



our Wurst Mart and will involve baking and selling Christmas items and breads to the community. Your input is requested as we plan this event.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER EVENTS

The **Blankets of Love group** welcomes anyone that can use a scissors, tie a knot, or sew a seam on a sewing machine (we have several machines on hand or bring your own portable) to join us the first Tuesday of every month at 9 am (or whenever after that you want to come) in our Fellowship Hall. Those that want to stay until 2 pm bring a lunch or make a fast food run.

The group that **Susan and Jim White** hosted for a time of fun and food in September will continue to meet monthly. Come and enjoy some biscuits and gravy with us at 9:30 am downstairs in the church basement. Everyone will have fun solving a crossword puzzle from 10 - 11:00 am.

The **ERM Society** extends a cordial invitation to each lady in our congregation (member and visitor) for a global evening. Please see the attached invitation or one on the bulletin board.

St. Peter is to be the host group at the Recycling Center on October 22.

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FALL FESTIVAL PREP 10-1 FESTIVAL 10-2

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, Country Stores Co-Coordinator

It is hard to imagine that on October 2nd we will be observing the 35th anniversary of the annual Fall Festival at DuBois Center. The first one was held inside of Oak Lodge with 500 persons in attendance—all the food and craft vendors in there. How times have changed since then!! We hope that there will be 5000 people this year on October 2nd with the traditional features of craft vendors, food booths, musical entertainment, horse & hay rides, silent auction, pie-judging contest (we are seeking pie entries—see **Norma** or **Nancy B.** for details), and the Auxiliary-Boosters' 2 Country Stores (inside Oak Lodge and outside of Roadside Cottage).

Anyone is invited to help package bulk snack items on **October 1st at 10:00 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall for the Country Stores.** Also, we welcome any food or cash donations to support the Auxiliary-Boosters' treasury. If you need delivery service, please call **Norma Borgmann.**

In addition, theme baskets of any kind are needed for the silent auction that benefits DuBois Center. If willing to donate items but have no basket or want someone to assemble, see **Norma.**

UPCOMING FUND RAISER!

Reporter: Verna Steinkamp, for Stewardship Team

An all church member undertaking will be organized on Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. to plan a **Christkindle Markt** fund raiser with all proceeds going to the church. The event is planned for the **Saturday before Christmas in our Fellowship Hall.** We hope this will grow into a community event like

PRAYER CORNER*

Jen Ashauer	Rev. Rich Brzowsky
Edna Caraker	Rev. Lisa Hart
Candice Kindred	Paul Kluthe
Arlene Luer	Charles Luer
Dale Moss	Gracie Niermann
Kent Niermann	Carter Rankin
Steve Smith	Don Storck
Betty Telford	Susan Watkins
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.

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Giving Totals for Aug. 28 - Sept. 18, 2011

General Offering.	\$ 5,011.00
Special Offering.	400.00
Memorials - Ray Hill.	350.00
Condolence Fund.	50.00
Donation for Christian Education.	120.00
Donation for Custodial Supplies	136.17
OCWM.	30.00
Mission Board - closed account.	860.00
TOTAL.	\$ 6,957.17

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE
(01/01/11 THROUGH 09/18/11)**

Amount received. \$ 50,183.10

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Aug. 28	53
Sept. 4	46
Sept. 11	53
Sept. 18	38

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

Members of St. Peter

Thank you for the scholarship. It is very much appreciated. It helped pay for my books this semester. Thanks again!

Tiffany Reichenbacher

I would like to thank everyone from the Mission Board for the generous scholarship! It is greatly appreciated and helps greatly with furthering my education!

Thanks so much!

Jennifer Smith

Thank you to **David Stedelin, Rev. Lisa Hart, Jane Edmonson, Helen Niekrenz, Mike Plassman**

& **Jim White** for sharing their talent with us on August 28 as we praised God through music!

Thank you to **Cathy Chontofalsky, Judy Luer, & Edie Ruez** for all their time and work for Rally Day!

Thank you to **Rev. Robert Tripp** for filling in Sept. 18 while **Rev. Lisa** was on vacation. Also, to **Jim White** for his vocal solo that morning.

Special THANKS to ALL from our church who donated coins and bills in the specified containers for DuBois Center Oak Lodge Project and Uni-Pres Kindercottage prior to the Annual Meeting. The total amount was \$71.00 for DuBois Center and \$79.00 for Kindercottage from St. Peter UCC Church-Centralia. When all 82 churches deposited their donations at the Annual Meeting on September 9-10, the grand totals were \$8,847 for the Oak Lodge Project and \$4,018 towards Kindercottage.

