



Good News
From St. Peter U.C.C.
"Reaching Out With New Hope"

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**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED TO CELEBRATE
MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY**

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, St. Peter CWU "Key Woman"

Church Women United-Centralia will observe a May Friendship Day celebration on Friday, May 3rd in the Fellowship Hall of the 1st Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church (205 S. Elm St.). This year's theme is "Swinging Wide the Doors of Hospitality" with ladies around the world observing this ecumenical special day of unity on the first Friday of May.

All women are cordially invited to attend the potluck meal (bring table service and a favorite food dish) starting at 12:00 noon. Afterwards, there will be a special recognition of all the "Key Women" who faithfully serve as designated liaisons from the respective participating churches in Church Women United -Centralia. Most of the key women also are responsible for leading or securing leadership at the Sunday afternoon devotional services at the three local nursing homes.

A special worship service about hospitality, based upon Luke 10:38-42 and Luke 19:1-10, will then be uplifted at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Least Coin offering will be dedicated during this service. (Thanks to all of you St. Peter persons who deposit coins into the multi-striped box on the narthex table or at ERM meetings—a report of such will be included in the June newsletter after knowing how much was collected from our church by 5/3).



**LIKE TO WORSHIP GOD IN THE GREAT
OUTDOORS?**

Reporter: Rev. Lisa Hart

Have a friend who might be interested in worship, but who is reluctant to come into St. Peter's

sanctuary?

This summer we have the perfect solution! On the first Sundays of May, June, July and August, there will be a worship service in Fairview Park, shelter #5, at 9:00 am. Each service will last around 45 minutes, so we can worship together, spend some time in fellowship with any newcomers, and still be at St. Peter's for the regular 10:45 service in the sanctuary.

(Editor's note: This is also a good chance to include worship when going to an early out of town event!)

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET IS MAY 8

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, ERM President

Just a reminder that the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held on Wednesday evening, May 8th in our Fellowship Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. All females (of any age) are cordially invited to attend.

Please see **Verna Steinkamp** for a ticket (cost is \$9.00 for the catered meal) before May 1st.

This year's theme is "Faith and Fashion" which will correlate the past 150 years of faith and the aspects that have personally affected women (such as home accommodations, occupations, fashions, hair styles, music, etc.). There will be visual aids on display to remind the attendees of how life has changed.

We hope to see you there as history is revealed—and possibly causing some flashbacks of time.

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PRAYER CORNER*

Debbie Arning	Rev. Rich Brzowsky
Esther Campbell	Ileen Castellari
Robin Cimera	Bob Cohlmeier
Luke Hammond	Rev. Lisa Hart
Candice Kindred	Paul Kluthe
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

Elmer Beckmeyer	Marjorie Nehrt
Sandy Zinschlag	

WE MOURN WITH THEM

Gertrude Silger who at different times was a member at St. Peter as well as Zion UCC in Hoyleton died, April 2 in Scottsdale, Ariz. where she settled to be close to one of her daughters.

We lost **Grace Ann "Gracie" Niermann**, the great-granddaughter of **Kent & Barbara Niermann** on April 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 Mar. 24 - Apr. 14, 2013

General Offering.	\$ 5,202.00
Parsonage.....	400.00
Lent Offering - Eden Seminary.	101.00
One Great Hour of Sharing.	100.00
Lilies.	37.50
Initial.	1.00
Reimburse for workshop fee.	30.00
Rummage Sale for Elevator Fund. .	740.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 6,611.50

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE
(01/01/13 THROUGH 04/14/13)**

Amount received. \$ 20,838.00
(Does not include "Change for Change 2013")

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Mar. 24	30
Mar. 31	13/60
Apr. 7	42
Apr. 14	31

Because the Reichenbacher's are on vacation the amounts from April 21 will be reported next month.

THANK YOU!
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Thank you to ALL who gave Easter Lilies in memory of or in honor of loved ones to brighten our Sanctuary at Easter.

Thank you to the Christian Education Team for sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt.

Thanks to the Special Events Team for providing the Continental Breakfast Easter Sunday Morning.

