

# St. Peter's United Church of Christ

## St. Peter's Messenger

### Teen-Adult Class Takes the Road Away From Bethlehem

What happens to Christmas in January? As we journey through the cold winter when so much in our world seems frozen, we can find ways to extend the Christmas spirit. We invite teens and adults to join the Sunday morning class from 9 to 9:45 a.m. in the lower level atrium room. The church season in January is known as Epiph-

any, which means "shining forth". As we join the journey of Jesus away from Bethlehem, we will strengthen our faith and service because he shines forth in the life of our world. Come, join our supportive group in a time of sharing that enables us to relate the Bible to our daily lives. John Nourse

### "Great Decisions" Class Wednesdays at Noon

The Rev. William Schwab will repeat the fall "Great Decisions" class, Wednesdays at noon, beginning January 5. The weekly discussions and DVD presentations all have to do with Foreign Relations Policies of the U.S. We will be considering the following subjects: "The Special Envoy in American Foreign Policy," "Halting Atrocities in Kenya," "Transnational Crime," "China

Looks at the World," "The U.S. and the Persian Gulf," and "Enhancing Security Through Peace-building." The background material is prepared by the University of Delaware and the video by the Public Broadcasting System. Join us for this opportunity to learn more about current events and explore appropriate Christian responses. Reverend William Schwab

#### Financial Report as of 11-30-2010

Atrium Fund	
Heritage Community Bank Loan Balance	\$887,959.76
Monthly Payment	5,950.00
Promissory Notes Balance	
	7,000.00
Rott Foundation Loan Balance	
Quarterly Payment	32,867.70
	4,204.69



General & Benevolent Fund:	November Expenses	YTD Expenditures	2010 Budget	% Budget Reached
Total Receipts	27,955.50	334,184.24	415,475	80.43
Total Disbursements	29,690.47	363,940.32	415,475	87.60

This new report is believed to contain the financial information most sought by members in a useful format. Please contact the office if you want the complete financial report that is submitted monthly to the church council.

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Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m.



## Contribution Statements

The church office will make every effort to send out contribution statements for 2010 before the end of January 2011. If you need yours earlier, please contact the church office. Do not file your tax return before receiving your contribution statement for the year.

Also, should you have any questions about any amount reported or not reported on the statement once you receive it, please notify the church office within 90 days of receipt of the statement. Statements not questioned by May 1, 2011, will be assumed to be accurate, and any supporting documentations (such as offering envelopes) retained by the church may be discarded.

On another note, please do not use tape on your envelopes.

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## Cemetery Board Minutes December 7, 2010

Members Present: Jack Harty, Alex Ocsody, Hank Anderson, Mike Carey, Byron Stolte-Sexton, Melvin Roewe-Council Representative

The meeting was called to order and the November minutes and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: New members Dennis Borgman and Chuck Patterson were in attendance.

Byron needs additional rebar to mark graves, motion to purchase 10 - 20' pieces for \$54 was made and approved. He also needs a new vacuum sweeper for the committal building, motion to purchase was made and approved.

Hank Anderson commented on the great job that Jack and Alex have done over the last three years and thanked them for a job well done.

Bill Howard

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## Cemetery Board Special Election Meeting

Members Present: Mike Carey, Hank Anderson, Dennis Borgman, Chuck Patterson, Alvin Gerling

New Business: Officers for 2011 were elected as follows:

President: Mike Carey

Vice President: Hank Anderson

Secretary: Bill Howard

Treasurer: Dennis Borgman

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## Women's Fellowship

The January meeting will be on the 13th. We had a great year in 2010 and we have wonderful plans for this year. We can always use new faces so please think about joining us and see all the good times we have and all the wonderful projects we help with.

Our breakfast at Cowan's will be on January 20th.

Mary Jo Stoyer

Secretary

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts. Ecclesiastes 3:11*



## Music Notes

Thank you to the following people for providing Special Music in December: Vince Sanfilippo, Hank Anderson, Cecil Blankenship, and Patti Fleer.

The tentative schedule for January is:

- Jan. 2 June Wilson
  - Jan. 9 Maggie Noud
  - Jan. 16 Hank Anderson
  - Jan. 23 Vince Sanfilippo
  - Jan. 30 Cecil Blankenship
- Levere Barnett, Director of Music

*Annual Report:*

*Please send*

*all articles for the Annual*

*Report to the office or*

*email to*

*lplacht@fidnet.com by*

*9 a.m. January 13.*

*Thank You*

## Prayer Network

The Prayer Network will meet on January 5 at 10 a.m.

