30pm-Care Center Mtg            6:30pm-Stewardship Comm Mtg</p>	<p>6            9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit  </p>	7	8
<p>9             8am-Worship            8:45am-Sun. School            10am-Worship            4-6pm-KLIC, FROG, TACO Pool Party  </p>	<p>10            4:30pm-Mission Comm mtg            7pm-Council mtg</p>	11	12	<p>13            9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit              6 pm- Board of Christian Ed mtg</p>	14	15
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# August Scripture Readings

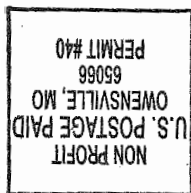
August 2nd: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 13)  
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12 OR Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78:23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

August 9th: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 14)  
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15,31-33  
Psalm 130 OR 1 Kings 19:4-8  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

August 16th: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 15)  
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111 OR Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

August 23rd: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 16)  
1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84 OR Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

August 30th: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 17)  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 OR Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 15  
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