



LAST MINUTE REMINDER!

This is being handed out on January 22 BUT we have one more Sunday in January and a Congregational Meeting is scheduled to follow the worship service on January 29. That is also the 5th Sunday of the month with envelopes available for a special offering to BCMW.

"FAT TUESDAY ON SATURDAY" BBQ

Zion is once again having a "Fat Tuesday on Saturday" BBQ. They will be serving their famous BBQ smoked pork sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, a drink and dessert on Saturday, February 18 from 4 to 8 pm in their Fellowship Hall (they DO have an accessible entrance on the north side of their building and a chair lift down to the basement). Prices are Adults \$8.00 eat in, \$8.50 carry-out; Youth ages 5-12 \$5.00; Children under 5 are Free; By the pound \$7.00 lb. Orders for bulk sales at \$7.00 a pound must be made by February 8. Carry-out orders of 10 meals or more can be delivered — in town only.



First Christian Church in cooperation with the other Covenant Churches will once again be sponsoring a light meal and worship service on Ash Wednesday. The meal will be a soup supper beginning at 5:15 with the worship service starting at 6:00.

Zion will be having services at 7 pm the other Wednesdays of Lent and we are all invited to join them.

Maundy Thursday services will be held at First Christian Church, and will begin with a soup supper like on Ash Wednesday.

Also **David Stedelin** is working on the planning for St. Peter host a community Tennebrae service on Good Friday. If it works out the combined choirs of First United Methodist and St. Peter's will do a cantata.

CHRISTKINDLMARKT RESULTS

Reporter: Verna Steinkamp

A first time Christkindlemarkt was held last month in the fellowship hall, and the results were quite pleasing. This is due to the wonderful efforts and response of our congregants. There were seven different vendors including items from Ecuador, Plowshare (third world country items), St. Peter Sunday School, Girl Scouts who meet regularly in our fellowship hall, two individual tables and a table for crafts and items donated by members of St. Peter UCC along with a hot drink table. We received 10% of the receipts from Plowshare and a cost per table from the other vendors. The Girl Scouts share was returned to them. The gross receipts for the four hour affair was \$1,700 of which approximately \$100 came from the St. Peter table. The amount collected for baked goods was \$629. There, as always, are expenses of which the most costly is advertising which is necessary. Other items include containers, cups, doilies, coffee and postage for mailing flyers, etc.

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Giving Totals for December 24 & 25, 2011

General Offerings.....	\$2,432.27
Advent Offering-Salvation Army.	121.00
Christmas Fund.	175.00
Donation for Christkindlmarkt ad.	75.00
Total.	\$2,803.27

GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE (01/01/11 THROUGH 12/31/11)

Amount received. \$ 69,872.37

Giving Totals for January 1 - January 15, 2012

General Offerings.....	\$ 4,173.22
Special Offering.....	400.00
Initial Offering.	43.00
Advent Offering-Salvation Army.	25.00
Christmas Fund.	1.00
Christkindlmarkt-10% of Plowsharing Table	51.01
Total.	\$ 4,693.23

GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE (01/01/12 THROUGH 1/15/12)

Amount received. \$ 4,173.22

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Dec. 24	60
Dec. 25	33
Jan. 1	35
Jan. 8	51
Jan. 15	46

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A Gift that will last for generations

PRAYER CORNER*

Debbie Arning	Jen Ashauer
Larry Besant	Rev. Rich Brzowsky
Edna Caraker	Gary Chwascinski
Vivian Cohlmeier	Rev. Lisa Hart
Paul Kluthe	Arlene Luer
Charles Luer	Gracie Niermann
Carter Rankin	Steve Smith
Don Storck	Betty Telford
Pauline Tibbs	Gerald Wehrheim
Bess Wesling	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

Matthew Bratthauar	David Harper
Chris Lyday	Corey Schlau
Nathan Storck	Cole Vehrs
Jared Vehrs	Anna Walls

In Care Centers

Roberta Kleine	Marjorie Nehrt
Henrietta Schmitz	

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.

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I want to again thank the congregation for their prayers and support. A check-up at the end of December shows that I remain cancer free.

