



Good News

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The Choir is Back

The new program year for the choir begins with rehearsal on Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30pm. All are invited to join in the singing!

Continental Breakfast

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

The Special Events Team will host a continental breakfast in the narthex on Sunday morning, August 31st to start the new church program year. Thus, please join us in fellowship and food after 9:45 a.m.

ERM Society to Reconvene

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

The ERM Society will reconvene for a potluck meal and business meeting on Wednesday evening, September 10th in the Fellowship Hall. All women are especially invited to attend. Meat and table service will be provided, and therefore just bring a favorite food dish to share. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. Any questions, contact **Norma Borgmann**.

Church Women United Fall Meeting

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

The fall ecumenical meeting of the Church Women United—Centralia Community will be hosted by the ladies of First United Methodist Church on Thursday morning, September 25th in their Fellowship Hall.

Breakfast will be available at 9:00 a.m., and a business session follows at 9:30 p.m. This is an open invitation to all women interested in sharing faith, food, and fellowship together. Hope to have more reps from our church. (P.S. Our church will be hosting this organization on November 7th for a special celebration and potluck in our Fellowship Hall).

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

Reporter: Verna Steinkamp, St. Peter Delegate

At the annual meeting of the Illinois South Conference there will be three offerings presented during the two day event to be held October 24 and 25 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville.

One is for items for Uni-Pres Kindercottage in East St. Louis. We have done this for several years, and all items are greatly appreciated. A separate listing shows their wish list. (At the end of this issue of the newsletter.) We will collect them here in our church on the table in the hall and transport them to the meeting. They will then be stacked along with the other churches donations to show the generosity of the congregations of Illinois South Conference. Kindercottage will transport the items from the Shrine. If you would prefer to give cash, give your donation to **Verna Steinkamp** who will purchase suitable items.

Another offering has become a staple at the meeting called the "noisy offering" whereby churches bring small or large amounts of change (bills and checks also) which is collected in a bucket to make noise. The noisy offering this year goes to the Hunger/Food Action. A box will be on the table in the hall for your change (or bills, checks, etc.) to be presented at the appropriate time.

The third offering will go the Hoyleton Ministries Transitional Housing. This supports the housing which cares for residents who have aged out of other Hoyleton programs. Another designed box will be on the table in the hall.

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PRAYER CORNER*

Gladys Atchison	Art Campbell
Esther Campbell	DiAnn Caraker
Ileen Castellari	Bob Cohlmeier
Luke Hammond	Nancy Johnston
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
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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.

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Giving Totals for July 27 - Aug. 17, 2014

General Offering.	\$ 5,667.29
Parsonage.	450.00
Improvement Fund.	25.00
Change for Change.	<u>57.79</u>
TOTAL.	\$ 6,200.08

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE
(01/01/14 THROUGH 08/17/14)**

Amount received \$ 45,573.10
(Does not include "Change for Change 2014")

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 27	37
Aug. 3	35
Aug. 10	36
Aug. 17	35

THANK YOU!
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Just a note to say thank you for the many get well cards from friends at St. Peter UCC. Thank you to **Pastor Lisa Hart** for hospital and Centralia Manor visits and her prayers with me and my family.

Also thank you for my bear from the church that **Jeanette Storck** brought to me at Centralia Manor. The bear is in my bedroom. I hope and pray I can drive my car to church in September.

I am home now after 10 days in the hospital and four weeks in Centralia Manor on the Bounce Back Program. Now I have nurses and physical exercises for five days every week. I hope I can go to church and drive my car.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Murray

On behalf of the 14 attendees from St. Peter UCC Church, deepest gratitude is expressed to the pastors of the Covenant Churches+ who initiated and were responsible for all the food served at the picnic in

Foundation Park on August 10th. There were over 125 persons in attendance for this ecumenical event who truly enjoyed this unique opportunity to gather as a huge ecumenical group in Centralia.

Special Thanks to all those worshipers who donated towards the “Change for Change” on Sunday, August 17th. A total of \$52.79 was deposited into the General Fund as a special offering. The Stewardship Team appreciates your participation in making a “change” towards the overall support.



“How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!” said the Psalmist in Psalm 67. “It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.”

In other words, kindred living together in unity is an overflowing blessing! Like the cup that “runneth over” mentioned in another familiar Psalm. And I don’t think the author meant only close kin, but communities, people of one faith, neighbors.

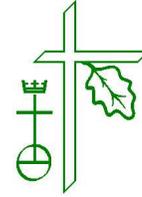
Why is it such a blessing? Not just because a lack of arguments means some peace and quiet, but because we can do so much more together than we can do separately! We give evidence of this in so many ways in the church.

! One person’s donation of a can of peaches to the food bank doesn’t mean much, but when one congregation or more bring in their cans it’s enough to feed several families.

! In the United Church of Christ we give to Our Church’s Wider Mission because we know that churches across the nation can support missions that one church could only dream of.

! And when several churches in Centralia get together for a picnic, we can have a crowd; we can have a feast, and we can celebrate the wonder and mystery of Holy Communion together. Over 100 people were there and it was an overflowing blessing. As **Jeannette Storck** said on that Sunday afternoon, “There are lots of small churches, but when we get together like this we can have a big event.”

