

REMINDER

Reporter: Susan White

On May 31st, we will have our SALE EVENT from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Items for the SALE, can be dropped off at the church anytime the church office is open. If you can't get them to the church, I will be glad to pick up your items. Set-up will begin the week prior to SALE. Friday, May 30th at 9:00 a.m. we will be pricing items and placing them on display, etc.

Complimentary cold drinks and cookies will be provided the day of the SALE.

Lunch of sandwiches and chips will be available for purchase, (eat-in or carry-out).

All profits will be applied to the cost of the new sanctuary roof. Any items donated would be greatly appreciated.

For pick-up of items or any questions call Susan @ 532-0725

GROW IS COMING!

Reporter: Pastor Lisa Hart from Ministerial Alliance

Susan Tackitt was excited to announce that a GROW group will soon begin in Centralia. Starting with a Meet and Greet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, GROW will be open to the public at First United Presbyterian Church. GROW is a support group for people having difficulty coping with mental health issues, emotional problems, or lifestyle changes. It is open to the public, though it is confidential, and will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church. For more information, call 315-5303 for **Susan** or 335-1527 for **Debbie**.

COMING EVENTS - NOT AT ST. PETER

May 1 (Thursday) — “Pray Centralia” 7pm at Temple Baptist Church. This is a National Day of Prayer event. Their pastor wrote that it is not about location but our community coming together to cry out to God and ask for his movement among us. Theme will be taken from 2 Chronicles 7:14.

May 2 (Friday) — CWU Noon potluck at 1st Christian Church with program at 1pm.

May 2 & 3 (Friday & Saturday) — 7am - 2pm on Friday and 7 am - Noon on Saturday Rummage Sale and Zion UCC in Central City.

May 18 (Sunday) — Noon to 2 pm Dinner at DuBois Center.

June 1 (Sunday) — Redeemer Strawberry Fest starting at 4pm.

TENTATIVE ERM DECISION

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, ERM President

The ERM Society members met on April 9th with 6 members present. The tentative decision was made to continue as “status quo” by meeting in September with a potluck meal, a guest night with covenant churches and nearby UCC churches with a meal/program in October or November, and having our traditional December meeting (in which the topic of “continuation” will be re-considered again).

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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

Corey Schlau Nathan Storck

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Giving Totals for Mar. 23 - Apr. 20, 2014

General Offering.	\$ 6,781.00
Parsonage.	450.00
Improvement Fund.	25.00
Memorials - J. Weible.	50.00
Lent - Group Workcamp.	125.00
One Great Hour of Sharing.	125.00
Dinner Church Ad.	100.00
Dinner Church.	155.00
Lilies.	50.00
Easter Ad.	50.00
Roof Fund.	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL.	\$ 8,111.00

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE
(01/01/14 THROUGH 04/20/14)**

Amount received \$ 22,319.81
(Does not include "Change for Change 2014")

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Mar. 23	31
Mar. 30	27
Apr. 6	25
Apr. 13	43
Apr. 20	13 Early Service
Apr. 20	48

THANK YOU!
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To continue expressions of gratitude of the "nursing home servants" who represented St. Peter United Church of Christ at Fireside House on the last two Sundays in March (1st 3 Sundays' attendees were acknowledged in the April newsletter), I wish to thank the following persons:

March 23rd: **Rev. Lisa Hart** (who served as the devotional leader in my absence*), **Jeanette Storck** (pianist), **Jane Edmonson**, and **Helen Niekrenz**.

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

March 30th: **Jane Edmonson, Judy Fehrmann, Connie Freels, Helen Niekrenz, and Norma Borgmann** with **Myra Owens** (from Demaree United Methodist Church) subbing as our pianist.

On the last Sunday, the residents in worship attendance were presented a small spring favor from our church (anonymous donor) which brought smiles to many faces.

Sincerest THANKS to all reps and friends who assisted in various ways for inspiring the Fireside House on Sunday afternoons in March '14. Our church is scheduled to lead worship services at Centralia Manor in January of 2015. We always welcome additional persons to distribute/collect song sheets, co-lead with various parts of worship, share personal experiences, sing, play the piano, and greet the residents with handshakes and smiles to show someone cares.

Norma Borgmann, St. Peter's "Key Woman" for CWU-Centralia community (that title=coordinating nursing home services in the master schedule)

*reason for my absence on March 22nd due to being a part of the past summer staff members (DuBois Center) who "surprised" Priscilla Self in recognition of her upcoming retirement as office manager at our church camp. She was "tricked" to go down to the Center on that Sunday and totally shocked to see Oak Lodge filled with persons who worked in the decades from the 70's to now with several out-of- states. (We attendees parked our cars so "out of sight" from the main parking lots and earned many walking points but well worth her "awed and speechless look").

Our thanks to **Rev. Elmer Bowman** for leading our service on April 6. We also appreciate that his wife came along.

Thanks to the family of **Esther Campbell** who provided flowers on April 13 in honor of her 95th birthday!



"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - John 13:34-35

Those of us who have gone to church most of our lives, may not consider this scripture from the gospel of John to be anything new or radical. We've been hearing that in lots of Bible readings and sermons until it pretty much goes in one ear and out the other. We may even think about the fact that we are generally a kind and understanding people and tell ourselves we're pretty good at following the commandment to love one another.

But I propose to you that **this is a life-changing, church-changing, world -changing piece of scripture!**

I say this for about three reasons.

! Jesus took the opportunity to give this commandment to the disciples in his last hours before the trial and crucifixion. He must have thought it was important.

! Jesus said it was a new commandment. The Hebrew scriptures already taught that people should love one another. What was new about it? That Jesus said to love as he loved. That is a high standard to follow!

