



St. Peter's Messenger

St. Peter's United Church of Christ

Pastor Paul's Points

Editor: Laura Placht

July 2011

Rev. Bilinski and I, indeed all of us, have been called to prepare St. Peter's for the quickly evolving dynamics of societal change facing our church and all churches in the new millennium. As we see already, emerging generations of Christians expect and demand differing ways of connection in a faith community from with what we grew up. Churches that see hope and opportunity in this transformation will be the ones that remain vital, or remain, period.

I find these times exciting and feel great joy in how our congregation is already moving forward in being a house of worship, prayer, mission, community, and education for all people. Let's keep the momentum! I will be attending a conference this month that will provide speakers, resources, and workshops on this topic, as will the Persons in Ministry retreat that Leah and I will attend in September. Serving on the PIM planning team, I have gotten a head start in reading the books by the presenter. I want to share with you the research of Carol Howard Merritt, author and a pastor in her young 30s who leads a dynamic revitalized church in Washington, DC. She addresses the angst that many mainline disciples and churches have in her book *Reframing Hope: Vital Ministry in a New Generation* (Herndon, VA: The Alban Institute, 2010).

In recent decades, evangelical megachurches sprang up on the outskirts of towns, swallowing many of the mainline transplants. With bare exteriors and pleasant interiors reminiscent of shopping malls, these large churches filled with people attracted to charismatic pastors and catchy praise songs. For the last twenty years, eager leaders in mainline denominations have been looking to the robust megachurch movement to teach us how to reach out to our culture in a relevant way.

But that doesn't seem to be working any longer. As megachurch members age, worship as entertainment seems to be losing its luster. Many evangelical pastors have become exhausted by trying to grow a church on steroids. The children who were raised in megachurches are becoming irritated with the bigger-is-always-better attitude. Frustration with the megachurch model is growing, and attitudes toward evangelicism in general have hit a new low....Religious attitudes have changed. Now, some estimate that 1,000 people are leaving the evangelical church every day. Younger generations long for the diversity, arts and earthy-friendly [justice ministry that their parents fled when they left for the suburbs.]

Of course, people's search for religious meaning and relevancy will leave them empty if there is no church for them to go to that will receive them as who they are, address their longings, and use their gifts. I praise God that just recently ministry that are consistent with our calling and opportunity at St. Peter's have emerged: We welcomed the young adults of Bike & Build, engaged with them and learned from them. (What is it about service "and changing the world" that causes a person to dedicate a summer and raise thousands of dollars for a physically-taxing adventure in community? We are beginning to know.) Our heartfelt adoption and support of the Food Pantry, Harvest Table, Social Concerns activities and special appeals such as for tornado relief and African Children's Choir demonstrate that **Christian service and world-changing are core values of St. Peter's**. I would say we are "reframing hope!" Keep the energy flowing!

Pastor Paul



Keeping Up With the Times

If you are a Facebook fan, you will love how St. Peter's is "keeping up with the times". You can find us each day on our Facebook page, [St. Peter's UCC in Washington](#), and follow what is going on up to the minute. Each day our important calendar events, sermons, and pastors' messages are posted, as well as any news that you might need to know. And as you already know, if you "like" us, you will get it all delivered to your page as soon as it is posted. You can also go to the home page of St. Peter's website, www.stpeters-washington.org, and click on the facebook icon which will take you to the facebook page where you can "like" it.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Laura Placht at lplacht@fidnet.com.

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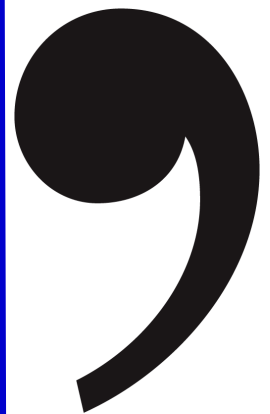
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Sunday 10 a.m.





JESUS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING: Looking Forward to Exciting Worship Events in September

St. Peter's and the wider community's heartfelt adoption and support of the Food Pantry, Harvest Table, Social Concerns activities, Women's Fellowship missions, and special appeals such as for tornado relief and African Children's Choir demonstrate that Christian service and world-changing are core values of our church. This is something to celebrate and commend in worship!

Worship 150, in consultation with the pastors, council, and civic leaders, are planning to dedicate a Saturday and Sunday worship service to be reflective of what generates so much energy among our disciples, especially emerging generations. We will transform a Saturday and Sunday worship service to be "SERVICES WORSHIP."

