



Good News
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"Reaching Out With New Hope"

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EVENT RESULTS!

WURSTMART

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, Chairperson
on behalf of the Special Events Team

Continuing the tradition of a Wurstmart in our church's 150th anniversary year was realized on Sunday, October 20th, 2013 in the Fellowship Hall. This German style of meal was served from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and such required MANY persons to assist in various ways so as to have a successful event.

A total of 263 persons enjoyed eating their lunch at our tables while 168 ate such meal via carry-outs, including 50 residents and staff at One Hope United. Once again, the pork sausage was processed at **Behrman's in Albers** as their personnel used our famous special recipe handed down through the years. The meat was fried by **Jerry Fromme** (New Minden) who has been doing such for us many years. (Some of you may recall when the frying was done on our site in the upper level by the work room south of the dining area). The rest of the meal included mashed potatoes, baked sauerkraut with sausage crumbles, brown gravy, green beans with bacon, apple sauce, bread, beverages, and a choice of home-made desserts (thanks to our church members who baked or persons paying cash for professionally prepared pies).

Persons also appreciated the bagged sausage that sold for five links = \$5.00 and re-heats nicely in the microwave. We concluded the sausage sales by December 22nd. The '13 Wurstmart proceeds reflect an amount of \$2,685.00 (which is over \$200 increase from the 2012). The amount was deposited into the church's general fund. The paper supplies, coffee, and some bulk food that remained and are to be used for future church's meals and events.

In conclusion, this heritage fund-raiser exemplified MUCH TEAMWORK (50 persons using their preferred skills to help—12 of whom were non-members) before, during, and after the

Wurstmart. Thus, THANK YOU to all the workers, dessert providers, ticket purchasers, and etc. which resulted in this anniversary public meal being a success.

The financial report for the '13 Wurstmart is as follows:

Total revenue includes \$ 5,573.87 (meal tickets and sausage sales)

Total expenses include \$ 2,888.87 (see details below)

Sausage (Behrman's)	\$1,630.20
Bulk Food from IGA	\$ 482.42
Sausage Frying	\$ 390.00
Ads (Sentinel)	\$ 138.00
(3 different days)	
Ads (Shoppers' Wkly)	\$ 112.00
(2 different days)	
Schnuck's (food)	\$ 71.37
Tickets, etc. (Off. Pro)	\$ 64.88

The '13 Wurstmart Profit is \$2,685.00.



CHRISTKINDLMARKT BATTLED WEATHER

Reporter: Verna Steinkamp

Our third Christkindlmarkt certainly did not have the best weather conditions for such an event as several vendors had to cancel and was conducive to lower attendance. However, the final results are something of which to be proud as the amount of \$734.75 profit was put in the general fund of St. Peter UCC. A breakdown is as follows:

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PRAYER CORNER*

Esther Campbell	Ileen Castellari
Robin Cimera	Bob Cohlmeier
Luke Hammond	Rev. Lisa Hart
Paul Kluthe	Kent Niermann
Nellie Schlau	Paula Sears
Gretta Sharp	C. & J. Smith
Don Storck	Betty Telford
Jack Weible	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	Sandy Zinschlag
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In Sympathy We Morn

On December 24 we lost **Danny Brewer**. Please remember his mother **Shirley** and their other family members and friends.

On January 16 we lost a very long time member, **Velma (Riechmann) Atherton**, who had been very active in her earlier years. Please remember her son, **Charles**, daughter, **Martha Ann Lamczyk**, and brother, **Gerald Riechmann**, and the rest of their family.

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. 22, 2013 - Jan. 19, 2014

General Offering.	\$ 7,922.50
Parsonage.	450.00
Improvement Fund.	25.00
Change for Change 2013.	72.32
Change for Change 2014.	161.96
Advent - Hoyleton & New Minden. . .	287.00
Christmas Fund.	218.00
Wurstmart.	55.36
Poinsettias.	33.00
Christkindlmarkt.	22.25
Initial Offering.	52.00
Large Print Hymns.	55.00
These Days.	55.00
TOTAL.	\$ 9,409.39

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE
(01/01/13 THROUGH 12/31/13)**

Amount received. \$ 69,814.14
(Does not include "Change for Change 2013")

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE
(01/01/14 THROUGH 12/19/14)**

Amount received \$ 5,633.00
(Does not include "Change for Change 2014")

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Dec. 22	39
Dec. 24	42
Dec. 29	28
Jan. 5	Canceled
Jan. 12	31
Jan 19	41

THANK YOU!
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Thank you to the Christian Education Team for sharing the Christmas Story with us on December 22, 2013. A special thanks to **Edie Ruez** for coordinating and **Madie Ruez, Russell Ruez** and all the other actors that participated. (Editors note: I know this seems late but the program was on the Sunday that the January newsletter was published).

