

THE LETTERS OF SAINT PETER



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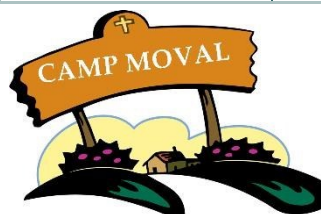
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Worship Services at a glance:

- Sunday, 04/02, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, 04/05, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, 04/09, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Thursday, 04/13, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, 04/16, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 04/23, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 04/30, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

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MoVal camp brochures are available in the Narthex.

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



APRIL 2017

From Pastor Stephanie

We are now entering into the most important part of the Christian year, Holy Week.

Sunday, April 9th we will celebrate Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey and was greeted with waving palms. We will also, in the Evangelical and Reformed Tradition, celebrate the Confirmation of Eddy DeLong (my son) at the 10am service.

Thursday, April 13th we will have our Maundy Thursday service when we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion along with prayers and remembrances. As part of our service we will have readings and extinguishing of lights which is known as a Tenebrae.

Friday, April 14th there will be a community Good Friday service at noon which will be held at First Baptist Church.

Saturday, April 15th is Holy Saturday. I would like to invite all of us to take time on Holy Saturday for prayer and meditation. A sheet with meditations will be available for those who would like one.

Sunday, April 16th we will celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection at both the 8am and 10am services. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion and sing our praises for the resurrection of our Savior.

During this very important time in the church year, I would encourage you to take time to pray and meditate on what God has done for us and the world through Jesus. Reading through the story of Jesus' last days in Matthew 26-28 is a good way to reflect on Jesus' betrayal, death and resurrection. Our faith is not just an individualistic faith, we are meant to gather with others to pray, worship and study. So, come to worship services and walk the faith journey together with those of us at St. Peter's UCC.

May God Bless You,
Pastor Stephanie

From the Council President

Happy Spring everyone! Such exciting things are happening at St Peter's around the moving and remodeling of the offices and conference room and nursery! Just wanted to give a shout out to all who have worked so hard to get this done....still more to do but we are well on our way. And thanks to Tom Hengstenberg who had the original ingenious idea to do this!

Highlights of our March meeting:

Discussion of future combined services: Council voted to have one service during the summer as was done last year. There will be one service starting Sunday, July 2nd through Sunday Sept 3rd at 9AM. No SS will be held on those dates. We also discussed a member suggestion to hold combined services on the 5th Sunday through out the year. This will be brought to committees for feedback. Let a council member know if you have an opinion on this. All combined services would be held at 9AM and SS would not be held that Sunday.

Converting the parsonage to natural gas was discussed. This will be followed up in next House and Grounds meeting.

A lengthy discussion was held pertaining to the church's investments which have been yielding no returns in recent years. We had a presentation some time ago about United Church Funds which are affiliated with the UCC and used by Bem and many other UCC churches and conferences. Peggy made a motion and Ken seconded that we begin investing in United Church Funds. We will start with a \$10,000 investment in the Moderate Balanced Fund. Pastor Stephanie will contact their representative and seek out the necessary paperwork to get things started. We will also be developing an Endowment Policy for memorials/monetary contributions. We will be gradually increasing our investments through out the next year while assessing how they do.

Pastor Stephanie reported on all her various meetings and events. We are so thankful to have a pastor who is so involved in our community. Eddy DeLong will be confirmed on Palm Sunday at the 10 o'clock service.

If you have opinions, dreams or wishes about our church, please contact any council member. We are here to represent you!

Judy Balluff, 2017 Council President

Financial Spotlight for February, 2017

Total General Fund income for February: \$8,700.09 (including offerings of \$7,162, OCWM \$255, Helping Hands \$160, Mission of the Month: Agape Clinic \$222.89, apple butter \$56)

Total General Fund expenses for February \$14,267.60



Lenten Services

Lent is an important time in the church year when we reflect more deeply on our faith and prepare for the remembrance of Jesus' death and the celebration of his resurrection.

This year we will be looking at favorite hymns during our mid-week Lenten services. These hymns are so often requested at funerals, and listed among people's favorite hymns. Why do these songs of faith mean so much to so many people? Come to the mid-week Lenten services on Wednesdays, and we will explore this question together.

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!

April 5 - *Were You There?*

April 9 (Sunday) - 8 a.m. Palm Sunday celebration
10 a.m. Confirmation

April 13 – Maundy Thursday with Tenebrae Service and Holy Communion

April 14 – Good Friday – (Noon) Rosebud/Owensville

Community Service at First Baptist Church in Owensville

April 16 (Sunday) – Easter with Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
and 10 a.m. services



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

PANTRY SUGGESTIONS



Sunday, April 9th, we have our monthly collection of Helping Hands Outreach Food Pantry items. Suggested items this month are personal care items such as shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, toilet paper, 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 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!

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

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!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

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| April 2 | Rev. Char Burch |
| April 3 | David Skornia |
| April 5 | Angie Binkhoelter |
| April 5 | Nora Clancy |
| April 15 | Kimmy Landwehr |
| April 16 | Roxanne Bade |

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| April 19 | Kenny Davis |
| April 20 | Velma Creek |
| April 20 | Ty Harris |
| April 21 | Russell Loeb |
| April 21 | Don Farris |
| April 28 | Kelley Steiner |



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

Thanks Go To...

