

St. Peter's Messenger

Editor: Laura Placht



WORSHIP AT THE RIVERFRONT

Sunday September, 18th
10 a.m.

Come join us at the river for St. Peter's annual outdoor worship service.



Festivities will commemorate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible with favorite readings from the KJV, old time hymns, plus readings from confirmands using their newly presented Common English Bible of 2011. St. Peter's third graders will also receive a story Bible. New members will be received and a child will be baptized!!!

A potluck picnic, fellowship, bounce house, games, and cakewalk will follow.

Bring your lawn chairs, friends, neighbors, and a dish to share.

Hot dogs, brats, burgers, and drinks will be provided.

Potluck specifics: Last name A-H bring a salad,
I-O bring a veggie dish/casserole,
R-Z bring a dessert,

(please bring enough to feed 10-12 people)

A sign-up sheet for picnic volunteers is available in the Atrium.



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Worship: Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.

Show your "God & Country" Patriotism on Sept. 11, 2011 by Participating in 9-11 "Service Worship"

Did you know that churches across the country are commemorating the tenth anniversary in creative unifying ways? Let's transform a day of division into a day of unity and reach out! "Jesus has left the building!" Come to church an hour earlier at 9:00, dressed to make a difference for our church, neighborhood, community, and country. We will worship God by gathering for a brief 9-11 commemorative litany and prayer in the auditorium and then divide among ourselves to head out to designated projects.

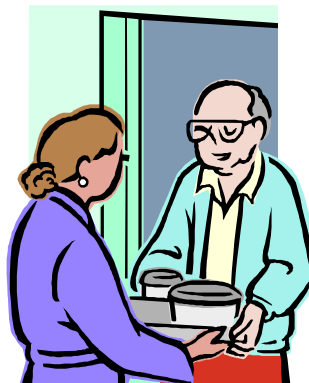
There are projects for the whole family, every age, and ability. Below are confirmed projects so far with the number of workers needed. If you know what you'd like to do in advance, please come prepared with the needed project supplies. Folks may choose on the day too, but certainly dress comfortably.

People who typically worship on Saturdays will experience Service Worship by preparing for and hosting the Harvest Table on Sept. 10. See sign-up sheets for responsibility areas. All are invited to sit and eat with Harvest families when supper is served at 5:00.

Projects:

1. Detailing sanctuary (30) Brush away grime where pews have been resting on carpet, buff rails, clean pews. Bring rags, brushes, gloves, Murphy's oil soap or wood polish if possible. Holly Kommina supervising.
2. Washington Parks (40) – one of two projects picking up litter and clearing debris at Lions Lake and Fairgrounds. The Parks Dept. will supply litter bags, wear appropriate clothing and gloves. Carl Clover supervising.
3. St. Peter's Cemetery – cleaning gravestones (40). Please bring soft brushes. Mike Carey, Dennis Borgman & Cemetery Board supervising
4. Restoring "abandoned" cemetery. Please bring weed-eaters, pruners, hand saws, and gloves. Location is off Bethlehem church Road from Bieker Road (12)
5. Cooking for Christ – fixing casseroles or soups for caring ministry, Harvest Table and to feed workers at noon. (8)
6. Harvest Table (Saturday), Erna Holland supervising (30)
7. Assembling Franklin County DFS Youth Kits (40) Karen Dawson & Social Concerns Ministry supervising Workers at this project will hear a special program about Habitat for Humanity.
8. Home of Harvest Table Family in Union whose home was flooded. Basement needs gutting. Bring gloves, Lysol, or bleach. Masks are essential. (5) Family is supervising.
9. Additional projects at elderly or infirm families' homes are sought!!! Please contact Pastor Paul.

LET'S MAKE *SERVICE WORSHIP* A MEMORABLE HIGHPOINT AT ST. PETER'S!!



Mission of the Month - Plowsharing Crafts

The Plowsharing Crafts sale hosted by Social Concerns is coming to St. Peter's again in November.

