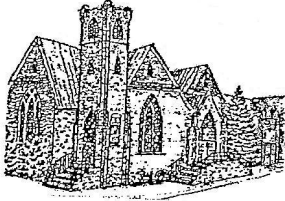


THE LETTERS OF SAINT PETER



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Summer Worship Services at a glance:

- Sunday, 9/04, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 9/11, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 9/18, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 9/25, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

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From Pastor Stephanie

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel..." Philippians 1:3-5, NIV

This morning (Monday, August 22) Eddy and Luis boarded the school bus in Owensville for the first time. They were quite excited to begin a new school year. Eddy is a Freshman at Owensville High School. He began practicing with the football team last week and wore a Dutchman shirt to school. Luis is a fifth grader at Owensville Elementary School. He is looking forward to making lots of new friends.

I would like to thank all of those who helped us to move so quickly after receiving the call to be your Pastor on Sunday, August 7. It was so kind of you to understand that the boys needed to start school with everyone else and to make this move happen. The parsonage is beautiful and inviting. Thank you to Rodney and crew for making our home such a nice place to live. Thank you to those who gave gifts of food, flowers, gift certificates, laundry supplies and more. You have made us feel truly welcome to St. Peter's UCC and Owensville.

I look forward to my first Sunday leading worship at St. Peter's on September 11th. I also recognize that this is a significant day in our national consciousness being the 15th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Those of us who are old enough to remember the attacks will never forget where we were or the feeling of shock as the Twin Towers fell. (My boys were not even born at the time.) So our first service together will be one of joy, but there will also be a time for prayerful remembrance. As I prepare to be your pastor, I am praying with joy, because of our partnership in the gospel.

Blessings,
Pastor Stephanie DeLong

REMINDER:

On September 4, we go back to two Sunday services. 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

From Pastor Char

Thank you! Thank you! As I leave St. Peter's as your interim pastor, I want to say thank you for the many ways in which you have been gracious to me. You have been affirming of my ministry, willing to try new things, and caring of me as a person.

However, it is time to say good-bye. Because I care for you and have great faith and hopes for your future with your new pastor, let me share with you some ethical boundaries that I will follow. These boundaries are established so that Rev. DeLong will have the wonderful opportunity to develop her relationship with you as your pastor – and the boundaries will assist me as I let go of my role as your interim pastor. This is important as you follow God's guidance into the future.

You will not see me for a while. Don't expect me to show up for worship, Turkey Supper, other church events.

I will cease communications – via phone, email, and facebook

This “disappearing” does not mean that I do not like you. It is meant to both honor your ministry with your new pastor, as well as assist me in listening to God's call in a new way. Even though there may be the desire to ‘be friends,” time is needed to let go of my role as interim pastor.

Just to let you know, my immediate plans are to completely retire; to visit family and friends on the east coast; and then see where God may lead. For now, Larry and I plan to remain in Missouri, but one never knows what may evolve.

Thank you for all of your well-wishes, cards, etc. You have been a blessing to me!

Blessings,

Pastor Char

It is Apple Butter Making Time

Saturday, September 17 is the date chosen for our annual apple butter activity.

Mark this date on your calendar and plan to come for a fun morning of stirring, tasting and preparing the delicious 2016 version of St. Peter's Applebutter.



We are in need of pint jars (and their rings). A box will be placed at the entrance to the basement to collect your donations. We will be using approximately 40 pounds of C & H Sugar and that is always helpful when this is donated. Sheets for pre-orders of applebutter will be available in the back of the sanctuary. A schedule for workers will also be available. Please give serious consideration to signing both of these forms.

Summary of August 8th Council Meeting

Everyone present except for Pastor Char and Ken Ellis
 Meeting called to order, financial reports and minutes all reviewed and accepted.

New Business:

Help needed moving Pastor Stephanie in. Rodney Bossaller and Carol Nowack coordinating.

Apple Butter: Louise Baker working to determine date.

Congregational Budget meeting to be held November 13.

Turkey Dinner will be help November 19th. The time and talent sheets stating who signed up to work it, as well as committee lists will be shared with everyone in this newsletter.

Pastor Char's farewell reception will be held after the last combined service which is August 28th. Council will provide snack type foods and beverages. Details will be shared with the congregation via email, announcements in church and the bulletin.

No Old business

Committee reports:

House and Grounds: Betty continues to work with Kenny Jett on ways to resolve problems with leaking

Pastors report was reviewed: Judy Willoughby will work on a Parsonage Agreement.

Stewardship Committee will meet August 21.

There was also discussion regarding fire inspections since preschool not functioning, exit interview between Pastor Char and council, and health insurance issues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 after Lord's Prayer.

Judy Balluff, Council secretary

Financial Spotlight for July, 2016

Total General Fund income for July \$11,064.08
 (including Sunday offerings of \$9,597.90, OCWM \$450, Helping Hands \$25,
 Mission of the Month: INESIN Chiapas Mexico mission \$174.37,
 Raffle Tickets \$787)

Total General Fund expenses for July \$6,683.90



Festival of Sharing "Share the Light"



The Christian Education Committee is collecting "Student Dental Packs" for this year's "Festival of Sharing." We are inviting all to help. Collection will continue through September 11. Please bring any donations and place in the back of church in the designated basket.

