

LOOKING FOR RINGERS

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army will be on Saturday, December 6, at Borowiak's IGA. To volunteer, just sign the sheet on the bulletin board or call the church office, 532-7124.



CHRISTKINDLMARKT COMING DEC. 13

Reporter: Verna Steinkamp, Organizer

Christmas will soon be here, and St. Peter UCC is having their now annual Christkindlmarkt on Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. as a fund raiser to go into the general fund of the church. To be a success it will require the efforts of everyone.

A total of 10 vendors are scheduled to be present including the St. Peter craft table, so any items you bring for sale would be greatly appreciated. Foremost is the baked goods, and you are asked to be receptive to baking cookies (lots), Christmas breads, strudel, gingerbread, candy, cakes, pies (no cream) or any other baked item. You are asked to wrap your breads, cakes, pies, etc. in clear wrap, labeled, and attractive for sale. Cookies and candies will be placed either on trays or bagged. Please bring your items to the church on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Lunch items will be served consisting of brats and hotdog sandwiches, soda and water plus slices of cake and pie. Also hot cinnamon rolls will be available at the start of the event.

Advertisement is essential for the success, so be sure to spread the word about this event and place flyers, available on the hall table, wherever you think would be beneficial. Also don't forget to come yourself, have lunch, and help complete your Christmas shopping.

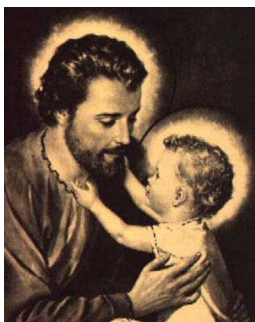
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TIMING FOR THIS YEAR'S ORDERS

Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary will be ordered from The Feed Bin. To order one in memory or in honor of, just sign the sheet on the bulletin board or call the church office, 532-7124. The cost is \$11.00 per plant. Deadline is Sunday, December 14.

If you are getting your own but want acknowledgment in the bulletin please add your information to the sign up sheet noting that you are bringing yours.



MEN'S BREAKFAST DEC. 13 AT 8 AM

All men of the covenant churches are invited to breakfast at Redeemer Lutheran at 8 am on December 13. It will include food, fellowship, and a study of the role of Joseph in the Christmas story, led by **Rev. Earl Menchhofer**.

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PRAYER CORNER*

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

Once again I am sorry to have to report a death. **Fairlene Weihe** who died on November 5th was a member but inactive since leaving Centralia.

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**

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

Thank you to each and every member of my church family for all the acts of kindness sent my way during my hospitalizations and during the time of my precious mother's passing. The sincerity and support shown to me, whether in the form of cards, flowers, visits, the funeral lunch, calls, thoughts, prayers, prayer bear or handy grabber was absolutely overwhelming. But I truly believe that I am making it through because of the love and support shown to me by all of you and my family of friends. Obviously, my life has been forever changed because of my stroke and the loss of my mom and best friend, but the kindness and compassion I have received during the past many months has been a treasure that is equally life changing. Thank you so very, very much.

DiAnn Caraker

Our sincere thanks to **Jim White** for leading our worship service on November 16.

The Stewardship Team sincerely appreciates all the coins/currency contributed on November 16th for the "Change for Change" special offering (deposited into the General Fund). A total of \$91.19 was collected on such Sunday. Thank you very much.

Special Thanks also to **Mrs. Pamela Ruez** for donating 6 peanut butter cookie mixes (that were transformed into "peanut blossoms" anonymously) towards the total amount of food provided by our church at the DuBois Center Fall Festival "Sweet Shop". She also donated same amount for VBS.

P.S. I forgot to include her on the "master list" as noted in the November newsletter.

Norma Borgmann

Thank you to the following representatives from our church whom were present for the World Community Day potluck/program on November 7th as hosted by us: **Connie Freels, Rev. Lisa Hart, Helen Niekrenz, Verna Steinkamp, Jeanette Storck, and myself**. The local unit celebrated its 68th anniversary as well as the attendees' respective birthdays with individual cupcakes and specific gifts.

The theme focused on the usage of our hands in

outreach, especially in caring for others.

Special thanks to **Rev. Hart** for the meal blessing plus **Connie, Jeanette, and Nan** for helping me with clean-up. The next CWU gathering will be hosted at our neighboring church, 1st Presbyterian Church, on Thursday morning, January 22nd at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and business meeting.

Norma Borgmann,
CWU—Centralia comm. President

P.S. St. Peter Church is scheduled to conduct the devotional services at Centralia Manor during the month of January. Thus, I am looking for persons willing to lead/assist with such worship times at 2:00 pm.



Dear friends:

Another month has flown by, and now 'tis the season of Advent, with Christmas just around the corner.

In a friend's newsletter from Texas there was a great story that I just have to share with you. A man we'll call George was sitting at a stoplight one morning. The lady in front of him was going through papers on the seat of her car, and when the light changed to green, she did not obey its command.