The Oak Lodge Project is now half paid off (about \$100,000 still remains to be paid back in loans)—hopefully, a portion of the land doesn't have to be sold in order to meet such obligations within the time frame and thus, it still remains a big concern! Thus, any donations are welcomed.

As you know, the state funding has been decreased and therefore significantly affects the continuance of Kindercottage. They truly depend upon in-kind and monetary gifts from ISC members and friends.

Thanks to **Ruth Carpenter** and **Dorothy Murray** for hosting the September potluck gathering of the ERM Society on September 14th. We were glad to resume after a summer break, eat all the delicious food, and especially pleased to see **Cathy Chontofalsky, Judy Reichenbacher, Karen Smith, Nan Borgmann,** and **Rev. Lisa Hart** amongst the 3 seated tables too.

The ERM Society will observe its 69th anniversary on November 9th in our Fellowship Hall with the focus on 1942, including a meal circa that time and a special program. **Barb Niermann** and **Norma Borgmann** are co-hostesses and invite anyone to attend this memorable night.



I have been thinking each month about a different one of the new teams at St. Peter UCC. This month I've been thinking about the mission of the church. What is mission? And what part of the budget goes to mission?

We have a Mission Team, whose job is listed officially as: local and global mission support, camp and school scholarships, special offerings, in-house mission support, distribution of investment mission earnings. This is important work, for if the church is not involved in giving, it is missing its calling. We are all called to give. When I wrote about the stewardship team, I said that each Christian must answer God's call to give and share in order to grow as a Christian. And that we give as a way of praising God. And the church as a Christ-body leads the way. The members of the mission team right now are **Jennifer Smith, Greg Reichenbacher, Don Storck, Katy Wolenhaupt,** and **Nancy Borgmann.** I say "right now" because our teams are made up of those who come to help on any particular day. Ask any member of the team when they are meeting next, show up, and you are a member of the team that day!

The part that may surprise you is that I don't think that ends the discussion of Mission for the church. What about the Administration Team? (**Nicholaus Luer, Kent Niermann, Norma Borgmann, Charlene Smith, Nancy Borgmann,** and **Jim White.**) They may be the unsung heroes in the listing of teams, and to many of us, their job sounds like the boring stuff. They are charged to watch over personnel, investments, budget, congregational meetings, membership, and visioning. But this is mission, too. And when we look at the church budget in a few weeks, think of funding personnel as funding mission. Think of paying the electric bill as mission. Is the church able to do mission any other way? The mission of the church is to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. That can't happen if we don't have personnel and pay the light bill!

What is mission to you?



To **Russell Ruez** who is now in the third grade and thus received a Bible during our worship on September 11.

ADMINISTRATION TEAM UPDATE

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, Recording Secretary

This team met on September 12th to discern about the 2012 church budget. Thanks to **Jim White** who had projected some preliminary guidelines into how a new budget would look like with the new ministry teams instead of the 3 Boards and Council. The ministry team chairpersons will receive pertinent information at the Council meeting on September 19th and then discuss budgetary plans with respective teams in October when all meet next.

Therefore, the final 2012 Budget will not be ready until after all those team meetings. Thus, the regular fall congregational meeting will need to be postponed until November 6. (If you have any questions about such, please see President **Nick Luer**).

CABINETS CLEAN-UP

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

The time had come to clean out the cabinets in the one work room downstairs, where the sump pump is, for inventory sake.

Guess what was all found—table centerpieces for the church from 7 years ago as donated by **Nan and me**; vases and more vases; colored chalk; youth recreational items; and much paint/supplies.

Now there are designated cabinets for the Blankets of Love group who had materials/equipment in various rooms.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

Reporters: Norma & Nancy Borgmann

THANK YOU to ALL who provided school supplies for Hoyleton Children's Home and Uni-Pres Kindercottage within the past month. This joint

endeavor via the Mission Team and the ERM Society resulted in a variety of items that were delivered to both mission partners on September 16th by **Nancy** and **Norma Borgmann**. Once again, YOU continued a long-time tradition of giving to the less fortunate in order that the children will have basic school supplies.

