



**LAST MINUTE REMINDER**

Thanks to the fact that this issue of the newsletter will go out on Sunday, March 23 and the Special Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, March 30 we have time to remind you of the meeting immediately following worship that morning.

This is a very important meeting but should be a short one as the only item on the agenda is the replacement of the sanctuary roof.



**DON'T FORGET YOURS**

It is about time for our Easter display of lilies. Yours can be included either by providing one and letting the office know for inclusion in the bulletin or by providing your share of the cost of those being ordered through the church office. The office will be getting ones that cost \$12.50 per plant through The Feed Bin. The deadline to be included in that order is April 6. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin for ordering and providing information for the Sunday Bulletin.



**SPONSORED BY COVENANT CHURCHES**

On Maundy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church will

once again be the site for a soup and sandwich supper at 5 pm and a worship service at 6 pm.

On **Good Friday** we at St. Peter will be the host church for a service at 6 pm will communion included. First Methodist church will be joining our Covenant Churches in sponsoring this service.

Then on **Easter Sunday** our own celebration begins with a Sunrise Service at 7 am. This will be at one of the parks. Which one and which shelter is still being arranged. Back at our building Fellowship Time will be available from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. We will have our regular service with communion in the sanctuary at 10:45 am.



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**WE CAN HELP WITH SPRING CLEANING**

Reporter: Susan White

Spring housecleaning ? We can help. If you have items that you no longer need or want, please consider donating them to St. Peter for the SALE. All types of items are appreciate that are in gently used condition. If you want, you may price these items before you bring them, or we will price for you. I have volunteered to chair this event, however, I am asking for your help the day before and the day of the SALE.

As you are all aware, the sanctuary roof needs to be replaced. ALL PROCEEDS from this sale will go for that purpose.

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**PRAYER CORNER\***

Rod Borgmann	Esther Campbell
Ileen Castellari	Robin Cimera
Bob Cohlmeier	Luke Hammond
Paul Kluthe	Dale Moss
Nellie Schlau	Paula Sears
C. & J. Smith	Don Storck
Betty Telford	Gerald Wehrheim
Curtis White	

*\*In accordance with HIPPA (It's real name is Heath Insurance Portability Privacy Act.) requirements, the persons on the St. Peter prayer list have requested, or given permission, for their names to be included and published in the prayer list. Names will appear for 30 days unless the individuals or their immediate family request that they be maintained on the prayer list for another thirty days.*

**Our Servicemen**

David Harper	Chris Lyday
Corey Schlau	Nathan Storck
Cole Vehrs	Jared Vehrs
Anna Walls	

**In Care Centers**

Marjorie Nehrt

**PLEASE HELP US UPDATE**

If you know of someone who needs to be added or taken off, please contact the church secretary, **Judy Reichenbacher**, at the office 532-7124, and if no one is available, please leave a message.

**Remember your Church in your will.  
A Gift that will last for generations**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Giving Totals for Feb. 23 - Mar. 16, 2014**

General Offering. . . . .	\$ 4,892.81
Parsonage. . . . .	450.00
Improvement Fund. . . . .	25.00
Change for Change 2014. . . . .	62.21
Initial Offering. . . . .	3.00
Memorials - G. Sharp. . . . .	89.00
Memorials - J. Weible. . . . .	50.00
CCBA. . . . .	600.00
Lent- Group Workcamp. . . . .	<u>14.25</u>
<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 6,186.27</b>

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE  
(01/01/14 THROUGH 03/16/14)**

Amount received \$ 15,538.81  
(Does not include "Change for Change 2014")

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Feb. 23	34
Mar. 2	Canceled
Mar. 9	39
Mar. 16	35

**THANK YOU!**  
*THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!*

Zion Evangelical UCC Church Women of Hoyleton hosted a postponed Ash Wednesday brunch on Tuesday, March 11th which turned out to being a beautiful weather day (instead of icy conditions). The ladies extended welcoming hospitality, served delicious food, and provided an inspirational program by **Minette Cramer** plus spring décor. St. Peter had four representatives in attendance for this area UCC churches' event, and they were **Connie Freels, Verna Steinkamp, Jeanette Storck, and Norma Borgmann.**

The ladies of 1st Christian (Disciples of Christ)

Church-Centralia sponsored their annual spring brunch on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in their Fellowship Hall. Three ladies represented St. Peter at this Covenant annual event: **Connie Freels, Verna Steinkamp, and Jeanette Storck**. All three of them must have had Irish luck as each one won a door prize (a live shamrock plant). (I understand that they also enjoyed the ecumenical fellowship, tasty food, and interesting program — Norma).

