

Remember to RSVP for the annual DuBois Center Christmas Party! This is our opportunity to say THANK YOU! Thank you for your prayers and support, your gifts of time, talent and treasure, and your partnership in the mission and ministry of DuBois Center. Volunteers, staff, supporters, and friends are invited. Enjoy a yummy dinner, wonderful entertainment by the E'ville Treblemakers, and of course, THE Christmas game. The social hour begins at 5 pm with dinner at 6 pm. RSVP to Priscilla at dcinfo@duboiscenter.org or 618-787-2202 **by Monday, Dec 2 at noon.**



Poinsettias will be ordered from the Feed Bin. Cost will be \$11 per plant. Deadline is Sunday, December 8.



CHRISTKINDLMARKT IS COMING
 Reporter: Verna Steinkamp

On Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. we will be sponsoring Christkindlmarkt

in our Fellowship Hall. Recently, at a meeting it was stated **"if you want something, you have to ask."**

We are asking for:-

Cookies, candies, cakes, breads, strudel, gingerbread, Christmas baked items

We are asking for:-

Crafts to sell at the St. Peter table

We are asking for:-

You to advertise this event to your relatives, friends, neighbors

We are asking for:-

People to work the day of the event

We are asking for:-

You to come to the event and have lunch

All proceeds will go to the general fund of the church. Lunch items for sale will be brats, hotdogs, drinks, and cake. Hot cinnamon rolls will also be available. Seating will be limited making it more authentic to the German Christkindlmarks. Please bring your items **Friday, December 13**, to the Fellowship Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. so the items can be bagged, priced, arranged, etc. Please wrap your breads in clear wrap and note the contents such as nuts, fruit, etc. Advertising is expensive but crucial for success. Flyers are available to take and distribute. If you would like to contribute to the cost, it would be greatly appreciated. The hall will be festively decorated to put you in the Christmas spirit, and what better way to conclude the celebration of 150 years of our heritage.

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PRAYER CORNER*

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Esther Campbell | Ileen Castellari |
| Robin Cimera | Bob Cohlmeier |
| Luke Hammond | Rev. Lisa Hart |
| Paul Kluthe | Kent Niermann |
| Carter Rankin | Nellie Schlau |
| Paula Sears | Gretta Sharp |
| 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 Bratthaur | David Harper |
| Chris Lyday | Corey Schlau |
| Nathan Storck | Cole Vehrs |
| Jared Vehrs | Anna Walls |

In Care Centers

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Giving Totals for Oct. 27 - Nov. 17, 2013

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| General Offering. | \$ 6,118.00 |
| Parsonage. | 400.00 |
| Wurstmart. | 780.00 |
| Change for Change. | 98.82 |
| Memorial - Roger Tibbs. | 100.00 |
| TOTAL. | \$ 7,496.82 |

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE
(01/01/13 THROUGH 11/17/13)**

Amount received. \$ 60,958.64
(Does not include "Change for Change 2013")

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| | |
|---------|------|
| Oct. 27 | 37 |
| Nov. 3 | 4/62 |
| Nov. 10 | 27 |
| Nov. 20 | 40 |

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

Special Thanks to the following ladies who helped me as hostesses for the World Community Day potluck and program on Friday, November, 1st in our Fellowship Hall and sponsored by Church Women Illinois—Centralia community: **Nan Borgmann, Jane Edmonson, Connie Freels, and Verna Steinkamp. Jeanette Storck** assisted me with setting up the tables on October 31st.

Once again, we received compliments on our friendly and warm hospitality from other ladies of various churches in the area. Thank You St. Peter UCC women for hosting this November 2013 event.

Norma Borgmann
CWU-Centralia Comm. President

The Stewardship Team expresses THANKS to ALL who contributed \$\$\$ on November 17 for the special "Change for Change" offering. An amount

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

of just barely under \$100.00 was collected then. Your coins and currency do make a difference in our general fund. Refer to the thermometer on the bulletin board that reflects the total amount deposited thus far this year for this purpose. Thank you again.

TOTENFEST SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 3

Those that were remembered during the Totenfest Service that was part of our worship included: **Todd Freels, Betty Rose Johnson, Vivian Cohlmeier, Bryan Smith, Cletus “Jack” Feig Sr., Elmer Beckmeyer, Mary Jane Wright Broeckling** (she was a member at Zion UCC but service was held at St. Peter), and **Roger Tibbs**.



