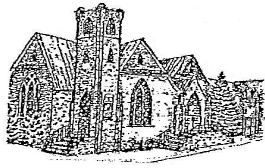


# THE LETTERS OF SAINT PETER



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## Worship Services at a glance:

- Sunday, 01/01, 10 a.m. ONLY
- Sunday, 01/08, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 01/15, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 01/22, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- Sunday, 01/29, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



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## From Pastor Stephanie

Well winter is definitely here. Yesterday morning was a cool 1 degree. Today feels positively spring like a with a temperature of 37 degrees and sunshine. A couple of months ago, 35 degrees would have felt bone chilling. I believe that my body has shifted to winter mode.

In the church, we are also shifting to the after-Christmas season. The sanctuary will seem so bare once the decorations of Christmas are gone. The paraments on the altar will change to the calm of green. The Sundays following Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus are part of a quiet restful season in the church year. During this season of Epiphany, we reflect on the hope, joy, peace and love that is the Christ Child who came to light our world.

Even though this is a time to rest from the busyness that is Advent and Christmas, the church is still active. Reading through the newsletter is a good way to learn about what is happening at St. Peter's. A couple events that intrigue me are the youth serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House in Columbia on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and the meeting on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 when we will be learning about Owensville's plans for the Solar Eclipse which will take place on August 21, 2017. This new year see what new things God is calling you to do.

Blessings,

Pastor Stephanie

## Summary of December 12th Council Meeting

All present except for Ken (away for business) and Beth (ill). Financial reports and minutes approved.

Pastor and Diane continue to work on their "wish lists" and plans for their new offices which will be located where the present quilt room is. Will get second bid when this is done. House and Grounds need to discuss plans for new electric box to provide enough electricity for the office machinery etc. Will have meeting in January.

Congregational Meeting for January 22, 2017. Nominating committee (Janet Diestelkamp and Nancy Landwehr) need 4 candidates for new council.

Basement Leak: Drilling done to look for source of leak. None found. Recommended new commercial size guttering and larger downspout/drain to street. House and Grounds will pursue.

Parsonage Fence: Rodney has looked at Bud Taylor's fence (which he has offered to donate) and found it would be perfect. Will follow up on bids to uninstall, move and install. Thanks to Bud!

### Pastor's Report:

SS working on Christmas Program. Getting more youth and SS seems to be holding steady or growing in attendance

Church email newsletter getting good feedback

Matt Wagner coming to January council meeting to discuss our investments

Conference gathering June 8-10 in Columbia.

Conference youth gathering in Feb over President's Day holiday

New Conference info received and will be put on bulletin board in Narthex

Pastor Stephanie asked if our church could join the Chamber of Commerce. Costs \$75. She would like to go to meetings to be more involved in community. Approved by council.

Adjourned at 8:15 after Lord's Prayer.

Judy Balluff, Council Sec'y

### Financial Spotlight for November, 2016

Total General Fund income for November: \$14,770.84 (including Sunday offerings of \$9753.05, OCWM \$295, Helping Hands \$100, Mission of the Month: Operation Christmas \$437.36, Raffle Tickets \$829, apple butter \$115, Turkey Supper \$2,000, Country Store \$531.72)

Total General Fund expenses for November \$8,259.33



## **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Our Mission of the Month for January is the Owensville-Rosebud Ministerial Alliance.

The Owensville-Rosebud Ministerial Alliance is our local ecumenical group in which the ministers from all churches in the Owensville-Rosebud area are welcome to participate. The group meets on the third Wednesday each month at First Baptist Church.

The Ministerial Alliance offers vouchers to those in need to assist with gasoline, prescriptions, emergency food, one-night hotel stays, and traveler's aid. The group also administers the community Salvation Army funds (once a week at Helping Hands Outreach Center) that assist with utilities, rent, and recovering from fire damage.

Additionally, the Ministerial Alliance has representatives to Helping Hands Outreach Center and the CARE (Community Awareness and Resource Exchange) Team of Gasconade County.

Members of the Ministerial Alliance assist with the monthly "Food Mart" (distribution of food from the Saint Louis food bank) and distribution of Bibles at Operation Christmas.

Members of the group help with the organization of our annual CROP event.

The group also organizes the annual community Thanksgiving and Good Friday worship services, as well as annual community Christmas caroling.

The Ministerial Alliance helps facilitate baccalaureate services for each year's graduating class of Owensville High School and has taken on offering the community's Back-to-School Fair for families in need of school supplies.

As always, we are so thankful for your generous support every month for these missions!

~ The St. Peter's UCC Mission Committee

## **PANTRY SUGGESTIONS**

Sunday, January 8th, we have our monthly collection of Helping Hands Outreach Food Pantry items. Non-perishable items such as soup, canned fruit, breakfast items, etc. are good suggestions.