Missouri Student Dental Pack:

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| 4 child size soft toothbrushes | 1 dental floss (any size) |
| 2 adult soft toothbrushes | 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more) |

September is Stewardship Month

“Go and do the same!” is the theme for this year’s stewardship emphasis. Jesus made this statement at the end of the parable about the Good Samaritan, urging his disciples to respond with care and concern even to those not identified as neighbors. St. Peter’s does seek to reach out and care for others in many ways. However, it only happens because you give of your time, talent, and financial resources.

As we begin a new journey with a new pastor, we are excited about some new possibilities for mission and ministry! Won’t you join us? Letters are being sent to members and friends inviting you to provide the church with an estimate of 2017 giving to the church. This will assist us as we create a 2017 budget that will be presented to the congregation in November. Also, there are Time and Talent Sheets that invite everyone to be involved in the mission of the church! If you did not receive a letter, contact the Church Office.

Also, plan to attend worship during September to hear church members talk about how St. Peter’s is living out the theme, during Stewardship Moments. Jesus calls us, not just to hear the stories of discipleship, but to actually “go and do” as he has instructed.



Welcome New Member

Welcome to Linda Huerner who joined St. Peter’s on August 28, transferring her church membership from Boeff Presbyterian Church in Gerald. Linda grew up in Owensville and was confirmed at St. Peter’s. She and her husband, Frank, have 2 children and 4 grand-daughters. Linda owned a florist in Owensville, “Flowers by Linda” for 24 and ½ years. Being retired, she and Frank spend winters in Ft. Meyers, FL. Welcome Linda!

Prayers to...

We were saddened by the passing of Betty Faulkner on August 10th . She was a long time member of St. Peter’s. She was also a member of the Dorcas Circle.

We keep in prayer her family: husband, Richard of the home; children, Jackie Underwood and husband, Skip of Nashville, Ill. and Richard Faulkner and wife, Tammy of Bland; and by 13 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and four great, great-grandchildren.

Mission of the Month



The September Mission of the Month is UCC-related Emmaus Homes. 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>

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

The St. Peter's Mission Committee

MMSUCC Conference Annual Gathering

Marcie and I attended the CAG as delegates from St. Peter's on June 9-11, 2016. The conference theme was "Gathering at Our Table...For Such a Time as This 3.0". Thursday's workshop was led by Carol Howard Merritt from the Center for Progressive Renewal and the Vitality Team. This session focused on different and innovative ways that congregations around the country are changing the formats of their worship services. This was a very interesting workshop that introduced several 'out of the box' ways that churches are using to reach people from many different walks of life.

Friday's schedule began with the keynote address given by Traci Blackmon. Luke 5: 27-32, the call of Levi (Matthew) was the focus of her address. She emphasized that everyone is invited to the table of Christ. It was a very thought provoking and inspirational start to the day.

The business meeting went smoothly. There was a resolution proposed to be sent to General Synod defining the need for the study of cultural diversity for our clergy. The workshops we attended were "Global Ministries" and "Communications tools". The first was led by a young man who had just returned from an 18 month mission; the second was basically how to lay out newsletters and flyers and such for your church, or graphic design 101. Our third workshop was to practice with the choir for the evening and closing services. Friday evening was the very moving and inspiring installation service for Rev. Dr. Brown Daniel.

Saturday was the second and final business session at which the 2017 budget was passed as was the resolution proposed on Friday. Thank you for the opportunity for us to attend as St. Peter's delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Riekhof and Marcie Wallace

Thanks Go To...

...**Bonnie Hengstenberg, Judy Balluff, and Ruth Depperman** for assembling the August newsletters.

...**Ricky Hacker and her husband Gary** for selling Raffle tickets at the Gasconade County Fair. They sold \$387 worth of tickets! Thank you also to **Peggy Emde** for getting them a parking pass, **Betty Estes** for getting the space in which to set up the tent, **Delores Green, Louise Baker, Mildred Bock, Velma Creek and Erma Lay** who helped in the booth.

...**Rodney Bossaller and Mike Balluff** for leading a wonderful worship service on July 31st. It was full of great hymns, Bible readings, and an inspirational message!

...**Bob Depperman** for patiently replacing the office doorknob.

... **Bob Depperman, Cindy and Don Farris, Betty Estes, Mike Balluff** and **Rodney Bossaller** for helping to move in and install appliances in the parsonage...even going on late into a hot August night.

... **Rodney and Marcia Bossaller** for providing delicious food and catering the meet and greet dinner which the Council and Search committee had with Pastor Stephanie on August 3rd.

...**the Men's Choir and Marcie Wallace** for their wonderful special music selections during August worship.

.....**the Hospitality team** for providing the funeral luncheon for the Betty Faulkner family and friends.

...**Ruth Depperman** for diligently keeping the "median" flower bed looking beautiful!

