



**FAT TUESDAY ON SATURDAY!**

Zion will be holding their annual dinner the evening of Saturday, February 9; serving from 4 to 7 pm. The menu will include their famous BBQ smoked pork sandwich along with baked beans, cole slaw, chips, a drink and dessert. The prices are \$8.00 for adults; carryouts \$8.50, youth ages 5-12 \$5.00 with children under 5 FREE. Bulk orders at \$7.00 per pound need to be placed by January 30. For tickets in advance see a Zion member or call the church office at 618-532-1751. If you are in town (including Centralia) and wish to receive 10 or more carryout orders they can be delivered to you.



This service, which has come to be a tradition at 1<sup>st</sup> Christian church, will be held on February 13 this year. The light supper begins at 5:15pm with worship at 6pm.

The St. Peter ERM Society will meet that same night at approximately 7pm back at St. Peter's.



A very special event is being planned to commemorate the 150th anniversary of our church on

Sunday, February 24, when **Dr. David Greenhaw** will be conducting the worship service in our sanctuary beginning at the usual time of 10:45 a.m. Dr. Greenhaw is the president of Eden Seminary, and we are honored to have him speak to us on this special celebration occasion.

ALSO, A message from the rooster that sits atop our church will be delivered. He will tell us all he has seen over the years. Be sure to come and hear his tale.

Please mark your calendar accordingly and plan to attend. After the service a group of anyone who wishes will gather together with our honored speaker at the Elks for lunch. The meal is buffet style at a cost of \$9.00 per person.

The 150th anniversary committee has been working diligently on other events to celebrate which include:

April 24 - Confirmation Reunion

October 13 - Conference Minister **Sheldon Culver** will preach with a potluck to follow.

**REVISED MEETING PLANS FOR REGION 6**

Reporter: Rev. Lisa Hart

I had previously set a date of February 17th for the next gathering, but there is an ecclesiastical council on that day in Columbia. We will now plan to have our Region 6 meeting on Sunday, March 3, in Hookdale at 4 pm. The people of Hookdale will provide a meal for us. Hope to see everyone then.

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**PRAYER CORNER\***

Debbie Arning	Rev. Rich Brzowsky
Esther Campbell	Ileen Castellari
Gary Chwascinski	Robin Cimera
Bob Cohlmeier	Jack Feig
Luke Hammond	Rev. Lisa Hart
Mary Hayes	Candice Kindred
Paul Kluthe	Helen Niekrenz
Gracie Niermann	Bentley Powell
Carter Rankin	Paula Sears
Don Storck	Betty Telford
Jack Weible	Curtis White
Brad Wolenhaupt	Chris Wolenhaupt

*\*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**

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

**In Care Centers**

Elmer Beckmeyer	Marjorie Nehrt
Sandy Zinschlag	

**WE MOURN WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS**

We extend our sympathy to the family & friends of **Bryan Smith, Katelyn Smith's** stepfather, who died December 22.

**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 Dec. 23 - Dec. 31, 2012

General Offering. ....	\$ 2,499.00
Wurstmart. ....	116.00
Neighbors in Need. ....	100.00
Poinsettias. ....	11.00
Advent Offering - Salvation Army. ....	94.00
Christmas Fund. ....	110.00
Christmas Families.....	40.00
Initial Offering. ....	1.00
Donation - Christkindlmarkt Ad. ....	<u>75.00</u>
<b>TOTAL. ....</b>	<b>\$ 2,946.00</b>

Giving Totals for Jan. 1 - Jan. 20, 2013

General Offering. ....	\$ 4,047.00
Parsonage.....	400.00
Initial Offering. ....	50.00
Memorials - Betty Rose Johnson.....	<u>50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL. ....</b>	<b>4,547.00</b>

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE**

**(01/01/12 THROUGH 12/31/12)**

Amount received. .... \$ 71,490.87  
(Does not include "Change for Change 2012")

**(01/01/13 THROUGH 01/20/13)**

Amount received. .... \$ 4,047.00  
(Does not include "Change for Change 2013")

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Dec.. 23	37
Dec. 24	33
Dec. 30	19
Jan. 6	34
Jan.. 13	28
Jan. 20	34

**THANK YOU!**  
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Since our last issue a letter signed by **Susan M. Sanders** in behalf of One Great Hour of Sharing was received thanking us for our gift of \$253.00 (which we sent 12/10/12). It will be used to support the Severe Storms and Hurricane Relief Fund to help those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Our thanks to those that rang the bell for the Salvation Army on December 22, 2012.



“Time Marches On” Isn’t that a song title? Anyway, it sure seems to be true. When we’re waiting for some positive event, like children waiting for Christmas, it seems to march like an army slogging through the mud. At another stage in our lives, time may seem to march double time.