All the Fair Trade crafts are created by over 60,000 artists in 35 different countries. Fair Trade allows both women and men in these countries the opportunity to earn a fair price for their crafts and improve their quality of life. This fair price covers the cost of labor and materials along with a safe and healthy working environment. The artists can make plans for the future because of consistent yearly orders.

Social Concerns gets a percentage of the sales which are used to fund projects at St. Peter's during the year. So mark your calendar for November 5 and 6 for the Plowsharing Crafts sale.

Social Concerns

Polymath Masters Finishes Strong in September



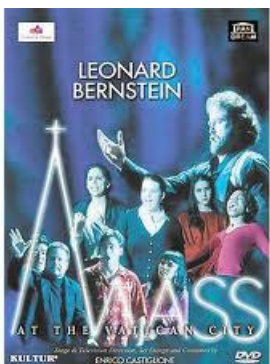
Come join the group with wildly eclectic and fun interests for the sharing on Thursday nights. Each program lasts one hour, with the exception of the final Sept. 29th gathering.

Sept. 1, "Hidden Histories." Participants are invited to prepare and share local, national, or global oddities. So far, we have the Tsavo Maneaters of 19th century, Africa and Hidden Histories of the UCC. Riverfront Park, 7:00 (postponed from earlier date).

Sept. 8, "The Giessen German Emigration Society." Local historian, archivist, and frequent St. Peter's worship guest, Dorris Keeven-Franke, will share insights about our ancestor families who settled in Washington. Riverfront Park, 7:00

Sept. 15, "Theology in classic Hollywood horror flicks." Getting ready for Halloween, Travis Molitor has film clips from Lon Chaney, Boris Karloff & Vincent Price classics and will invite discussion. St. Peter's Atrium Room at 7:00

Sept. 29, "Leonard Bernstein's MASS." (See article) The performance begins at a special time at 6:30 and will last two hours.



Bernstein's MASS to be shown at St. Peter's Sept. 29 @ 6:30 p.m.

Leonard Bernstein's magnificent "MASS: A Theatre Piece for Singers, Players and Dancers" will be shown in its entirety in the Atrium Room Thursday, Sept. 29. This

event, open to all, concludes the summer Polymath Masters series at a special showing time of 6:30. This colorful performance, performed live at the Vatican as part of the 2000 Jubilee, runs two hours, plus a few minutes for introduction and discussion afterward.

MASS was commissioned by Jacqueline Kennedy for the opening of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in 1971. The incredibly moving work can be likened to *Jesus Christ, Super-*

star and *Godspell* that were also produced in that era reflective of openly confronted religious challenges, social questioning and uncertainty. It speaks great relevance for us 30 years later as new generations face religion and try to find their way to accepting congregations. The show follows the traditional format of a Latin mass but interjects awesome views from a cast of seeking parishioners and a priest who is searching himself. It has the poignancy of Bernstein's *West Side Story* and the courage of his *Candide*.

MASS is one of Pastor Paul's favorite "sermons" and will be leading the discussion. Popcorn will be served and you are inviting to bring movie snacks and drinks to share!! We'll celebrate the end of a great summer!

Ministry Teams

Prayer Network Ministry Team

We will meet on September 7 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: God, teach us to turn to you with hope and faith.

Submitted by,
Dorothy Althage

Musical Notes

Thank you to the following people for providing Special Music in August: Carol Muench - sub organist for two Sundays, Ruth Wood, Kassie Wood, Carolyn Slack, Sue Anderson, Maggie Noud, and Patti Fleer.

The tentative schedule for September is:

9-4/Cecil Blankenship	9-11/No Music required for service
9-18/Carolyn Slack and The Rev. Mildred Slack	9-25/Vince Sanfilippo

Rehearsals for all choirs will begin in September. New members are invited to attend. Please call Levere Barnett at 636-239-7476 for more information.