When the light went through another cycle and she had still not moved, George began screaming epithets and beating on the steering wheel. His expressions of distress were interrupted by a policeman, gun drawn, tapping on his window. Against his protestations of "You can't arrest me for hollering in my car," the policeman ordered him into the back seat of his squad car. After a couple of hours in a holding cell, the arresting officer finally released George with an explanation.

The officer said, "I didn't arrest you for shouting in your car. I saw you screaming and beating your steering wheel, and I said to myself, 'What a jerk.' But then I noticed the cross hanging from your rearview mirror, the fish on the trunk lid, and the 'My boss is a Jewish Carpenter' bumper sticker, and I thought you must have stolen the car from a

Christian."

Would someone in the community look at our Christmas decorations, baking, and preparations and say, "You must have stolen that from a Christian"? Would they see our actions and attitudes as we go through the chaos of the pre-Christmas days and say, "There is no Christ in their Christmas!"

I hope all of you find and share the peace, joy, and love of Christmas. May this season be filled with worship and holy days. May the Spirit of God be born into your hearts so that you live the life-abundant all through the year.

Joyous Advent and
Merry Christmas!
from Pastor Lisa and Walt

ILLINOIS SOUTH CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Reporter: Verna Steinkamp, Delegate

The annual meeting of the Illinois South Conference was held October 24 and 25 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. Representing St. Peter UCC of Centralia were **Pastor Lisa Hart** and delegates **Norma Borgmann** and **Verna Steinkamp**. **Verna**, being on the Conference Gatherings Team, was quite busy with various duties. The day before, the group met at Concordia UCC and collated the folders in the morning and decorated at the Shrine in the afternoon. The group made over 100 dream catchers and suspended them from the ceiling to go with the theme "Imagine a Church...Dreaming with God." Near the end of the gathering they were offered to the group for a donation, and they were readily received. There were 168 delegates from the 81 churches in the conference present along with other non-voting individuals.

The keynote speaker was **Rev. Cameron Trimble** who was motivational in her remarks and addressed the group at three different times. Worship was held after lunch the first day at the Shrine church which included a mass choir and mass bell choir. **Verna** helped serve communion, and **Norma** helped collect the offering.

A first time wine and cheese reception hosted by ISC Pride was held at the Shrine Hotel at the end of the first day. The banquet was in the evening followed by entertainment in the form of Family Feud

with the families being the region groups. Over 100 people had been surveyed previously via internet, and the event was quite entertaining. The questions were quite simple such as: Name a hymn, an animal from the Bible, a book of the Bible in the Old Testament, etc.

The marketplace was open both days, and the 50th anniversary committee, who is planning events for the celebration of Illinois South Conference, performed a skit in which **Verna** and **Norma** participated. The event is to be May 3, 2015 at Grizzley Field, so mark your calendars!

More specific facts will be reflected in the annual report when they are distributed at the end of the year.

OTHER GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

The Mission Team has chosen BCMW as the recipient of this year's Advent Offering. Just mark an envelope "Advent" to be included in this outreach. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter UCC.

St. Peter UCC will again be collecting items for Christmas for one of the children that attends Uni-Pres Kindercottage. **Ranyah** is a nine months old girl that wears size 18 months clothing and size 4 Pampers. Items can be placed on the table in the Narthex. No need to wrap them, they would prefer them unwrapped. To make monetary donations for an elf to do the shopping, just mark an envelope "Kindercottage". Deadline is Sunday, December 7.

During December, we will collect for The Christmas Fund. This UCC special mission offering helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to lower-income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy or lay church employees in need, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks to hundreds of annuitants; administered by the Pension Boards.

To contribute to this offering, just mark an envelope "The Christmas Fund" and make checks payable to St. Peter UCC.

ERM SOCIETY UPDATE

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, ERM President

Five members gathered in the toasty parlor on

Wednesday evening, November 12th and appreciated the wall heater (until going outside to the frigid cold that night). The list for the distribution of cookie cans to various shut-ins/staff was finalized along with the designated deliverer. Such visit will be correlated with the presentation of a small poinsettia from the church during the week of December 14th-20th.

ERM members are being reminded to bring their cookies (in a marked bag as ERM) when delivering such for the Christkindlmarkt. The cookie cans will be filled sometime during Christkindlmarkt or Sunday morning before worship service.

We still continue to collect Labels for Education (Campbells, etc.) and Boxtops for Kindercottage — you don't even have to trim them as that will be taken care by one of us. Also, just as a reminder that any loose change may be deposited into the multi-colored box on the narthex library table that will be counted as St. Peter's contribution towards the Least Coin Offering which helps specific persons on 6 continents.

Our next ERM meeting will be announced later.



