



EVERYONE IS INVITED

Our full October calendar has a number of things for you! Besides ongoing organizations and committees there are the following things to make note of so that you don't miss them:

October 5 Bagging & pricing of items for the DuBois Center Fall Festival starting at 9:30 in our Fellowship Hall. Anyone who wishes to donate sweets of any kind and/or donate cash for ingredients to make such please see or speak to **Norma Borgmann**. Remember the Country Store proceeds enable persons to have camp or retreat scholarships during the following year.

October 6 DuBois Center Fall Festival from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Volunteers are also definitely needed in various areas—if interested, tell **Norma**.

October 12 We are to be the host organization at the Recycling Center from 9:00 am to noon.

October 13 This is the final event of our 150th Anniversary celebration. Our Conference Minister, **The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Culver** will lead our service. It will be followed by a potluck and program. Just as a reminder, if you are planning to attend the potluck on Sunday, October 13th in observance of our 150th Anniversary, please sign your name on the reservation list by the red RSVP box (on library table) in the narthex. Please see page 5 for more details.

October 17 Wurstmart Setup at 6:30 pm.

October 19 Wurstmart Food Prep at 9:00n am.

October 20 No Sunday School. Church Service from 10:30 to 11:00 am. Wurstmart serving from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please see more details about Wurstmart in the separate article.

October 27 Congregational Meeting. Please see article here on page 1 for more details.

volunteers to help at the Wurstmart on 10/20. The work chart is on a table across from the bulletin board.

Set-Up of Tables, Chairs and Work Areas will be on Thursday night @ 6:00 p.m. on 10/17—all helpers certainly welcomed then too.

The “Dessert” requested list (on green sheet) is on the bulletin board. Please sign if you haven't already. If giving cash, please put in a marked envelope or give to **Verna Steinkamp** who will use such to purchase pies from professional pie bakers.

We also need persons to sell tickets in advance. If willing, see **Norma Borgmann** for them.

Please help to promote the Wurstmart on Sunday, October 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

THANKING YOU in ADVANCE!!



Reporter: Jim White, Council President

The Semi-Annual October Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 27th, immediately following the worship service. We will review the proposed “2014 Plan for Ministry” (our 2014 Budget), along with the proposed changes, and revisions for our Constitution and Bylaws.

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Reporter: Norma Borgmann, Chair, from Special Events Team

Just as a reminder, we are still looking for more

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PRAYER CORNER*

Esther Campbell	Ileen Castellari
Robin Cimera	Bob Cohlmeier
Luke Hammond	Rev. Lisa Hart
Paul Kluthe	Carter Rankin
Nellie Schlau	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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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 Aug. 25 - Sept. 15, 2013

General Offering.	\$ 4,130.42
Parsonage.	400.00
Change for Change.	<u>103.33</u>
TOTAL.	\$ 4,635.75

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE
(01/01/13 THROUGH 09/15/13)**

Amount received. \$ 48,964.64
(Does not include "Change for Change 2013")

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Aug. 25	39
Sept. 1	5/34
Sept. 8	36
Sept. 15	34

THANK YOU!
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Thank you to **Mary Ann Bender** for providing the alter flowers on September 1 in memory of her mother, **Leona Klingenberg**.

Thank you to the **Christian Education** and **Special Events Teams** for hosting the "Fellowship Time" on September 9.

On behalf of the ERM Society, sincere thanks are extended to **Judy Fehrmann** for leading an inspiring devotional lesson about various kinds of labor as recorded in the Bible and creating a game board for trivia questions at our 9/11/13 meeting. She subbed for her sister, **Helen Niekrenz**, who had surgery on that day. By the way, **Cathy Chontofalsky** was declared the winner of the trivia contest—the attendees certainly learned more about the Bible, food, animals, and familiar phrases.

Norma Borgmann, ERM President

Congregational Meeting

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The church council began working on these in May and also held a Special Council Meeting in August to work on these proposals. The proposed “2014 Plan for Ministry” and the proposed “Constitution and Bylaws” revisions will be available to the membership after each worship service on October 6th and 13th. You may also pick up a copy at the church office when the office is open through the week. Please review these proposals prior to our October Congregational Meeting, retain your copy for your records, and bring them with you to the October 27th Meeting.



