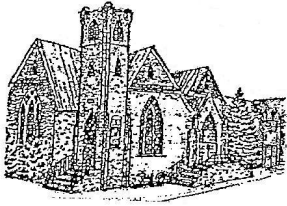


THE LETTERS OF SAINT PETER



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FEBRUARY 2016

Worship Services at a glance:

- Sunday, 2/7, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, 2/10, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, 2/14, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, 2/17, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, 2/21, 8 & 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, 2/24, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, 2/28, 8 & 10 a.m.

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From Pastor Char

Although February seems like the middle of winter, Lent begins on February 10, with Ash Wednesday. The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *Lenten*, meaning the spring. Originally, the thought was that it was a time to anticipate spring! Sounds good!

Most of the church year, our focus in worship is on the stories and teachings of Jesus, how to follow the way of Jesus in our ordinary lives, etc. However, during Lent, we focus our thoughts on the purpose of the life of Jesus and how that led to the cross and resurrection. The first Sunday in February, we have the story of the transfiguration and then begin the journey on the 10th through Lent with the Ash Wednesday Service. Elsewhere in the newsletter is a description of our Wednesday evening services which provide a special time for reflection and prayer.

In some ways, this is a more solemn season of the church year – particularly fitting given the cold weather outside. But solemn does not mean the lack of joy! We sing with joy, we pray with joy knowing that as God was with Jesus through his journey to the cross, God is with us everyday.

Blessings,

Pastor Char

Deeping our Faith Through Wednesday Lenten Services

Lent is the season of the church year that begins 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays). It is a time when we contemplate our faith and the role of Christ in our lives. Many people chose to give up things for Lent as a way to prepare for the celebration of Easter. You are invited to add something for Lent – a special time for prayer and reflection.

Join us for Wednesday evening services, beginning with the Ash Wednesday Service on February 10, which will include Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. During the Wednesdays that follow we will reflect upon “The Difference Jesus Makes.” How we view the person and work of Jesus Christ affects our personal understanding of discipleship and also the focus of the ministry and mission of the congregation.

We will conclude the Season of Lent with the Maundy Thursday Service, including the service of Tenebrae and Holy Communion. Each Evening Worship Service will begin at 6:30 pm. Come and join us for evenings of prayer and meditation.

February 10 – Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion

February 17 – Jesus as paradox: Fully Human and Fully Divine?

February 24 – Jesus as Example and Teacher

March 2 – Jesus as Substitute and Savior

March 9 – Jesus as Conqueror and Lord

March 16 – Jesus as Presence

March 20 (Sunday) – Palm Sunday/Confirmation/One worship service at 10 am

March 24 – Maundy Thursday with Tenebrae Service and Holy Communion

March 25 – Good Friday – (Noon) Rosebud/Owensville Community Service

March 27 (Sunday) – Easter with Holy Communion, two worship services



Inclement Weather



It's that time of year. If the weather is bad and worship has to be cancelled the information will be on KMOV channel 4 and KSDK channel 5 closings lists.

Also, you may call the church (437-2779) and the information will be recorded on the voice mail.

Newly Elected Church Leaders

Congratulations to the newly elected church leaders. The new Church Council is as follows: (Council members serve a term for 2 years.)

President: Betty Estes (2nd year)

Vice President: Judy Willoughby (2nd year)

Secretary – Judy Balluff (1st year)

Treasurer – Beth Walker (2nd year)

Financial Secretary – Rodney Bossaller (2nd year)

Ken Ellis (1st year)

Darlene Picraux (1st year)

Congratulations also to the following elected leaders: Eastern Association delegates - Jean and Brad Baker, and Missouri-Mid-South Conference delegates - Laurie Riekhof and Marcie Wallace.

We also welcome new Cemetery Sexton Jim Diestelkamp who was elected to a one-year term, overseeing the use of the cemetery. Carol Nowack has volunteered to continue as the Treasurer.

Our thanks to Council Members who completed their term: Janet Diestelkamp, Nancy Landwehr, and Lisa Schlottach. We are so grateful to Gordon Emde who served for many years as Cemetery Sexton.

Please keep these elected leaders in your prayers as they seek to provide faithful direction for the congregation.

Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month for February is the Agape Clinic. This clinic is in Belle and is operated by Margie Lange, an RN nurse practitioner who is a member of Cooper Hill UCC church.

The clinic is a not-for-profit Family Practice clinic serving under insured patients since 2008. They are staffed solely by volunteers and funded solely by donations or grants. Patients are seen on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on a walk-in basis. Each week the Clinic is staffed by a volunteer receptionist and Margie. Margie is an FNP in Collaborative Practice agreement with Dr. Kathi Clement, who works in the Mercy Urgent Care Clinic in Rolla. Medications are prescribed from retail pharmacy low-cost lists. There are also other referral resources when the patient's need is greater.

Please consider helping us support this worthy organization. Thank you, as always, for all your support for our missions.

~The St. Peter's UCC Mission Committee



Mission of the Month 2016 Schedule

January: Owensville/Rosebud
Ministerial Alliance

February: Agape Clinic

March: UCC One Great Hour of
Sharing

April: Camp Mo-Val

May: UCC Strengthen the Church

June: Evangelical Children's Home

July: Chiapas Mexican Mission

August: Lydia's House, St. Louis

September: Emmaus Homes

October: UCC Neighbors in Need

November: Operation Christmas

December: UCC Christmas Fund

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Results

The Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign sponsored by the Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance raised \$14,863 during the 2015 holiday season. This is an increase of \$2830 or 24% over last year!