Special THANKS to **ALL persons** who donated, bought, and/or worked at the Rummage Sale on April 5th and 6th (sponsored by the ERM Society). Such generosity of items and/or time enabled all the revenue of \$740.00 to be deposited into the "Elevator Repair Fund." Truly, many persons were seen in our Fellowship Hall reviewing all the merchandise. The remaining items were given to Salvation Army who picked such up on April 8th. Just think of how many more people are also appreciative of your donated clothes and items. A decision to host another Rummage Sale in 2014 will be determined later???

Norma Borgmann, Co-ordinator for ERM

Thank you to **Rev. Orrin Johnson** for sharing his message with us on April 7.

Thank you to **Rev. Jerry Bennett** for sharing his message on April 14 and then guiding us that afternoon as we look into revitalization.

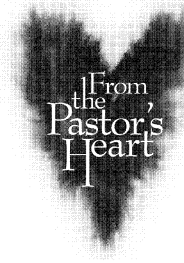
Special THANKS to **ALL address providers of Confirmands** so that the 150th anniversary letters could be sent plus making it possible to have an updated master address book in the office (with known current addresses). Copies of such compilation will also be available at the anniversary meals.

Norma Borgmann, Addresses Researcher

THANK YOU to those who gave coins and currency for the "Change for Change" special offering on April 21st. A total of **\$49.44** was deposited as a special addition to the church's General Fund.

Stewardship Team

This amount will be shown in the Stewardship Corner next month.



The work to bring vitality to St. Peter United Church of Christ has begun! And I think you will feel it the minute you step in the door. There is a Spirit at work! A vision team is in place, meeting often to brain storm and plan ideas for how this can happen. The council is hard at work. Many people have great ideas for new activities and new ways to invite friends and neighbors to join in. And there is a place for everyone in this work. Please begin now, if you have not already to say a prayer every day for St. Peter UCC, for God's help and guidance, for the Spirit's creative energy.

One necessity as the church moves ahead is for everyone to understand the purpose or mission of the church. Often a church beginning a revitalization process spends many hours discerning and writing a mission statement. And I think St. Peter has a great mission statement. I understand many of you spent a long time getting it written — do you remember what it says?

"St. Peter United Church of Christ reaches out with new hope, inviting all persons, regardless of where they are on life's journey, into becoming growing, serving disciples of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church."

If that is too much for you to memorize, just remember this motto:

"Reaching out with New Hope"

This should be in our minds and on the tips of our tongues as we move ahead. Why are we inviting friends to come to church with us at St. Peter? Because we want to reach out and offer new hope! Who do we want to invite? Everyone, regardless of where they are on life's journey!

I am excited to be a part of St. Peter UCC and I hope you are, too!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A SPECIAL PROGRAM AT FRIEDENS IN IRVINGTON

The Women’s Guild of Friedens UCC-Irvington has invited all of our church members and guests to a special program on Thursday evening, May 2nd AT 6:30 p.m. It will feature **Barbara Kaye**, a history teacher from Highland, IL, who portrays **Clara Barton**, founder of the American Red Cross. If interested in joining the carpool, please call **Norma Borgmann**. (I admit being wrong when originally announcing this invitation on April 14th—I thought that **Clara Barton** had been a nurse, well she was as well as a teacher, a government employee, and certainly a dynamic innovator with persistence and compassion).

CCBA = PEACHES

The Mission Team has selected **canned peaches** to be collected for the CCBA during April and May. You may put your donated cans in the Narthex or monetary donations can be put in an envelope marked CCBA.

JOIN THE BLANKETS+ MISSION!

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, CWU - Centralia President

Just a reminder that our church will be joining MANY other churches around the world to focus in on the importance of considering a special donation for BLANKETS+ mission endeavor. A spring or winter blanket costs \$5.00 apiece and is used by disaster victims for cover, protection, etc. Also, essential tools are purchased with generous donations to assist as needed in times of a disaster. Last year, our church members contributed over \$200.00, and I hope that we match that or exceed. In 2012, a total amount of \$2,078.75 was collected in Centralia and forwarded to Church World Service through the sponsorship of Church Women United-Centralia.