Greetings from your designated pastor! (Just a reminder, I am still an interim, not a called, “permanent” pastor. We made an agreement for two years.)

We are over halfway into the first year of my stay here as designated pastor working WITH the congregation on church revitalization. The vision team, **Judy Luer, Melinda Graham, Diann Caraker, Norma Borgmann, and Nicholas Luer**, has been meeting and working hard. Some progress has been made, but we have a long way to go. Have you invited someone to church yet?

One thing I hear is that “everyone I know already goes to church.” Another comment is that there are so many churches in Centralia that no one church can attract many new people. The following statistics are rough guesses, but you will get the idea.

Centralia’s population is 14,000 and estimates are that half of those are unchurched. That’s 7,000 people who have no church. We are not trying to steal members from other churches, but there are 7,000 people in this community who attend no church!

Let’s say that we can only reach ¼ of those, which is 1750.

And only ¼ of those 1750 want to hear from us,

so that leaves 437.

And only half of them have any interest in our invitation to church, about 210.

And only half of them actually get around to attending. That’s 105 new people in St. Peter UCC!

Jesus said “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” Even in Centralia. By the way, none of these numbers take into account that people will drive in from out of town for a church that helps them find God and practices radical hospitality.

We are advertising and trying to get the church noticed by doing things like working at the Recycling Center and cleaning up the neighborhood. Worship in the park was fun and attracted some interest. We welcome your ideas for events and advertising as well. But almost everyone who decides to go to a church they have not attended before go because they were invited. Strike up a conversation with an acquaintance or a stranger. Get to know them. Ask them if they have a church. Tell them we worship the Still-Speaking God at St. Peter UCC, and tell them:

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome at St. Peter United Church of Christ.

NEW PRAYER CHAIN STARTING

Reporter: Rev. Lisa Hart

We are forming a prayer chain at St. Peter. The purpose will be to pray for those in need, and pray for the church.

CONFIDENTIALITY. This is of the utmost importance. We will only put a prayer request to the people on the chain if we have permission of the one to be prayed for. And we don’t need details. “Pray for my friend George” is enough. God knows what George needs!

The second purpose for the prayer chain is to pray for St. Peter UCC. We can grow spiritually and grow in numbers, but only with God’s help. Whether you are a part of this chain or not, please pray for St. Peter UCC every day.

If you would like to be a member of the prayer chain, please let the pastor or one of the members know.

If you have a prayer request for the chain, let the pastor, church office, or anyone on the chain know. Members so far are: **Norma Borgmann, Judy Luer, DiAnn Caraker, Judy Reichenbacher, Melinda**



Reporter: Rev. Lisa Hart (requested by Editor)

Members of Region 6 gathered on Sunday, August 25th, to share worship, fellowship, words of wisdom, and good food! St. Peter UCC of Centralia, St. Peter UCC of Hookdale, and Immanuel UCC of Carlyle were represented.

We began with worship; then, each person was asked to state something that the whole group might have in common. If anyone there disagreed, he or she could raise their hands in objection. To our surprise, not everyone in the region comes from a German background!

Shirley Bergmann, representing the conference Local Church Empowerment Team, talked to the group about stewardship. We learned about pledging, Consecrating Stewards, and creating generous people. Since it is fall and many churches are looking at stewardship campaigns, it was timely help. But **Shirley** also reminded us that stewardship is a year-round spiritual concern.

The people of St. Peter were the gracious hosts, and we enjoyed a delicious supper. Thank-you to our special events team and Walt Hart who provided food and drinks.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM BCMw

Energy Assistance is available from BCMw Community Services. If your household meets the stated income guidelines, you may be eligible for a onetime payment on your utility bill. For more information or for an appointment, call (618) 532-7388.

Senior Citizen (60 & over) and/or households currently receiving some form of government disability, may call on or after September 3rd for an appointment.

All other households may call on or after November 1st.

All disconnected households may call October 1.

Norma Borgmann sent the following reminders to get on our calendars now!

Church Women United-Centralia community will sponsor the World Community Day on Friday, November 1st. Our church will be hosting the noon potluck and 1:00 p.m. program in the Fellowship Hall. All women are cordially invited to attend this ecumenical event.