The Stewardship Team thanks all who donated towards the “Change for Change” on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. A total of \$47.21 was collected and deposited into the general fund. The total actually deposited during the month is \$15 higher (\$62.21) because of a donation that was left at the church office after the February collection. THANK YOU as every little bit helps

Our church is leading the devotional services on Sunday afternoons in March at Fireside House. A special THANK YOU to the following ladies who have assisted with the March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> services:

<b>Jane Edmonson</b>	3-9 and 3-16
<b>Helen Niekrenz</b>	3-9 and 3-16
<b>Connie Freels</b>	3-9
<b>Jeanette Storck</b>	3-9
<b>Judy Fehrmann</b>	3-16
<b>Norma Borgmann</b>	3-9 and 3-16

**Myra Owens** (from Demaree United Methodist Church) was visiting a resident and subbed as our pianist on March 16<sup>th</sup> in the absence of **Jeanette**.

We certainly welcome anyone else to join us at 2:00 p.m. in their dining area on 3/23 and 3/30.

(The 3/2 service was cancelled by **Elaine Bush**, Nursing Home Services’ Coordinator, for Church Women United that organizes the services, due to the sleet).

Norma Borgmann, St. Peter CWU Key Woman



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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FRIDAY MAY 30TH - 9:00 A.M. - SET UP AND

SATURDAY MAY 31ST - 8:00 A.M. SALE DAY.

More information to follow in the May newsletter. If you are able to help for set-up and/or the day of the SALE, please let me know. Thank you so much for your help.

NOTE: If you donate items, please let me know if you would like them returned if they do not sell.



As most of you know, my family and I recently spent a week with The Mouse. One thing at Disney World that made an impression on us is the staff, the employees, or as Disney calls them, “The Cast.” Everywhere you go, there is an employee, excuse me - cast member—ready to help you. Need to know which way to the Jungle Cruise? Just ask and they will direct you. Want to know when the show starts? A cast member will answer your question, and give you directions and tell you the best place to sit. In other words, they seem to know you may need more than you verbally ask for. In the swimming pool, at our hotel, we noticed that the life guards are never grumpy. They avoid using the whistles all life guards carry and instead walk over and say, “I’m sorry, but you can’t use that large floatie here.” When my sons and grandsons pushed me under the stream of water flowing down from a rock decoration, the lifeguard congratulated me on getting wet all over. Evidently not something most women do. Disney cast members never make a judgment about what a guest looks like, what they are wearing, or what language they speak. They simply say hello and offer a warm welcome. We felt like valued guests all the time we were at Disney World.

You may think this is a little like being forced to look at my vacation pictures, but I do think there is something to be learned from the cast at Disney World. As a member/friend of St. Peter UCC, you are a cast member. When a guest arrives to attend worship, as a dedicated cast member, you would not wait and wonder if “somebody” will greet that person. You would walk over, say hello, and make sure they have a bulletin and know where the rest

rooms are. We want our guests to feel valued and welcome.

Even when you are not physically at the church, you are still a cast member. When people meet you at the store or see you on the street, they get a picture of what it means to be a Christian by looking at you. If you blow your whistle (make a judgment) they think all Christians are judgmental. When you smile and offer help, even beyond what they ask for, they get an inkling of what it means for a Christian to love their neighbor. When you recognize the spirit of Jesus contained within another person, they get a feeling of what it means to be a valued child of God.

## SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Reporter: Jim White, Council President

Our pastor, **Rev. Lisa Hart**, will be on vacation, Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. **Rev. Elmer Bowman**, retired minister, will be here on April 6<sup>th</sup> to lead our worship service and serve communion in her absence.

## APRIL IS AN ERM MEETING MONTH

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, ERM President

Just as a reminder that the ERM Society will meet on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. As indicated earlier, the members will be considering the continuation of ERM at this meeting. Thus, your presence and input are certainly welcomed.



## APRIL EVENTS

From the ISC Weekly Connection

### CELEBRATING PRISCILLA & SUNDAY DINNER - APRIL 6

This event coincides with one of our spring Sunday Dinners, and you are welcome to participate (or not) in some or all of those activities as well - a meal, horse rides in the arena, jaunts on a pontoon boat, and other family friendly things to do. Dinner (optional) will be served Noon - 2:00pm. Adults: \$10

Children 5-11: \$6 & Under 5: Free (register by Monday, 3/31 at noon).