...*Bonnie Hengstenberg, Judy Balluff, JoEllen Steineker, and Diann Wacker* for assembling the March newsletters.

...*the Liaison Committee and all the people* that helped with the construction and moving of offices. Many hands, some not known, helped the process move smoothly. Almost there!

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.

Meditations for Holy Saturday, Sabbath Time, between Good Friday and Easter Morning April 15, 2017

The cross we bear precedes the crown we wear. To be a Christian one must take up the cross, with all its difficulties and agonizing and tension-packed content and carry it until that very cross leaves its marks upon us and redeems us to that more excellent way which comes only through suffering.

--*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

In the pain, misfortune, oppression and death of the people,
God is silent.

God is silent on the cross,
in the crucified.

And this silence is God’s word,
God’s cry. In solidarity,
God speaks the language of love.

--*Jon Sobrino, El Salvador*

O Christ, thou didst sleep
a life-giving sleep in the grave,
and didst awaken humankind
from the heavy sleep of sin.

--*Byzantine Liturgy*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought,

but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

--*Romans 8:26-27*



Thank you from...



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"Never place a period where God has placed a comma."
God is still speaking.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance, I want to extend a word of thanks for your very generous contributions of \$232.98 in 2016, and \$225.50 in 2017 towards our ministry with this community. Your gifts come at times when the need is greater than ever, and at times when our funds are stretched thin.

Your gifts helped finance our Back to School fair on August 6, enabling us to spend \$8200 to provide school supplies and back to school clothing for 410 children in the Gasconade County R-2 School district. Your gifts financed the refreshments for the Owensville High School Baccalaureate last spring. Your gifts helped provide lice kits for the nurses in the Gasconade County R-2 schools to distribute to families in need of that attention. Your gifts helped us purchase food for the Gasconade County R-2 Backpack Program, through Helping Hands Outreach Center. Your gifts also helped us provide prescription, utility and fuel assistance to 168 individuals in 292 different encounters throughout 2016.

Again, thank you for your help! Please continue to keep the work of the Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance in your prayers as we work in ministry together into the future!

Yours in Christ's Service,

Richard Oberle
Rev. Richard Oberle, Pastor
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Thank you for your support!

This letter may be used as a tax receipt for your 2016 contributions. No goods or services were received in consideration of this gift.

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March 19, 2010
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Dear Pastor DeLong:

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 59 food items (\$5.6 #s) on Feb. 14, 2017, & \$160.00 (One Hundred Sixty Dollars) on Feb. 28, 2017, are greatly appreciated & will help us to continue to serve our patrons, the truly needy of our area.

The needs continue. In Jan, we served 277 households (830 individuals) at the pantry. We served 123 households at the Jan. 27 Mobile Market held at New Hope UMC. We served 120 households at the Feb. 27 Market. The next Market is March 24. Currently, we are serving 124 (105, oms, & 0 Ms) students weekly in the Backpack Program.






















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

Sincerely,

Andrew Michel
President

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



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| <p>2  Holy Communion 8am-Worship 8:45 am-Sun. School 10am-Worship</p> | <p>3 7pm-Dorcas mtg</p> | <p>4 2:30-4:30 pm- Upper Room Store to benefit </p> | <p>5  4:15pm-Handbells Rehearsal 6:30pm-Lenten service 7:15pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> | <p>6 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit </p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> |
| <p>9  PALM SUNDAY 8am-Worship 8:45 am-Sun. School 10am-Worship/ Confirmation 5pm-KLIC, FROG, TACO  Food Collection</p> | <p>10 7pm-Council mtg</p> | <p>11 2:30-4:30 pm- Upper Room Store to benefit </p> | <p>12  4:15pm-Handbells Rehearsal 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice </p> | <p>13 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit Helping Hands 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service </p> | <p>14 Noon— Community wide Good Friday service at First Baptist in Owensville</p> | <p>15  Holy Saturday</p> |
| <p>16  Easter 8am-Worship 8:45 am-Sun. School 10am-Worship Newsletter DEADLINE</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18 2:30-4:30 pm- Upper Room Store to benefit </p> | <p>19  4:15pm-Handbells Rehearsal 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice </p> | <p>20 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit Helping Hands 5:30 pm—Pastoral Relations Comm mtg</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22  Earth Day</p> |
| <p>23 8am-Worship 8:45 am-Sun. School 10am-Worship</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25 2:30-4:30 pm- Upper Room Store to benefit </p> | <p>26  4:15pm-Handbells Rehearsal 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice </p> | <p>27 9:30-11:30am- Upper Room Store to benefit </p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> |
| <p>30 MoM Noisy Offering  8am-Worship 8:45 am-Sun. School 10am-Worship</p> | | | | | | |

April Scripture Readings

April 2nd; Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

April 9th; Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm/Passion Sunday)

Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

April 13th; Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 14th; Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

April 15th; Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8
Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

April 16th; Easter

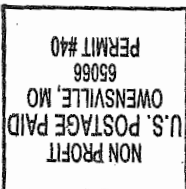
Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

April 23rd; Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 30th; Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35



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