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!



## SOUPER BOWL

The Sunday School invites you and yours to attend the annual SOUPER BOWL Sunday soup lunch, Feb. 5, 2017. We will be offering several kinds of soups as well as desserts. Be checking the bulletin for more details! This is a free will offering soup lunch.

The Souper Bowl of Caring uses the energy of the Super Bowl to mobilize youth in a united national effort to care for people in their local communities who are hungry and those in need.

**REMINDER:** Committee Chairpersons need to have their annual reports to the church office by January 8th.

Join us for the Annual Congregational Meeting, January 22 at 11 am, when we will celebrate the ministry of St. Peter's United Church of Christ!

## KLIC, FROG, TACO

**On Sunday, January 8, our youth will leave at 1:30pm** to travel to Columbia, MO to prepare dinner for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Columbia. We will need up to ten people to prepare this meal. For more information, please contact Pastor Stephanie, [pastorstpetersucc-owensville@outlook.com](mailto:pastorstpetersucc-owensville@outlook.com).



RONALD MCDONALD  
HOUSE CHARITIES'  
MID-MISSOURI

Attention Senior High Youth! The Missouri Mid-South **Conference Youth Event** will be held at Camp MoVal **February 18-20** (President's Day Weekend). This event is those in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact Pastor Stephanie for more information.

## TEE SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The St Peter's Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a Tee Shirt Designing Contest! We want to purchase some Tee shirts for our members to wear to events and around the community to advertise our church. We hope that everyone can think of creative eye catching designs we might put on these shirts. We especially hope for some ideas from some of our youth! What illustrates what our church is...what it means...what we want others to know about us?

Submit your ideas to the church office by January 31st. Or give to any member of the Evangelism Committee. This includes: Shelby Uffmann, Jo Ellen Steineker, Libby Brueske, Bonnie Hengstenberg and Judy Balluff.

Our committee will pick a winning design after January 31st. Get your creative juices flowing!!

## **CONSIDER BECOMING A COUNCIL MEMBER**

At the January congregational meeting, we are needing four members to join Judy Balluff, Ken Ellis, and Darlene Picraux to be on the St. Peter's Council. See Pastor Stephanie, any current member of council, or any member of the nominating committee who are: Janet Diestelkamp or Nancy Landwehr, if you are interested.

Following (on pages 7 and 8) are the membership qualifications and duties of council members. We currently meet the second Monday of the month at 7PM. We have certain Sunday duties which we all share as well, such as preparing and distributing communion, gathering the offering and securing the church after worship. The term of service is only 2 years. Please consider serving your church in this way.

## **Thanks Go To...**

**...*Judy Balluff, Ruth Depperman, Libby Brueseke, and Ricky Hacker*** for assembling the December newsletters.

**... *Darlene Picraux*** for consistently sending cards to homebound and hospitalized members and friends of St. Peters. She does this on her own initiative and at her own expense. It is much appreciated!

**..*Jean Baker, Sara Niebruegge,*** and all who helped and supported this year's Advent Tea.

**...*the Saint Peter's Music Department,*** for all their work preparing and performing this year's Cantata. It was wonderful! Also, thanks to those who helped with the refreshments afterward.

**...*those who led us in lighting the Advent Wreath:*** Carol, Fritzlan, and Ruvia Nowack, Eddy DeLong, Megan Binkhoelter, Coleton Connor, Judy and Mike Balluff, Kimber Mayberry, Zane and River West, and Jean Baker.

**... *the Dorcas Circle*** for remembering our shut-ins with Christmas cookies

**... *the St. Peter's members who rang the Salvation Army Bells:*** Pastor Stephanie, Mike and Judy Balluff, Bonnie Hengstenberg, Cindy Farris, JoEllen Steineker, Libby Brueseke Gail Gutierrez, Louise Baker, Fritzlan and Ruvia Nowack, Delores Green, Darlene Picraux, Ron and Imy Vitoux, and Brad and Jean Baker.

**... *the Sunday School children, teachers, and other participants*** for the beautiful Christmas Eve programs.

**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.**

**2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the back of church. If you did not receive envelopes and would like them, contact the church office.

### **A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER**

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.



Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

### **MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

If you would like to support humanitarian efforts to help the people of Syria, the Mission Committee would like to let anyone know that a way to give is through this website:  
<http://www.globalministries.org/syria>

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

January 4	Ken Ellis
January 7	Augie Hengstenberg
January 7	Sara Niebruegge
January 15	Cecelia Clancy
January 15	Wayne Kemper
January 16	Garth Engelbrecht
January 18	Jim Estes

January 19	Jim Diestelkamp
January 19	Wayne Bunnars
January 20	Rodney Bossaller
January 23	Sarah Conner
January 24	Mildred Bock
January 26	Reginald Scheel
January 29	Elwood Nicks

## **Happy Anniversary**

January 30 Bud and Janet Taylor

### **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](mailto:stpeters@fidnet.com). Thanks for keeping us up to date!