The 10th anniversary of 9/11 falling on a Sunday looks like a milestone marker for worshipers of all ages to go out into our community, parks, schools, and partner organizations to demonstrate Christ's presence in making miracles. Instead of the usual 10:00, we will gather an hour earlier at 9:00 in our work clothes. We'll have a brief invocation and litany of commendation in the auditorium and then divide among ourselves and head to a pro-

ject appealing to your interest and abilities. We will spend a little more than two hours serving and demonstrating Jesus' love for all, and will gather back for a liturgical service of blessing and lunch (prepared by a project team.) For those who cannot or choose not to leave the building, we will have hands-on projects here such as preparing kits for the Festival of Sharing, and have a local missions speaker. Saturday worshipers on September 10 are asked to singularly sponsor and serve at the Harvest Table that meets the same time as worship at 5:00. If you cannot host, simply dining with patrons from the community will mean a lot especially.

Pastor Paul and Marcia led *The Day of Service & Unity* for five years in Huntsville, Alabama, from 2003-2007. He designed the significant event that drew up to 500 people from dozens of interfaith congregations as a way to transform 9-11 from a day of sorrow and division to one of unity and hope. This effort allowed for the bestowing of a city-wide award for "Outstanding Service from a Faith Community" in 2006. Perhaps we can partner with other churches for ours too!

JESUS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING: And has Headed to the River

Look forward to our next Riverfront Service and Picnic in the pleasant last weekend of summer, Sept. 18. Worship 150 acknowledges that since 2011 is the 500th anniversary of the (un) authorized King James Version, a commemoration will be the focus of the message and fun. We will ask long-time saints of the congregation to read favorite passages in the King James, then invite younger family members or others to read the same

passage in *The Message*, a popular new Bible deemed a worthy interpretation. Do you have any nominations?

Volunteers are needed to plan and make arrangements for the picnic which follows the service, as well as able-bodied folks to load and transport needed tables, chairs and extra items. Please contact the office if you can help!!

St Peter's "Keys" of the Kingdom

Our new ministry team structure is serving us well and will grow in vitality and increasingly connecting people to ministry and relationship. With our first year almost under our belt, we will tweak and reshape some teams plus look for additional avenues of ministry. One new ministry team structure for next year is being called "St. Peter's Keys" groups – as in our namesake apostle given the keys of the kingdom (see Mt. 16:19a.) A Keys Group for next year would be 1/12 of the congregation strategically divided for care, communication, and connection. Twelve individuals are needed to emerge as being a group's shepherds, coordinator or 'keyringleader(?)'. Please contact Pastor Paul if you believe that your personal ministry gift is keeping in contact with others.



Ladies, Ladies, Ladies

Please mark your calendars and save the date of Saturday, October 8, 2011.

You will want to attend the Ladies' Luncheon being planned for that day. Make plans to invite your family members, co-workers, friends, card groups, and any lunch lovers. There will be beautiful tables, a delightful lunch served, and entertainment.

Reservations will be available in September.

Celebrate Financial Freedom This Summer With “Christmas in July”

To help St. Peter’s achieve a balanced budget for 2011 and meet current operational needs, please consider giving an extra gift to our general fund to sponsor a particular piece of our on-going ministry above-and-beyond your pledged giving. If you like your charitable dollars going to a specific purpose, your church has any number of causes where your support is needed.

You will find the “Upside Down Christmas Tree” decorated for July. On it, please find special giving ornaments that indicate an important aspect of ministry that you can sponsor or provide. Please take an ornament (or more) and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate with your contribution. Special acknowledgement of your sponsorship will be given in the church newsletter - unless preferred to be anonymous. Thank you!!

St. Peter’s Stewardship Board

St. Peter’s Already Begins to Celebrate “Financial Freedom in July”

Before an ornament was hung on our “Christmas in July” tree, the Women’s Fellowship had answered the call to invest in active ministry at St. Peter’s. Through their hard work, they have provided for:

One Great Hour of Sharing - designated for Joplin flood relief	\$300
Bibles for third graders	300
Postage newsletter and mailed sermons	100
Contributions to reduce <u>Principal</u> in atrium fund	500
Phone and internet service (one month)	260
Electric bill (one week/summer)	<u>240</u>
	\$1700

Thank you for your faithfulness and stewardship.

