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TO THOSE GRADUATING

Even if I was late in asking for information about graduates with ties to St. Peter UCC we discovered some. Please let us know about any we missed and they will be included next month.

Georgia Belk, daughter of **Emily and Tom Belk** of Pekin, and granddaughter of **Betsy and David Stedelin**, graduated magna cum laude with recognition in her field. She graduated from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas. She has been admitted into the masters/doctorate program in psychology at Lehigh College in Bethlehem, Pa. (Thanks to David for letting us know.)

Molly Myers was in the Sentinel supplement as a graduate from Centralia High School. She is the daughter of **Lee Ann and William Myers**.

LOOKING FOR MILITARY

We are looking for names and addresses of anyone in the military. St. Peter UCC would like to sign and send cards to honor them. You may turn them in to the church office.

PROJECTS UNDERWAY

HELP AS AN USHER AND/OR LITURGIST

You get to choose the Sundays you would like to be the liturgist and/or be one of the ushers. The Worship Team has posted the dates for 2013 on the bulletin board. Let's see if we can fill in all the dates!

CAMP IS COMING

DuBois Center will start Summer Camp soon. The Christian Education Team has set up a Camp Fund. So far, St. Peter has two campers going. To donate to this fund, just mark an envelope "Camp" and place in offering plate or mail to the office.

HELP WITH WHICH REPAIR?

Repairs have been made to the elevator and exterior of the building. To donate t these funds, just mark envelopes "Elevator" or "Exterior of Building" and do the same thing as for the "Camp Fund".

SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Envelopes and flyers about the church World Service Blankets+ Program were handed out several weeks ago.

Then the last couple of weeks the Sunday bulletins have included information and an envelope for the UCC Special Mission Offering Strengthen the Church. This mission grows the UCC's future by funding the Stillspeaking Ministry, new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership formation.

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PRAYER CORNER*

Debbie Arning	Esther Campbell
Ileen Castellari	Robin Cimera
Bob Cohlmeier	Luke Hammond
Rev. Lisa Hart	Paul Kluthe
Marcia Manion	Dorothy Murray
Helen Niekrenz	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

Marjorie Nehrt	Sandy Zinschlag
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WE MOURN WITH THEM

May was a rough month regarding the loss of people with ties to St. Peter but not all were members.

Elmer Beckmeyer, who was a very long time and very active member, died on May 4.

Candice Kindred, who many from St. Peter knew from her active membership and work as the church secretary at Zion UCC, Central City, died on May 16.

Rev. Richard (Rich) Brzowsky, who was the pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer since 1995 and VERY active in the formation and continuing cooperation through the Centralia Covenant Churches and Tuesday's Child after school program, died May 18.

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 Apr. 21 - May 19, 2013

General Offering.	\$ 6,883.00
Parsonage.....	400.00
Change for Change.....	109.84
Catered Dinner Donations.....	443.00
Blankets+.....	41.00
CCBA.....	105.00
Strengthen the Church.....	185.00
Condolence Fund.....	250.00
Memorials - E. Beckmeyer.....	495.00
Flowers - 150 th (In & Out).....	100.00
Memorial Fund - donation for bench.....	20.00
DuBois Camp.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 9,081.84

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE
(01/01/13 THROUGH 05/19/13)**

Amount received. \$ 27,721.00
(Does not include "Change for Change 2013")

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Apr. 21	34
Apr. 28	75
May 5	11/36
May 12	44
May 19	33

THANK YOU!
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Special THANKS to ALL of YOU who contributed to the Least Coin Offering Box

(multi-striped container on the narthex's library table plus collections at ERM meetings) since May 2012. A total of \$25.00 was collected from St. Peter UCC Church (which matched last year's amount) and then dedicated at the May Friendship Day celebration on May 3rd as sponsored by the Church Women United. In recent years, a total amount of approximately \$75,000 internationally has been contributed annually for distribution to agencies, entities, scholarships and any other qualifying group that met/meets the requirements for grants on 5 different continents. Our box will re-appear on such table for deposit of your coins to count in the 2014 offering that has been a continual mission for MANY years.

