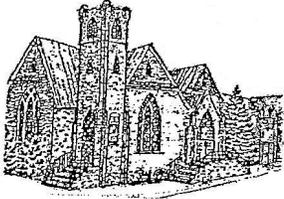


THE LETTERS OF SAINT PETER



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Summer Worship Services at a glance:

- Sunday, 8/07, 9 a.m.
- Sunday, 8/14, 9 a.m.
- Sunday, 8/21, 9 a.m.
- Sunday, 8/28, 9 a.m.

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OF CHRIST**



AUGUST 2016

From Pastor Char

The interim time in a local church is an in-between time. It is time that allows the congregation to pause and seek direction as it moves from one segment of its life journey and prepares for the next. It is a time for reflection and prayer, for questioning and discerning, for experiencing new things and clarifying hopes for the future. We have been doing that in different ways – all of which has led to the present moment.

The Pastoral Search Committee has worked hard to listen to the congregation, to be in prayer, and to seek a recommended candidate that they feel will be a good match for St. Peter's as you move into the future.

The future is exciting and although it brings with it a sense of the unknown, we know that God will be there, as God has always been there.

Blessings,

Pastor Char

Special Congregation Meeting

The Church Council has called a Special Congregational Meeting for August 7, following the 9 am worship service to vote on electing the Rev. Stephanie DeLong as the new full-time pastor of St. Peter's UCC. There will be a carry-in dinner following the Congregational Meeting (meat provided).

In addition, everyone is invited to an Open House at the church on Saturday, August 6, 3 – 5 pm to meet Rev. DeLong and her family. If you did not receive information about Rev. DeLong in the mail, copies are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Pastoral Search Committee Recommends a Candidate

What a difference a month makes!

In your June newsletter (written in mid-May), we advised you of our progress up to that point, noting that we had no likely prospects. We said, "We have another interview scheduled for May 31, so we're always hopeful!"

Well, that interview turned out to be a key one!

After having read her full pastoral profile, we met, via telephone, the Rev. Stephanie DeLong. In an hour-long conversation, your search committee was impressed and inspired. We wanted to know more!

Summer is a busy time for everyone, so we were unable to meet with Stephanie again until late June. She and her elder son, Eddy, came to town on June 29. I had the pleasure of leading them on a tour of our town. Many thanks go to Nancy Landwehr who helped arrange a special tour of the high school. Assistant High School Principal John Fortney was especially welcoming to Stephanie and Eddy, who at that time were introduced simply as a family considering a move to Owensville.

Later that day, the Search Committee had a time of further conversation, worship and fellowship with Stephanie and Eddy. A lovely day, all around.

After considered discussion, the committee was in agreement about our continued, serious interest in pursuing a call with Stephanie. It was with great joy that I heard, a few days later, of her discernment of God's call to be in ministry with us here at St. Peter's. The committee shares this joy!

Members of St. Peter's received a full introductory narrative about the Rev. Stephanie DeLong in a letter sent out by the church council in mid-July. A time to meet with Stephanie and her family has been set for 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. Her Candidating Sunday is the next day, Sunday, Aug. 7. She'll lead us in worship, with communion. Thereafter, we'll have a congregational meeting and vote on her call.

The search committee hopes for a "yes" vote of at least 90 percent. We want the members of St. Peter's to wholeheartedly feel the call to joint ministry with Stephanie, ensuring a positive start to her ministry with us.

If you have any questions, I'm sure the members of the search committee would welcome a chance to share. They have faithfully carried out the task set before them. I treasure the time we've spent together in open dialogue, prayer and devotion, while sharing our hopes and dreams for our beloved church. The members of the committee are: Angie Binkhoelter, Carol Nowack, Ron Vitoux, Marcie Wallace, Bob Niebruegge, Mike Balluff and Laura Hengstenberg.

Laura Hengstenberg
Search Committee Chairperson

Summary of July 11th Council Meeting

All council members present for this meeting plus Pastor Char and Diane for financial report. Opened with prayer.

