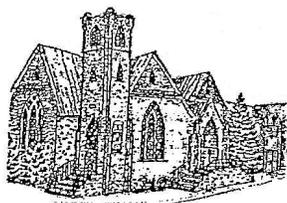


THE LETTERS OF SAINT PETER



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APRIL 2016

Worship Services at a glance:

- Sunday, 4/03, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 4/10, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 4/17, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 4/24, 8 & 10 a.m.

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From Pastor Char

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Welcome to Eastertide!

Easter is not a one day celebration. It impacts all we do year round! However, the six Sundays after Easter are considered the season of Eastertide. During this time we continue the celebration of how the resurrection affected the disciples and the early church. Our scripture readings for worship lift up experiences of the first disciples as the risen Jesus appeared to them, as well as the boldness of the early Christians in proclaiming their faith.

Two themes seem evident in our scriptures for the season: sometimes believing in the resurrection is a process – could it really happen? How do we believe with no scientific proof? Secondly, believing means responding. The first disciples did not fear ridicule or persecution. What about us? Do we only feel the inner joy of Christ's presence on Easter or is it with us each day? Does the proclamation of the risen Christ energize us in all we do and say? In today's world that is filled with fear and uncertainty, the message of Christ, who overcame the powers of sin and death, is one we need to celebrate. Christ goes forth ahead of us and we are called to follow!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Blessings,

Pastor Char

Summary of March 14th Council Meeting

All present except Pastor Char who was absent due to a death in her family. Previous minutes and financial report were approved and filed.

Pastors report was reviewed. Discussions were held about the closing of the pre-school and about the proposal for a change involving worship during summer. We will get more details from those involved about the closing of the preschool and about any help which council could give regarding the event celebrating the many years St Peter's has had a preschool. All were in favor of proposed plans for summer worship and we suggest that Pastor Char make the general congregation aware of these plans in the coming weeks and months.

Old Business:

We still need help from members of the congregation to assist Dorcas with the fund raiser quilt raffle. If anyone has experience in how to conduct a raffle we urge them to contact the ladies of Dorcas to offer their help!! This fundraiser is needed to financially help in either repairing or in replacing our furnace!

Furnace: There now is some question about whether we do in fact need a new furnace or just need extensive repairs. Rodney will get another bid for replacement and will discuss with Larry Maciejewski about whether repairs alone could be enough.

New business :

A new carpet sweeper is needed for the church. Several council members recommended purchasing a Shark model from Walmart. Rodney will discuss with Russell.

Committee reports:

Cemetery: getting new sign. Some concern about cost to cut grass. Will discuss with committee.

Mission: Church garage sale to be held on May 13th and 14th. Council felt the best location would be the parsonage. More info to follow.

Evangelism: Working on starting a Grief Support group soon!

Board of Christian Ed: Break from SS in July and August

Pastoral Relations: Still need members

Activities: Still need members to plan activities for fun and for fundraising

Stewardship: Still need members

Submitted by:

Judy Balluff, Council Secretary

Exploring “Summer Services”



The Church Council is exploring the possibility of having one worship service each Sunday from July 3 – September 4. The Christian Education Committee has indicated that the Sunday School will be “on break” during those weeks. Therefore, the one worship service would be at 9 am. It would be a more informal service, blending music and elements of the regular 8 am and 10 am services. This would provide for a more full attendance, since people are often gone for vacations. It would also provide the opportunity to worship as one congregation.

The Church Council welcomes your feedback to this idea. Please share your thoughts with Betty Estes, Judy Willoughby, Judy Balluff, Beth Walker, Rodney Bossaller, Ken Ellis, Darlene Picraux, or Pastor Char.

Evangelism Committee—Bereavement Support Group

The St Peter’s Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group to be held at our church weekly on six consecutive Thursdays from April 14th through May 19th from 1PM to 3PM. After the first two sessions the group will be closed to new members in order to promote unity and trust. The group will be facilitated by Jill Beachle, a social worker with Mercy Hospice. This is the first 6 week session of what we hope will be an ongoing mission and eventually open to members of the Owensville Community.



This first series is open to our church members, friends, and to local family members of Mercy Hospice who have lost loved ones. The loss does not have to be recent. If one is still grieving and feels that a group experience might be helpful, they are welcome! We do require that you register for this. Jill feels the group needs to be the right size to allow everyone an opportunity to share their stories and feelings if they wish to.

Please see Pastor Char or any member of the Evangelism Committee if you are interested in attending. Or call the church office and leave your contact information and we will contact you. Evangelism committee members are Bonnie Hengstenberg, Libby Brueseke, Jo Ellen Steineker, and Judy Balluff.

