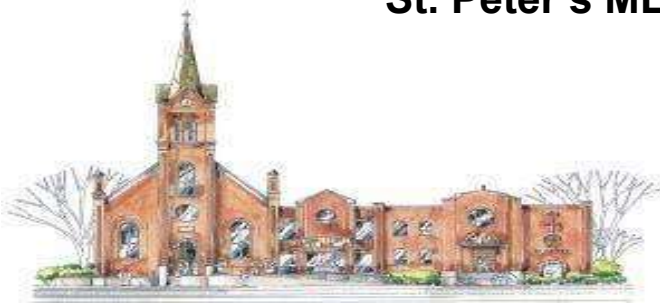


## St. Peter's MESSENGER



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April 2025

## 2025 Holy Week and Easter Services At St. Peter's United Church of Christ 20 E. Fifth Street, Washington, Missouri

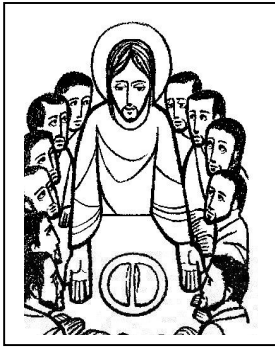
Palm Sunday, April 12 and 13

Saturday Worship at 5:00 PM and Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 17

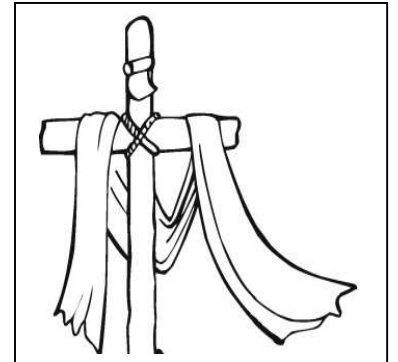
Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM

*Holy Communion*



Good Friday, April 18

Good Friday *Tenebrae* Service at 7:00 PM



Easter Saturday, April 19

Saturday Worship at 5:00 PM

*Holy Communion*

Easter Sunday, April 20

Easter Services at 8:00 and 10:00 AM

*Holy Communion*

An Easter breakfast will be served between services

## **COME AND JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**



## Every Child is a Gift

Dottie & Bob Brinker are excited to announce the birth of their 10<sup>th</sup> grandchild! Clayton Robert was born March 4 to Kate (Brinker) & Kyle Maness.

## Thank you



Thank you to the Quilters for their generous donation of \$100.00 to the General Fund



Mardi Gras was a huge success! Thank you to all who participated and for all the donations! A fun time was had by all!



Thank you to Mr. &/or Mrs. Claus [or the generous donor(s)] who gifted the church with a new computer and monitor!



Thank you to Diane & Jim Gephardt for their donation of mulch and time for spreading it around the church green space. It looks fantastic!!!

## Easter Breakfast 2025 – All Are Welcome!!

Barb Bauer and Judy Verdine have volunteered to help coordinate the Easter Sunday morning “potluck” breakfast (to be held from ~ 8:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.). If you would like to help, please contact them. The church will provide sausage and drinks. Please bring a dish to share. The meal will be held in the dining room.

## Food Pantry News

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who help the food pantry continue its vital ministry in our community. In February, 82 individuals representing 43 families were served. We also thank the following for their generous donations – February Food Pantry Donors: Washington Lions Club, River City Church Washington, Dennis Hemsath, Joline Logan, Brenda Bruns, Wendell & Mary Lou Tyree

Dear Friends,

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 13. The word “holy” in the scriptures means something set apart for a special purpose. We worship a “Holy” God who is like no other. We read the “Holy” Bible as a book like no other which gives us insights into our God, as well as the living of our lives. We gather at Christ’s table for “Holy” Communion, a meal like no other, which gifts us with the presence of the *Living Bread of Life*, Jesus Christ.