The following is a list of what all was collected:

1 Subject Notebook College	3
1 Subject Notebook Wide	29
Binders, 3 Ring	3
Calculators	10
Composition Notebooks College	3
Composition Notebooks Wide	4
Construction Paper (99 sheets)	2 pkgs
Crayons (64)	1 box
Crayons, 24 Count	15 boxes
Crayons, Large (8 count)	8 Boxes
Erasers pencil tops	183
Erasers, Large	10
Folders, 1 Subject Pocket	22
Glue Sticks	38
Glue, Liquid	8 btls
Highlighters	30
Ink Pens Black	184
Ink Pens Blue	30
Ink Pens Red	20
Markers	40
Notebook Paper Wide (150)	4 pkgs
Paper Clips large & small 1000 ct	2 cont.
Pencil #2	364
Pencil Case (Binder Insert)	7
Pencil Case Plastic	8
Pencil Sharpeners	10
Pencils, Colored	48
Poster Board	9 Sheets
Puzzles, Foam	3
Rubberbands	3 pkgs
Rulers	12
Sanitizer, Hand Size	2 btls
Scissors child size	10
Sharpies	14
Tissues	8 Boxes

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

1. Annual Congregational Meeting has now been set for Sunday, November 6th after worship service to

consider voting on the 2012 Plan for Ministry. This is being held one week later than usual due to the fact that the various Ministry Teams will have opportunity for respective input at their team meetings in October. An draft outline budget was given to each team chairperson at the 9/19/11 Council meeting.

2. The Ministry Team Chairpersons gave reports of their recent separate meetings. Each Team was asked at the Council meeting to provide “bullet points” of highlights from such gathering to the Office. The Administration Team will be the only one to have formal minutes because of personnel, polity, finance, and visioning purposes. Each Team is responsible for informing and promoting its activities in the bulletin and newsletter.

3. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, November 21st @ 6:30 p.m. Teams will meet at various times in October—see calendar.

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT ST. PETER UCC?

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

“Outside St. Peter UCC Walls to Serve”

Continuing with the monthly feature about our church (**Rev. Hart-August** and **Judy Luer-September**), I was asked to write an article and most pleased to focus on our church members/friends who “**serve the Lord**” outside the white limestone walls on 3rd & Cherry St. currently and some have for many years.

Having been active in Illinois South Conference since 1973 via the DuBois Center Camping Committee, I knew St. Peter U.C.C. Church-Centralia was known to be “**mission-minded**” before transferring my membership from Okawville to our church in '78. (Let me tell you having that positive reputation in any church does not happen overnight and then continue as it truly requires faithful and dedicated servants who consider missions as part of being a Christian). Therefore, **THANK YOU St. Peter Members/Friends** for continuing this trend of a “**giving**” congregation and also evidenced by our history to OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) for mission partners, programming, and staff in Illinois South Conference and the United Church of Christ.

Please read on to see our time, talents and treasure (the essentials of Christian stewardship) are influential outside the doors of the 318 W. 3rd St. sanctuary.

Locally, we see and have seen St. Peter Church being represented at the local food pantry-**CCBA** in the former Franklin School building. Unfortunately, there is a need to even have such site, but thankfully such exists. Well, those shelves don't restock themselves or does distributions happen automatically. Thanks to many persons of various denominations are physically present to make unloading, stocking, labeling, bagging, handing out food, etc. possible—including **Jane Edmonson** and **Jeanette Storck** currently. (I know others from St. Peter have helped in the past, and we **thank you** for your faithfulness at CCBA). Also, I want to mention that the **Storcks' grandson, Zach**, anxiously assisted there several times this summer (how many pre-teens do you know that want to make sure their summer vacation includes working at a food pantry like Zach).

Also special **THANKS** to you **members/visitors** at St. Peter Church who generously bring in food and/or give money towards filling those CCBA shelves. (Just helping **Nan** with loading designated vegetables at Aldi's as made possible through your dollars really opened my eyes). How often to we take a can of food or a meal for granted while there are so many, even in Centralia, do not know what or when he/she will eat next! As a reminder, a portion of our annual budget is allocated for CCBA dues—just to keep those doors open with basic utilities, etc. Other churches in Centralia do the same. (As an editorial, the Irvington Food Pantry as recently featured in the Centralia Sentinel actually is the Washington County (Region 7 of the Conference) Food Pantry with all the 10 UCC churches in that region responsible for food, stocking, and distributing).

Another mission outreach visibly seen in the community centers around our church members leading/supporting devotional services at the 4 local nursing homes (via Church Women United rotational schedules). Not only is the inspiration and singing important but also the smiles and handshakes. This opportunity to “serve” is definitely open to anyone, male and female. St. Peter will be responsible for the Sunday afternoon services at Friendship House in **November**. Thus, **THANK YOU** to **ALL** you dedicated St. Peter **members/visitors** who have been

a part of the nursing home ministry through the years.

