

**May 2011**

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# St. Peter's Messenger

## Pastor Paul's Points

Upon writing this, I just returned from our annual St. Peter's & Missouri Mid-South UCC men's retreat held at our Shannondale Retreat Center in the beautiful Ozarks National Scenic Riverway. We experienced meaningful side-by-side spirituality by working on hands-on service projects and recreation, and face-to-face spirituality through important campfire reflections, sharing and fellowship.

One man was a bit dispirited saying how he personally invited 120 friends and acquaintances at a function to come with him on the retreat and "only three" took up the challenge. But I told him, "Hey, look at the three who did come with you! They are having the times of their lives and have gladly shared how they have experienced Christ in remarkable ways this weekend."

He continued by also placing this observation in perspective: "The world is telling people to keep working. Schedule appointments, do paperwork, make business calls even over the weekend to prove your worth.... God is telling us to slow down, appreciate the wondrous creation, make a new friend and share in the faith, make change possible, know that you are blessed."

This is the continued message of Easter. Our worth is determined to be priceless because God sent God's Son to be raised in eternal life for each and every one of us. Our work and business is important five to six days of the week but honoring the Sabbath is creating time to honor God. God has given this gift which in turn adds meaning and extra accomplishment to the work and our lives during the rest of the week.

The church's observance of Easter lasts 49 days (7 x 7 = utter completion) until the 50<sup>th</sup> day which literally means *Pentecost* and begins our season for spiritual growth through the mission of the church. As my Easter message encourages, use your perfect and complete time to resurrect your faith and discover new ways of life and love.

(By the way, men, mark your calendars for next year's retreat, which will be the week after Easter, April 13-15, 2012. Better yet, women, encourage your man to get out of the house and give you a weekend to enjoy. Plan to participate in next year's St. Peter's and conference women's retreats as well.)

*Pastor Paul*

## Good Things Happening at St. Peter's

- The Worship 150 Ministry Team's decoration efforts helped make our Lenten and Easter services extra meaningful.
- The women's fellowship saved hundreds of items from going into the landfill with their wonderful annual rummage sale and made a little bit of money in the process.
- The church is gearing up to host the Church Women United brunch; this just after we held the Men of the Church Banquet. What great outreach opportunities for Christian Fellowship!
- The Harvest Table was once again successfully supplied and served by St. Peter's members.

## St. Pete's Cookbook

The Stewardship Board members are excited about our decision of creating a church cookbook as a 2011 fundraiser project. What a wonderful way to share the talents of our members and preserve a piece of our history in a keepsake cookbook. The plan is to have these cookbooks ready for purchase in the fall.

We need your help---

- Start collecting your favorite recipes
- Help us think of a "clever & catchy" name for our church cookbook
- **We need someone (or a team) with experience in this area to be the EDITOR**

Start making a list of friends, family, and co-workers who would love to receive a copy as a gift.

Our hope is to tap into the time and talent of our wonderfully gifted congregation and accomplish this project totally in-house, thus achieving the greatest financial profits.

We will provide more information at a later date regarding the recipes. Please contact a member of the Stewardship Board if you are willing to be an editor or if you know of someone who would be interested.

The Stewardship Board

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## 100 Years at St. Peter's

The Historical Ministry Team has finished putting together a display of Sunday School from past to present spanning 100 years at St. Peter's, many old and new photographs and other items.

Be sure and visit the display case in the hallway between the choir room and auditorium. See if you see anyone you recog-

nize in old and newer photos, especially from the 40's, 50's, and 1980's. Your feedback on the display would be appreciated along with any ideas for a future display.

The next meeting of the Historical Ministry Team will be Tuesday, May 10 at 1 p.m.

Tom Howard

## Food Pantry News

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the food pantry in March. They are: Ruth Buddemeyer, Mel and Betty Edwards, Joline Logan, Chuck and Linda Johns, the Mariner's Club, Don and Phyllis Northington, Marie Martin, Bondie Heidmann, the United Way, August Homeyer Memorials, YMCA Yoga Class, Kevin Walde Orthodontics, and Lori Sehr. I also want to thank everyone who helped with the Girl Scout "April Showers" collection. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped sort, box, and transport the items and thank you to everyone who donated the personal care items.

Judy Schneider

## Prayer Network

The Prayer Network Ministry Team will meet on May 4 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: Pray and work for God's justice to be realized in the world.

