

REMINDERS ABOUT THE FALL FESTIVAL

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, Coordinator

Just as a reminder, I am especially looking for volunteers to help with bagging/pricing snacks for the Fall Festival's Sweet Shop on Friday afternoon, October 3rd at 2:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

The "Sweet Shop" needs various kinds of sweets, snacks, and produce to stock the tables outside of Roadside Cottage. If willing to prepare food and/or donate money, please let me know. Thanks in advance.

I am still looking for volunteers to work in the "Sweet Shop" at the Fall Festival on October 5th. Please let me know if available to help. All proceeds from this stand are designated for the Scholarship Fund to be used in 2015. Other churches have been contacted also to assist with this popular Fall Festival attraction.

**ILL. SO. CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING
 REQUEST FOR OFFERINGS**

Reporter: Verna Steinkamp, St. Peter Delegate

The first three Sundays of October items will be collected to be taken to the Illinois South Conference annual meeting for Uni-Pres Kindercottage. The wish list was in last month's Newsletter, and sheets will also be available on the table in the narthex so you can take it with you to do your shopping. Cans marked for Food/ Hunger Action and Hoyleton Transitional Housing will be on the table also. Place your cash and/or check in the cans which will be offered at the appropriate time

during the meeting. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated by these organizations.



Reporter: Jim White, Council President

Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26th, immediately following the morning worship service. The main focus of our meeting will be our Constitution & By-laws updates, our 2015 Plan for Ministry (Budget), and the election of church council members. The proposed Constitution & By-laws updates and the 2015 Plan for Ministry, as recommended by our council, will be available beginning Sunday, October 5th. Other concerns may also be brought before the congregation at this time.



CHRISTKINDLMARKT

Reporter: Verna Steinkamp, Organizer

Although Christmas may as yet not be on your mind, it is time to start the planning of our annual Christkindlmarkt. The date is Saturday, December 13, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. It will require the efforts of everyone to make it another success. All proceeds will go into the general church fund

Continued on page 4

INDEX	
Prayer & Stewardship Corners, Thanks	2
Pastor's Column	3
ERM Update & Ill. So. Anniversary	4
Joseph Center, Hoyleton Dinner/Auction	5

PRAYER CORNER*

Gladys Atchison	Art Campbell
Esther Campbell	Ileen Castellari
Bob Cohlmeier	Luke Hammond
Paul Kluthe	Dorothy Murray
Nellie Schlau	Don Storck
Betty Telford	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

WITH SYMPATHY WE MOURN

Since the last issue we have lost two older and very special members. Please remember both family and friends of each in your prayers.

Hubert Gherardini died on August 26.

Edna Caraker died on August 27.

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.

If you would like to receive home communion or if you would like a home visit, please call the church office at 618-532-7124.

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Giving Totals for Aug. 24 - Sept. 21, 2014

General Offering.	\$ 5,626.72
Parsonage.....	450.00
Improvement Fund.....	25.00
Change for Change.....	60.31
Memorials - H. Gherardini.....	1,115.00
Memorials - E. Caraker.	80.00
Condolence Fund.....	550.00
Building Use.	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 7,957.03

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE
(01/01/14 THROUGH 09/21/14)**

Amount received \$ 51,199.82
(Does not include "Change for Change 2014")

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Aug. 24	31
Aug. 31	41
Sept. 7	39
Sept. 14	28
Sept. 21	37

THANK YOU!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our sympathies are extended to the family of **Hubert Gherardini** who died on 8/26/14. The Special Events Team thanks the following persons who provided food (F) and/or assisted with the serving of the luncheon (W) in our Fellowship Hall after the funeral service on August 29th: **Jane Brink** (F + W), **Diana Brinkmann** (F), **Nancy Borgmann** (F + W), **Cathy Chontofalsky** (F + W), **Jane Edmonson** (F + W), **Connie Freels** (F + W), **Helen Niekrenz** (F + W),

Judy Reichenbacher (F), **Verna Steinkamp** (F + W), **Charlene Smith** (F), **Jeanette Storck** (F), **Susan and Jim White** (F + W), and **Norma Borgmann** (F + W).

Special Events Team

Our sympathies are also extended to **DiAnn Caraker** upon the death of her mother, **Edna Caraker**, whose funeral service was on August 30th. We served a luncheon afterwards in our Fellowship Hall, and the Special Events Team thanks the following people for making such possible by providing food (F) and/or working (W): **Jane Brink** (F + W), **Nancy Borgmann** (F +W), **Cathy Chontofalsky** (F + W), **Jane Edmonson** (F +W), **Connie Freels** (F + W), Helen Niekrenz (F +W), **Judy Reichenbacher** (F+W), **Jeanette Storck** (F + W), **Susan and Jim White** (F + W), and **Norma Borgmann** (F+W).