Norma Borgmann,
St. Peter Key Woman for CWU

Thank you to **Rev. David Schoen** for being with us on April 28 as we celebrated with the Confirmands of St. Peter during our 150th year celebration!

Thanks to the Friedens UCC, Irvington Women's Guild for including us in their "Guest Night" special program on May 2. It featured **Barbara Kay** portraying **Clara Barton** the founder of the Red Cross.

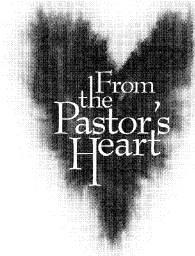
Our thanks to **Dorothy Murray** for providing the flowers that were under the cross on April 28 & May 5 in recognition of St. Peter UCC's 150th Anniversary.

THANK YOU to the 58 persons who attended the special meal for the Confirmation Reunion on April 28th in our Fellowship Hall. An additional 6 meals were delivered to church members unable to attend on that date. Thanks again to those people who provided addresses of our confirmands.

THANK YOU to the following persons (**Nancy Borgmann, Norma Borgmann, Jane Brink, Diana Brinkmann, Ruth Carpenter, Cathy Chontofalsky, Jane Edmonson, Judy Fehrmann, Connie Freels, Barb Hill, Dorothy Murray, Helen Niekrenz, Barb Niermann, Verna Steinkamp, and Jeanette Storck**) who provided food and/or worked at the funeral luncheon of **Mr. Elmer Beckmeyer** on May 9th. Thirty-four (34) family members and friends plus 9 church workers were in attendance.

The family and friends certainly appreciated the meal and hospitality as ascertained with their generous contribution to the Condolence Fund.

Thank you **Madie Ruez** for sharing your vocal talent with us on May 19. And to your accompanists **Edie Ruez** on the viola and **Judy Luer** on the piano.



Why do you want St. Peter United Church of Christ to continue on through the coming years? Do you want St. Peter to be filled with a new vitality? Could you make a list of 25 reasons why you want St. Peter to not only survive but thrive? I think you could come up with more than 25 reasons! Another way to make the challenge is to say to yourself, "What would this community look like if St. Peter UCC did not exist?" Another good question is "What would my life be like if St. Peter UCC did not exist?"

Friends, St. Peter brings new hope to many lives and touches so many people in ways that make their lives better! The members (YOU!) volunteer in the community in countless ways to improve lives. The church offers caring in many ways through the work of you members. Together we let many people know of God's love through words and through lives of caring and sharing.

If you make a list, I'd love to see it. But I'm sure we agree that we'd like to see St. Peter live and grow and touch even more lives in the coming years. It will take everyone working together, loving one another, coming together to spread the message of God's love.

We, the vision team and I, are asking you to start now. Please set aside time in your prayers to pray for St. Peter every day this month. As I write, we just finished a celebration of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church. So, please, every day, ask God to send the Holy Spirit upon the people of St. Peter and pray that all the people be ready to receive the message and power of the Holy Spirit. Let's see what one month of combined, earnest prayers, can do!

THE MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET WAS MAY 8

Because of a conflict for the regular Sentinel reporter — her daughter's honor awards' ceremony that night — **Norma Borgmann** wrote the following article for them. It is included here to make sure everyone gets to read it even if you don't take the Sentinel.

ERM Society hosts Mother-Daughter Banquet on 5/8/13 @ St. Peter U.C.C. Church

The Evangelical and Reformed Mission Society, a women's group formed in 1942, hosted its annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at St. Peter United Church of Christ on Wednesday evening, May 8th by focusing on the past 150 years of history with a feminine touch in recognition of the church's sesquicentennial. Gold and silver tulle runners to equate 150 years in symbolic décor were seen throughout the Fellowship Hall.

The 55 female attendees of all ages gathered at the linen-covered tables with various shades of pink being used as a color scheme. Each table included a circular glass bowl of pink netting and a flameless votive which was topped with a mirror and a cross. Also, additional decorations on the tables were doilies, jewelry, gloves, and clutch purses so as to spark the women's personal imaginations of their own personal collections. Vases of fresh flowers, provided by **Dorothy Murray** and an anonymous donor, beautified the room too.