As many of you know, **Priscilla Self**, DuBois Center's office manager will be retiring April 30 after 36 years of service. To celebrate this amazing woman and her years of dedicated service, you are invited to join us on April 6 anytime between 1 and 4 pm for a gathering in Oak Lodge at DuBois Center. This will be a casual gathering, a meet and greet, with refreshments. Please come and bring your stories, photos and well wishes. We will have a blank memory book available and you are invited to add pieces, memories of your time with **Priscilla**.

## SPIRITUAL RETREAT for WOMEN

April 11-12

Join us at DuBois Center on your journey to Holy Week. The theme of this year's spiritual retreat for women is Practicing Your Path: Prayer and Action. You are invited to examine a life of intercessory prayer and consider the implications of the action and social justice that God requires of us. Our 24 hours together will include Biblical study, reflection, journaling, meditation, creative expression, worship, as well as time for relaxation and renewal. Bring your girlfriends, sisters, mothers, neighbors, and cousins together for this time of faith and fellowship facilitated by **Rev. Linda Reynolds**.

**CHECK-IN:** 4:30 to 6:45 pm on Friday. Program begins at 7 pm. Supper is NOT provided on Friday.

**COST:** \$84. Includes program, lodging and three meals. Partial scholarships are available. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Friday, March 28 (if space is still available). Lodging is in Hickory Lodge & Roadside Cottage.

## SPRING HORSE RETREAT- APRIL 25-27

Explore DuBois Center on horseback Experience God's creation on the trails and in vespers.

Members of the DuBois Center's Equestrian Staff and Committee will lead and supervise this retreat. When not riding, groups will participate in the team challenge course, crafts, and other horse-type activities. There will be a tractor driven hayride on Saturday night followed by a bonfire and s'mores

Friday at 7:00pm through Sunday at 4:00pm. Location: Cottages. Cost: \$165 per person - \$155 Early Bird if Registered by April 4.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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		1 Quilts of Love 9:-2	2	3	4	5	
		Choir 6:30p.m.					
6 Communion Rev. Elmer Bowman Sunday Dinner @ DuBois 12-2 pm	7	8	9 ERM 7:00 p.m.	10	11 DuBois	12 Center Work Day 8:30 am-4 pm Spiritual Retreat for Women Fri. 4:30 p.m. -7p.m.Sat.	
13	14 Mission T. 5:30 pm	15 Choir 6:30p.m.	16	17 Maundy Thursday 5 pm supper with service at 6 pm	18 Good Friday service 6 pm @ St. Peter	19	
20 Easter Sunrise S. 7 am Fellowship T. 9:30-10:30 Communion	21 Good NewsDeadline Sunday, Apr. 20 Special Events T. 6:30pm	22	23 Book Discussion 6:30 pm	24	25 DuBois Horse Retreat 4p.m. Sunday	26 Center Friday 7 p.m. -	
27 Brown Bag lunch "About the UCC" Mtg. Change for Change	28	29	30				

Unless otherwise noted:  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

## BIRTHDAYS

1 Christopher Smith	17 Colton Moss
2 Ariel Edmonson	22 Tiffany Reichenbacher
2 Cletus Feig Jr.	24 Hunter Reichert
6 Trisha Fenwick	25 Matthew Carter
8 Barbara Hill	25 Kevin Flanigan
11 Esther Campbell	27 Trina Reichenbacher
12 George Hinton	29 Jane Edmonson
14 Laura Feig	

## ANNIVERSARIES

17 Lee Ann & William Myers  
30 Karen & Bob Smith



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**... where God is still speaking,  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**April 17  
(Third Thursday)**



Sponsored by the  
Covenant Churches at  
1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church  
205 S. Elm - Centralia  
Light supper at 5:00 pm  
Worship at 6 pm

**April 18  
(Third Friday)**



Sponsored by the  
Covenant Churches and  
1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church at  
St. Peter UCC  
318 W. Third  
Centralia

Worship at 6 pm

**April 20  
(Third Sunday)**



Continental Breakfast  
served in the  
Narthex  
9:30 am - 10:30 am

Worship at regular  
time of 10:45am  
at  
St. Peter UCC

**Sunday Schedule: Worship 10:45 am  
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Rev. Lisa Hart, Designated Minister  
Jane Brink, Newsletter Editor**