## Constitution and Bylaws explaining Council members

### Section 3. The Church Council.

#### a. Membership:

The Council shall be composed of seven (7) members of the Congregation. Normally, three (3) or four (4) Council members will be elected at each annual meeting of the Congregation to terms of two (2) years, and may not succeed themselves immediately upon the expiration of their term of office. The Pastor is an ex-officio member of the Council.

#### b. Qualifications:

To be elected, a person must have been a member of the Congregation for at least two (2) years, be at least eighteen (18) years of age, and be a person of good repute in both the Church and the community.

#### c. Nominations:

The Nominating Committee is composed of the three (3) or four (4) Council members whose terms expired the previous year; the committee shall choose its own chairperson. Should a vacancy exist on the Nominating Committee for any reason, the Council shall appoint a member (s) as necessary to complete the committee. The committee shall strive for a slate of at least two (2) people for each vacancy, and additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

#### d. Vacancy:

In the event of a vacancy on the Council, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a candidate(s) to complete the unexpired term of that Council member. A special Congregational meeting to elect the replacement(s) shall be called in accordance with Section 1 above. At that meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor.

#### e. Organization:

The Council shall meet within a week after the annual meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of organization.

Thereafter, at least once every month, the Council shall meet at a place and time convenient to the members for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it. Special meetings are subject to the call of the President or the Pastor.

## Constitution and Bylaws explaining Council members (continued)

The Council shall organize itself by electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. The Council, in consultation with the Pastor, shall appoint annually all Boards, Standing Committees, and, as necessary, other committees such as Evangelism, Stewardship, and Music. A council representative shall be appointed to serve on each committee.

Actions of all committees are subject to approval by the Council. The council representative shall provide a charter to the committee that outlines the duties and goals of each respective committee. Each committee shall include a report of its activities in the Annual Report.

### **f. Duties:**

The Council shall transact all routine business of the congregation, unless otherwise provided, such as the paying of the bills, providing for auditing of accounts, and making provision for the compensation of the Church staff.

The Council is authorized to spend up to two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) for other than routine bills without seeking further permission from the Congregation.

The Council members shall deem it their sacred duty to set a good example to the Congregation by regular church attendance, by frequent partaking of the Lord's Supper, and by showing in public and in private that exemplary manner of life which becomes a good Christian.












The Council may hire persons to perform special tasks and needs of the Church, such as custodian, bookkeeper, music director, organist, and secretary. Salaries for these persons shall be recommended by the Budget Committee with approval first by the Council and then by the Congregation.

The Council is responsible for basic contractual agreements with the Pastor (with approval by the Congregation as appropriate), as well as for approving absences of the Pastor from the pulpit such as vacations or attendance at conferences and seminars.

The Council members shall assist the Pastor in caring for the spiritual welfare of the Congregation. During a vacancy in the pastorate, the Council shall be responsible for supplying the pulpit and supervising the regular conduct of all services. Should a vacancy occur, the Council shall immediately notify the Conference and request names of candidates for the pastorate of this Congregation. The Council shall ensure that the proper training of confirmands is conducted throughout a pastoral vacancy.



# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2017</b></p>  <p>10am-Worship ONLY</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 pm Dorcas mtg</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit</p>  <p>6:30 pm- Total Eclipse meeting</p>	<p>6 <b>EPIPHANY</b></p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <b>Food Collection</b></p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45 am-Sunday School 10am-Worship 1:30 pm-KLIC, FROG, TACO</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 pm Council mtg</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit</p>  <p>6 pm- Christian Ed. Committee mtg</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 <b>Newsletter DEADLINE</b></p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45 am-Sun. School 10am-Worship.</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45am-Sunday School 10am-Worship 11am-Annual Congregational meeting</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:45pm-Chancel Choir practice</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>9:30-11:30am-Upper Room Store to benefit</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 MoM Noisy Offering </p> <p>8am-Worship 8:45am-Sunday School 10am-Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p><b>SAINT PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, OWENSVILLE, MISSOURI</b>  <a href="http://stpetersucc.yolasite.com">http://stpetersucc.yolasite.com</a>  <a href="mailto:stpeters@fidnet.com">stpeters@fidnet.com</a>  <b>on Facebook: St. Peter's UCC Owensville</b></p>			

## January Scripture Readings

January 1st; New Year's Day

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

January 6th; Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 8th; The Baptism of Christ (First Sunday after Epiphany)

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

January 15th; Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

January 22nd; Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

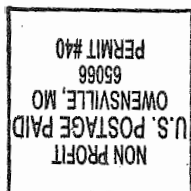
January 29th; Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6: 1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12



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