On behalf of CWU, I extend gratitude to **all of you car drivers/deliverers** who helped with delivering meals—we no longer provide that service due to lack of client requests. Also, your money donations to **Blankets+** and **Least Coin Offerings** have been greatly appreciated and well used for those who desperately are in need of the basics. As a reminder, the multi-striped carry out container for the Least Coin Offering is on the narthex table.

Going beyond our city limits in reaching out in ministry, we continue to see **St. Peter UCC-Centralia members/visitors** in our nearby mission partners (Hoyleton Children's Home and DuBois Center) as volunteers for their mailings, involvement in the D.C. Auxiliary-Boosters and the Fall Festival, contributions to the horse program (recall over \$800 worth of food & supplies were given for such last year), school supplies for the HCH students, all the craft items to supply year-round artistic ideas at DuBois Center, and \$\$\$ for both places to continue their intended purposes. **THANKS to ALL of YOU** who make it possible for these mission places operate.

Having just delivered your contributions of school supplies to Hoyleton Children's Home and Kindercottage, I am reminded of that long tradition of the "outreach ministry" to those young folks in East St. Louis in which many mittens, head coverings, Christmas gifts to individuals there, school supplies, basic equipment, etc. have been given by **St. Peter members/visitors**.

Speaking for **Brenda Crisp**, director, I say **THANK YOU**. She truly thinks quite highly of our church family and sure wishes that all 82 ISC churches would be as generously thoughtful.

Just think of how many times the display table has been available in our narthex for the different requests of the various mission partners, and **YOU** have helped to fulfill those goals. **THANKS**.

Getting involved in the Conference's efforts also reflects the involvement of **St. Peter Church** within the wider church. The **Illinois South Conference Council** is the governing body and consists of 25 voting members. Currently, **Verna Steinkamp (Region 6 Convener)** and **Rev. Lisa Hart (Chairperson of the Local Church Empowerment Team)** are 2 of those 25 members. **THANKS to Verna and Rev. Lisa** for serving so faithfully to all the 25,000+ members of the Illinois South Conference. Just like in a local church, there has to

be a governing group either called a Council, Consistory, Administrative Board, or whatever name on the Conference level. The denomination is in the process of revising its governance.

As a member of the Conference's Recruitment Committee, we are always seeking persons who are willing to serve in the various areas of ministry on the Conference level. Just let me know if you are interested—I sure am willing to help you find your own specific area of desired ministry.

In conclusion, it is my hope that we are able to continue with this positive image of **St. Peter UCC-Centralia outside of its 318 W. 3rd St. address**. Once again, our church has earned the "**5 for 5**" Recognition in 2010 and will be awarded that certificate on September 25th when Rev. Sheldon Culver, ISC Conference Minister, is our guest preacher. **THANK YOU to ALL of YOU who give money for the special UCC offerings and basic support of OCWM (10% of our offerings)**. This reflects yet another positive image of our church family.

Therefore, hopefully you have read this lengthy article and realize that outreach outside of our doors does **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** I know for a fact that all UCC churches do not emphasize missions like we do—thus, just think of **how many people** have been positively affected by us throughout our history. Let's hope to continue being that positive image in Centralia, Illinois South Conference, United Church of Christ, and around the world.

As **Rev. Lisa** says before the benediction, "our time together is over, and the time to serve others begins" is so true. **THANK YOU St. Peter UCC Church-Centralia members/visitors** for making it possible to a "**mission-minded church**" outside the 3rd and Cherry St. limestone building. Please help to keep this great concept going on and on.....! Others are grateful to us.

September 14, 2011

ATTENTION--ALL WOMEN of St. Peter U.C.C. Church,

**We invite all of you to reserve Wednesday evening, October 12, 2011-6:30 p.m.
and "TOUR" around the world
"TASTE" global cuisine (but not too spicy or that exotic)
"THINK" more about our ancestors.**

**This trip is being hosted by the ERM (Evangelical and Reformed Mission) Society
of the St. Peter United Church of Christ-Centralia
in our Fellowship Hall (318 W. 3rd St.)--elevator available.**

**Itinerary is: "Pre-Board" 6:00-6:30 p.m. (find seat and get-acquainted time)
"Take-Off" 6:30 p.m. (welcome and meal grace)
"Dine-In" International Buffet with American desserts
"Travel" Passport to Family by Nancy Borgmann
"Landing" 8:30 p.m. (closing circle and benediction)
and Return to your respective homes with no baggage check**