Special Events Team

On behalf of the Stewardship Team, THANKS for the dollars contributed for the September "Change for Change" special offering that will boost the General Fund. A total of \$60.31 was deposited on 9/21/14.

Stewardship Team

Dear Congregation of St. Peter UCC

My return from vacation Sunday Aug. 31, 2014, was truly a memorable one. You all pulled it off with great aplomb. Many thanks to all of you individually for your cards and gifts and to the Choir and Events committee for their help in setting it up.

I truly am grateful for your words of appreciation. No matter how many times and years you work at something, it is always good to hear you are on the way to getting it right. I truly enjoy what I do with helping supply a music setting for our worship. I have a lot of help from an unusually talented group of singers and musicians of our St. Peter Choir. We all work hard every Tuesday evening – some at it longer than 47 years. I have often told the group that they are part of the fabric that holds our church together. Sometimes the music is too slow – too fast - too hard – too familiar – not familiar enough – not modern enough, but you kindly listen and try to make the words or tune relevant to your worship.

We have been blessed at St. Peter over the years with pastors who encourage and participate in our

worship music. Our Councils have always been on board with seeing that our musical equipment is up to date and good. We have a fine Allen organ and Clavinova keyboard.

Again, I want to thank you all for the recognition given our music worship as we give back to God that which we have been given.

David Stedelin

Our thanks to the **choir members** for the flowers they had placed on the altar in appreciation of **David Stedelin's** dedication to the choir and music ministry at St. Peter United Church of Christ.

Zion Hoyleton sends thanks out to all area churches for their thoughts and prayers regarding our recent fire. Our council president, **Mark Hake** has been in contact with the insurance and adjusters and they believe it could have been a lot worse.

The progress is going very smoothly, the office and classrooms will be operational within 6 weeks, and the sanctuary will be rebuilt or restored per the UCC Insurance Board decision. We are very happy with the progress.

If you need to reach Zion UCC Hoyleton you can still reach us through the office number, 618-493-6317 or zionevangelical@frontier.com.

Thanks again for all your thoughts and prayers keep them going as the progress continues.

Stacey Horst, Secretary
Zion UCC Hoyleton

(Editor's note: This is from an email received in the church office and forwarded to me on Sept. 10.)



I've been thinking about group meetings and the congregational meeting coming up in October.

Many people think if they talk long enough, loud enough, clearly enough, they can convince everyone in the room that they are right. Surely, if one explains oneself carefully, everyone will see how logical, how right one is!

Have you ever gone to a committee meeting, or

even a family dinner, and expressed your ideas to those gathered? You may have expected that after hearing your well thought out opinions, that everyone would be convinced, and the matter would be settled. Only to watch as everyone around the table listened politely, then ignored your opinions and went on with business as usual. If you are very lucky, you are part of a group that listens to its members, as part of prayerful discernment. Prayerful discernment means listening to individuals, but learning to listen to God even more. It involves time spent at every meeting in prayer, and returning to prayer any time there is a disagreement. It takes longer; it's hard work. Sometimes it seems risky and downright scary! But the result will be better than any one person would have come up with on their own.

When the Holy Spirit works with a group of people with open hearts, who are willing to hear and follow God's guidance, the results can be miraculous. Even the one who gave that first wonderful convincing argument may find themselves changed.



Christkindlmarkt Continued from page 1

Baked items such as cookies, cakes, breads, strudel, gingerbread, candy and even whole pies (no cream) will be needed. No sign up sheets will be in the bulletins this year so you can change your mind at the last minute as to what to bring.

We will again have our St. Peter craft table. All items you contribute will be greatly appreciated. Also some new vendors have already been contacted.

Volunteers are also very necessary to work the day of the event. It is not required to be asked and would be very much appreciated if you are willing and able to notify **Verna Steinkamp**.

Advertisement is very crucial for the success of the event so begin to tell your friends, relatives and neighbors as well as yourself to mark and save the date of our Christkindlmarkt. Flyers will become available closer to the event.

We will again be serving lunch items for sale

which will be brats, hotdogs, drinks and dessert. Hot cinnamon rolls will be available also.

You are asked to bring your baked items as well as craft items on Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. so they can be bagged, priced, arranged, etc.

It is an exciting time of the year and not too early to get in the spirit.

