

THE LETTERS OF SAINT PETER



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**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



FEBRUARY 2017

Worship Services at a glance:

- Sunday, 02/05 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 02/12, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 02/19, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 02/26, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

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From Pastor Stephanie

I have been looking at Orders of Installation for both our newly elected Church Council and Committee members and for the Pastor. The Lay Leaders of St. Peter's UCC will have been installed on Sunday, January 29th at both services. I will be installed as your pastor on Sunday, February 26th at 3pm in the afternoon. The Book of Worship: United Church of Christ has orders of installation for both groups.

Both sets of installations have Covenants between the persons being installed and the members of the local church. The Covenant Installation for the Pastor also includes the members of the Eastern Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ. Serving as a Lay Leader or Pastor of church is a done in partnership with the members of St. Peter's UCC, members of the Eastern Association and God. None of us is doing this alone. We are all working together.

My prayer is that we all work together in love and faithfulness as we move forward in this journey of faith. I also want us to remember that we are part of the global church as well as our local church. To that end, I have invited some of my former Eden international students to preach at the Installation Service on Sunday, February 26th. These students are from Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Myanmar. Please attend this worship to affirm our ministry together.

Blessings,

Pastor Stephanie

Summary of January 9th Council Meeting

A new opportunity for investing was presented by Matt Wagner from United Church Funds. This is a non profit company where many UCC congregations and conferences invest funds. They work exclusively with faith based organizations and provide a range of socially responsible investment options. Council will share this info with other committees with assets and with the oncoming council members and continue to consider this option.

Bids for the church office renovations and moving, and plans for new furniture to be purchased were discussed by council and, since both contractors making bids are reputable and recommended equally, a motion was made and passed unanimously to accept which ever bid ends up being less expensive after changes are added which have been requested by Dorcas.

A bid for new guttering was also discussed as a step to decrease the flooding in the basement kitchen. This will be presented to House and Grounds at a meeting on Sunday the 15th. **Both of these totals will be presented to the congregation at a special meeting held on Sunday, February 5th after the 10 clock service.**

Pastor Stephanie has made plans for her **Installation Service to be held on Sunday, February 26th at 3PM** followed by a punch and cookie reception. The hospitality committee will be asked to plan to reception.

Submitted on behalf of Council by Judy Balluff, Secretary

Financial Spotlight for December, 2016

Total General Fund income for December: \$16,209.48 (including offerings of \$10,307.73, OCWM \$315, Helping Hands \$150, Mission of the Month: The Christmas Fund \$519.79, apple butter \$49, Cookie Sale \$1,741.40, Show Me Dough profits \$965.20)

Total General Fund expenses for December \$16,580.04



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!

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: Judy Balluff (2nd year)

Vice President: Ken Ellis (2nd year)

Secretary – Jo Ellen Steineker (1st year)

Treasurer – Darlene Picraux (2nd year)

Financial Secretary – Nancy Caldwell (1st year)

Matt Clancy (1st year)

Peggy Emde (1st year)

Congratulations also to the following elected leaders: Eastern Association delegates – Libby Brueseke, Bud Taylor and Ricky Hacker, and Missouri-Mid-South Conference delegates - Laurie Riekhof and Marcie Wallace.

We also thank Cemetery Sexton Jim Diestelkamp who agreed to serve another 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: Betty Estes, Rodney Bossaller, Beth Walker (who have served 3 years) and Judy Willoughby (who has served 2 years)

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

MISSION OF THE MONTH 2017 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

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

PANTRY SUGGESTIONS



Sunday, February 12th, we have our monthly collection of Helping Hands Outreach Food Pantry items. Suggested items this month are shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, toilet paper, laundry detergent, 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!

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.

Thanks Go To...

...Bonnie Hengstenberg, Judy Balluff, Louise Baker, Diann Wacker, and Peggy Emde for assembling the January newsletters.

.... Mike Balluff, Janet Diestelkamp, Bonnie Hengstenberg, Don and Cindy Farris, Nancy Landwehr, Carol, Ruvia, and Fritzlan Nowack, Barb Sicht, JoEllen Steineker, and Bob Depperman for un-decorating the church on Saturday, January 7th in record time. Your hard work is so appreciated!

... Maciejewski Plumbing & Heating for keeping our furnace in working order.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

The following people have signed up to be Greeters in February:

- Bonnie Hengstenberg
- Ricky Hacker or JoEllen Steineker
- Libby Brueseke
- Judy Balluff

Please see the sign-up sheet to join them in welcoming those who come to worship.



KLIC, FROG, AND TACO BOWLING

KLIC, FROG, and TACO will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 12th to go bowling.



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| February 1 | Shelby Uffmann |
| February 2 | Imy Vitoux |
| February 7 | Dian Kemper |
| February 10 | Hannah Fletcher |
| February 11 | Stephanie DeLong |
| February 13 | Jordan Vincent |
| February 16 | Kaye West |
| February 17 | Laura Hengstenberg |
| February 22 | Eddy DeLong |
| February 26 | Imogene Bade |

The Mood of Christmas by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among people,
 To make music in the heart."

Thank you from...

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

Dec. 26, 2016
St. Peter's UCC
Attn: Pastor Stephanie DeLong
P.O. Box 151
Owensville, Mo 65066

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 donation of \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) on Dec. 2, 2016, & donation of 40 food items (17.6 lbs) on Dec. 13, 2016, are both much appreciated & will help us continue to serve the truly needy of our area. Also Della Bergman donated \$25.00 (Twenty five Dollars) on behalf of St. Peter's on Dec. 22, 2016.

The needs continue. In Oct. we served 293 households (850 individuals) at the pantry. In Nov. we served 316 households (992 individuals). In the six days we were open in Dec. we served 200 households (618 individuals). Currently we are serving 132 (0ESJ, ongoers) student weekly in the Backpack Program. We serve nearly 200 families with food & gifts Dec. 16-17 at New Hope UMC.

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

Sincerely,
Andrew M. Nield
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 5

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>4:15pm-Handbells Rehearsal 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>2 </p> <p>9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	3	4
<p>5 </p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45 am-Sunday School 10am-Worship 11am-Special Congregational meeting 11am-Souper Bowl</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 pm Dorcas mtg</p>	7	<p>8 </p> <p>4:15pm-Handbells Rehearsal 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit</p>  <p>6 pm- Christian Ed. Committee mtg</p>	10	11
<p>12 </p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45 am-Sun. School 10am-Worship. 5 pm-KLIC, FROG, TACO Bowling</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 pm Council mtg</p>	<p>14 </p>	<p>15 </p> <p>4:15pm-Handbells Rehearsal 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	17	18
<p>19 </p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45am-Sunday School 10am-Worship</p>	<p>20 </p>	21	<p>22 </p> <p>4:15pm-Handbells Rehearsal 6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	24	25
<p>26 </p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45am-Sunday School 10am-Worship 3pm-Installation of Pastor Stephanie DeLong</p>	27	28	<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 5th; Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)

Psalm 112:1-9 (10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

February 12th; Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

February 19th; Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalm 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

February 26th; Last Sunday after Epiphany/

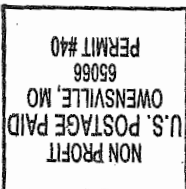
Transfiguration

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



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