All are welcome both to join our Prayer Network as a caller and also to call the church office at 636-239-6176, Mary, or Dorothy with any prayer concerns or requests for yourself or others. For more information, please call Mary Mittler at 239-6362 or Dorothy Althage at 239-3574.

A Thought: Take time to praise and thank God for all your blessings.

Dorothy Althage

## Thank You from the Food Pantry

We have much to be thankful for at the food pantry. Our shelves are full because of the generosity of many people. Thank you to everyone who made donations in November. They are: William Holdmeyer, Jim and Hazel Schaffner, Carrie Clover, Bill and Janet Hubbard, Dorothy Johnson, Kim Colter and Elaine Menke, Eleanor Buschmeyer, Joline Logan, Mel and Betty Edwards, Judy and Willard Pratt, Walter Hatcher, Alfred Harding, Donald and Phyllis Northington, Dave and Marilyn Sullentrup, Lynn

Korenfeld, Jimmy Wacker, Ruth Buddemeyer, Bob and Wendy Zick, Mariners, South Point School, and Washington West Elementary. We want to express special thanks to Mark and Lisa Tobben who donated 500 pounds of ham to the pantry. All of your donations are greatly appreciated. We wish you all a Happy New Year.

Judy Schneider

## Quilting News

Happy New Year from the Quilters.


It is that time of the year that we spend all our money...

In July, 2010. we contributed to tuck-pointing, Organ Fund and the Atrium Fund. Years end we have given to: The Good Samaritan Fund, the Children's Home, Neighborhood Houses, the Emmaus Home, Eden Seminary, ALIVE, flowers and bulletins, the Food Pantry, Christian Education, St. Peter's Youth Programs and the Atrium Fund.


We still need quilters....so sign up PLEASE.

Quote: "In order to like others....you need to like yourself first."

Judy Eickmeyer and the Quilters



St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
Church Council Minutes  
16 November 2010



The regular stated meeting was called to order by Council President Menefee with a quorum of council member's present, staff in attendance –Ministerial staff: Pastors Paul and Leah

The meeting opened at or about 7:05 p.m. in the Atrium meeting room with an invocation by President Menefee.

The reading of the minutes for the 19 October 2010 regular meeting were tabled until next month as the Secretary did not have them typed for presentation.

- The financial report was read and approved. After review the Treasurer's report was accepted as read with the following clarification change First Bank notations to Heritage Bank in the report.

#### Pastoral Report

Pastor Paul's report was published with the Council agenda and approved as written.

#### Correspondence presented for review or comment:

- A thank you note will be sent to Reverend Jeff Schwab for his participation in Stewardship Sunday.
- A letter was received from the insurance company regarding the roof problems- they will not cover the cost for damage repairs to the Atrium ceiling.

#### Old Business:

- Landscape repairs to the 5<sup>th</sup> & Market parking area are on hold due to weather.
- Buildings & Grounds are looking into new fixtures for illumination in the front of the Sanctuary. The purchase of the new microphone is on hold.
- New and replacement signage from Show-Me Trophies is in the process of manufacture, currently the door signs are in production.
- Maintenance technician Dave Butler is in the process of replacing Sanctuary light bulbs.
- The purchase of computers is ongoing- pricing is being evaluated.
- Renewal of the home warranty for the old parsonage was discussed- due to the terms of the warranty i.e. deductibles, coverage of equipment restrictions, parts and labor exemptions the coverage will be allowed to lapse.

#### New Business:

- Annual reports from Church boards and committees are due not later than 12 January 2011.
- In response to a request at the Fall Congregational meeting it was recommended that a weekly income update be placed in the service bulletins.
- A discussion was held regarding youth who desire to become members of SPUCC but for a variety of reasons may not be formally confirmed. Further discussion is warranted.
- SPUCC currently participates in the 'Grape Cluster' of churches in the Eastern Association, due to our history it is perceived that a better fit for SPUCC would be the Heritage Cluster. Pastor Paul will contact Rev. Whitman regarding the change.
- The Council approved purchase of twelve (12) books titled "The Present Future" to provide information to assist in the visioning process.

- Mission team listings will be published in the Annual Report. All members signing the team sheets will be invited to the January leadership meeting.
- The December meeting will commence at 6:30 pm with a potluck, the old Council will have the regular meeting and adjourn; the new members and remaining term members will form and set the officers for 2011.