9-7/Vesper Bells 6:45	9-14/Chapel Bells 6:00	9-14/Chancel Choir 7:30
Levere Barnett - Director of Music		



Food Pantry News

We want to thank everyone who made donations to the food pantry in July. Thank you to: Carrie Clover, Mel and Betty Edwards, Chuck and Linda Johns, Bondie Heidmann, Jim and Ruth Konrad, Don and Phyllis Northington, Alvin and Marian Gerling, Jackie Stendel, and Centennial Farms. We also received donations from the livestock auction at the fair. Making donations of either meat or cash were Mike and Jeanne Wood, Heritage Bank, Krawitz Tire and Auto, and Spray Dynamics. We appreciate your generosity. We are also very thankful to the group of Girl Scouts who volunteered to help at the pantry by cleaning the shelves. A big thank you goes out to Jenna Hamlett, Gabbi Kitners, Grace Koch, and Marcia Koch. It takes many hands and many hours of work from volunteers every week to keep the pantry running. With help from all of our volunteers we were able to serve 62 families last month.

Judy Schneider
Food Pantry Coordinator

Women's Fellowship

We hope everyone has had a really nice summer vacation. Now that it is over, it's time once again for our Women's Fellowship meetings to resume. Our next meeting will be on Thurs., Sept. 8 at 10:00 a.m. with a bible study to be given by Pastor Leah followed by a salad luncheon. The next Women's Fellowship breakfast at Cowan's will be on Sept. 15th at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see all of you there.

Cheryl Keller

Quilting News

Have you seen the quilts hanging in the atrium??? The two twin quilts are going to the Emmaus Bazaar on October 30th.

The blue and the red Baby quilts are for the Camp Mo-Val dinner auction also in October. The other baby quilts are for the Festival of Sharing Back Pack of Love kits, also in October.

If you come by the quilting room, you will notice the absence of the Friends of Emmaus quilt, it now resides in the home of one of the Friends.

We have two baby quilts for sale at this time, one is pieced and the other is appliquéd. They are \$45 each.

Quote: "You lie loudest when you lie to yourself." Unknown

Judy Eickmeyer and the Quilters

**Weds.@St.Pete's Returns Oct. 5 - Nov. 9,
6:15 - 7:30,
With the Following Small Groups:**

“Great Decisions” Returns

Once again, there will be an opportunity to learn more about some of the international issues facing our country. Based on the PBS “Great Decisions” series, Rev. Dr. Bill Schwab, Pastor Emeritus of St. Peter’s UCC, will lead discussions. They will be held on consecutive Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Beginning October 5. The public is invited. The six U.S. foreign relations issues that will be discussed are: Oct. 5 - Rebuilding Haiti, Oct. 12 - American National Security since 9/11, Oct. 19 - The Horn of Africa (Somalia), Oct. 26 - Banks, Governments and Debt Crises, Nov. 2 - The Caucasus (Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, etc.), Nov. 9 - Making Sense of Multilateralism (The G8, the G20, and international order)

Listening Circle - a Weds.@St.Pete's Adventure

The world is in such desperate need of something different than the current climate of division. What are Christians to do? And what do we do with our own differences of opinion? Do we pretend we don't have them? Do we shout them at one another and add to the culture of division? Or do we aim for a higher way of being, one with another, that is both honest and respectful?

Beginning Wednesday, October 5th, Pastor Leah will be leading the first of what she hopes will be many listening circles in St. Peter's (and the wider Church's) future. Ten individuals are invited to be a part of this adventure in intentional listening. Questions posed with each session will aim to gently guide the group to places of better knowing and understanding one another, beginning with less vulnerable topics and gradually progressing each week, based on perceived group comfort. Pastor Leah completed a short training in leading listening circles this past winter and is excited to facilitate a small group of willing individuals in the process. Please RSVP to the church office if you wish to participate, as group size is important to facilitation! Thank you.