Dorothy Althage

## Cemetery Board Minutes

The Cemetery Board met on April 5 with the following members present: Mike Carey, Hank Anderson, Dennis Borgman, Billy Howard, Chuck Patterson, Alvin Gerling, Byron Stolte-Sexton, and Roger Flee-Council Rep.

The previous minutes and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

**Old Business:** Vince Sanfilippo said he will continue to treat for moles as needed on a monthly basis.

**New Business:**

- Byron to purchase a new roller from Orscheln and a sprayer from MFA
- The Board will accept a transfer of deed for two plots

from a couple to their daughter for the transfer fee of \$10

- Flowers on graves will be removed one time a year before the middle of March. Notice of that date will be announced in church services and published in the Feb. newsletter and posted at the cemetery for non-members of the church
- Byron asked the Board to look at a mature tree and make a decision if it needs to be taken down before it falls and damages a lot of monuments, Hank Anderson will contact Hillermann Nursery and Florist

The next meeting will be May 3.

Billy Howard

## EA Quilt Show - May 14

On Saturday, May 14 the Annual Eastern Association Quilt Show will be held at Zion UCC, Troy, MO. Registration is from 9:30-10:30. Carpooling will leave the parking lot at 8:30 if you need a ride.

It is optional to bring along a quilt. They have a theme this year - "Everyday is a Holiday", so bring along holiday quilts if you have them, wall hangings, table runners, etc. Copies of the entry form (I.D.) for any quilts you bring will be available, ask Sibyl Kerr.

Holly Bone will be the speaker. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

The blue baby quilt we had is now sold. We have an ABC baby quilt that is for sale, it is hanging in the atrium.

Quote for the month: "Your mind is like a parachute - it functions only when open."

Judy Eickmeyer and the Quilters

## Women's Fellowship

Our rummage sale was a great success. A big thank you goes out to all of you who donated items for our sale and for all the volunteers that helped us out. Without you, it wouldn't have been as good as it was; you were great.

The Women of the Church breakfast at Cowan's will be on May 19 at 9 a.m. On May 12 our next meeting will be at 10 a.m.

This month we will have a demonstration on flower arranging

from Hillermann's Nursery. A potluck luncheon will follow after the demonstration. A great time is expected to be had and we invite anyone who is interested to join us.

Submitted by,  
Cheryl Keller  
Secretary

*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 sewing 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*



## Music for May

Thank you to the following people for providing Special Music in April: Hank Anderson, Maggie Noud, Vince Sanfilippo, Patti Flear, Cecil Blankenship, Steve Hausmann, Robbie Hausmann, Joel Koch, Bruce Barnett, and Terry Buddemeyer.

The tentative schedule for May is:

- 5-1 Hank Anderson
- 5-8 Vince Sanfilippo
- 5-15 June Wilson
- 5-22 TBA
- 5-29 Maggie Noud

Levere Barnett  
Director of Music

## Church Benefits from Escrip Cards

There is frequently a reminder in our weekly Sunday bulletin reminding us that St. Peter's church benefits financially from using Schnucks' escrip cards. The amount of that benefit for 2010 is \$1,271.69. And all we had to do was go shopping at Schuncks grocery store.

below 2009's benefits. Please don't forget to have your card scanned every time you check out, and if you don't have one, ask the cashier to give you one.

It's as easy as that! We can beat our 2009 record of \$1,341.89.

I do have to mention that we were \$70.20

Carrol Ocsody  
Treasurer

Financials	Atrium Fund as of 3/31/11
Heritage Community Bank Balance	\$855,340.41
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:	March	YTD	2011 Budget	% Budget Reached
Total Receipts	25,348.47	82,295.74	387,966	21.21
Total Disbursements	37,837.47	105,263.49	424,748	24.78

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

Free Vision Screening and Hearing Test

East Central College Senior Health Fair

Friday, May 20

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Special Glaucoma Testing

Washington Lions Club - 636-239-3871



## Congratulations to our College and High School Graduates!

**Casper Becker** will graduate from East Central College with an Auto Technology Certificate. He plans to work at a car dealership or garage.

**Matthew Buddemeyer** graduates May 7 from William Woods University in Fulton with a Sports Management degree and minor in Business.

**Andrea Carey** will graduate from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. She will be seeking a job in the near future and planning a wedding for October.

*The following are Washington High School graduates:*

**Mike Bauer** will attend East Central College for two years and then transfer to Mizzou. He plans to major in Journalism.

**Ellen Brinker** will attend Maryville University and enroll in their nursing program. She plans to become a neonatal/pediatric nurse.