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THIS YEAR’S FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, “Sweet Shop” Chairperson

Just another reminder—The 38th annual Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 5th at DuBois Center from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The 2nd annual DuBois Dash will be featured at 9:30 a.m. around the lake too. The traditional attractions that sets our Fall Festival apart include the beauty of nature in autumn, various recreational options, many crafters, varied entertainment, all kinds of food, silent auction, etc., and a great time to see lots of people (known and unknown).

The Fall Festival Committee, a standing committee of the Outdoor Ministries Team, continues to seek more VOLUNTEERS for several areas. The “Sweet Shop” is really in desperate need of persons who are able to clerk, cut/package desserts, and cashier!! Even taking a one hour shift would be helpful!

Also, essential to having a sweet shop (tent) is the fact that the tables need to be stocked with a wide variety of snacks (brownies, cereal snacks, cookies, pies, cakes, fruit, candies, pastries, etc.). Any food and/or cash donations will be greatly appreciated. For more info or food pick-up, please contact **Norma Borgmann** at 292-4617 (cell) or 533-1658.

There will be a Prep Day at our church on Friday afternoon, October 3rd starting at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks will need to be bagged into smaller bags, priced, and counted. Anyone is invited to help with this bulk assembling. It is intended to be about a 2-hour project. (Yes, we are doing this earlier than in the past due to other set-up obligations at DuBois Center on Saturday).

Annual Meeting Offerings

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We will collect the above mentioned items the first three Sundays the month of October.

Your generosity would be appreciated inasmuch as when it is time for the delegates to go forth, and no money has been collected from your church, the delegate alone gives only his contribution. If more people contribute, naturally it will be more beneficial for the recipients.



Infants Room

(Formulas) Similac Advance, Enfamil or Parents Choice. Vaseline, oil, lotion, shampoo, baby bath, powder, butt cream, Pampers Sizes 2-5, Wash cloths- white no perfumes/colors, Teething rings, Mobile, Baby chest w/drawers (nothing big), Push and pull toys, Fabric books, Mirror toys, Stacking blocks, Soft balls, CD- Music Soothing/Sleepy/Happy, Bathtub, Bibs, Size D batteries, Wall decorations for baby room, Fitted crib sheets, Dreft detergent, Fabric softener, (Remember 12 of any foods or drinks), Baby Vegetable, Fruits, Juices, Distilled Water, Crackers/snacks, Infants Stage @ Fruits , Vegetables & Meals, Animals from the Zoo, Farm, Jungle, Insects of all types, Puzzles- Careers, Multi-Ethnic People, Colors, Shapes, Numbers, etc., CD Players, Digital Cameras, Picture printing Paper, Copy Paper, Ink Cartridges (HP 96 & 97)

Toddlers 13 months- 23 months

Nerf balls, Smocks/aprons, Dress up costumes, Large picture cards/story books

2 year olds

Soft or nerf balls, Puzzles/large, Story or music cd's, Hard plastic large trucks and cars

Other Things

Paper products: bathroom tissue, Kleenex, paper towels, Cleaning products: Clorox wipes, bleach, vanish/sani flush, tub n tile cleaner, window cleaner, disinfectant, sanitizer, liquid soap

Foods you can donate

Canned – fruits, vegetables, juice (full strength juice only) when donating canned items, think about quantity Although any amount is appreciated we feed a large number of people daily. Pastas- spaghetti, egg noodles, macaroni, Boxed cereal, hot cereal (oatmeal, cream of wheat, quick grits) (Nutritious types, although a little sweetness is appreciated and wanted), Snack Foods (again healthy), Vanilla wafers, all types of crackers, Boxes of jello, oatmeal/oatmeal, with raisin cookies, All types of fresh fruit, Individual cups of yogurt (there are many brands targeting children), Cheese/peanut butter crackers, Rice cakes (caramel), Nutri Grain Bars. Granola Bars (chewy), Cookies of all types, although we really need to be sure they are healthy, according to the State guidelines, every once in a while, sugary and creme- filled is good.

Last Thoughts

Dolls, when donating, please remember, we accept boy & girl dolls and all races of dolls. Diversity is an important lesson. These dolls can be about careers, family and other countries. This also applies to books and music. We want our children to know that our world is composed of all types, colors, and both sexes of people. Musical CD selections can include opera, jazz, modern, classical, easy listening, because we are introducing them to the world of music. You can also donate frozen foods but again, you must think of quantity and nutritional requirements for children. We hope this helps you in selecting other ways you can us here at Uni Pres Kindercottage. On behalf of our family blessings and thank you all.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 Blankets of Love Setup 8:30am Sew etc. 9 a.m. Choir 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6	
7 Communion	8 Council 6:30 pm	9 Choir 6:30 p.m.	10 ERM Potluck 6:30 pm	11	12	13	
14 Rally Day Program & Hot Dogs after worship	15	16 Choir 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19	20	
21 Good News Deadline Change for Change	22	23 Choir 6:30 p.m.	24	25 Church Women United 9 a.m. 1st Methodist	26	27	
28	29	30 Choir 6:30 p.m.	October 1	October 2	October 3 2:00 p.m. Pack Food for DuBois FF	October 4	

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

BIRTHDAYS

2 Jane Brink	14 Nancy Borgmann
4 Judy Kluthe	18 Carol Flanigan
6 Marie Miller	24 David Stedelin
7 Cleo Feig	29 Stephen Chontofalsky
9 Norma Borgmann	30 Greg Reichenbacher

ANNIVERSARIES

7 Duane & Helen Niekrenz
 20 Jeremy & Summer Reichert



September

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

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