As I write, I haven't yet had my Thanksgiving feast, but it's time to turn our thoughts toward Christmas. We start with the season of Advent, the time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. And I know I will soon start seeing the bold-print declarations against taking Christ out of Christmas! But, as it turns out, Xmas is not a non-religious version of Christmas invented by retailers and secularists. The X is actually indicating the Greek letter “Chi”, which is short for the Greek **ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ** meaning “Christ”. The practice of using the symbol “X” in place of Christ's name has been going on amongst religious scholars for at least 1000 years, long before Wal-Mart, or even Sears Roebuck!. One of the first protests against the use of Xmas came in 1977 from the Governor of New Hampshire who called Xmas a pagan spelling of Christmas. Seems he should checked his facts with a religious scholar.

But I am concerned about taking Christ out of Christmas, as I am concerned about leaving Christ out of our lives at any time. We leave Christ out of Christmas when we forget Jesus' teachings:

- If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn

the other also.

- Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.
- Do not store up treasures on earth; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.
- Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.
- Pray this way: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
- In everything do to others as you would have them do to you.
- And in answer to when the people saw Jesus hungry, or sick, or in prison, or in need of clothing, Jesus answered: Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Want to keep Christ in your Christmas this year? Then love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself.

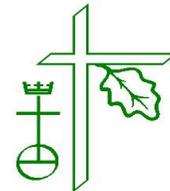
May the peace and joy of Xmas (a Christ-**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ**-filled Christmas!) be yours this year!



BY 1ST METHODIST & ST. PETER CHOIRS

Reporter: David Stedelin, St. Peter Choir Director

The choir of First Methodist will join our choir to present the cantata, AND on EARTH, PEACE. This will be during our regular 10:45 am service Sunday, December 15. Hope we have a good turnout.



SEVERAL CHURCH MEMBERS IN REPRESENTATION AT AUXILIARY 35TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

Yes, the DuBois Center Auxiliary-Boosters celebrated their 35th anniversary as a support

organization of the Illinois South Conference's camp and conference center on Sunday, November 10th at the Original Springs Hotel in Okawville for a 1:00 p.m. family style meal and special visual program. There are several active members of such group who are also our church members.

Thus, those in attendance from St. Peter—Centralia on 11-10-13 were **Jane Brink, Connie Freels, Verna Steinkamp, Jeanette Storck,** and **Norma Borgmann.**

"MARTHA WASHINGTON" IS PORTRAYED AT AN ERM GUEST NIGHT

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

The ERM Society hosted a guest night on Wednesday, November 13th and had invited a professional historian to portray Martha Washington, **Barbara Kay** from Glen Carbon, IL. She is a retired history teacher from Highland High School and has spoken locally depicting other famous females.

There were representatives from the following area churches: Redeemer Lutheran, 1st Presbyterian, 1st Christian (Disciples of Christ), Zion UCC-Central City, Friedens UCC-Irvington, Zion UCC-Hoyleton plus our church. A meal of Shepherd's Pie (made with beef instead of traditional mutton), various salads as prepared by the hostesses, and of course Martha Washington cake with different iceings was served before her presentation.

Wearing a \$350.00 replica dress from Martha's closet, she informed the 48 ladies that a typical main meal was served at 3:00 p.m. while her husband was serving as the 1st President of the United States of America (who made \$25,000 a year but had to pay all expenses). Unknown to us, **Bryan Hunt** from the Sentinel came to take photos of her program after reading that she had been invited. **Hunt** took the photo that beautifully showed our cross wall in the background of "Martha Washington" showing us the long list of food typically served daily. "Martha" continued by telling us about her interesting life in the 1700's—(without a note).

Door prizes of patriotic-decorated jars of heroes' cookie mixture were awarded to a drawn winner from each church in representation and the guest speaker. The hostesses were **Cathy Chontofalsky, Connie Freels (subbing for Barb Niermann),**

Jeanette Storck, Norma Borgmann with Nan Borgmann assisting.

(On a personal note to the other ERM members who also stayed afterwards to help with the clean-up—Thank You).

The ERM Society will meet on Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. with **Ruth Carpenter** and **Dorothy Murray** as the hostesses. All the ladies in our church are always welcomed to any ERM meeting. (ERM members are reminded to bring 2 dozen cookies as the group will fill cookie tins for shut-ins and staff on that evening).

BACK TO HALLOWEEN!

Reporter: Jane Brink from email by Pastor Lisa

Between my plumbing problems and then both **Eddie Ruez** and I being unfamiliar with how to get a photo from her cell phone to my computer nothing from Trunk or Treat at the Salvation Army parking lot got in last month's newsletter. So. . . here is the one we did get transferred.



Eddie represented St. Peter at the Trunk or Treat and gave away candy and toy bags with St. Peter's name on it. She and **Madie & Russell** are put a lot of time into preparing everything.