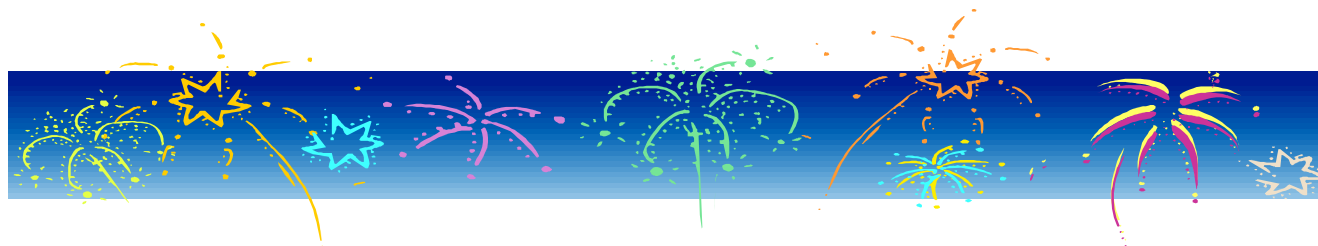


Fourth of July Quotes

“You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.” ~Erma Bombeck

“Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die.” ~Dwight D. Eisenhower

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.” ~Thomas Paine





Boards and Committees

Cemetery Board Minutes

June 14, 2011

Members Present: Mike Carey, Dennis Borgman, Billy Howard, Alvin Gerling, Byron Stolte - Sexton, Roger Fleer - Council Rep. Absent Hank Anderson, Chuck Patterson

Last month's minutes and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Old Business:

- Members cut the dead wood out of the tree by the chapel.

New Business:

- The rock wall will have to be sprayed with bleach to keep it clean. Byron will do that with his sprayer.
- Byron noted that the electric in the backhoe shed is not working, he will take care of getting it fixed.
- We held our meeting in the Chapel and noted quite an echo, a suggestion was made to look into some Acoustic Panels to help this problem. Bill and Roger will bring some info to our next meeting.
- Several CDs are coming due, Dennis to invest at Bank of Franklin County and add \$1,000 from the Perpetual Care passbook, totaling \$18,000 by motion.

We will meet next on July 5.

Respectively Submitted,
Billy Howard

Quilting News

The Friends of Emmaus have come several times now on Wednesday to bring potluck and eat with us. If anyone (friend or not) would like to come and quilt on the Emmaus quilt, they would welcome you, SO WOULD WE. We are always ready to welcome new quilters, we have a large waiting list so we could use a lot of NEW help, HELP!!!!

The next quilt to go in will be the other twin quilt that will be going to the Emmaus Bazaar in October. This will be the last year for a fall bazaar. Starting next year it will be held in the spring.

The Festival of Sharing quilt will be on display soon. If anyone would like to bid on this quilt they may do so by calling any quilter or Sibyl Kerr at 390-9116. If bids are high enough (\$300 minimum) we will not send the quilt to Sedalia.

From *Lessons Learned to Celebrate Growing Older*
Author Unknown

"Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today IS SPECIAL."

Judy Eickmeyer and the Quilters

Prayer Network Ministry Team

We will meet on July 6 at 10 a.m. All are welcome both to join us as a caller and also to call the church office at 636-239-6176, Dorothy, or Marge with any prayer concerns or requests for yourself or others.

For more information, call Dorothy Althage at 239-3574 or Marge Jones at 239-7752.

A Thought: Calling on God in prayer and trusting that God will hear your words will help you exercise your faith.

Submitted by,
Dorothy Althage

Food Pantry

The summer months are always busy at the food pantry. During May, we served 56 families. Those families were helped because of your many generous donations. People making donations to the pantry in May were: Mel and Betty Edwards, Joline Logan, Dorothy Johnson, Warren Wiele, Jim and Hazel Schaffner, Jim and Ruth Konrad, Beta Sigma Phi, South Point School, and Washington High School. Thank you for your continued support.

Judy Schneider, Food Pantry Coordinator

Musical Notes

Thank you to the following people for providing Special Music in June: Patti Fleer, Maggie Noud, Vince Sanfilippo, and Leah Bilinski.

The tentative schedule for July is:

- 7-3 Cecil Blankenship
- 7-10 June Wilson
- 7-17 Maggie Noud
- 7-24 Patti Fleer
- 7-31 Vince Sanfilippo

Leverne Barnett - Director of Music





A big thank you and sincere appreciation goes out to the anonymous donor of a new computer unit being used in the church office.



Remembering with Purpose & Gratitude...

The congregation's Memorial Fund, Atrium Fund and various other funds receive gifts throughout the year from both members and nonmembers who are looking for a creative way to express their gratitude for the life of a friend or loved one, or for other times and occasions when they are moved to gratefully respond to a blessing of God.