ERM SOCIETY UPDATE

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, President

A special thank you is extended to the 7 ladies, including **Rev. Lisa Hart**, who braved the stormy weather forecast on Wednesday, September 10th (however, most did get wet upon departure). A delicious bountiful potluck meal was certainly enjoyed before the celebration of the 72nd anniversary of ERM with a special decorated cake and ice cream.

The group will not meet in October—however, we will meet on Wednesday evening, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. and make plans for Christmas deliveries to shut-ins as an agenda item.

ILLINOIS SOUTH CONFERENCE IS 50 IN 2015 — HELP COMPILE A HISTORY FOR THE CELEBRATION!

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, Member of Steering Committee

Illinois South Conference will be 50 years old in 2015! Summer camping sessions at DuBois Center also began in 1965! Thus, there will be a special golden celebration on Sunday, May 3rd – 3:00-8:00 p.m. at the Grizzlies' Ball Park (Cahokia). Their ball players will not be playing—however, we have full access to the entire ball park, including the diamond where various sports are being planned with metro-east ball players.

Verna Steinkamp and **Norma Borgmann** were appointed to serve on this steering committee with 9 other people that have been meeting since April. Entertainment, programming, recreation, and traditional concessions will all be available on May 3rd. Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$10.00 for family to cover basic expenses. Food will be extra dependent upon respective tastes.

We are also on the history sub-committee and thus researching the original archives of how the Conference began after being a Synod while

Evangelical and Reformed. It was evidently considered to have the entire state of Illinois as one Conference—however, thanks to strong-voiced persons who demanded southern Illinois identity. While this was happening, so also was the development of DuBois Center after the purchase from the railroad. If anyone knows more about this mid-60's history, please contact either one of us as soon as possible. (While the event is 7+ months away, it requires much research and interviews to compile accurate information and adequate preparation time for programs). Hopefully, St. Peter-Centralia will have several representatives at this historical day in Illinois South Conference—May 3rd, 2015! More details later as seen in Weekly Connections.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS

Reporter: Rev. Lisa Hart

All ladies are invited to mark their calendars and plan to celebrate a Women's Christmas—one without all the work of baking, shopping, wrapping—on January 6, 2015, at 6 pm. It will be held at St. Peter UCC, but will be a combined celebration with the women of Redeemer Lutheran and Zion UCC of Central City. Called *Nollaig na mBan* in Irish, Women's Christmas originated as a day when the women, who often carried the domestic responsibilities all year, took Epiphany as an occasion to celebrate together at the end of the holidays. Pastors **Lisa, Pam** and **Pamela** are reviving the tradition!

THE JOSEPH CENTER

Reporter: Judy Reichenbacher, Secretary

The Joseph Center in East St. Louis is a not-for-profit organization providing affordable housing and support services to homeless male veterans. St. Peter UCC will collect items beginning now until Veteran's Day, November 11, for this ministry. You may bring any of the items on the attached list and place them on the table in the Narthex. To give monetary donations, just mark an envelope "Veterans" and place in the offering plate. Items will be purchased to be added to the others items collected. You can find extra lists on the table in the Narthex,

along with a few brochures with more information about The Joseph Center. Items will be delivered after November 11. Thank you.

HOYLETON MINISTRIES ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION COMING SATURDAY, OCT. 18

Reporter: Paraphrased from an email & attachment received from Amanda Garrison @ Hoyleton Ministries

Gates open at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. at the Regency Conference Center. 400 Regency Park, O'Fallon, Illinois. You can register by phone at 618-493-7575 or via email at agarrison@hoyleton.org.

The evening will include the dinner, auction, games and sweets.

The auction committee would also like to challenge each congregation in the Illinois South Conference to fill a table or 8 and/or provide an auction item(s) to sell.

ANOTHER CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Reporter: Rev. Lisa Hart



This is the church I served in Tynan, Texas. Right out of seminary, I went to southeast Texas, near Corpus Christi, to serve two churches: Faith UCC in Orange Grove and Peace UCC in Tynan. Peace, the smaller of the two, is celebrating their 100th anniversary on September 28th, and have invited me to come for their celebration. The council agreed to my taking this extra Sunday off, and I'm most grateful.