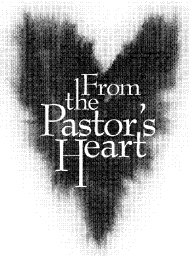
Rev. Lisa

We received a letter from DuBois Center signed by Shirley Asmussen, Director of Outdoor Ministries, thanking us for our 4th quarter/end of year donation of \$312.00 for the Oak Lodge Project.

Thank you to the ERM Society for the cookies and the poinsettia.

Betty Telford

Our thanks to **Jim & Susan White** for preparing the ham & beans for the meal January 1 and to **all others** that brought something to share.



A friend tells this story of a trip she made with her elderly mother. They were staying in a Super 8 in Rapid City and realized that a separate wing of the motel was being used to house homeless people. One morning they went to the breakfast buffet where a couple of people were finishing up breakfast and soon left. She and her mother were alone talking about their plans to visit Mt Rushmore that day when another person came in, a man with longer unkempt hair, pajama bottoms, slippers and a rumpled camouflage jacket open with no shirt underneath. He was holding a shoulder height walking stick and mumbling to himself, visibly distressed about something.

My friend is familiar with mental illnesses and realized he might have schizophrenia or another mental illness. Her mother is noted for a penchant for long, rambling conversations, and she was just hoping Mom would not strike up a conversation, and they could get out of there and on their way. She and Mom got up to get something more from the buffet and as they walked by where the man was sitting, Mom stopped and said It's so nice to SEE YOU this morning. There was an instant change in the man, as his face brightened and a big smile appeared. He replied, Thank you, it's nice to SEE YOU too. That was it, no long conversation, just a beautiful smile

from a white haired lady, acknowledging his presence and worth.

Sometimes what any one of us wants more than anything is for someone to SEE us. Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." One of the best ways to love one another is to actually SEE each other. Don't look past, don't see only what you want to see, stop and SEE the other person. See the worth of another human being, look until you see what God sees in them. Look hard enough and you will SEE Jesus in each person.

We all have opportunities to stop and SEE others, with a smile and a kind word ... maybe even a long conversation. In St. Peter UCC, in Centralia, let us support each other, care for each other and encourage one another in the love of Christ.

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This event was a fund raiser and the net amount put in the treasury of St. Peter UCC was \$738.00. Again much thanks is expressed to those who contributed or helped in any way. Due to the success another such event is being planned for this year, and we are asking you to keep in mind items to donate for our bazaar booth such as craft items, ornaments and Christmas related items.

COUNCIL SUMMARY OF 1-16-12 MEETING

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, Recording Secretary

1. All members, except one, were present for the 1-16-12 regular meeting.

2. We started 2012 with a \$1500 deficit in the General Fund which was discussed by the Council — thus, it will be an item of concern at the Congregational Meeting on 1/29.

3. Pastor Lisa told us that she is watching the number of hours closer now in order for a more adequate perspective as we are calling a new pastor to work 16-20 hours a week. (We know that she has served us more time than what she is being paid and **THANK YOU Pastor Lisa!**)

4. The Council renewed the pastor's contract as it had expired on 12/1/11.

5. **Pastor Lisa** thanked the various Ministry Teams and chairpersons for all what has been accomplished since July 1st.

6. President **Nick Luer** distributed a black and white copy of the new profile that is available "electronically" also. The Search Comm. will meet on January 25th with the ISC Consultant, **Rev. Lev Reynolds**.

7. **David Stedelin**, Stewardship Chairperson, passed out compilations of the Time and Talent as filled out by church members in November. He also provided a summary of the Christkindlemart finances that netted a profit of \$728 which was then approved for the church's General Fund.

8. THANKS to **Jim and Susan White** for repairing the hole in the ceiling above the bottom of the east stairwell (remember it was damaged from the water leakage that now has been fixed).

9. The new carpet for the Fellowship Hall will be laid during the week of January 23-28. (The insurance company is paying for such due to the resurfacing of water damaged stains caused by sewerage back-up last spring).