In memory of **Marian Lefmann**: Edith Pfautsch, Deborah & Richard Figiel

In memory of **Gustav & Alvina Meyer**: Mrs. KL Church

In memory of **Marcella Stolte**: Warren Wiele, Byron & Leola Stolte

Honoring the 50th Wedding Anniversary of **Byron & Leola Stolte**: St. Peter's UCC Women's Fellowship

In memory of **August Homeyer**: Ralph & Jean Mense, John & Mary Blumer, Pete & Marilyn Turner, Wendell & Judy Schneider, Cecil & Doris Blankenship, Kim & Dave Barnes, Rich, Donna, & Ella Speckhals, Board of Directors American Legion, Ben & Arlene Luechtefeld, M/M John Brinker, Martin Kehl, M/M John Piontek, Lisa & Craig Nieder, Clarence Eggert, Tori Mebruer, Dorothy Althage, Pete & Judy Tobben, Gilbert & Shirley Holmes, Florentine Peters, Bill & Kathy Miller, Mike & Linda Hoel-scher, William Boland, M/M Gerard Hellebusch, Don & Connie Stiebel, Temco, Inc. M/M Matthew Kroeter, Laverne & Bill Landwehr, James & Julie Straatmann, Bushe & Bieker Family, Steve & Evelyn Lucas, Florentine (Dodie) Wunderlich, Billie Ruth Miller, M/M Eric Means, Leroy & Gloria Eggert, M/M Albert Bade, Betty Bueker, Donna Mergelmeyer, Mark & Susan Kassebaum, Carol, Bill, Kerry Schmidt, M/M Les Straatmann, Dave & Kathy Brockmann, M/M Glen Obermark, M/M Roger Jones, Mike & Kim Kohlbusch, Darryl & Sally Haddox, Connie & Cecilia Huellinghoff, Don & Wanda Lange, Jim Hagedorn, Fred & Judy Searcy, Tina & Tracy Alferman, Gary & Jane Haberberger, John & Sandra Westhoff, Chuck & Pat Taylor, Bill & Pam Kimminau, Mike & Karen Halley, Jim & Mary Helfrich, Jim & Karen Neier, Pete & Jackie Kluesner, Gary & Helen Kleekamp, Stephen Kleekamp, Tom & Debbie Sullentrup, Marvin & Barb Kassebaum, Bob & Carol Ley, Eugene & Marjorie Donner, Kevin & Bonnie Gardner, Chad & Jennifer Giesike, Todd & Kim Boland, Ruth & Daniel Baumstark, Chad & Megan Stiers, David & Debbie Haddox, Gene & Erna Holland, Louis & Mabel Barrett, Herb Tobben, M/M Dennis Hellmann, Bob & Jean Groner, Paul Kopp, Daryl & Jane Fleer, Roscoe & Lisa Mayer, Dale Kluba, Rev & Mrs. Wm Zastrow and Mary, Kehr Family (Joan Maune), Eric & Pat Laboube, Eric & Raejean Lause, Gene & Kathleen Scheer, M/M Glenn Holdmeyer, Nicole Brueggenjohann, Steve Ruff, Dave & Ladonna Desmond, Employees of Homeyer Tool & Die, Raymond & Jerri Halleman, Sharon Evans & CFJ Manufacturing, Ann Denny, Gerald & Donna Richards, Wayne Wilke, Helen Jones, Wayne & Dawn Jung, Lulu Hasenjaeger

In memory of **Donna Atkinson**: Carol Muench

In memory of **Agnes Nolting**: Jim & Diane Gephardt, Barbara Schroepfer, Jon & Barb Bauer, Timothy & Ann Morgan, Debra Smith, Carrie & Neil Maune, Glennon & Lorraine Holtmeyer, Cecil & Doris Blankenship, Levere & Kathryn Barnett, Carrie Clover, Gene & Kay Hunt, William & Clare Huber, Michael & Jeanne Wood, Nancy Johann, Ruth Flynn

In honor of **John & Audrey Nourse**: St. Peter's Women's Fellowship

In memory of **Edgar Meyer**: Alvin & Viola Engemann, Laverne Oetting

In honor of **Marion Nelgner**: St. Peter's Chancel Choir & Bell Choirs

In honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary: **Elmer & Eleanor Fleer**

In memory of **Kenneth Stolte**: Warren Wiele, Grace Dierking, Nancy (Broeker) Hatcher, M/M Byron Stolte, Bruce & Beth Granemann, Donald & Suzie Jost, Donald & Darlene Langkopf, Eugene & Betty Helsee, Donald & June Kappelmann, Delores Gardner, William & Nancy Henry, John Kleinheider, Lucas Kleinheider