Journeyman Become “Unbroken”

We have selected Laura Hillenbrand’s best-selling and incredibly moving, inspiring book, *Unbroken*, as our discussion resource. It is based on a true-story of a World War II POW and former Olympian who learns and demonstrates forgiveness despite a harrowing ordeal. This group is open to all men of the wider community. Discussions are slated to begin on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 October 5 – November 9. Pastor Paul will moderate most weeks but co-leader volunteers are needed especially for the first two weeks.

Men's Fall Float Retreat

Men's Fall Float Retreat Scheduled for October 7-9

Mark your calendar on the most beautiful time of year for a fall kayak or canoe float down the gorgeous Current River in the Ozark National Scenic Riverway in Shannon Country, south of Salem. We will arrive Friday night, stay in an A-frame cabin with beds, bathroom, and kitchenette at Shannondale Retreat Center. Plan for a 20 mile float from Akers Ferry to Round Spring (or maybe begin a bit earlier) on Saturday, hike the park, maybe help Shannondale with a project, worship at Shannondale UCC, and return Sunday evening. It will be full of great food, fellowship, and fun plus accumulated stories that flow like a natural spring. Cost will be around \$50-\$70 plus food. Let Pastor Paul know if you are interested.

Cemetery Board Minutes - August 2

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

Old Business:

- The electric has been fixed in the backhoe shed.
- Byron found a very good Ford 2000 Diesel tractor with a Bush hog for \$4700 that will replace our old 9N Ford tractor. The Board gave their approval to purchase.

New Business:

- Patty Wood representing the Ministry Team A.K.A. the Party Team asked us our opinion and permission to hold a Halloween Party in the grass on the North side of the Chapel. They want to show some movies on the grass area. We gave them permission .
- The 9-11 Anniversary Committee would like permission to clean some tomb stones as a special project, approval given.

Billy Howard

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Ladies' Luncheon
St. Peter's United Church of Christ
Fifth and Market, Washington, Missouri
Saturday, October 8, 2011
12 o'clock noon

Theme: "Name That Tune"
Delicious catered lunch: Joe's Delicatessen
Style Show: Addi's Fall Fashions
Price: \$25 per ticket

Ticket sale begins September 11, 2011
Call Nancy Wood, 636-239-2532

You are invited to attend this delightful time with other ladies, young and old, mothers, daughters, grandmothers, sisters, friends, office force and ladies' groups. You will enjoy eating a delicious lunch, hearing many familiar tunes, watching a ladies' fall fashion show and seeing many decorated tables with song title settings.

Look forward to seeing you!

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

Financials	Atrium Fund as of 7/31/11
Heritage Community Bank Balance	\$832,408.77
Monthly Payment	\$5,950.00
Promissory Notes Balance	\$7,000.00
Rott Foundation Loan Balance	\$21,221.99
Quarterly Payment	\$4,204.69

General & Benevolent Fund:	July	YTD	2011 Budget	% Budget Reached
Total Receipts	36,158.31	215,714.61	387,966	55.60
Total Disbursements	30,508.15	<u>235,807.16</u> (20,092.55)	424,748	55.52

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

Keep Current On Your Giving the "Convenient Way."

St. Peter's provides a service that enables your monthly pledged amount or contribution to be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. In most cases there is no charge for this service plus you'll be saving on stamps, saving the church on providing the mailed envelopes and help you be free from worrying if you have kept up each week or not when away. In back of this newsletter is a confidential form that can be completed and given to the church office. The households that used this service have commented how it is a much easier way to keep up in their stewardship. The amounts can be changed periodically as well.





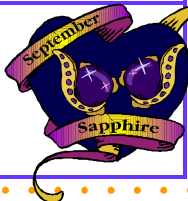
Monthly Minders

- 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.