The Joseph Center Ongoing Donations Wish List

Cleaning Supplies :

Bleach	Brooms
Cleaning Buckets	Disinfectant Spray and Liquid
Dust Pans	Fabric Softener Sheets
Garbage Bags (39 and 10 Gallon)	Latex and Non-Latex Gloves
Liquid Laundry Detergent	Liquid Hand Soap
Liquid Dish Washing Soap	Paper Towels
Toilet Bowl Brush	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Window Cleaner	

Condiments :

Coffee	Creamer
Hot Chocolate Packets	Sugar/Sugar Substitute
Tea Bags	Salt and Pepper

Clothing (New or Clean, Slightly Used) :

Men's Underwear (Size M, L, XL, XXL)	Socks
Winter Scarves/Gloves/Hats	Thermal Underwear

Food Pantry Items :

Cereal (Hot and Cold)	Crackers
Canned Fruits	Juice (Canned or Boxes)
Kool-Aid/Lemonade	Macaroni and Cheese Dinners
Pasta (Canned or Dry)	Pasta Sauce
Peanut Butter	Raisins (Individual Boxes)
Ready-to-Eat Snacks	Vegetables (Canned)
Soups (Canned or Packaged)	

Office Supplies :

Binders	Copy Paper
File Folders	Hanging Files
Markers	Pencils/Pens
Staplers/Staples	

Paper/Plastic Products :

Aluminum Foil	Coffee Stirrers
Disposable Aluminum Pans	Disposable Cold and Hot Cups
Lunch Bags	Plastic Wrap
Sandwich Bags	Food Storage Containers (Assorted Sizes)
Food Storage Bags	

Personal Care Products :

Combs	Brushes
Bodywash/Deodorant	Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Dental Floss	Cotton Balls/Swabs
Hair Shampoo/Conditioner	Lip Balm
Razors (Disposable)	Sunscreen Lotion
Soap (Ivory)	Tissue
Toilet Paper	Shower Shoes

Miscellaneous :

Hand Lotion/Vaseline	Band-aids
Batteries	First Aid Kits and Spray
Scouring Pads	Reflective Tape
Flashlights/Batteries	Ironing Boards (3)/Irons(3)
40-Gallon Trash Can with Wheels (3)	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
SEPTEMBER 2014 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 2014</h1>			NOVEMBER 2014 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	2 Vision Team 6:30 pm	3 At St. Peter DuBois F. F. Prep. Day 2:00 p.m. -?	4	
5 Communion DuBois Fall Festival 11:00a.m.- 5:00p.m.	6	7 Quilts of Love Setup 8:30 Sew 9 -2	8 NO ERM	9	10	11 1st Christian Rummage & Bake Sale	
Pastor Lisa gone Oct. 6 through Oct. 13							
		Choir 6:30 p.m.					
12 Rev. Orrin Johnson guest speaker	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Choir 6:30 p.m.							
19 Change for Change Good News Deadline	20 6:30 pm Special Events Team	21	22	23	24 Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting 24th & 25 @ Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville	25	
		Choir 6:30 p.m.					
26 Congregational Mtg. after worship	27	28	29	30	31		
Office closed - Judy gone Oct. 27 through Oct. 31							
		Choir 6:30 p.m.					

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

BIRTHDAYS

3 Jana Musial	19 Travis Brinkmann
3 Jeremy Reichert	19 Krystal Huelsmann
5 Ryan Freels	20 Dorothy Murray
9 Gerald Wehrheim	21 Cathy Chontofalsky
14 Barbara Niermann	26 Nancy Freels
15 Diane Steinkamp	27 Karen Smith
	30 Duane Niekrenz

ANNIVERSARIES

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



ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
318 WEST THIRD STREET
CENTRALIA IL 62801
(618) 532-7124
... where God is still speaking,
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday Oct 5
from 11-5

DuBois Center

Family Friendly Community Event • FREE Parking • FREE Admission

Craft Booths
Quilt Drawing
Silent Auction
Pony & Hay Rides
Kidz Kraft Korner

Great Food! Pork Kabobs & Brats,
Spiral Potatoes, Kettle Korn, Funnel Cakes,
Homemade Desserts, & so much more!

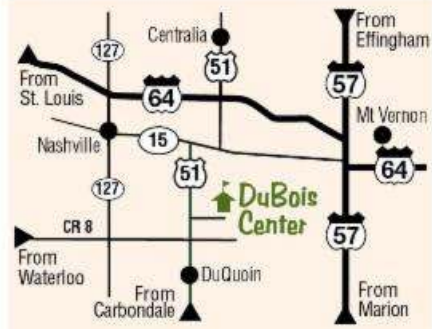
DuBoisCenter.org

For everyone's safety - Sorry No Pets

Live Music!

- 11:00 **Eden Brass Quintet**
- 11:55 **Joyful Praise** - Trinity UCC
- 1:20 **Faith Journey** - Freeburg UCC
- 2:45 **Venedy Band** Big Band Sound
- 4:00 **Dual Generation** - Bluegrass

2651 Quarry Rd. DuBois, IL



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