In actuality, time just goes on at a steady pace. And as it goes by, things change. Children grow up. Leadership changes. Advances in science bring us quicker ways to do things and sometimes remarkable new ways to treat disease. We may hail the innovations, or complain about our difficulty in learning how to use them. But whatever we do, time just marches on at its own pace.

As the years have passed, the church and the culture’s attitude toward the church have changed too. We remember the church of the 1950’s and how we needed to keep adding Sunday school rooms and teachers. We think of the days when the sanctuary was filled with people and stayed that way as long as the church put an ad in the yellow pages for newcomers to find. Now many churches are shrinking, and some young people find them irrelevant.

Doesn’t anything stay the same? Can’t something just stay put, just the way we like it? One thing has

been and will be, through eternity: God is with us. I don’t know the future of St. Peter UCC, although I believe there are gifts enough among the people of the church and possibility aplenty with God to turn things around and revitalize this church. Things have changed in most churches and will continue to change. But, whether St. Peter will call a new pastor, or arrange to have a student pastor from Eden lead the church, of one thing we can be sure: God is with us. And I know that prayer changes things. So I remind you of a challenge I began several months ago. Include St. Peter in your daily prayers. Pray for the church and the members of the council and the pastor. God is with us and amazing things are possible.

## SYNOPSIS OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Reporter: DiAnn Caraker, Council Secretary

President **Jim White** introduced **Rev. Sheldon Culver**, Conference Director, to discuss various options regarding ministry for the church. **Rev. Culver** distributed the pamphlet ‘A Program of Contextual Education, Eden Theological Seminary’ to explain the guidelines of being a ‘teaching church’ and having a student serve as our pastor. She also explained the guidelines of having a ‘designated pastor’. She explained the processes and answered various questions.

**Rev. Lisa** reported that she has a list of those she visits who are shut in and sees those in the hospital as arises. She attends the Covenant Pastors meeting weekly.

There is not yet a leader for this group (Memorial, Mission, Stewardship) and not an official liaison on the Council. It was discussed that there were sign-up sheets to get new members into the various ministry teams and maybe someone will come forward.

Property Committee Leader **Nancy Borgmann** submitted a report regarding the water leaks and cracks and an estimate for repair. The estimated repairs for tuck pointing (approx. \$70,000) were discussed and tabled at this time. The section about programmable thermostats for the sanctuary was discussed and the estimate was approximately \$470 and was approved for purchase with the following recommended.

Thermostats will be set at:

Heating season: Sunday AM- 70  
Thru the week- 64

Cooling season: Sunday AM- 74  
Thru the week- 80

Hiring for church cleaning was discussed. The list is available of what her duties are and are not. Tables in the basement can be left up and do not have to be taken down after each event and the janitor will remove all trash bags. Outside cleaning was discussed and **Jim** will contact the business who cleans the parking lot to see if they can also do the sidewalks when there is ice and snow.

**Judy** has compiled a list of who has a key to the church and it's number.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2013.

### ACCEPTING IRVINGTON'S INVITATION

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

Contrary to the Centralia Sentinel's article on January 14th, there were actually members from nearby churches also in attendance at the special Epiphany program hosted by Friedens UCC Church-Irvington.

They had invited **Loretta Goebel** from Edwardsville to speak about her personal faith journey, especially after the loss of both legs, left forearm/hand, and 4 fingers on the right hand in the past decade. Yes, she had contracted a serious bacteria infection in her right thumb (which ironically is the only digit that remains). **Loretta** walked back and forth in their chancel for about a half hour while sharing her story.

Then she removed the limbs and continued her interesting personal account of life while sitting.

Afterwards, the approximate crowd of 80 enjoyed refreshments and the opportunity to buy a signed copy of her book (imagine signing your name with only a thumb and 2nd knuckle). The following ladies were representatives of St. Peter UCC-Centralia Church: **Connie Freels, Verna Steinkamp, Jeanette Storck, and Norma Borgmann**. What a memorable evening that makes one appreciate his/her health that much more!!

P.S. I bought her book and encourage others to read it also—just ask to borrow it.

### HEART OF HOYLETON LUNCHEON/PROGRAM

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

A crowd of 16 persons braved the icy weather on 1/13/13 in our Fellowship Hall for a meal and listen to two Hoyleton Ministries' personnel speak about the various programs there and off-site. **Tina Steibel** and **Terry Cleo** presented pertinent information, including the newer approaches on reaching out to the teen-age population in our geographical area. Our church was asked to host the first "Heart of Hoyleton" event with the intent of other small clusters following. Four persons attended from Friedens UCC-Irvington Church. The following members from our church were in attendance: **Nancy Borgmann, Mike/Cathy Chontofalsky, Jane Edmonson, Rev. Lisa Hart, Helen Niekrenz, Verna Steinkamp, and myself**.

P.S. Special Thanks to **Nan** for assisting me with set-up/clean-up and de-icing the sidewalks.