St. Peter's Preschool Closing

The Preschool at St. Peter's will not have classes next year due to declining enrollment. At a recent meeting of the Care Center Board, a motion was made and seconded that the Preschool officially close as of the end of April 2016.

Declining enrollment has been present for several years as a result of parents choosing to send their children elsewhere: either to the public Pre-Kindergarten program or to the Montessori school. The Board has been very frugal in trying to keep the Preschool open. It cut salaries by one-fourth and ordered only the necessary curriculum for the Preschool. It increased the fundraisers to twice a year instead of just one to help raise funds to keep the Preschool going. However, these efforts were not enough, so sadly, the Preschool will close after serving the community for over forty years.

A celebration is being planned for Sunday afternoon, April 24th. More details will follow as plans are completed. Many thanks to our church members for their support of this important mission of St. Peter's UCC.

Kaye West, Care Center Board President



St. Peter's Preschool children will be singing during the 10 am Worship Service on April 10.

Come and be blessed by their presence!

Mission Committee—ALL Church Garage Sale

The Mission Committee is sponsoring an ALL Church garage sale to be held Friday and Saturday, May 13th and 14th.

More info to follow but please start sorting through closets and storage areas both at your home and at church to find items for the sale! There will be more info in future bulletins and on Facebook.



We need **everyone's** help to make this a good fundraiser! Thanks!

Mission of the Month



The April Mission of the month is Camp MoVal. Camp MoVal, nestled amid rolling hills a few miles west of Union, Missouri, is a Camp and Retreat Center operated by the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ.

As an outdoor ministries and worship experience, Camp MoVal provides a safe, sacred space where all guests feel welcome. Camp MoVal offers a variety of programs each year through its outdoor ministry schedule. Each offers common opportunities and benefits through unique activities that cater to the interests, ages, and abilities of various groups. Some of these programs include: week long camps for children of all ages, specialty and adventure programs, and family and multigenerational camps.

To read more about Camp MoVal, visit their website at <http://campmoval.org>. There, you will also find a wish list of things which could be donated or bought to support this effort of our Conference.

As always, the Mission Committee thanks everyone for their support of all of these missions!
~The St. Peter's UCC Mission Committee

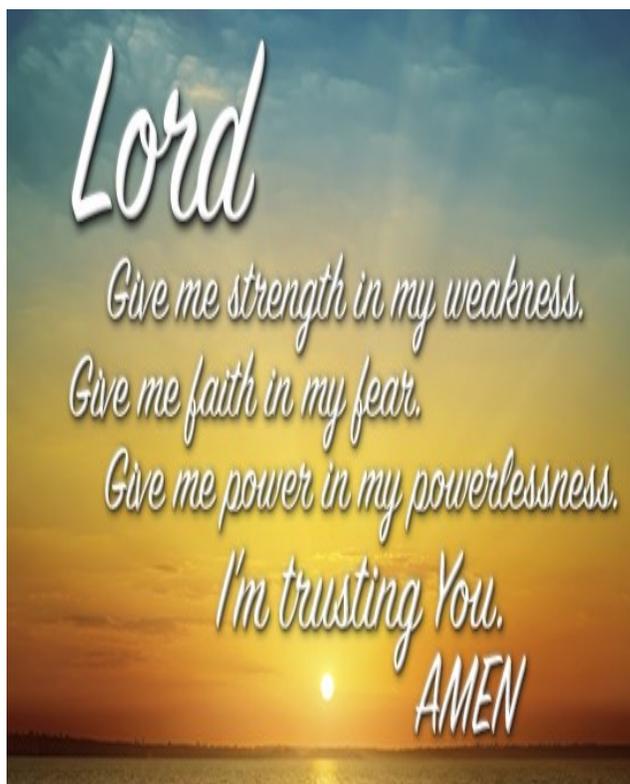
Pantry Suggestions



Sunday, April 10th, we have our monthly collection of Helping Hands Outreach Food Pantry items. The suggested items this month are canned ravioli and pastas, peas, peaches, and cereal.

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!



Upcoming Events in the Wider Church

Check the church bulletin board for flyers and more information

April 2 - Taste of Home – Supporting Emmaus Homes

At the Scheidegger Center, St. Charles, Mo. 9:00 am vendor fair opens, 1:00 pm cooking show begins.

April 9 - Eastern Association Quilt Festival

At Zion UCC, 725 Main St., Troy MO. Nine churches (including St. Peter's!) will be honored. 9:15 am – through lunch.

April 15, 16 and 17 – Installation services for the Rev. John Dorhauer, the United Church of Christ's ninth General Minister and President. Celebrating our connections, the events will take place in New York City, Chicago, and Seattle. Please keep in prayer, Rev. Dorhauer and those who gather.