10. The Council voted to transfer checking account to People's Bank as Regions Bank was charging additional fees.

11. Day of Discipleship will be held on Saturday, March 3rd at St. Paul UCC Church in Nashville — registration is due in mid February.

12. All of the Ministry Teams were in representation and thus reports from each were voiced aloud. So far, we are at the 6 month point of our 18 month trial period of using such approach. **President Luer** complimented the Teams for their progress and good work.

Teams will meet in February with the next Council meeting being held on March 19th.

ERM UPDATE

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, ERM President

The ERM Society Executive Board met on Tuesday evening, January 10th after choir practice to review last year's activities and plan ahead for 2012. We extend a cordial welcome for any woman to attend the ERM meetings — 2nd Wednesday evening of each month except January, July, and August. Most of the times the meetings start at 7:00 p.m. unless a meal is involved, and then it is earlier.

We will be celebrating our 70th Anniversary in November with a dinner out — more details later. If any of the members have a preference for hosting a meeting in 2011 before the actual sign-up on February 8th, please contact **Norma**.

The ERM Society distributed \$25.00 checks each to DuBois Center, New Athens Home for the Aged, and Salvation Army at the end of 2011. If anyone is planning to go on the Mission trip to Back Bay in June, there will be financial support from ERM.

Just to remind you — please keep the Labels for Education and Campbell's fronts for Kindercottage. **Ruth Carpenter** continues to be the official "cutter" of them.

For more information about ERM Society, please contact any of the officers: **Norma Borgmann, Verna Steinkamp, Helen Niekrenz, Jeanette Storck**



REGION 6 TO MEET AT CARLYLE

Reporter: Verna Steinkamp, Convener

Our upcoming region meeting is planned for Sunday, February 26 beginning at 1:30 p.m. to be held at Immanuel UCC in Carlyle. **Jackie Hamilton**, Director of Development from Eden Theological Seminary will be giving a presentation. Hope to see you all there.

Let's get a group from St. Peter together for carpooling! This one is not that far away and a great bunch of people.

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5 Communion	6 Worship T. 4 pm	7 B. of L. 9am -2pm Girl Scouts 5:30-7:30 Choir 6:30 p.m.	8 Comm. & Tech. T. 5:30 pm ERM 7 p.m.	9 Christian Ed. T. 6:00 p.m.	10 7 p.m. Hoyleton Awards Banquet "The Falls", Columbia, IL	11	
12	13 Mission T. 6 pm	14 Stewardship T. 4 pm Choir 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17	18 Zion "Fat Tuesday on Saturday" BBQ 4-8 pm	
19 Admin. T. 1 pm Good News Deadline	20 Special Events T. 6:30 pm	21 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:30 Memorial T. 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 p.m.	22 Ash Wednesday @ 1st. Christian Supper 5:15 pm Worship 6 pm	23	24	25	
26 Region 6 1:30 pm @ Immanuel, * Reception	27 Carlyle Congregational Care T. 4 pm	28 Choir 6:30 p.m.	29	* Reception for Gladys Atchison's 92nd Birthday @ 1st. Baptist Church 2 - 4 pm.			

Unless otherwise noted:

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. (NO ADULT CLASS 12TH & 19TH), Worship 10:45 a.m.

BIRTHDAYS

3 Loretta Edmonson	16 Gary Murray
7 Cindy Clifton	16 Betsy Stedelin
7 Nicholas Luer	18 Martha Ann Lamczyk
9 Ruth Carpenter	22 Dale Reichert
12 Tiffani Musial	26 Gladys Atchison
12 Susan White	26 Sidney McCorkle
13 Verna Steinkamp	27 Linda Weible
14 Elmer Beckmeyer	29 Don Storck

ANNIVERSARIES

7 Kathy & Bill Wehking



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



"Fat Tuesday on Saturday"!

At. Zion UCC - 101 N. Broadway - Central City (Centralia)

Serving 4 - 8 pm - February 18, 2012



Sponsored by the Covenant Churches at 1st. Christian Church - 205 S. Elm - Centralia

Light supper at 5:15 pm

Worship at 6 pm

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

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Rev. Lisa Hart, Interim Pastor

Jane Brink, Newsletter Editor