**Kate Brinker** will attend Maryville University and enroll in their nursing program. She plans to become an emergency room nurse.

**Monica Brinkmann** will attend East Central College for two years and then transfer to Missouri State University. She is interested in a career in health care, possibly working with the blind.

**John Phinney** will be attending the University of Missouri-Science and Technology in Rolla. He plans to major in Civil Engineering.

We plan to recognize all graduates with a special litany and prayer during the May 14&15 services. If the church is unaware of your graduate, please notify the office for inclusion. We are proud of all graduates and their families.

Marcia Koch, The Graduate and Military Recognition Ministry Team

## Shannondale Sunday

Shannondale is a Mission project of the Missouri Mid-South Conference UCC serving the spiritual, educational, and economic needs of Shannon and the surrounding counties. May 1 is the recommended day for the conference-wide offering for Shannondale Community Center but contributions will be accepted all month.

For many in the Missouri Mid-South Conference, Shannondale has been a place apart, to which to come for anything from quiet retreats to mission trips to fun camping and river adventures. Shannondale offers something for everyone. It is home to...

- The Froeschner Community Center, where we host gatherings
- The Wobus Craft Center, an outlet for local artisans to supplement their incomes
- The Bucher Memorial Tree Farm, the oldest continuously operating tree farm in the state
- Lodging arrangements for families and groups on service projects, work camps or retreats
- Shannondale UCC
- Outdoor programs like Canoe Camp, Kayak Camp, the annual men's fellowship retreat
- Retreat space for church groups
- The Timber Time program

Shannondale is much more than a campsite, though. Through the programs offered, we reach out to the people of Shannon County and the surrounding areas. We are able to host church groups in our lodging facilities so they can do work projects in areas that desperately need help. The conference-wide men's fellowship retreat includes a part of the weekend providing service, either onsite at Shannondale or in our neighboring communities.

Shannondale is the ministry center in our own backyard. Two years ago, an inland hurricane damaged some parts of the site, but Jeff Fulk, minister of Shannondale UCC and manager of the community center, has worked hard to keep Shannondale going.

The Journeymen of St. Peter's UCC have "adopted" Shannondale as a sacred place, have supported mission projects there, and return regularly to canoe, kayak, and enjoy its beautiful surroundings. Your continued support of this Missouri Mid-South Conference mission is appreciated.

*Pastor Paul*

## Thank You Members

The Vesper Bell Choir would like to thank all of the people who participated in our "Guest Artist" series this year: Bruce Barnett, Emilee Kellermann, Marcia Koch, Diane and Jim Gephardt, Frank Wood, Pat O'Donnell, and Delores Borcherdig. Some of the faces were new to the music department and we appreciate them jumping right in to play bells with us (with only a little arm twisting). We hope they enjoyed their time with us as much as we enjoyed playing with them. Who will be next???

Dottie Brinker

### A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

A great big "Thank You" to everyone who helped with St. Peter's annual Rummage Sale, especially all the men. We could not have done this without their help.

The Rummage Sale Committee



## Knowing Your Neighbors

The St. Peter's Social Concerns Ministry Team has decided this year to help our members learn more about some of our neighbors. To be more specific, we want to learn more about the various organizations and groups in Washington who are helping people within the community. We're fortunate to have many of these organizations and groups doing this important work. This month, we want to tell you about the Crider Center and Harmony House, which are supported in part by the United Fund.

The Crider Center and Harmony Clubhouse is located at 416 Market Street in the old Baptist Church building. Crider Health Center is a non-profit organization that has provided mental health services since 1979 in the four counties of Franklin, Lincoln, Warren, and St. Charles. In 2007 the Board of Directors voted to expand the Crider Center Mental Health mission, to include primary health care. Since then they have served the medically underserved population, including those primarily with Medicaid or without insurance. They currently serve more than 56,000 residents in their four-county service area. They have physical locations in St. Charles, Wentzville, Union, O'Fallon, Troy, Warrenton, and Washington.

Here in Washington, the Crider Center runs the Harmony Clubhouse, whose purpose is to help their members through educational development, vocational preparation and support, and

opportunities for social interactions.

The Lower Level of the facility has the "Bargain Barn", a "Kitchen", and "Harmony Café". Members learn job skills in all these areas. The Barn is a resale shop that receives donations of clothes and goods and resells them in the store. The public is invited to shop Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of every month. Lunch is served in the "Kitchen" every day with members and staff planning the menu, preparing, and serving the food. The "Café" is a snack bar where members serve snacks and drinks during the day.