April 16 – Christian Musical Festival Camp MoVal (Union)

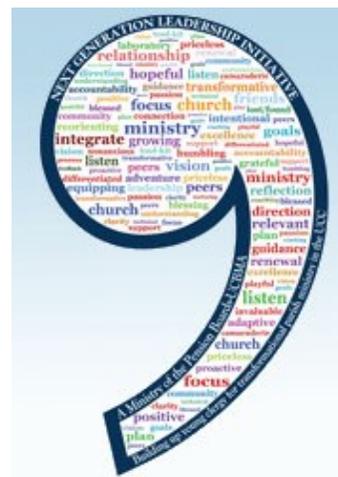
The concerts will be held across the road from Camp MoVal at TAMBO; 2 pm - 7 pm with music, food, and fun. Cost is \$10 with the hope of raising funds to help re-make TAMBO!

April 24 – Eastern Association Meeting at Faith UCC, Wentzville

April 29-May 1 – Conference Annual Women's Retreat at Camp MoVal Union, MO. Enjoy a weekend of spiritual renewal, recreation, crafts and fellowship for all ages.

April 29-May 1- Conference Annual Men's Retreat at Shannondale (Salem. MO).

Be sure to register for Summer Camp! A wonderful way to grow in faith and have lots of fun. Something for all ages – including grandparent/grandchild camp!



Thanks Go To...

...those who served in special ways during the Lenten Services/Maundy Thursday: Musicians - Jean Baker, Laura Hengstenberg, Laurie Riekhof; The Choir for Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday; Maundy Thursday readers - Mike Balluff, Libby Brueseke, Bob Depperman, Letha Ellis, Ken Ellis, Laurie Riekhof, and Kaye West; Bob Niebruegge and Larry Picraux for technical assistance.

...Bob Depperman and Larry Picraux for changing the light bulb in the sanctuary so we would not be in the dark

...Larry Picraux for hanging the picture donated by Della Bergman. It is now located on the second floor by the children's classrooms.

...Bonnie Hengstenberg, Libby Brueseke, Ruth Depperman, JoEllen Steineker, and Diann Wacker for assembling the March newsletters.

...Ruth and Bob Depperman for spending time with the rose bushes in the "median" garden.

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.

If you know of a member of the congregation that is graduating from college this spring, please let the church office know.

Financial Spotlight for February, 2016

Total General Fund income for February \$12,128.69 (including Sunday and Lenten offerings of \$7,844, OCWM \$265, and Mission of the Month: Agape Clinic \$350.42)



Total General Fund expenses for February \$10,820.15



April 2	Rev. Char Burch	April 19	Kenny Davis
April 3	David Skornia	April 20	Velma Creek
April 5	Angie Binkhoelter	April 20	Ty Harris
April 5	Nora Clancy	April 21	Russell Loeb
April 15	Kimmy Landwehr	April 21	Don Farris
April 16	Roxanne Bade	April 28	Kelley Steiner



April 2 Bob & Ruth Depperman
 April 21 Jim & Janet Diestelkamp

Chiapas, Mexico Mission Trip 2016 sponsored by Bem Church

The Bem Church Mexico Mission team is organizing another Mission Immersion Experience for 2016; tentative dates are June 23-30. The total cost for the trip (9 days) will be \$1,200. This includes airfare, food and lodging, and in-country expenses for travel and tourism.

More information can be found at bemchurch.com. You can also download Pastor Rick's journal from his first trip to Chiapas in 2013!

Tickets will be purchased in April. Contact Rev. Rick Oberle if you are interested or if you have questions.

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. Thanks for keeping us up to date!

Thank You from...



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March 14, 2016

St. Peter's UCC
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Dear St. Peter's Congregation,

Thank you for your generous gift to the Agape Clinic, Inc. Every donation is so precious to the patients of our Clinic.

Also, thank you for your continued support and prayers for The Agape Clinic.

In Christ,

Margie Lange, RN FNP-BC

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<p>10</p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45am-Sun. School 10am-Worship with Preschool singing 5pm-KLIC, FROG, TACO</p> 	<p>11  4:30 pm-Handbells Rehearsal</p> <p>7 pm Council mtg</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:30 pm Mission Committee mtg at Balluff's</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit</p>  <p>6 pm- Christian Ed. Committee mtg</p>	15	16
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<p>24 MoM Noisy Offering </p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45am-Sunday School 10am-Worship 1-3pm Celebration of the Pre-School 2-5pm Eastern Assoc. mtg at Wentzville</p>	<p>25  4:30 pm-Handbells Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	<p>29 </p> <p>Pre-School Graduation of both classes</p>	30

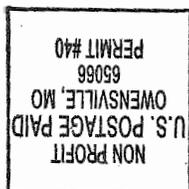
April Scripture Readings

April 3rd: Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29 OR Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

April 10th: Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

April 17th: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

April 24th: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35



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