Board and Committee reports were received from the following:

- Cemetery Board: plotting of the cemetery continues.
- Buildings & Grounds: nothing additional to report
- Christian Education: grades 6, 7 and 8 are operational and doing well. Parents of confirmation students were briefed as to programming changes.
- Stewardship: will have SPUCC logoed shirts for sale the last day for sales will be 19 November 2010. The Plowsharing program was successful.

The Council was adjourned at 9:00 pm with a benediction and by a motion from Kerr, seconded by Briggs; motion passed.

Submitted: Fleeer Recording Secretary Approved: 14 December 2010

*Council minutes for August, September, and October plus minutes from the July special congregational meeting are now available. Contact the church office if you would like a copy of these.*

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# Conference Youth Event

Sponsored by the Missouri Mid-South Conference United Church of Christ  
for YOUTH in grades 9-12 and their adult advisors

## **FEBRUARY 19 - 21, 2011**

(10:45 a.m. Saturday – 12:30 p.m. Monday)

**at CAMP MO-VAL in UNION, MISSOURI**

## **\$115 per person**

(if registration with payment is postmarked by January 18<sup>th</sup>)

**dON't miss The: SINGING, PLAYING, LAUGHING,  
EATING, PRAYING, NEW FRIENDS,  
challenging faith discussions, **OR FUN!!****



## ech - every child's hope

St. Peter's,

Thank you for the Christmas gifts. Your gift has made it possible for the staff at ECH to think outside of the box and work with each child, youth, and families' needs in a unique way.

For some of the children we work with, traditional therapies can help them break through the years of abuse and neglect and begin the healing process. But since each person is different, sometimes these traditional therapies do not work.

Therefore, we need to be creative and use things such as

Taylor, our therapeutic dog, art therapy, or role playing. These non-traditional therapies take time and cost money. Your donation helps us find new ways to break through the heartache and open new doors.

Thank you for your support in helping the children this holiday season and throughout the new year.

Michael Brennan

Executive Director



## East Central Choral Association

East Central Choral Association will rehearse Mondays from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. starting Monday, January 24 through April.

George Frideric Handel's *Ode on St. Cecilia's Day* will be performed by the Choral Association on Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10 with the University City Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Leon Burke.

The ECC Community Band also rehearses on Mondays from 5-7 p.m.

For more information please contact: ECC Choir Director, Dr. Tim Sexton 636-584-6698/tcsexton@eastcentral.edu

## UCC Global Ministries

*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Gal 6: 2*

How does the church respond to the spiritual needs of the community of believers? In Timor Leste (East Timor) the Protestant Church of Timor Leste (IPTL), a partner of Global Ministries responds almost daily with the tradition of the "kultu uma kain" which, in Tetum means "family worship service." Through this ministry, church members feel a sense of community and solidarity in a context where many are on the margins of society.

As missionaries working with the IPTL Monica, our two children and I often participate in these home worship services.

Rev. Sammuell De Jesus of Immanuel Protestant Church in Lospalos says that the 'kultu uma kain' began during the Indonesian occupation of Timor. This ministry gives each family in the church a service conducted in their own home which is tailored to their own concerns and longings. Since many parts of Timor are very remote, worship is brought to people who often cannot get to Sunday services. It is also an important way for lay people to participate in the leadership of the church. Here,

lay preachers make up most of the leadership of the church. Usually four or five lay people will travel to the host's home with one leading the service. Preparation provides an opportunity for these lay leaders to develop biblical literacy and practice theological reflection. There are songs, scripture reading, preaching and a "general prayer" which is focused on the specific needs of the family. During the year every family in Immanuel Church receives their own family service. In addition to the 'kultu uma kain' there are also frequent pastoral visits made by church members to each other's homes. Very rarely does a pastor go alone; it is almost always a community activity. If someone is sick or bereaved or otherwise in need of consolation, several members will go. Through this witness of bearing one another's burdens, the church is fulfilling the law of Christ.

*Tom and Monica Liddle serve with the Protestant Church of East Timor. Tom serves as facilitator for church programs; teaching English and helping with worship leadership in village churches. Monica works as a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) in Immanuel Clinic Lospalos. Monica's appointment is supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).*

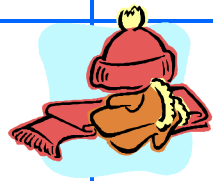


# Monthly Minders

Communion is served the first weekend of each month.  
 The first weekend of the month is the food pantry collection.  
 The first weekend of the month is the aluminum can collection.  
 The MPS (Merchandise Pickup Service) Box is in the parking lot.  
 Schnucks escrip cards - inquire at Schnucks for more information.  
 Sign up for altar flowers and /or bulletins by the Market Street hallway doors.  
 If you are hospitalized and want the pastors to know, please call 239-6176.  
 Please don't assume the pastors know about your health concerns or need for a visit.



