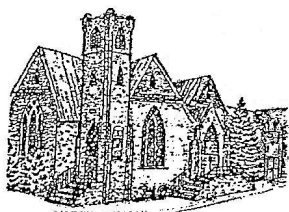


# THE LETTERS OF SAINT PETER

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SEPT 2015

## *Worship Services at a glance:*

- Sunday, 9/06, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 9/13, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 9/20, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 9/27, 8 & 10 a.m.

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We are in the process of ordering **offering envelopes** for 2016.

If you do not have 2015 offering envelopes but would like them in 2016, please contact the church.

## **From Pastor Char**

“Trust in the Promise” is our theme for September as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Stewardship Sunday on September 27. The theme comes from Jeremiah 29:11 where God shares his plan to provide a future of hope for those who have suffered from being exiled from their land, but remained faithful. We are not people of exile, but do we trust God? Do we trust that God will provide a future of hope for St. Peter's UCC?

During the Sunday worship services in September we will focus on “Trusting in God's Promise,” realizing that when we trust, amazing things happen!

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During worship at both services, individuals will share a Stewardship Moment – “What being part of St. Peter's UCC means to be.” This is something for all of us to ponder!

Where there is trust, hope abounds! Many exciting things are happening at St. Peter's and everyone is invited to be part of it! See the Stewardship Committee article for more details about how you can be involved. Also - join us for worship and celebration as we consider how trusting in God's promise leads to a future of hope.

Blessings,  
Pastor Char

## Stewardship Committee

Plan to attend worship during the month of September when you will have an opportunity to hear some of our members provide a minute of reflection about "What being a part of St. Peter's has meant to me." These reflections will remind each of us why St. Peter's is important to us as individuals. September is Stewardship Month and early in the month you will be receiving a letter including information about our church's activities, our mission project, and our goals for the future. As we look forward to a new year (2016) and possibly a new pastor, your Stewardship Committee is hopeful you will give prayerful consideration to your commitment in supporting St. Peter's mission both through your tithes and the sharing of your time and talents.

## Mission of the Month

The Mission Committee has decided to change the September Mission of the Month in order for us to reply to a request for funds from the Emmaus Homes. We still hope that you will support the Owensville CROP walk and the individual walkers. More info about that will be forthcoming.

The Emmaus Homes is working on gradually transitioning their remaining residents to appropriate housing in the communities...a process which may take as long as 5 years to complete. They currently are supporting over 270 folks who are in need of care and support of some type 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The vast majority of these individuals require care for the remainder of their lives which can be as long as 40-60 years. Our congregational budget does designate a certain amount to the Emmaus Homes each year. The money from this Mission of Month would be over and above that amount. We hope that during September you take advantage of this opportunity to individually support this longstanding and worthwhile organization. If you would like to see some of what the Emmaus Homes organization does, visit this link:

<http://www.emmaushomes.org/about-us/testimonials>

The Mission Committee thanks you for your ongoing support of these missions!

## Pantry Suggestions

Sunday, September 13, we have our monthly collection of Helping Hands Outreach Food Pantry items. The suggested items this month are tuna, mixed fruit, soup, and oatmeal.

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!

## Prayers to...

We were saddened by the passing of Ivan Schaeperkoetter on August 14. The funeral was held at Gottenstroeter Funeral Home officiated by Rev. Char Burch. Ivan was a Navy veteran, an active member of Zion St. Paul United Church of Christ in Bay; Masonic Lodge in Owensville; Bay American Legion; Owensville Alumni Association of which he was one of the founders and had served as president; and on the Board of Directors for the Bay-Herman Bank.

We keep in prayer his family: wife Ramona; daughters Mona Tyrl, and Marcia Bossaller; sister Vida Mehrhoff; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Announcements

### IT'S APPLEBUTTER MAKING TIME

Saturday, September 26 has been set for the Annual Applebutter Day. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to join in the fun! Pint jars are needed. You can place them in the boxes provided at the front and back doors of the church. Also, 40# of C & H Sugar is needed. Donations of sugar or \$ to buy lids would be welcomed.

### ADVENT TEA

Jean and Sara thank you for the support of the Christmas in July mission project for our annual tea at St. Peter's. Items have been moved to make way for our mountain of paper for the Festival of Sharing. If you still have things to bring for the tea, please just put them in the back of the church and we will collect them to place with the other items. Remember: Mark your calendar for the Advent Tea on December 5! Seatings at 11am and 2pm.

### LIFE GROUP SURVEYS

If you have a life group survey from the bulletins, please place it in the offering plate or give it to Jean Baker. Your input is appreciated.  
Be looking in the October newsletter for events.

### FESTIVAL OF SHARING

The Board of Christian Education will be collecting paper products for this year's "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)

### HEAD'S UP NOTE!

Before the hurry and flurry of the next season you still have opportunity to consider gathering, sewing, knitting, making items to be sold at our Auction and/or Country Store held at our St. Peter's Annual Turkey Dinner which will be November 21, the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

It takes the whole Church to have such an all church event! St. Peter's reputation is that we do this well.

### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 10, will be a Work Day at the church, 8 am – noon.

Plan to come and help "spiff up" our church building. More details later!

### RECEIVE UCC INFORMATION VIA EMAIL—DID YOU KNOW?...

You can have a UCC Daily Devotional arrive in your email? Sign up at: [www.ucc.org/daily\\_devotional](http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional). You can also read it on the UCC homepage at UCC.org or the UCC Facebook page.

You can receive a weekly Missouri Mid-South Conference update about what is happening within the Conference and what is happening in other local churches. Go to the Missouri Mid-South homepage at [www.missourimidsouth.org](http://www.missourimidsouth.org). Click on the tab for Resources and click on "eCourier and eHappenings."

You can receive periodic updates from Global Ministries, highlighting ways in which the UCC is involved in mission around the world. Sign up at [www.globalministries.org/join](http://www.globalministries.org/join).

You can receive a weekly update from the UCC highlighting what's happening in the UCC as well as articles about UCC churches in the news around the country. Sign up at [www.ucc.org/keeping\\_you\\_eposted](http://www.ucc.org/keeping_you_eposted).

## Thanks Go To...

**Laurie Riekhof, Marcie Wallace, the Ladies Choir, the Men's Choir, Bertha and Kenneth Riekhof, Heath Huntley, the Men's Quartet, Carol Nowack, Louise Baker, and Jean Baker** for the special musical talents that you shared with the congregation while the choir was on vacation.

**Bob Depperman, Larry Picraux, Rodney Bossaller, and Jason Kitchell** for repairing and replacing the back doors.

**Letha Ellis** for the Bible School slideshow shared on Rally Day.

**Bonnie Hengstenberg, Libby Brueseke, and JoEllen Steineker** for assembling the August newsletters.

**Ruth Depperman** for tending to the median garden and eradicating the Japanese beetles.

**Thank you** from Virginia LeClaire for the recent greetings and visits from her church family.

**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.**



September 1	Gladys Garver
September 1	Shirley Ruedlin
September 8	Bob Depperman
September 9	Louise Baker
September 9	Marla Bray
September 11	Janet Diestelkamp
September 11	Megan West
September 15	Marilyn Pogue

September 15	Sondra Bueker
September 18	Janet Niebruegge
September 21	Laura West
September 22	Margaret McGreevy
September 23	Ronald Bueker
September 24	Brenda Graves
September 29	Steve Walker
















September 7	Ronald and Sondra Bueker
September 14	Jason and Lisa Kitchell

September 18	Ron and Kaye West
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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!

# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 5:30pm-Pastoral Search Comm mtg	<b>2</b> 5:30pm-Care Center mtg 5:30-7pm Confirmation 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice 	<b>3</b> 2 pm-Grape Country Cluster mtg. @ Berger	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>  Holy Communion 8am-Worship 8:45 am-Sun. School 10am-Worship	<b>7</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 5:30pm-Pastoral Search Comm mtg 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice 	<b>10</b> 9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit  6 pm- Board of Christian Ed mtg	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Festival of Sharing deadline 8am-Worship 8:45am-Sun. School 10am-Worship 5pm-KLIC, FROG, TACO  Food Collection	<b>14</b> Persons In Ministry Retreat → 7pm-Council mtg	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30-7pm Confirmation 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice 	<b>17</b> 9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8am-Worship 8:45am-Sunday School 10am-Worship  NewsLetter DEADLINE	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice 	<b>24</b> 9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Apple Butter making
<b>27</b> Stewardship Sunday MoM Noisy Offering 8am-Worship 8:45am-Sunday School 10am-Worship 2pm Eastern Association mtg- Bay 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice 	<b>SAINT PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> <b>OWENSVILLE, MISSOURI</b> <a href="http://stpetersucc.yolasite.com">http://stpetersucc.yolasite.com</a> <a href="mailto:stpeters@fidnet.com">stpeters@fidnet.com</a> <b>on Facebook: St. Peter's UCC Owensville</b>		

# September Scripture Readings

Our theme for September is “**Trusting in God’s Promise**” and what happens when we do just that!

## **September 6 – Trust Creates A Welcoming Spirit**

Psalm 146  
James 2:1-10  
Mark 7:24-37

## **September 13 - Trust Produces A Missional Spirit**

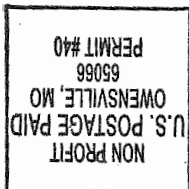
Psalm 19  
James 2:1-18, 26  
Mark 8:27-38

## **September 20 - Trust Generates A Generous Spirit**

Psalm 1  
James 3: 13-18  
Mark 9:30-37

## **September 27 - Trust Results in A Grateful Spirit: Stewardship Sunday**

Psalm 111  
James 1:2-8  
Matthew 6:25-34



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