85% of the money raised will be distributed here in Gasconade County in the form of utility, prescription, shelter and emergency assistance; to the children of the Gasconade County School District through healthcare needs and back to school supplies; and to Helping Hands Outreach Center for special programs (such as Operation Christmas and the Backpack Program). The remaining 15% goes to the Salvation Army for their relief work in the Midwest.

Thank you to those who rang the bell and those who contributed to the campaign!!!

Pantry Suggestions



Sunday, February 14th, we have our monthly collection of Helping Hands Outreach Food Pantry items. The suggested items this month are instant mashed potatoes, peaches, pudding, and canned luncheon meats.

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!

Thanks Go To...

...**Bonnie Hengstenberg and Ruth Depperman** for assembling the January newsletters.

...**Ruvia Nowack** for running the projector and Powerpoint slides at the Congregational Meeting.

Thank you to those who helped to undecorate the sanctuary on January 14.

...**Erma Lay** for cleaning the big refrigerator in the kitchen.

Thank you for your prayers, calls, and concerns during the time of Lynn's (Raimist) illness and treatments.

Bless you all! ~Diann Wacker

A special thank you to Della Bergman for the beautiful painting of the child Jesus with his carpenter father. The painting was given in honor of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. It has been on the easel in the back of the sanctuary and will be hung in a hallway where it can be enjoyed.

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.



February 1	Shelby Uffmann
February 2	Imy Vitoux
February 10	Hannah Uffmann
February 13	Jordan Vincent

February 16	Kaye West
February 17	Laura Hengstenberg
February 26	Imogene Bade

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...

Helping Hands Outreach Center of Gasconade County
604 S. 2nd Street
Owensville, Mo 65066

Jan. 11, 2016
St. Peter's UCC
Attn: Pastor Char Burch
P.O. Box 151
Owensville, Mo 65066

Dear Pastor Burch:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Helping Hands Outreach Center I wish to thank the members of your congregation for their continuing generous support of our food pantry operation.

Their donations of \$150.00 (One Hundred Fifty Dollars) on Dec. 29, 2015, & \$10.00 (Ten Dollars) on Dec. 30, 2015, are much appreciated & will help us to serve the truly needy of our area.

We finished 2015 on a busy note. In Nov. we served 300 households (1048 individuals) at the pantry. We served 238 households (667 individuals) in Dec. in the 3 weeks we were open. We served 204 households with food efforts at Operation Christmas 2015 at New Hope UMC on Dec. 18 & 19. We continue to serve 40+ OES, OMS, OHS, & HeadStart's students weekly in the Backpack Program. We expect to serve 150-200 Households at the Jan. 22, 2016, Mobile Market, to be held at New Hope UMC.

We are grateful for the members' recognition of the needs that people have & their willingness to help us meet those needs.

Sincerely,
Andrew M. Madel
Vice-President

Please retain this letter for tax purposes. It is your receipt acknowledging your generous contribution(s). No goods or services were received by you for this donation.

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY! FEBRUARY 7

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SECOND & PETERS STREETS
OWENSVILLE

- HOMEMADE
- CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
- CHILI & POTATO SOUP






















- CORN MUFFINS
- CHEESE & CRACKERS
- VEGGIE TRAY
- BEVERAGES
- DESSERTS

CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE
COST: "GOOD-WILL" DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE
AREA HELPING-HANDS FOOD PANTRY

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<p>1</p>  <p>4:30 pm-Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Dorcas mtg</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Happy Groundhog Day!</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30pm-Care Center mtg 5:30-7pm Confirmation 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	5	6	
<p>7</p>  <p>Holy Communion</p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45 am-Sun. School 10am-Worship 11am-noon: "Souper" Bowl</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>4:30 pm-Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Council mtg</p>	9	<p>10</p>  <p>6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:15pm-Chancel Choir practice</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit</p>  <p>6 pm- Board of Christian Ed mtg</p>	12	13	
<p>14</p>  <p>Valentine's Day</p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45am-Sun. School 10am-Worship 5pm-KLIC, FROG, TACO</p> 	<p>15</p>  <p>4:30 pm-Handbells Rehearsal</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	19	20	
<p>21</p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45am-Sunday School 10am-Worship</p> 	<p>22</p>  <p>4:30 pm-Handbells Rehearsal</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	26	27	
<p>28</p>  <p>MoM Noisy Offering 8am-Worship 8:45am-Sunday School 10am-Worship</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>Happy Leap Day!</p> <p>4:30 pm-Handbells Rehearsal</p>	<p>SAINT PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OWENSVILLE, MISSOURI http://stpetersucc.yolasite.com stpeters@fidnet.com on Facebook: St. Peter's UCC Owensville</p>					

February Scripture Readings

February 7th: Last Sunday after Epiphany/Transfiguration

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 10th: Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 OR Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 14th: First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

February 21st: Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Luke 13:31-35 OR Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

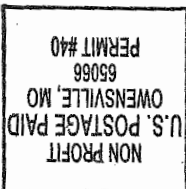
February 28th: Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9



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