The upper level holds the business unit and the career development unit. People served by Harmony House are called members and are not treated like patients. Members and staff work together as colleagues while performing tasks and making decisions necessary for the operations of the clubhouse. Members are provided with the chance to become independent and lead satisfying, productive lives.

You can learn much more by visiting the following web sites: [www.cridercenter.org](http://www.cridercenter.org) and [www.harmonyclubhouse.org](http://www.harmonyclubhouse.org)

Submitted by,  
Nancy Wood

## Eden Thank You

Dear Members,

Thank you for your support of Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries! These seminaries provide a vital ministry in the United Church of Christ by training and equipping leaders for ministry with individuals, congregations, and in the wider world. Each seminary strengthens the life of the

church by enlivening critical reflection on faith, and supporting bold Christian discipleship. Each school is a vibrant, caring, and challenging place in which to pursue theological education.

Thank you for giving \$1,927 to CUE Seminaries in 2010.

Kiely Todd Roska

Survivors of Suicide

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m.

Led by Reverend Anne Chida, MSW

Six Weeks - May 24 / June 28

Peace Lutheran Church

RSVP - 314-614-0701

## Humane Society Service Project

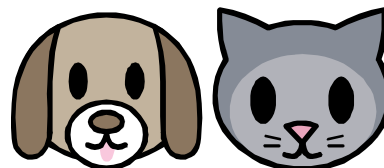
Psalm 41 states "Blessed is he who considers the poor; The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble." This year in the Junior High Sunday School, we have been learning about the power of stewardship and being good stewards of what God has provided us. We decided as a service project to help God's smaller creatures that cannot help themselves. We have joined forces with the Humane Society to collect pet food and supplies. From now until May 29, we ask the congregation to join us to help the less fortunate animals of the humane society. Around the church there are two collection boxes and posters explaining what is needed. Here is a list of items you could donate.

### Pet Foods and Supplies:

- Purina, Purina ONE, ProPlan or Iams canned or dry dog, cat and kitten food
- Stainless steel non-tip bowls
- Kongs or Nylabone chewing bones, rawhide chews and rawhide bones
- Washable dog and cat toys
- Rolled and tied newspapers
- Used or new bath towels and washcloths
- Fleece fabric blankets for dogs in the kennels during winter
- New or used leashes, collars, harnesses
- New or used rubber backed throw rugs for placing in the dog crates
- Collapsible crates, carriers and cat trees

### Cleaning Supplies:

- 30 gallon drawstring trash bags
- Hand sanitizer
- Boxes of powder-free latex or vinyl gloves
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Spray cleaners, glass cleaners, wipes
- Bottled bleach, Kaboom cleaner
- Cleaning rags with scrubby side, scrub brushes
- Spray bottles and sponges
- Laundry powder, dishwashing liquid.



As 2 Corinthians 9:7 states, "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." Thank you for your help with this.

Russell Smith

## 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 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.



**St. Peter's Atrium Gallery  
Welcomes our New Exhibit,  
Wildwood:  
Intarsia  
By  
Rodney Eggers**

Intarsia is the mosaic of various types of wood fitted together. Mr. Eggers started 15+ years ago using stained glass patterns on the first two projects. He now draws his own patterns from pictures that appeal to him. In preparing the pieces, he tries to show depth in the subject by varying the thickness.

Mr. Eggers' work may be purchased by calling 636-390-2711 or folks may purchase works when the exhibit concludes at the end of June. People interested in works by our previous artist, Travis Molitar, may contact Pastor Paul for information.



## Happy May Birthday to All



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Matthew Bauer Anthony Carey Jack Harry Harold Lindauer	2 Larry Picraux Wayne Berry	3 Kenneth Desmond	4 Daniel Neubert Louise Obermark Christie Nassif Leah Bilinski	5 Jo Phinney	6 Julie Cowsert	7 Jacqueline Krafft Zachary Roewe
8 Howard Althage Barbara Dembeck Jeremy Sherman	9 Debbie Door Matthew Kuenzel	10 Andrew Meyer	11 Ralph Benz Rose Schulte Diane Schwab John Homeyer	12 Logan Owens	13 Thomas Howard Carlie West Jennifer Moran	14 Hannah Colter Elaine Kruse
15 Kim Colter Tabatha Wacker	16 Judith Althage Warren Wiele Zane Moore Jessica Bieker	17 Austin Jasper P.J. Nassif	18 Sibyl Kerr	19 Peggy Miller Cecelia Heimos Jill Bieker Paulette Fitzpatrick	20 Jessica Fox Dina Vitoux	21 Cindy Kriete Hazel Schaffner
22 Doris Cartwright David Czeschin Essel Kruse	23 Elizabeth Montgomery	24 Karoline Curtright Robert Moore Sharon Graham Sabreena Bub Jaden Mueller	25 Anna Goebel Pamela Kinkeade Ruth Terschluse	26 Nancy Scharfenberg Robert Zick Dixie Kottwitz	27 Logan Gillig	28 Zander Wisdom
29 Shane Clines	30 Amy Pope	31 Madeline Heinrich Violet May Peters				