In memory of **Bradley Daughtery**: St. Peter's UCC Food Pantry Task Force

In memory of **Mary Karoline Curtright**: Patty Wood, Dutch & Delores Borcharding, Steve & Susan Harms, Cecil & Doris Blankenship, Frank & Ruth Wood, Russel & Marilyn Sherman

In honor of **Jim Heisel**: anonymous



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 (Merchandize Pickup Service) Box is in the parking lot.
 Schnucks escrip cards - inquire at Schnucks for more information.

Sign up for being a liturgist /altar flowers and/or bulletins on a new worship bulletin board in the rear of the sanctuary.
 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.

Please sign up to help with the Atrium Coffee Hour which follows each Sunday service. Sign up commitment is for baking, set-up/clean-up, or serving on whichever Sunday you choose, however you wish to help. See Donna Mueller (239-2177) or check at the table in the Atrium each Sunday for more information and a sign-up list.

Thanks,
 Hospitality Ministry Team



**“Create a Living Legacy. Have you remembered
 St. Peter's in your will?”**

Financials	Atrium Fund as of 5/31/11
Heritage Community Bank Balance	\$839,662.12
Monthly Payment	\$5,950.00
Promissory Notes Balance	\$7,000.00
Rott Foundation Loan Balance	\$25,124.88
Quarterly Payment	\$4,204.69

General & Benevolent Fund:	May	YTD	2011 Budget	% Budget Reached
Total Receipts	34,605.06	151,922.81	387,966	39.16
Total Disbursements	30,494.24	168,603.76	424,748	39.70

Please note that receipts are not keeping up with budgeted disbursements.
 Your continued or above-and-beyond support is appreciated.

Thank You Notes Received

The African Children's Choir would like to thank you for inviting the children and chaperones into your church and community. Your involvement goes far beyond hosting a concert. You have made a profound, life altering difference in the lives of some of Africa's most vulnerable children.

Thank you for supporting the choir.

African Children's Choir

Thank you for your gift to the UCC Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund. Our hearts ache for our sisters and brothers in Japan who have been impacted by the earthquake and tsunami.

The United Church of Christ is supporting the relief response of our partners in the UCC in Japan and Church World Service.

One Great Hour of Sharing



Happy July Birthday to All

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Charlotte Bobo Charles Fredrick	2 Rhonda Stocklausner Jon Bauer Paige Schoonover Emma Schoonover Alexis Sherman
3 Annette Horn Matthew Kroeter Heather Vitoux	4 Gene Becker	5 Ruby Temme Karen Houchins Vanessa Graham Adriana Grassi	6 Virgil Schwentker	7 Jennifer Hemmer	8 John Harris	9 Sarah Krafft
10 Gloria Marquart Patty Clark Scott Graham Bailey Pinnell Raylie Moran	11 Christopher Smith Heather Sullentrup Zachary Harms	12	13 Andrew Engemann Dorothy Meyer Kay Hunt Genice Hackett	14 Joyce Sanfilippo Jase Wood	15 Ashley Mooney Alex Schonaerts	16
17 Wayne Campbell Zackary Kempen	18 Robbie Miller Linda Becker Anna Homeyer	19	20 Wally Schatz Laurene Freie Brad Kopf	21 Gloria Uhrmann	22 Marion Nelgner	23 Therese Wood
24	25 Tyler Clines	26 Mildred Wiegand Pat Hartzell William Schwab Alexis Spurgeon	27	28	29 Lainie Decker Sabastian Dowdy-Matau	30 Matthew Schatz Sarah Edler
31 Hilda Kohne Ed Menefee Mary Ritchey						

ALIVE (Alternatives to Living in Violent Environments)

ALIVE's mission is to provide counseling, emergency sanctuary, and other critical services to adults and children who have been impacted by domestic abuse, as well as to increase awareness in order to create a supportive community. ALIVE provides services on a donation-only basis, and no one is ever turned away because of inability to pay. Financial gifts and support from individuals, corporations, foundations and limited government support is crucial to continue our work.

Social Concerns adopts an ALIVE family every year at Christmas. We are given a "wish list" and we have a wonderful time shopping for Mom and her children. Last year we had a mother with two young daughters, ages two and four. We are "helping" Santa provide a Merry Christmas to a household that would not

be so "merry". We encourage other groups or individuals to "adopt". It's fun!