### WURSTMART FINAL REPORT

Reporter: Norma Borgmann on behalf of Special Events  
Team

As promised after the final sales of sausages-a report. A net amount of \$2,449.78 was realized from the 10/21/12 Wurstmart. Indeed, that also reflects MANY hours of labor, MUCH in donations (including desserts, food, advertising, supplies, etc.) and LOTS of COOPERATION in addition to the meals and sausages' sales. THANK YOU again to ALL who made this traditional special event a successful reality!

### ERM SOCIETY UPDATE

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, President

On the heels of the 70th anniversary observance of the ERM Society, the 2013 officers met on January 8th to review the past and project ahead for 2013. We will propose to the ERM members on February 13th a reduction in the number of meetings but continue to include the Mother-Daughter Banquet in May (open to all females of any age), Guest Night in November, and the preparation of cookie tins for our church's staff and shut-ins in December. Indeed, we

cordially invite all ladies to attend our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday in February, April, May, September, November, and December.

## **ST. PETER CHURCH LEADING DEVOTIONS AT FRIENDSHIP HOUSE IN FEBRUARY**

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

Once again, I am requesting assistance from our members to gather on Sunday afternoons in February at the Friendship House (dining area) with their residents/staff and worship together. They do appreciate our interest in them as evidenced by their comments and faithful attendance. We use favorite hymns (on enlarged sheets) and encourage participation. A special gift from our church (anonymous donor) will be given to the attendees in recognition of Valentine's Day and sports.

Thus, please give prayerful consideration of representing St. Peter Church at such February services.

I am always seeking worship leaders, pianists, song sheet distributors, hand shakers, and friendly smiles.

## **NEW COUNCIL INSTALLED JAN. 6**

Our thanks and congratulations to those that have answered the call to serve on the Church Council in 2013.

An installation ceremony was held during the worship service on January 6. Those that participated were nice enough to pose for a photo after the service.



Front row: Susan White, Judy Reichenbacher,  
Cathy Chontofalsky, Edie Ruez, DiAnn Caraker  
Back row: Jim White, Greg Reichenbacher



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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3 Communion	4	5 Quilts of Love Setup 8:30 Sew 9 -2  Choir 6:30 p.m.	6 Grief Support 6pm	7	8 7 p.m. Hoyleton Awards Banquet "The Falls", Columbia, IL	9 Zion "Fat Tuesday on Saturday" BBQ 4-7 pm	
10	11	12 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:30  Choir 6:30 p.m.	13 Ash Wednesday @ 1st. Christian Supper 5:15 pm Worship 6 pm ERM 7 p.m.	14 Christian Ed. Team 6:30pm	15	16	
17 Good News Deadline	18	19  Choir 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22	23	
24 150th Ann. Special Worship	25	26 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:30  Choir 6:30 p.m.	27	28			

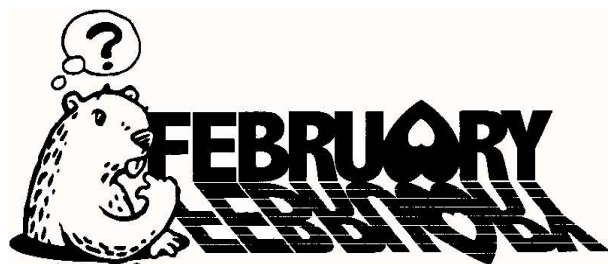
Unless otherwise noted:  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m.

## BIRTHDAYS

3 Loretta Edmonson	16 Gary Murray
7 Cindy Clifton	16 Betsy Stedelin
7 Nicholas Luer	18 Martha Ann Lamczyk
9 Ruth Carpenter	22 Dale Reichert
12 Tiffani Musial	26 Gladys Atchison
12 Susan White	26 Sidney McCorkle
13 Verna Steinkamp	27 Linda Weible
14 Elmer Beckmeyer	29 Don Storck

## ANNIVERSARIES

7 Kathy & Bill Wehking



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(618) 532-7124  
... where God is still speaking,  
**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**February 9  
(Second Saturday)**



“Fat Tuesday on  
Saturday”  
4 TO 7PM

See page 1 for more  
details

Zion UCC  
101 N. Broadway  
Central City, IL

**February 13  
(Second Wednesday)**



Sponsored by the  
Covenant Churches at  
1St. Christian Church -  
205 S. Elm - Centralia  
Light supper at 5:15 pm  
Worship at 6 pm

ERM to meet at  
St. Peter UCC  
Approximately 7pm

**February 24  
(Fourth Sunday)**



First event of year long  
celebration!

Dr. David Greenhaw,  
President of Eden  
Seminary  
leading worship .

Buffet meal for \$9  
available at Elks following  
the service.

**Sunday Schedule: Church School 9:30 am; Worship 10:45 am**

**Email: office@stpeterucc.com**

**Rev. Lisa Hart, Interim Pastor**

**Jane Brink, Newsletter Editor**