! Most importantly, Jesus said that if we have that kind of love, everyone will know we are followers of Jesus. Imagine a world where a Christian is walking through the airport, and an observer says, "You are a Christian, aren't you? I can tell by the love." Imagine being at a store in Centralia when someone walks up to you and says, "I can tell you belong to St. Peter UCC. I see how you love one another."

Imagine what the world would look like if the Christians stood out like a sore thumb, because everyone could tell with a simple observation that we love one another!

Imagine a world!



Reporter: Norma Borgmann

Special THANKS to the following persons from our church who attended the DuBois Center's GALA on Saturday, March 22nd at the Bellecourt in Belleville: **Connie Freels, Rev. Lisa and Walter Hart, David and Betsy Stedelin, Verna Steinkamp, Jeanette Storck, and Norma Borgmann.** In addition, THANK YOU to our ERM Society for donating two décor mesh wreaths in spring colors and butterfly/floral enhancements (as especially made by **Connie Parker** of Centralia) to the silent auction.

Also, heartfelt gratitude is expressed to **Nan Borgmann** who assisted with the event in so many ways, including set-up of the silent auction items (most that she tightly packed in her car from my house) on GALA day and creating 3-D colored acorns that were used for dollars collected to buy special WOW recreational equipment at the waterfront — an amount of nearly \$4,000.00 was raised then for such purchase from the generous attendees that night and afterwards. This new WOW purchase will certainly excite many campers this summer and into the future on our lakefront!

This was the first attempt to host this unique fund-raiser that included a served, delicious 3-course meal; entertainment by professionals (including **Christine Brewer** from Lebanon, IL who sings around the world and **Carrie Andreas** from Troy, IL, an "American Idol" finalist) and outstanding ISC musicians; oral auction items (ask **Rev. Hart** and **Jeanette** about their cultural expansion purchases); and 110 silent auction selections that were generously donated by most of the Illinois South Conference's churches, church groups, and/or individual members and then purchased by interested persons in the capacity crowd of over 350 people who paid \$40.00 for a ticket each. (There was even a waiting list of persons who couldn't attend due to the fire code of the # allowance—how often does that happen?).

As a member of the GALA's planning committee and chairperson of the Outdoor Ministries Team from DuBois Center, I personally am most grateful to ALL the supporters for the GALA as over an

amount of \$23,500 has been realized thus far as profit from the tickets, auction items, and donations (towards the overall expenditures). This deposit into the General Fund of DuBois Center for Designated Capital Improvements plus almost \$4,000 for the WOW item with more money still coming in after learning about that special project are gratefully appreciated for DuBois Center (who is in its 49th year of summer camping now).

Needless to say, it was a very successful event in every way and most encouraging to see that many United Church of Christ members/friends (all ages) of the Illinois South Conference in one formally-decorated locale, especially after our long and harsh winter! THANK YOU!!

CENTRALIA GROUP WORKCAMP OFFERING

Reporter: Rev. Tommy Henegar, Centralia Group Workcamp

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for the generous contribution to Centralia Group Workcamp on behalf of the Covenant Churches. The offering collected during the Ash Wednesday service, Maundy Thursday Service, and Good Friday service totaled \$1,078.00 which doubled our goal of \$500.00. The funds collected will be used entirely for materials for the residents of our community who will receive free home repair through Centralia Group Workcamp. This week is not only about repairing homes but the relationships that will be built and the hope that will be restored in the lives of those in our community. We extend our humble gratitude for your generous support knowing God will bless you in return. We thank all the Covenant Churches for joining us in the unique powerful ministry, and we ask that you begin to keep the camp, the youth and adult sponsors as well as the residents in your prayers.

CWU MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Reporter: Excerpt from long article by Norma Borgmann

This event includes the potluck at noon and program at 1 pm. Included is the Least Coin Offering. If you forget about making a food dish and bringing table service, **Norma** will have extra of both — just come to this ecumenical ladies event.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				1 7pm "Pray Centralia" @ Temple Baptist	2 CWU Potluck Noon @ 1St. Christian Program @ 1pm	3
4 Communion Blanket Sunday	5 6 pm Vision T. @ Judy Lurer's	6 Quilts of Love 9:-2 Choir 6:30p.m.	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 Council 6:30 pm	13	14	15	16	17
18 Noon -2pm Dinner at DuBois <i>Good News Deadline</i>	19	20 Choir 6:30p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day - Office closed	27	28	29	30 9 am Price & Ddisplay for Sale	31 Sale - 8am - 2 pm

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

BIRTHDAYS

3 Katie Wiles
 4 Savannah Lamar
 11 Paige Brinkmann
 16 Zachary Storck
 24 Tracie Feig
 26 Rae Ann Myers
 29 Lisa Lamar

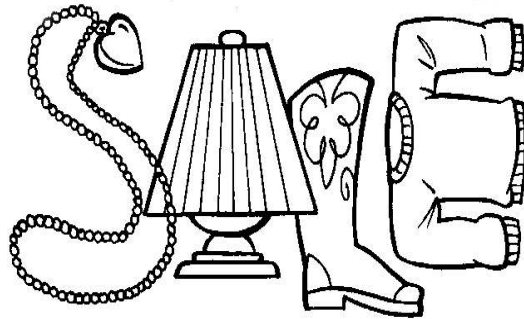
ANNIVERSARIES

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



When: Saturday May 31, 2014 9:00 am through 2:00 pm
Where: St. Peter UCC, 318 W. Third, Centralia, IL 62801

Complimentary cold drinks and cookies will be provided.

Lunch of sandwiches and chips will be available for purchase (eat-in or carry-out)

Sunday Schedule: Worship 10:45 am
Email: office@stpeterucc.com
Rev. Lisa Hart, Designated Minister
Jane Brink, Newsletter Editor