If you know someone who is in need of help, the number to call is 636-583-5700. If you would like to help, volunteers are often needed in the areas of staffing the crisis line, caring for children while parents receive counseling, performing clerical duties in the office and assisting with special projects. If interested, call Nancy Croson at 239-9964.

Submitted by,
Nancy Croson
Social Concerns Committee



July 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<u>1</u> 6 AA	<u>2</u> 5 Worship 5-6 Harvest Table
<u>3</u> 10 Worship 10 Pre K - Gr. 5 SS Food Pantry and Aluminum Drives 11 Coffee Hour	<u>4</u> Fourth of July Office Closed 6 AA	<u>5</u> 9 AA 10:30 Staff Mtg. 7 Social Concerns 7 Cemetery Bd.	<u>6</u> Quilting 9 Men's Breakfast 10 Prayer Network 6 AA	<u>7</u> 6 AA 7 Bd of Christian Ed. 7 Budget Mtg. 7 Polymath Masters @ Depot	<u>8</u> 6 AA	<u>9</u> 5 Worship 5-6 Harvest Table
<u>10</u> 10 Worship Family Sunday 11 Coffee Hour 6:30-8 Youth Group	<u>11</u> 6 AA 6:30 Quilting	<u>12</u> 9 AA 10:30 Staff Mtg. 6 Bldg. & Grds. 6:30 Stewardship 6:30 Council Devotional 7 Church Council	<u>13</u> Quilting 6 AA	<u>14</u> 6 AA 7 Polymath Masters @ Riverfront	<u>15</u> 6 AA	<u>16</u> 5 Worship 5-6 Harvest Table
<u>17</u> 10 Worship 10 Pre K - Gr. 5 SS 11 Coffee Hour 5-8 Vacation Bible School (dinner @ 5)	<u>18</u> 6 AA 6:30 Quilting 6-8 Vacation Bible School 6-8 MS Support Group	<u>19</u> 9 AA 10:30 Staff Mtg. 2:30 Cedar Crest 6-8 Vacation Bible School	<u>20</u> Quilting 6 AA 6-8 Vacation Bible School	<u>21</u> 6 AA 9 Newsletter Articles Due 9 Women's Break. 10:30 Grandview 6-8 Vacation Bible School 7 Polymath Masters @ Riverfront Heifer Ranch trip leaves	<u>22</u> 6 AA	<u>23</u> 5 Worship 5-6 Harvest Table
<u>24</u> 10 Worship 10 Pre K - Gr. 5 SS 11 Coffee Hour Heifer Project Ranch Trip returns	<u>25</u> 6 AA 6:30 Quilting	<u>26</u> 9 AA 10:30 Staff Mtg.	<u>27</u> Quilting 6 AA	<u>28</u> 6 AA	<u>29</u> 6 AA	<u>30</u> 5 Worship 5-6 Harvest Table
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St. Peter's Youth News

**From the Franklin County Humane Society,
"Thank You for the Much-Needed Items!"**

Dear St. Peter's U.C.C. 4th-8th graders and congregation,

I would like to thank you so much for your recent donation for the animals at the Franklin County Humane Society. Your support is truly needed and appreciated!

As you probably know, we are funded only by fees, donations and fundraising programs, not by large humane associations, United Way, or local county government. We depend on the generous donations we receive from people like you to care for the nearly 4,000 needy animals dropped off at our shelter each year...

Your donation helps us to provide these animals warm shelter from the elements, nourishment, medical care, love, even basic training, and hopefully that chance for a good, long life with a loving family.

The problem is pet overpopulation; there are more animals than there are homes for them. The solution is more spaying and neutering of animals in our area! Please tell everyone you know that we offer low-cost spay/neuter coupons at the shelter, and we can provide assistance with behavior problems or for persons who can't afford to feed their pets, so that pets can stay with the families they love! We also provide low-cost microchipping...and we can often help families find lost pets when they file a lost (or found) pet report with us.

Thank you so much for helping make our work possible! We truly appreciate your support!

Most Sincerely, The Board of Directors, Staff, Volunteers and especially,
Animals at Franklin County Humane Society

**Join the Youth Group for Fun, Faith and Fellowship:
Sunday, July 10th, 6:30-8:00 at church!**



Don't forget to sign up for Vacation Bible School at St. Peter's!

July 17-21st, 2011

6-8 PM each night

Registration forms available on church website,
in the June newsletter, or from the church office.

Youth helpers and adult helpers also still needed!

Contact Nichole Briggs if you can help.