UNI-PRES KINDERCOTTAGE ADOPTION FOR CHRISTMAS

St. Peter UCC will "adopt" a child from Uni-Pres Kindercottage for Christmas again this year. Jaxon is 3 years old and likes to play with trucks and ride bikes. He wears size 4T clothes, size 9 shoes, and size 4 underwear. Gifts can be placed on the table in the Narthex. Deadline is Sunday, December 15.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Communion | 2 Confirmation @ Redeemer 6 pm | 3 Blankets of Love Setup 8:30 Sew 9 -2 Choir 6:30 p.m. | 4 Grief Support 6 pm | 5 | 6 | 7 DuBois Center Christmas Party Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. |
| 8 Deadline: Poinsettias | 9 | 10 Choir 6:30 p.m. | 11 ERM - 7p.m. | 12 | 13 | 14 Christkindlemarkt 10 am - 2 pm |
| 15 Good News Deadline Cantata during worship Change for Change | 16 Confirmation @ Redeemer 6 pm | 17 Choir 6:30 p.m. | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Christmas Program 10:45 | 23 | 24 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service & Reception Office Closed | 25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 24th. & 25th. | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Rev. Orrin Johnson guest minister | 30 | 31 Office Closed | January 1 31st. & 1st. | | | |

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

BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 3 Edna Caraker | 16 Katelyn Smith |
| 4 Judy Reichenbacher | 17 Pat Kuhn |
| 4 Nathan Storck | 17 Roy Nierman |
| 7 Bernice Wolenhaupt | 19 Judy Luer |
| 8 Cindy Schubert | 21 Jennifer Smith |
| 10 Mark Hill | 23 Christopher Lamczyk |
| 12 Scott Freels | 24 Eula Brammeyer |
| 13 Joseph Musial | 27 Jim Klingenberg |

ANNIVERSARIES

13 Clete & Laura Feig



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

**December 7
(First Saturday)**



Annual DuBois Center
Christmas Party

An Evening in Oak Lodge
5 pm Social Hr.
6 pm Buffet Meal
“E’ville Treblemakers”
The Christmas Game

RSVP & details on Page 1

**December 14
(Second Saturday)**



Christkindlmarkt

10 am to 2 pm
318 W. Third
Centralia, IL 62801

Come visit our
Christmas Market for:
cookies, cakes, candies,
breads, strudel,
gingerbread, etc.

Several tables of crafts

**December 15
(Third Sunday)**

Cantata by Combined
Choirs from
St. Peter & 1st. United
Methodist churches during
the Worship Hour at
10:45 am

**December 22
(Fourth Sunday)**

Christmas Program during
Worship Hour at 10:45 am

**December 24
Christmas Eve
(Fourth Tuesday)**

Service starting at 7:00pm

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

Email: office@stpeterucc.com

Rev. Lisa Hart, Designated Minister

Jane Brink, Newsletter Editor

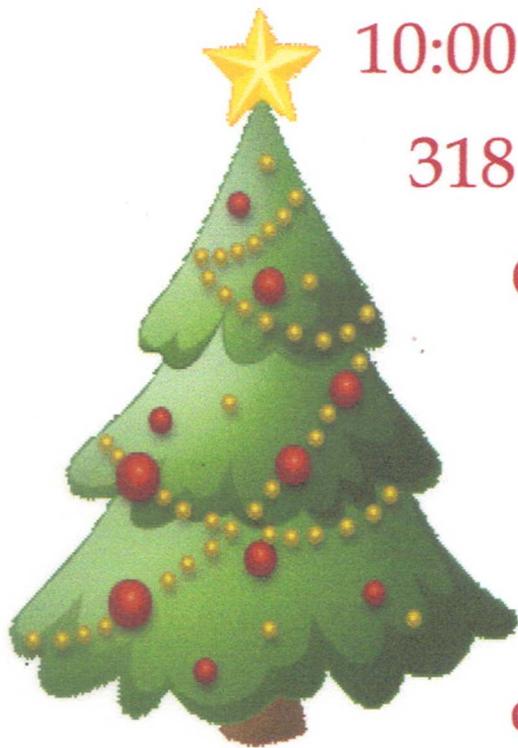
St. Peter UCC Christkindlmarkt

Saturday, DECEMBER 14, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

318 W. Third Street

Centralia, IL.



COME VISIT OUR
CHRISTMAS MARKET

BAKED GOODS – cookies,
candies, cakes, breads, strudel,
gingerbread

CRAFTS

SANDWICHES (brats & hotdogs),
HOT CINNAMON ROLLS
AND GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE
FOR SALE