Financial reports and minutes (with one small change) were approved and filed.

The following members from the search committee were present: Laura Hengstenberg, Bob Niebruegge, Carol Nowack and Angie Binkhoelter. That committee has unanimously voted to recommend the call of the Rev. Stephanie DeLong to be the full time pastor of St. Peters UCC, Owensville. They presented a bio plus reasons they believe make her the ideal candidate to serve in this capacity. After questions and discussion, the council unanimously approved a motion made by Ken and seconded by Darlene to accept the recommendation of the Search Committee to call a special congregational meeting on August 7th for a vote to call the Rev DeLong. There followed a review of the Call Agreement and the steps recommended by the MO Mid-South Conference to follow when a candidate for pastor is chosen. The information regarding these steps and plans which have been made is presented elsewhere in this newsletter. Discussion was held regarding finishing repairs to the parsonage, buying needed appliances and assisting with Rev De Long's move if she is approved by the congregation. When this discussion ended, members of the Search committee were dismissed with thanks for much hard work and a job well done!

~Old Business:

Quilt Raffle proceeding. Money starting to come in and will be tracked by Diane
Annex is rented and rents and deposits received

~Committee reports:

House and Grounds: Has completed some of their jobs and are still working on the leak.
Discussed.

Board of Christian Ed: VBS was a success with 25 children attending!

~Pastor's report: Summer worship getting positive feedback per council members

Stewardship Committee membership was reviewed and meeting set for this Sunday if possible.

Prayer list: Considering ways to manage list and print in bulletin rather than announce

Congregational contact/call list: Need plan for notifying people with no email use.

Pastor Char will be out of office from July 31st through August 16th. Pastor Rick available if needed for emergencies.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 after Lord's Prayer.

Judy Balluff, Council secretary

Financial Spotlight for June, 2016

Total General Fund income for June \$10,174.74
(including Sunday offerings of \$7,702.64, OCWM \$215, Helping Hands \$25,
Mission of the Month: Evangelical Children's Home \$224.88, Garage Sale
additional \$60)

Total General Fund expenses for June \$11,862.97



Mission of the Month



The August Mission of the Month is Lydia's House in St Louis. Pastor Carolyn Held from Lydia's House will be leading our worship and provide more info about it on Sunday August 14th.

Lydia's House works in faith to end domestic violence by being a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children. (<http://lydiashouse.org/>)

The Issue:

1 in 4 women will be affected by domestic violence in their lifetime

Every 9 seconds a woman is assaulted or beaten

Everyday more than 3 women are murdered by their husbands, boyfriends or partners

10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually

Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness

How Lydia's House Makes a Difference:

Providing safe, confidentially located, fully furnished apartments for up to two years, bridging that critical stepping stone between emergency shelter and safe, independent living

Assisting women and their children to create and implement long-term individual life-goal plans which include education, training, employment and safe housing

Facilitating access to information and referrals to community resources

Creating awareness about domestic violence through community outreach and educational ministry

Thank you as always for your generous support of all of these missions!

The St. Peter's Mission Committee

Prayers to...

We were saddened by the passing of Viola Loeb on June 24th. She was a long time member of St. Peter's. She was also a member of the Dorcas Circle, where she enjoyed helping to create quilts and worked on the Hospitality Committee.

We keep in prayer her family: daughter, Patricia and husband Terrance Ridenhour of Tulsa, Oklahoma; grandson, Cory Ridenhour and wife Suzanne of Columbia; sisters-in-law, Helen Havener of Springfield, and Leona Idel and husband Raymond of Owensville.



Also keep in your prayers, the James Faulkner family. James passed on July 5th. He will be remembered as a hard worker, a great chef, and for his outgoing personality.

He is survived by one daughter; Stefani Marie (Faulkner) Icardi and husband Cameron of O'Fallon, MO, his parents; Richard and Betty Faulkner of Canaan, one sister; Jackie Underwood and husband Skip of Nashville, IL; and one brother; Richard Faulkner and wife Tammy of Canaan. He was a beloved uncle, nephew, cousin and friend to many.