Such blankets are distributed to areas where natural disasters occur around the world, including Southern Illinois. Hopefully, none of us will ever have to be in need of such but never know what lies ahead—just good to know that there is a Christian not-for-profit agency, known worldwide, is

prepared with blankets and tools if necessary.

There will be a special envelop and bulletin insert in our bulletins in early May for your consideration.

CAMP SEASON IS ALMOST HERE

DuBois Center will start Summer Camp soon. The Christian education Team has set up a Camp Fund. So far, St. Pieter has two campers going. To donate to this fund, just mark an envelope “Camp” and enclose whatever amount you want to give.. Thank you.

ELEVATOR WORK IS COMPLETE

Reporter: Jim White, Council President

The following is the total amount spent on the elevator and the amount of funds withdrawn from our endowment to bring our church elevator into compliance with the State of Illinois regulations.

Initial Inspection on January 25 th ..	\$ 325.00
Illinois State Registration Fee.	30.00
Electrical work	450.00
Campbell’s fire extinguisher.	127.50
Tony’s welding service - sump pump cover	65.20
Fairco - Oil Minder per EPA.	1,739.00
Mulvin - drywall repairs, fire taping.	1,625.00
Tri-County Construction - fire door, self closing, self locking.	935.00
Elevator Company.	3,780.00
State of Ill. Certificate of Operation.	100.00
Elevator Inspector’s Inspection Fee.	150.00
Paint, brushes, rust remover, etc.	<u>46.52</u>

TOTAL \$ 9,373.22

ERM “Rummage Sale”. - 740.00
 Elevator repair donations. - 250.00

Total from Endowment Funds. . . . \$ 8,383.22

Repairs to the exterior of the building will begin soon. To donate just mark an envelope “Exterior of Building” and enclose your donation.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			1 Grief Support 6pm	2	3 CWU Potluck Noon @ 1St. Christian Program @ 1pm	4
5 Park Shelter Service 9:00 am Communion Blanket Sunday	6	7 Quilts of Love 9:-2 Choir 6:30p.m.	8 Mother-Daughter Banquet 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13 Council 6:30 pm	14 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm.	15	16	17	18
19 Noon -2pm Dinner at DuBois Good News Deadline	20 11am Unload CCBA truck	21 Choir 6:30p.m.	22	23	24	25
26 Tentative date Redeemer Strawberry Fest 5 to 7 p.m.	27 Memorial Day - Office closed	28 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:30 pm	29	30	31	

Unless otherwise noted:

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

Tuesdays — Bible Study at Redeemer — brown bag lunch 12:30 — Study 1-2 pm

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

3 Roberta Kleine
 3 Katie Wiles
 4 Savannah Lamar
 11 Paige Brinkmann
 11 Bobby Clifton III
 12 Penny Greer
 16 Zachary Storck

18 Fairlene Weihe
 24 Tracie Feig
 25 Sandy Davis
 25 Brett Wehking
 26 Robert Clifton Jr.
 26 Rae Ann Myers
 29 Lisa Lamar

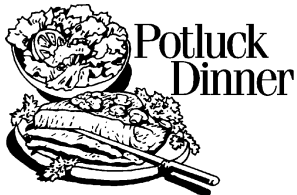
22 Steve & Charlene Smith
 31 Mark & Michelle Hill



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

**May 3
(First Friday)**



**Potluck
Dinner**

Church Women United
May Friendship Day
Meal at Noon
Program at 1:00pm

In Fellowship Hall
at
1st Christian Church
205 S. Elm

**May 8
(Second Wednesday)**

Mother-Daughter
Banquet



In Fellowship Hall
at 6:30 pm.

See Verna Steinkamp
for ticket by May 1
\$9.00 for catered meal

**May 26
(Last Sunday)**



TENTATIVE DATE
Waiting for word from
growers

Usually 5 to 7 pm

Redeemer Lutheran
324 W. Fourth

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

Email: office@stpeterucc.com

Rev. Lisa Hart, Interim Pastor

Jane Brink, Newsletter Editor