Thank you to **Rev. Orrin Johnson** for being our guest minister on December 29.

Thank you to the **Council Members** for their past year of service and for their dedication to serve in 2014.

Thank you to the **Special Events Team** for serving refreshments on Christmas Eve and for providing drinks and table service for the potluck that was moved from Jan. 5 to Jan. 12 because of weather.

Thank you to **Dan Grawe** for sharing with us information about the Gideons.

The church family expresses deepest sympathy to the relatives of **Mrs. Velma Atherton** as she departed this life on January 16th. Her funeral service was conducted in our church on January 20th. A luncheon was provided to her family after interment at Elmwood Cemetery.

The Special Events Team thanks the following persons who worked and/or donated food for such mid-day meal on Jan. 20th: **Nan Borgmann, Norma Borgmann, Jane Brink, Diana Brinkmann, Cathy Chontofalsky, Jane Edmonson, Connie Freels, Rev. Lisa Hart, Dorothy Murray, Helen Niekrenz, Barb Niermann, Judy Reichenbacher, Verna Steinkamp** and **Jeanette Storck**

The family of **Velma Atherton** extends their gratitude & appreciation to the congregation of St. Peter UCC, **Pastor Hart** and the **Special Events Team** for their kindness & hospitality at our time of loss. Thank you to **David Stedelin** for honoring us with the music during the service.

Sincerely,

Martha Ann Lamczyk and Charles Atherton

This Sunday, (I'm speaking of the January 19 service.) we heard a short presentation about the work of Gideons International from **Dan Grawe**. In talking with him before the service, I heard him quote Mark 16, the words of Jesus to the disciples that we often call the Great Commission. "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." There are lots of ways to proclaim the good news, but **Dan** felt being part of the organization that gives Bibles to people all over the world was his way of fulfilling the Commission. Some people preach the good news, others live a life that embodies discipleship and thereby proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ. Or follow Jesus' command to love one another, and watch that love announce the good news of God's love for all of us.

How do we get it proclaimed to "the whole creation"? Here is an idea. Pick one person, and imagine that God is—right now—about to reveal the glory of heaven in him or her; treat them that way all day long. Tomorrow, pick another, and the next day, another, (maybe someone you don't particularly like)...and just see if a new world doesn't emerge.

God's blessings to all.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ISC?

Reporter: Rev. Lisa Hart

If you want to know what is going on in the Illinois South Conference and see news about events happening at other churches in the conference, you should be reading Weekly Connections. You will find this on the bulletin board at St. Peter UCC and can read it there. But if you'd like to read it at home, there are several ways.

- Go to www.iscucc.org. Near the top right hand side is a place to enter your email address. Then you will receive the Weekly Connections in your own email inbox every week.

- On that same page you will see a list of tabs near the top of the page. The third one from the left is "Resources." Hover your mouse over that word and a drop-down menu will appear. The second listing from the top is "Weekly Connections." Click

on that and it takes you to another page.

• On that page, you can click on the most recent date and read the Weekly Connection right there. There is also a space there to enter your email address and sign up to receive the Connection in your inbox.

• Another option! You can send an email to the secretary of the Illinois South Conference and tell her you'd like to subscribe to the Weekly Connection. Her name is Lynette Schuepbach and her email address is: Lschuepbach@iscucc.org.

Finally, if you don't have a computer or don't want to use it, and you'd like to read the Weekly Connection at home, ask our own **Judy Reichenbacher** to print it out for you to pick up on Sunday morning.

Do you get the idea that the conference really wants to share its news with you? You're right!



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Cookies, baked goods, etc....	\$ 370.00
Cake sold by the slice	54.00
St. Peter craft table	105.25
Kitchen, vendor donations, member donations (minus all expenses including food, soda, advertising, etc.)	<u>205.50</u>
TOTAL	\$734.75

Within three dollars this is the amount we made the first year. It is apparent serving luncheon items was profitable. New ideas continue to be instigated, but of greater importance is the cooperation of our members in working and donating baked items and crafts for this event. THANKS to everyone.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE REALLY HELPS

Reporter: Norma Borgmann for Stewardship Team

The Stewardship Team is grateful to the church members and friends who contributed to the 1st "Change for Change" in 2014 on January 19th. A total of \$161.96 was deposited then to resource the '14 general fund in our church. Last year, over \$700 was collected via this once a month special

collection.