After the meal blessing, a pork tenderloin meal (grilled by **Craig Freels**) complete with various salads and cakes, was enjoyed by the group. **Nancy Borgmann** and **Marcy Storck** (O'Fallon) assisted the food committee members (listed at end of article) with meal preparation.

Norma and **Nancy Borgmann** had arranged a power point presentation utilizing excerpts and photos of the different eras of fashion and photos from the church's past and present women's groups. There were dues' collection books from such the earlier female organizations plus secretary's books on display tables. Special invited banquet guests included five representatives from Zion U.C.C. in Central City.

To further enhance the program, there were displays of attire, including a Civil War mourning

black dress, a wedding gown from the late 1800's, pioneer dresses, and above the knee dresses and others. Such clothing was borrowed from the Centralia Community Arts Center, Centralia Historical Museum, and a member's closet. The crowd was encouraged to verbally participate with personal reflections and stories of a specific time period, and several ladies shared their interesting stories.

Also, older black hats were seen to symbolize the tradition of wearing such to worship services. In addition, there was a wig designed by **Tiffany Gregory** of Hollywood Hair to demonstrate the typical long, curly locks as worn by the women 150 years ago. History reveals that hot flat irons, heated with fire, and rags were used to style curls years ago. Indeed, there have been many significant changes in fashion, accessories, hair styles, undergarments, and make-up since the Civil War!

Musical selections were interspersed intentionally in the program also to reflect the variety of religious and secular songs in the 150-year span. "Jesus Loves Me", written in 1864, was sung a cappella by all gathered. **Melinda Graham**, accompanied by her mother on the piano, performed "Side by Side" as composed 75 years ago. Sisters **Helen Niekrenz** and **Jane Edmonson** sang "Heaven Came Down" with **Pastor Lisa Hart** accompanying them on this classic 50 year-old hymn. **Madie Ruez**, dressed the part of the young girl in Les Miserables, entertained the group with "Castle on a Cloud" which had earned her 1st place in a recent district music contest.

After the members introduced themselves and their guests, attendance prizes of unique patio containers of real flowering plants and angel ornaments, compliments of **Barb Niermann** of the Feed Bin, were awarded to the following lucky ticket holders as drawn by the younger generation of girls: **Elizabeth Hart** and **Diane Steinkamp** of St. Louis plus **Glen Boshera** and **Jane Edmonson** of Centralia.

Before the conclusion of the evening, the crowd joined hands and sang "May the Lord Mighty God" to the tune of Edelweiss. The various responsibilities were completed by ERM Society members on the respective banquet committees.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion 3 Park Ser. 9 am VBS Plan @ 1st Presb. noon	4 Quilts of Love Setup 8:30am Sew etc.9 a.m.	5 Grief Support 6 pm	6 Vision Team Java Joe's 6pm	7	8 Host @ Recycling Ctr. 9 am to noon	
9 Rev. Robert Tripp Preaching	10 Mission T. 5:30 pm	11 Stewardship Team 4 pm	12 NO ERM	13 Christian Ed. Team 6:30 pm	14	15
16 Father's Day Goodnews Deadline Change for Change	17 Sp. Events T. 6:30 pm	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Congretational Care T. 4 pm	25	26	27 C.W.U.@ 1St. Presbyterian 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Meeting	28	29
30 5th Sunday offering to Tuesday's Child						

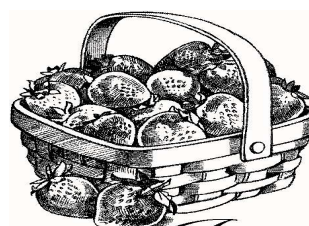
Unless otherwise noted:
 St. Peter Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m.

BIRTHDAYS

4 Kent Niermann	21 Molly Myers
6 Paul Kluthe	21 Mark Storck
11 Larry Brinkmann	22 Stacey Little
15 Dakota Reichert	24 Winston Alcorn
19 Art Campbell	25 Dwaine Fulton
20 Marcus Flanigan	26 Kurt Storck

ANNIVERSARIES

4 Bruce & Linda Knolhoff
 6 Paul & Judy Kluthe
 26 Joe & Jana Musial



June

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