The ERM Society will host Guest Night on Wednesday night-November 13th in our Fellowship Hall. A special invitation is being extended to all ladies in our church as well as the Covenant Churches and nearby UCC Churches for the 6:00 p.m. meal. Afterwards, the program will feature **Barbara Kay** who plans to portray Martha Washington, our very first First Lady of America. (Think about what the living conditions were like in the 1770's when America was fighting for its freedom). Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, history, and hopefully a better insight of early America. (The formal invitation is posted on the bulletin board—please RSVP by November 6th if able to attend).



A belated congratulations to **Don & Jeanette Storck**. My ears did me in once again as I did not hear that their wedding anniversary on August 31 was their 50th! It took the photos and caption in the Sentinel for me to find out. I am sorry I did not know and get something in in a timely manner.

Jane Brink, Newsletter Editor



You are cordially invited

to

Celebrate 150 years of St. Peter UCC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2013

Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. with

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Culver, IL South Conference Minister

delivering the sermon

POTLUCK MEAL TO FOLLOW

FELLOWSHIP HALL

(Meat, table service & drinks will be provided)

ENTERTAINMENT

A professional storyteller from Effingham will portray an early member of the church

EVERYONE WELCOME

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
SEPTEMBER 2013 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<h1>October 2013</h1>			NOVEMBER 2013 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			
		1 Quilts of Love Setup 8:30 Sew 9-2 Choir 6:30 p.m.	2 Grief Support 6pm	3 Girl Scouts 6:30 -7:30 pm	4	5 <i>At St. Peter DuBois F. F. Prep. Day 9:30 a.m. -?</i>	
6 Communion 9 am Worship in Fellowship Hall DuBois Fall Festival 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m.	7 Worship T. 11 am Confirmation @ Redeemer 6-7:30 pm	8 Stewardship Team 4 pm Choir 6:30 p.m.	9 NO ERM Neighborhood walk & clean 6 pm	10 Christian Ed. Team 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 -7:30 pm	11	12 Host @ Recycling Ctr. 9 - noon	
13 150 Ann. Rev. Dr. Sheldon Culver - Potluck - Speaker	14 Mission Team 5:30 pm	15 Choir 6:30 p.m.	16 Neighborhood walk & clean 6 pm RAIN DATE	17 Wurstmart Setup 6:30 pm	18	19 Wurstmart food prep. 9 am	
20 10:30 am Worship Wurstmart 11 am-3 pm Good News Deadline	21 6:30 pm Special Events Team Confirmation @ Redeemer 6-7:30 pm	22 Choir 6:30 p.m.	23	24 Girl Scouts 6:30 -7:30 pm	25	26	
27 Congregational Mtg. after worship	28 Congregational Care Team 6 pm	29 Choir 6:30 p.m.	30	31 Girl Scouts 6:30 -7:30 pm			

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

BIRTHDAYS

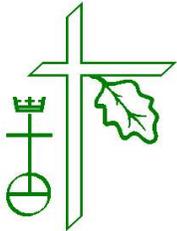
3 Brooke Brenton	19 Travis Brinkmann
3 Jana Musial	19 Krystal Huelsmann
3 Jeremy Reichert	20 Dorothy Murray
5 Ryan Freels	21 Cathy Chontofalsky
9 Gerald Wehrheim	26 Nancy Freels
9 Sandra Zinschlag	27 Karen Smith
12 Aimee Aud	29 Trista Carter
14 Barbara Niermann	30 Haley Aud
15 Diane Steinkamp	30 Duane Niekrenz
16 Jeff Wehking	

ANNIVERSARIES

3 Esther & Art Campbell (70 yrs. - 2012)
18 Diana & Larry Brinkmann
20 Pat & Bud Kuhn



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



October 5 & 6
5th is “Bagging Day” at
St. Peter UCC

October 6
Fall Festival at
DuBois Center

15th
Anniversary

October 13
(Second Sunday)

Final Anniversary Event
Conference Minister
Rev. Dr. Sheldon Culver
preaching
Potluck to follow in
Fellowship Hall
Table Service &
Beverages provided

WURSTMART

October 20
(Third Sunday)

No Sunday School
Worship moved to
10:30 to 11:00 an

Buffett style dinner
served from 11:00 am
to 3:00 pm

All you can eat
German style meal

Sunday Schedule: Church School 9:30 am; Worship 10:45 am
Email: office@stpeterucc.com
Rev. Lisa Hart, Designated Minister
Jane Brink, Newsletter Editor