HOLIDAY PARTY REMINDER

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

DuBois Center will be hosting its annual appreciation holiday supper for volunteers and financial contributors — this year, it will be held on Saturday night, December 6th. Social hour starts at 5:00 p.m. with the meal at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment will include music and playing a traditional game. Those wishing to participate in the game are asked to bring a gift (maybe re-gifted or new worth no more than \$10.00). Residents at Hoyleton Children's Home would appreciate gift cards that are also being collected at this event as a way of remembering others so as to have a happier holiday.

Reservations for the meal are needed by noon on Monday, December 1st as a caterer is being hired so our staff can also enjoy the evening.



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Volunteers are also needed for various positions to relieve people or fill in for someone who needs to leave. If you already do not have a job and are willing to work, please contact **Verna Steinkamp**. It is the holiday season, and folks are busy. If you wish to make a donation of money to cover cost of advertising, containers, etc. please see **Verna Steinkamp** or **David Stedelin**.

(Editors addition!)

At the end of this newsletter you will find a flyer that has the other side of the sheet blank. That is so that if you put it in a car window to help us publicize this nothing will show through. Also, feel free to see if you can post it anywhere else. With no Wurstmart this year we need to really make this a major event.

has kept you busy and hurried in the past weeks or months. As the Christmas season comes to a close, this is an occasion both to celebrate with friends and also to spend time in reflection before diving into the responsibilities of this new year.

**Join us to celebrate Women’s Christmas!
Tuesday, January 6, at 6:00 pm
St. Peter United Church of Christ**

Come to rest, to reflect, to contemplate where you are in your unfolding path. Mindful of those who traveled to welcome the Christ child, we will turn our attention toward questions about our own journey.

(Editor’s note)

This is an accessible building with a ramp at the east end that leads to the main doors that are on the south side. Once inside go straight which leads to an elevator to the Fellowship Hall in the basement.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE PROJECT

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

Hopefully, you have seen in the Sentinel that the former Friendship House nursing home is being renovated for a “transitional” location to provide temporary living accommodations to those who need such. This process has been a “work in progress” for the past 6 months, and there is still MUCH to be accomplished yet before the first clients move in and continue to be such facility. It is to be understood that the residents must work in some capacity (kitchen, cleaning, etc.) in exchange for food and shelter. (Qualified security guards will be employed around the clock).

Lowell Jeffries is to be acknowledged for ALL the hours he has spent working there thus far. Perhaps, you saw in the Sentinel when there was a flag-raising ceremony on Monday, November 10th –thanks to Lowell and some Legion colleagues.

As you may know, our church and Zion UCC-Central City have applied for a grant through “Neighbors in Need” special offering (via the denomination) to sponsor a room at the Friendship House Project—still have not heard if such was approved yet.

Donations of cash and any of the following items are certainly welcomed at the building now and into the future: Towels, full-sized sheets, anything



WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS JANUARY 6

Reporter: Rev. Lisa Hart

There is a custom, rooted in Ireland, of celebrating Epiphany, (January 6, which brings the Christmas season to a close) as Women’s Christmas. It 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, leaving hearth and home to the men for a few hours.

Whether your domestic commitments are many or few, Women’s Christmas offers a timely opportunity to pause and step back from whatever

household, personal hygiene products, and clothing for all ages, ETC. Committees for EVENTS, FUND RAISING, AWARENESS, and PROGRAMS are being formed too, and thus management is seeking interested persons to serve in a particular area (s) of passion.

A governing board was organized this summer, and those members have been very busy there with all the necessary preliminary work to start a new non-profit entity. A foundation board is also needed. For more information, please refer to friendshiphouseproject@gmail.com or **Lavonda Henry** at 502-930-5607 as she is the project director.

Please keep the Friendship House Project volunteers, staff, and clients in your prayers. This is such a much-needed mission outreach for residents in Centralia and surrounding areas.

St. Peter UCC Christkindlmarkt

Saturday, DECEMBER 13, 2014

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

DRINKS AND DESSERTS

FOR SALE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	1	2 Quilts of Love Setup 8:30 Sew 9 -2 Choir 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6 DuBois Center Christmas Party Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.
7 Communion	8	9 Choir 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12 Bring items for markt 9 am - 7 pm	13 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Redeemer Christkindlemarkt 10 am - 2 pm
14 Deadline: Poinsettias Blue Christmas 2pm	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 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service & Reception	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 25th. & 26th.	26	27
28	29	30 Choir 6:30 p.m.	31	January 1 Office Closed		

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

BIRTHDAYS

4 Judy Reichenbacher	17 Pat Kuhn
4 Nathan Storck	17 Roy Nierman
7 Bernice Wolenhaupt	19 Judy Luer
12 Scott Freels	21 Jennifer Moll
13 Joseph Musial	23 Christopher Lamczyk
	27 Jim Klingenberg

ANNIVERSARIES

13 Clete & Laura Feig



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Christkindlmarkt on Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Please see article starting on page 1 and flyer above

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