Hospitality Ministry Team

Happy September Birthday to Everyone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Harriet Wilmesherr Timothy Hunt Ethan Roewe	2 Doris Graves Koren Kerr	3
4 Glen Meyer Sharon Thompson Susan Harms Danielle Epple Alexis Geisert	5 Richard Houchins Rita Bub	6	7 Betty Buerk William Boland Kurtlin Vitoux Mary Kate Montgomery Jacob Spurgeon Jack Sullentrup	8	9 Doris Blankenship Charles Patterson Samantha Hackett	10 Judy Scannell Alexander Buschman
11 William Roewe	12 	13	14 Lee Miller Tyler Francis	15 Darlene Kossina John Yager Kirk Kriete	16 Louis Klingert Traci Siebert Denise Balken Debra Lamke Joshua Buchholz Christina Shocklee	17 LaVerta Schulte Lorrene Brauks Gene Hunt Mary Montgomery Reis Cowsert Alex Cowsert Macie Cowsert
18 Laurie Ebker Alexander Kempen Aidan Richard Ip	19 Victoria Meyer Timothy Roewe	20 Darlene Langkopf Erin Blankenship Jack Czeschin	21 Dan Eckelkamp Leo Becker	22 Marie Martin Tara Lang-McDowell	23	24 Nancy Croson Frank Wood Gary Schonaerts Kylie Jacquin
25 Ella Bebermeyer Kathy Schaffer Michael Wahl Allyson Briggs Taylor Door	26 Rebecca Krafft Tonie Smith	27 Carole Sincox Rachel Lause Bradley Mittler William Brand	28 Wendell Schneider Nicholas Kackley Veronica Graham	29 Randy Buschling Theresa Hermann Marie Kellermann	30 John Lick Kevin Hausmann Carrie Derner	

JustFaith Ecumenical Program Offered

You are invited to go on a rich, spiritual journey and look more closely at the troubling issues of our times through the lens of compassion and our shared faith. JustFaith provides a lively and challenging format to read, discuss, pray, experience, and be formed by our Christian faith tradition that, when lived out, changes lives, inspires faithful witness, and transforms the world through love and service.

The JustFaith process involves 30 weekly sessions, two retreats, and four immersion experiences. In addition, participants are expected to do one to two hours of reading each week. Participants are nurtured by a small faith community that forms among the group as they journey through this program. Former participants have said it is the best and most meaningful adult education experience they have had, and they eagerly looked forward to each weekly session.

This program is limited to the first 15 registrants and cost \$155. If you are interested or have questions, contact Dixie Schneider at 239-8449. Pastor Leah and Pastor Paul are supportive of this shared endeavor in area churches.

Remembering Our Heroes of Freedom First Baptist Villa Ridge Church

September 11, 2011

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Thank You Notes Received

A BIG THANK YOU to all VBS Teachers & Summer Sunday school Teachers and all assistants with both from the Board of Christian Education for all your work and effort in supporting our efforts this summer.

Carole Sincox and Nichole Briggs

Dear St. Peters,

Thank you for being such wonderful hosts! We loved having a community dinner with you and thank you for letting us share our journey with everyone. Our trip would not be possible without generous hosts such as yourselves. Please feel free to follow us online at Bikeandbuild.org. We hope to share our travels with you again next year!

Bike and Build Central US 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gift of \$2576 for the Spring Storms USA Appeal Relief Fund. The United Church of Christ is committed to walking alongside our brothers and sisters during this disaster and stands firm in its commitment to move communities toward recovery.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Halloween Party to be October 22

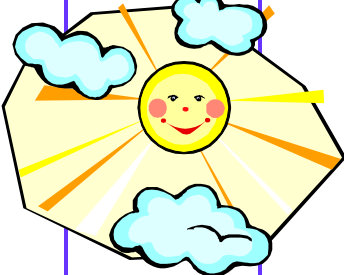

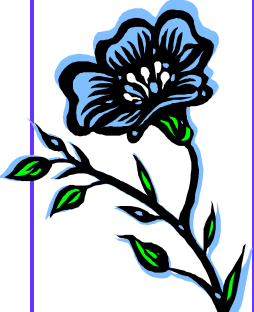
There will be a family friendly Halloween Party/Movie night on Saturday, October 22, at the cemetery. Please watch for more details in future bulletins and newsletters. Mark the date on your calendar now. It's going to be FUN!!!!