## May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>1</u> 9 Adult Study 10 Worship Shannondale Sun. 10 Pre K - Gr. 8 Sunday School Food Pantry and Aluminum Drives 11 Coffee Hour 11 Gardener's Work Day</p>	<p><u>2</u> 6 AA 6:30 Quilting 7 Civic Chorus</p>	<p><u>3</u> 9 AA 9-12 CWU Brunch 10:30 Staff Mtg. 7 Social Concerns 7 Cemetery Bd.</p>	<p><u>4</u> Quilting 9 Retired Men's Mother's Day Breakfast 10 Prayer Network 12 Bible Study 6 AA 6:45 Chapel Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><u>5</u> 6 AA 7 BCE</p>	<p><u>6</u> 8:30 Mental Health 8 p.m.-8 a.m. High School Lock-in</p>	<p><u>7</u> 8 a.m. Lock-in ends 5 Worship 5-6 Harvest Table Eastern Assoc. Spring Mtg. @ Old Monroe</p>
<p><u>8</u> Mother's Day 9 Adult Study 10 Worship Family Sunday 11 Coffee Hour SS Class Lunch</p>	<p><u>9</u> 6 AA 6:30 Quilting 7 Civic Chorus 7 Bible Discovery</p>	<p><u>10</u> 9 AA 10:30 Staff Mtg. 1 Historical Com. 6 Bldg. &amp; Grds. 6:30 Stewardship 7 EA Council</p>	<p><u>11</u> Quilting 12 Bible Study 6 AA 6:30 Scout Pack 6:45 Chapel Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><u>12</u> 10 Women's Fellowship 6 AA</p>	<p><u>13</u> 6 Wedding Rehearsal 8 p.m. - 8 a.m. Middle School Lock-in</p>	<p><u>14</u> 8 a.m. Lock-in ends EA Quilt Show Zion UCC, Troy 3 Wedding 5 Worship 5-6 Harvest Table</p>
<p><u>15</u> 9 Adult Study 10 Worship and Graduate Recognition 10 Pre K - Grade 8 Sunday School 11 Coffee Hour</p>	<p><u>16</u> 6 AA 6 MS Support Group 6:30 Quilting 7 Civic Chorus</p>	<p><u>17</u> 9 AA 10:30 Staff Mtg. 2:30 Cedar Crest 5:30 Mutual Ministry 6:30 Council Devotional 7 Church Council</p>	<p><u>18</u> Quilting 12 Bible Study 6 AA</p>	<p><u>19</u> 9 Women's Breakfast @ Cowen's 10:30 Grandview 6 AA</p>	<p><u>20</u> 9 Newsletter Articles due</p>	<p><u>21</u> 5 Worship 5-6 Harvest Table</p>
<p><u>22</u> 9 Adult Study 10 Worship 10 Pre K - Grade 8 Sunday School 11 Coffee Hour 6:30 - HS Youth Group</p>	<p><u>23</u> 6 AA 6:30 Quilting 7 Civic Chorus</p>	<p><u>24</u> 9 AA 10:30 Staff Mtg.</p>	<p><u>25</u> Quilting 12 Bible Study 6 AA</p>	<p><u>26</u> 9:30 Food Pantry Task Force 6 AA 6:30 Scout Pack</p>	<p><u>27</u></p>	<p><u>28</u> 5 Worship 5-6 Harvest Table</p>
<p><u>29</u> 9 Adult Study 10 Worship 10 Pre K - Grade 8 Sunday School 11 Coffee Hour</p>	<p><u>30</u> <u>Memorial Day</u> <u>Office Closed</u> 6 AA</p>	<p><u>31</u> 9 AA 10:30 Staff Mtg.</p>				