Thanks Go To...

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

...all the Council Members who so graciously prepared and served a delicious brunch for all of the members of St. Peter's on July 10. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and everyone enjoyed it!

...Ricky Hacker, Ron Vitoux, and Kaye West for presenting scripture in worship on July 17.

...Rodney Bossaller for overseeing various projects for the parsonage.

...the Hospitality team for providing funeral luncheons in July.

...Letha Ellis for the slide presentation of Vacation Bible School during worship on July 31.

...those who provided special music in July-Men's Chorus (Bob Depperman, Richard Brueseke, Heath Huntley, Ken Ellis, Ron Vitoux, Mike Balluff, and accompanist Louise Baker), Marcie Wallace, Women's Chorus (Marcie Wallace, Virginia LeClair, Imy Vitoux, Ruth Depperman, Libby Brueseke, Kaye West, Letha Ellis, Pastor Char and accompanist Laurie Riekhof), Laurie Riekhof, and Laura Hengstenberg.

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.

Thank You from...

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone that helped make our Vacation Bible School a success. This year we did "Noah's Ark" with Woolam United Methodist joining us again this year. We had 20-25 kids plus teachers and helpers. It was a day full of stories, crafts, games, science and music.....and of course lunch and snacks.

Our VBS mission this year was The Long Meadow Rescue Ranch in Union, MO. We adopted a 'barnyard buddy' – Miss Molly the llama and were able to send \$100.

Thanks again ----- we truly have a wonderful church family!

Pantry Suggestions



Sunday, August 14th, we have our monthly collection of Helping Hands Outreach Food Pantry items. Suggested items this month are personal care products such as shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, toilet tissue, laundry soap, dish soap, and paper towels.

As always CASH or checks are very welcomed! You will notice the display and collection area set up for these items with 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!

Pastor Char on Vacation

Pastor Char will be on vacation July 31-August 16. During this time, Rev. Rick Oberle will be available to respond to pastoral needs. He can be reach at St. John's BEM: 573-437-3698. Worship leadership will be provided as follows:

July 31 - Rodney Bossaller

August 7 – Rev. Stephanie DeLong, followed by the Special Congregational Meeting

August 14 – Rev. Carolyn Held, chaplain of Lydia's House

Baptism

With great joy, Jay Ivan Taylor, son of Ryan and Kim Taylor, was baptized on July 24. Rodney and Marcia Bossaller are the proud grandparents. Jay and his parents live in Nashville, TN.

Festival of Sharing

St. Peter's will again be participating in the ecumenical Festival of Sharing! Watch for details in the Sunday bulletins and the September Newsletter.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

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 15	Letha Ellis

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

Happy Anniversary

August 17 Reginald & Mary Scheel

August 23 Donald & Kendra Greenwalt

August 27 Wayne & Cathy Bunnors

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!

August

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm Dorcas mtg	2	3 6pm-Council and Search Committee meets with Rev. DeLong	4 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit 	5	6 3 - 5 pm Open House for meeting Rev. Stephanie DeLong
7 9am-Worship with Rev. Stephanie DeLong Special Congregational meeting with carry in meal	8 7 pm Council mtg	9	10	11 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit  6 pm- Christian Ed. Committee mtg	12	13
14 9am-Worship 	15	16	17	18 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit 	19	20
21 9am-Worship 10am-Stewardship Committee meeting 	22	23	24	25 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit 	26	27
28 9am-Worship	29	30	31			

August Scripture Readings

August 7th; Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 14)

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 or Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

August 14th; Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 15)

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 or Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

August 21st; Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 16)

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6 or Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

August 28th; Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 17)

Jeremiah 2:4-13

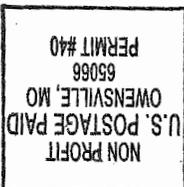
Psalm 81:1, 10-16 or Sirach 10:12-18 or

Proverb 25:6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14



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