Patty Wood and the Party Team



Setting up an Automatic Recurring Transaction is a convenient, free method to keep current in your giving, regardless of where you bank. Save on envelopes and mailing expenses too and not worry about missing a Sunday contribution. A form is included in this newsletter. Simply complete, notarize, and give to the church office.

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<u>1</u> 6 AA 7 Polymath Masters at Riverfront	<u>2</u> 6 AA	<u>3</u> 5 Worship 5-6 Harvest Table
<u>4</u> 10 Worship Family Sunday Food Pantry and Aluminum Drives 11 Coffee Hour 11:15-1:15 8th Grade Confirmation	<u>5</u> Labor Day Office Closed 6 AA	<u>6</u> 9 AA 10:30 Staff 7 Social Concerns 7 Cemetery Bd. 7 BCE	<u>7</u> Quilting 9 Men's Breakfast 10 Prayer Network 6:45 Vesper Bells	<u>8</u> 8:30 Historical Ministry Team 10 Women's Fellowship 6 AA 7 Polymath Masters at Riverfront	<u>9</u> 6 AA	<u>10</u> 5:00 and Earlier "Service Worship" at Harvest Table
<u>11</u> 9 "Service Worship" see article	<u>12</u> 6 AA 6:30 Quilting 7 Bible Discovery 7 Civic Chorus	<u>13</u> 9 AA 10:30 Staff 6 Bldg. & Grds. 6:30 Stewardship 6:30 Council Devotional 7 Church Council	<u>14</u> Quilting 6 Chapel Bells 6:45 Vesper Bells 7:30 Chancel Bells	<u>15</u> 9 Women's Breakfast @ Cowan's 10:30 Grandview 6 AA 7 Polymath Masters in Atrium	<u>16</u> 6 AA	<u>17</u> 8 a.m. Camp Mo-Val Walk-a-Thon at Riverfront NO Worship; combined service on Sunday 5-6 Harvest Table
<u>18</u> 10 Combined Worship @ Rennick Riverfront Pavilion 11 Church Picnic @ Riverfront 1-3 Youth group @ Riverfront	<u>19</u> 6 AA 6 MS Support Group 6:30 Quilting 7 Civic Chorus	<u>20</u> 9 AA	<u>21</u> 9 Newsletter Articles Due Quilting 6 Chapel Bells 6:45 Vesper Bells 7:30 Chancel Bells	<u>22</u> 6 AA	<u>23</u> 5:30 Rehearsal 6 AA	<u>24</u> 2 Wedding 5 Worship 5-6 Harvest Table
<u>25</u> 9-9:45 Adult and High School SS 10 Worship 10:15 Pre-K/ Gr. 8 SS 11 Coffee Hour 11:15-1:15 Confirmation	<u>26</u> 6 AA 6:30 Quilting 7 Civic Chorus	<u>27</u> 9 AA 10:30 Staff	<u>28</u> Quilting 6 Chapel Bells 6:45 Vesper Bells 7:30 Chancel Bells	<u>29</u> 6 AA 6:30 MASS film in Atrium Room 7 Scout Pack Mtg.	<u>30</u> 6 AA 7-10 Zumba Benefit for Joplin & Food Pantry	

HERITAGE COMMUNITY BANK – RECURRING TRANSACTION

I/We, _____ hereby authorize Heritage Community Bank to complete the following transaction on a routine recurring basis until otherwise advised. I/we understand that if the funds are not available, the transaction may not be completed.

Deduct from: _____ Start Date: _____
Bank from which payment is paid (minimum 3 day notice)
Bank Routing Number _____ Amount: _____
Customer Account Number _____ Type of Account = Savings or Checking?

Credit payment to _____ person or company to receive payment.

Authorizing signature Date

State of Missouri

County of _____

On this ____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

For use by HCB: Date received _____
Date entered _____