## January Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Mark Tobben Frances Mittler Miranda Smith David Dembeck
2 Dustin Thomure Lance Fleming	3 Brandy K. Boland Brian Edler Edgar Meyer	4 Jeffrey Krafft Meagan Garbs	5 Dennis Arnold Ruth Kissinger	6 Ruth Rinne	7 Brenda Baker	8 Janis Fox Bruce Miller Taylor Rich
9 Brian A. Boland Betty Edwards Sandra Meyer	10 John Blumer Evelyn Jaeger Joyce Schatz Ryan Morman	11 Keith Bobo Joni Obermark Steve Sherman	12 Mary Ann Oberg Jacob Clines	13 Katherine Brinker Ellen Brinker Phyllis Northington	14 Alexander Graham Marilyn Sullentrup Kim Luechtfeld	15 Bridgette Epple Clint Schneider
16 Jean Benz Daniel Houchins Johanna Smith	17 Frankie Jo Hogan Nichole Briggs Emma Briggs	18 James Gephardt Joseph Siebert	19 Cecil Blankenship	20 Ruth Dowil Krista Meyer Evelyn Ricardi Jenifer Fagre Carol Perkins Fred Kruse	21 Shannon Roewe Deric Fitzpatrick	22
23 Mary Grannemann Seth Martin	24 Doris Jones Carol Triplett	25 Michelle Brinkmann David Clines Bronwen Brune Nancy Rich	26 Jodi Schulte	27 Cathy Hemmer Morgan Menefee Jeffrey Schonaerts Jeffrey Francis	28 Zachery Jasper Sherry Huxol Nicole Ott	29 Donald Benne Madeline Menefee Jacque Owens Carter Schonaerts Melissa Kopf William Jacquin
30 Eleanor Fleer Phillip Mittler Donna Houchins	31 James Krafft Rodney Stoyer Dale Menke Kathy Trautman					



# January 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>2</b> 10 Worship Sunday School Food Pantry and Aluminum Drives 11 Coffee Hour	<b>3</b> Office Closed New Year's holiday observed 6 AA 6:30 Quilting	<b>4</b> 10:30 Staff Mtg. Pastor Paul begins remainder of 2010 vacation	<b>5</b> Quilting 9 Retired Men's Br 10 Prayer Network 12 Great Decisions 6 AA 6 Chapel Bells 6:30 Scout Comm. 6:45 Vesper Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> Epiphany 6 AA 7 MISG	<b>7</b> 	<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> 5 Worship
<b>9</b> 10 Worship Family Sunday 11 Coffee Hour	<b>10</b> 6 AA 6:30 Quilting 7 Bible Discovery	<b>11</b> 10:30 Staff Mtg. 5:30 Mariners 6 Building & Grounds 7 EA Council 7 Leadership Mtg.	<b>12</b> Quilting 12 Great Decisions 6 AA 6 Chapel Bells 6:45 Vesper Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> 9 Articles for Annual Report due 10 Women's Fellowship 6 AA	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b> 9 a.m. Un- decorating party 3-7:30 Harvest Table Drive 5 Worship
<b>16</b> 10 Worship Sunday School 11 Coffee Hour	<b>17</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed 6 AA 6:30 Quilting 6-8 MS Support Group	<b>18</b> 10:30 Staff Mtg. 2:30 Cedar Crest Pastor Paul returns Deadline for early bird CYE registra- tion	<b>19</b> Quilting 12 Great Decisions 6 AA 6 Chapel Bells 6:45 Vesper Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 9 Women's Breakfast 10:30 Grandview 6 AA 7 MISG	<b>21</b> 9 Newsletter articles due	<b>15</b> 5 Worship
<b>23</b> 10 Worship Sunday School 11 Coffee Hour 4-7 Sheltered Reality Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 6 AA 6:30 Quilting	<b>25</b> 10:30 Staff Mtg.	<b>26</b> Quilting 12 Great Decisions 6 AA 6 Chapel Bells 6:45 Vesper Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> 6 AA 6:30 Jamaica Group	<b>28</b> 6:30 Pinewood Derby set-up	<b>22</b> 3-7:30 Harvest Table Drive 5 Worship
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