**We sure hope that YOU will be able to join us for this ecumenical and informative
"Travel around the World" night while staying in one seat (no lay-overs either).**

**Group reservations or questions would be appreciated by 10/10/11 to
Verna Steinkamp at vlsteinkamp@att.net or 533-1563 or
Norma Borgmann at nborgmann1658@charter.net or 533-1658**

Thank You for your consideration of being on our ERM Universal Flight from

<i>Marjorie Abrams</i>	<i>Velma Atherton</i>	<i>Norma Borgmann</i>	<i>Jane Brink</i>
<i>Esther Campbell</i>	<i>Edna Caraker</i>	<i>Ruth Carpenter</i>	<i>Connie Freels</i>
<i>Judy Luer</i>	<i>Dorothy Murray</i>	<i>Helen Niekrenz</i>	<i>Barb Niermann</i>
<i>Verna Steinkamp</i>	<i>Jeanette Storck</i>	<i>Sandy Zinschlag</i>	<i>Betty Rose Johnson-Ga</i>

Come "Fly" With Us on 10/12/11

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER 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 2011</h1>			NOVEMBER 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	Zion Rummage Sale on 9/30 & 10/1	1 At St. Peter DuBois F. F. Prep. Day 10:00 a.m. -?
2 Communion DuBois Fall Festival 11:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.	3 Worship Team 4 pm	4 Blankets of Love 9 -2 Girl Scouts 5:30 -7:30 pm Choir 6:30 p.m.	5 Redeemer Lunch 12:30 Bible Study 1-2 pm	6 Christkindle Markt Planning 6:30 pm	7	8
9 Round-Up Sunday Worship Fellowship Hall - Lunch	10 Mission Team 6 pm	11 *B,G & Cross 9:30-11 am Stewardship Team 4 pm Choir 6:30 p.m. 1pm setup ERM	12 Redeemer Lunch 12:30 Bible Study 1-2 pm Comm. & Tech. ERM Guest Night 6:30.	13 Christian Ed. Team 6 pm Team 5:30 pm	14 DuBois -Mother/Daughter Retreat 6:30 p.m. Fri. thru noon Sunday (14-16)	15
16 Good News Deadline Administration Team 1 pm	17 Special Events Team 6:30 pm	18 Memorial Team 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 5:30 -7:30 pm	19 Bible S. Redeemer Lunch 12:30 Study 1-2 pm	20	21	22 Host @ Recycling Ctr. 9 - noon
23	24 Congregational Care Team 4 pm	25 Choir 6:30 p.m.	26 Bible S. Redeemer Lunch 12:30 Study 1-2 pm	27 Rev. Hart vacation 10-26 thru 11-1	28	29
30 Redeemer Lasagna Dinner 11:30 - 2	31	* B, G & Cross stands for Biscutis, Gravey & Crosswords Regular Fall Congregational Mtg. moved to Nov. 6				

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

BIRTHDAYS

3 Brooke Brenton	19 Travis Brinkmann
3 Jana Musial	19 Krystal Huelsmann
3 Jeremy Reichert	20 Dorothy Murray
5 Ryan Freels	21 Cathy Chontofalsky
9 Gerald Wehrheim	26 Nancy Freels
9 Sandra Zinschlag	27 Karen Smith
12 Aimee Aud	27 Pauline Tibbs
14 Barbara Niermann	29 Trista Carter
15 Diane Steinkamp	30 Haley Aud
16 Jeff Wehking	30 Duane Niekrenz

ANNIVERSARIES

3 Esther & Art Campbell (69 yrs. - 2011)
 9 Vivian & Robert Cohlmeier (63rd - 2011)
 18 Diana & Larry Brinkmann
 20 Pat & Bud Kuhn



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

October 1



At St. Peter UCC
DuBois Center
Fall Festival
Prep Day

10:00 am
until
finished
(may include lunch)

October 2



35th Annual
DuBois Center
Fall Festival
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free Admission
Free Parking

2651 Quarry Rd.
(Off Route 51)
DuBois, Il

**At Other Covenant
Churches**

At Redeemer Lutheran
Brown Bag Lunch 12:30
Bible Study 1-2 pm
On **Wednesdays**

At Zion UCC
Rummage Sale
Sept. 30 & Oct. 1

At Redeemer
Lasagna Dinner
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
October 30

Sunday Schedule: Church School 9:30 am; Worship 10:45 am
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Jane Brink, Newsletter Editor