...**Rodney Bossaller** for all his work on the annex and parsonage. No one knows how many hours he puts in doing this ... but they are many!

...**the St Peter's Search Committee** for many meetings, much research, and hours spent finding the best candidate for us! Thank these people when you see them: Chair - **Laura Hengstenberg, Bob Niebruegge, Angie Binkhoelter, Carol Nowack, Mike Balluff, Marcie Wallace, and Ron Vitoux.**

... **Rodney Bossaller, Steve Bade, Bob Niebruegge, Terry Nowack & Carol Nowack** for the full day they put in to get Pastor Stephanie and her family moved from her home in St. Louis to the parsonage. Thanks also go to: **Larry Picraux, Steve Walker, Megan Walker, Angie Binkhoelter, Owen Binkhoelter, Anya Binkhoelter, Marcia Bossaller, Charlea Bossaller, Delores Green, Ruvia Nowack, and Fritzlan Nowack.** All the great help was definitely appreciated!

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.

RAFFLE NEWS

So far, the total collected for Raffle tickets is: \$922.

Please continue to try to sell raffle tickets! Our prizes are fantastic and we hope to raise much more than what we have so far. Sell to family, friends, at your workplace, and at group events you attend.

We also still need people to sign up to help sell tickets in September and October in front of Wal-Mart. And in September in front of Lonigro's in Gerald.

A team effort is how we will make this a success!

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.



If you have not had a chance to select a teapot ornament for an item to donate, there are still some hanging on the Christmas tree in the back of church.

REMEMBER to mark your calendars for the Advent Tea on December 3! Seatings at 11 am and 2 pm.

CROP WALK

October 2nd will be the annual CROP Walk. Details from our walk chairperson, Bob Depperman, will be in future bulletins.

Time to Ring Those Golden Bells



Bell rehearsal will begin Wednesday, September 7 at 4:15 (Note new day and time). New members are always welcomed. Some musical knowledge is helpful but not necessary. Presentations will be the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning in October. Please give some serious consideration to sharing your time and talents with us, it really is a joy ringing those golden bells!

2017 Offering Envelopes

We are in the process of ordering offering envelopes for 2017. If you did not have 2016 envelopes but would like them for 2017, please contact the church office.

Pantry Suggestions

Sunday, September 11th, we have our monthly collection of Helping Hands Outreach Food Pantry items. 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!



ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

The annual St. Peter's Turkey Supper will be held on Saturday, November 19th, along with the County Store and Raffle drawing. That time will be here before we know it!

As a reminder, the following folks signed up to work at this event. If you are not on the list, you are more than welcome to pitch in somewhere. Remember, this is a wonderful opportunity for the community to see how well St. Peter's works together. Thank you for your help!

COOKS: Mildred Bock, Velma Creek, Janet Diestelkamp, Erma Lay, Bob Niebruegge, Janet Niebruegge, Darlene Picraux, and Diann Wacker

WAIT TABLES: Judy Balluff, Mildred Bock, Dave Mayberry, Vickie Mayberry, Laurie Riekhof, Barb Sicht, JoEllen Steineker, and Imy Vitoux

CLEAN UP: Mildred Bock, Bob Depperman, Ruth Depperman, Janet Diestelkamp, Darlene Picraux, Barb Sicht, and Imy Vitoux

COUNTRY STORE: Libby Brueseke, Darlene Picraux, and Diann Wacker

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

September 1	Gladys Garver
September 1	Shirley Ruedlin
September 8	Bob Depperman
September 8	Ricky Hacker
September 9	Louise Baker
September 9	Marla Bray
September 10	Bud Taylor
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

Happy Anniversary

September 7	Ronald & Sondra Bueker
September 14	Jason & Lisa Kitchell
September 18	Ron & Kaye West



















September 21	Gary & Ricky Hacker
September 29	Kimmy & Nancy Landwehr

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!



September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>				<p>1 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 8am-Worship 10am-Worship</p>  <p>Holy Communion</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>4:15pm-Handbells Rehearsal 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>8 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit</p>  <p>6 pm- Christian Ed. Committee mtg</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 8am-Worship 8:45am-Sun. School 10am-Worship 5pm-KLIC, FROG, TACO</p>  <p>Food Collection</p>	<p>12 7 pm Council mtg</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>4:15pm-Handbells Rehearsal 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>15 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8am-Worship 8:45am-Sun. School 10am-Worship</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>4:15pm-Handbells Rehearsal 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>22 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Eastern Association Fall meeting</p>
<p>25 ~Rally Day ~Stewardship Sunday</p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45am-Sun. School 10am-Worship</p> <p>MoM Noisy Offering</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>4:15pm-Handbells Rehearsal 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>29 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	<p>30</p>	

September Scripture Readings

September 4th; Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 18)

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 OR

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

September 11th; Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 19)

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14 OR Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September 18th; Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 20)

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalm 79:1-9 OR Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

September 25th; Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 21)

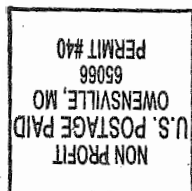
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 OR Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31



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