"Change for Change" is usually observed on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Thank you again for generously "jumpstarting" the new year's special offering that focuses on the theme that coins in your pocket or purse really do make a difference—of course, cash (any denomination) and checks (designated for such) are certainly appreciated too.

GALA TO BENEFIT DUBOIS CENTER

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, Outdoor Ministries Team
Chairperson

The 1st annual Gala event to benefit DuBois Center will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at the Bellecourt Manor in downtown Belleville. The evening will include appetizers, meal, entertainment, oral and silent auctions, and fellowship with reservations costing \$40.00 each.

As chairperson of the silent auction which includes gift baskets of all sorts, naturally I am seeking donations of gift cards to restaurants, gas stations, stores, etc.; any kind of theme; cookbooks & food; and the list continues with possibilities. Donations will be listed in a printed program if known by March 14th. Also, big tag items (such as trips, condo stays, Cardinals souvenirs, gourmet meals for a large group, etc.) are being sought for the oral auction.

More information is posted on our bulletin board or in the Weekly Connections. Hopefully, we will have persons in our church willing to contribute, help, and/or attend. Proceeds from such fund and friend raiser will be applied towards the DuBois Center's '14 general fund. Thanks in advance.

The 2014 summer camp brochure will soon be available—spring and summer are around the corner.

LOOKING AHEAD

ERM Society will meet on February 12th with **Verna Steinkamp** and **Edna Caraker** as hostesses. All ladies in the church are invited to attend any ERM meeting.—plans for 2014 TBA at the 2/12 meeting.

Our church is scheduled to conduct the devotional services at Fireside House on Sunday afternoons during the month of March. See **Norma Borgmann**.

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2 Communion	3 Worship Team 11 am	4 Quilts of Love Setup 8:30 Sew 9 -2 Choir 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8 7 p.m. Hoyleton Awards Banquet Regency Conf. Ctr., O'Fallon
9 Rev. Orin Johnson Preaching	10 Mission T. 5:30 pm	11 Stewardship T. 4 pm Choir 6:30 p.m.	12 Grief Support 6pm ERM 7 p.m.	13 Christian Ed. Team 6:30 pm	14	15
16 Good News Deadline Change for Change	17 Special Events T.6:30 pm	18 Choir 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22
23	24 Congregational Care T. 6:00 pm	25 Choir 6:30 p.m.	26	27	28	

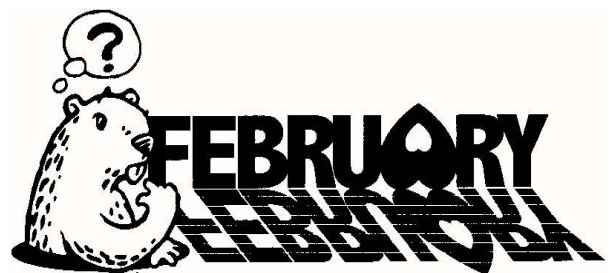
Unless otherwise noted:
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m.

BIRTHDAYS

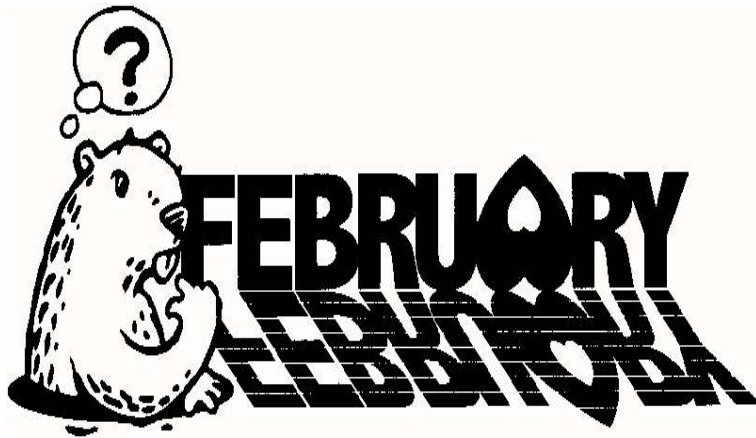
3 Loretta Edmonson	16 Betsy Stedelin
7 Cindy Clifton	18 Martha Ann Lamczyk
7 Nicholas Luer	22 Dale Reichert
9 Ruth Carpenter	26 Gladys Atchison
12 Tiffani Musial	26 Sidney McCorkle
12 Susan White	27 Linda Weible
13 Verna Steinkamp	29 Don Storck
16 Gary Murray	

ANNIVERSARIES

7 Kathy & Bill Wehking



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