Similarly, “Holy Week” is a special week set apart for Christians to commemorate and celebrate a week like no other. On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem as Israel’s once and future king, calling us to embrace the way of peace. As Jesus chases the money changers from the Jerusalem temple, we do well to remember that worship is only true worship when we love God and do justice. Thursday, we remember the upper room where Jesus speaks to his disciples of his life-redeeming death as he offers us his body and blood in the symbolic form of bread and wine. Jesus is betrayed, arrested, abandoned, tried, abused, and finally executed on a cross. It is always a mystery why we call this Friday “Good”, but Jesus teaches us that “only if a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, will it bear fruit.” (John 12:24 adapted). That is the mystery of Easter morning!

So, beginning April 13, we enter Holy Week. These are eight days set apart for walking with Jesus from Palm Sunday’s parade to Good Friday’s cross to Easter’s empty tomb and the good news that Christ is risen! These are holy days. But as we make this journey, we are reminded of one more thing which we dare to call “holy”. And that is us ... Christ’s people. For what special purposes has God set us apart? And how do the events of Holy Week help us to understand what that means? As we follow Jesus, we too are called to walk his path which may very well bring us suffering and sacrifice, but it is also the way that seeks to share God’s gift of love and life with all people and all creation.

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week,  
Pastor Kurt

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St. Peter’s is once again giving everyone the opportunity to remember their loved ones by helping to decorate the sanctuary on Easter with lilies. If you wish to place an Easter lily or a memorial, please complete this form and return it to the church office no later than **Fri., April 11**. Place your order with an area florist. We ask that plants be delivered to the church **Fri., April 18 before Noon**.

**EASTER MEMORIALS / LILIES**

Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to place an **EASTER LILY** in memory of:

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I wish to donate an **EASTER MEMORIAL** in memory of:

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Enclosed find: \$\_\_ Memorial Fund \$\_\_ Building Fund \$\_\_ General Fund \$\_\_ Cemetery  
Please note: **Any lily not picked up by noon Tues., April 22 will be delivered to shut-ins**

Save the Date!

### St. Peter's Cemetery 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party



Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m-2 p.m. (rain date June 1) Come enjoy the picnic at the Cemetery. Food catered by the American Legion, fun and games for all ages, and Bounce House. A special guest, Katie Dieckhaus from the Washington Historical Society, will present fun facts and interesting history about our "residents." All are invited!!

### Cemetery Mowers and Trimmers Needed!



The Cemetery Board is seeking volunteers to assist with mowing and trimming at the cemetery for the 2025 mowing season. We typically mow weekly using zero turn mowers. The time required for mowing is typically 2.5 to 3 hours per cutting. We trim every other week with gas powered string trimmers which are provided. The time for trimming is approximately three hours. The more people the less time it will take. Even if you cannot work the whole time any assistance would be appreciated. Our mowing season typically starts late March or early April and ends usually at the end of October. If interested call or text Gary Edler at (636) 667-0918.

### Harvest Table Co-Hosting

St. Peter's will be co-hosting **Harvest Table** with the Washington Methodist Church on **April 26, 2025**. If interested in helping, you would be welcome and appreciated. We need desserts (or money for dessert) and hands-on volunteers. Please call or text Erna Holland (314) 616-7143 with questions or support.

Harvest Table served 694 meals in February: 2/1--162, 2/8--168, 2/15--177, 2/22--187

### Harvest Table Donations Needed

The Harvest Table needs donations of the following: OTC pain relievers (oral and topical), oral care, cold and flu items, and personal care products, especially feminine hygiene products. (There is a more extensive list available.) If you would like more information on this effort, please contact Janet Alspach at (770) 313-0018. Of course, cash is always welcome, and she will do the shopping. All donations may be dropped off in the church office.

### Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain information pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office by April 4. **Updated Information Requested:** If you have had any recent changes of your address, phone number, etc., please let the church office know so we have the correct information in the new Directory.

**St. Peter's UCC Church**  
**Council Meeting Summary**  
**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

**Treasurer's Report:**

February ended in the red, by \$4,699.77

**Finance Board:** (Diane)

- The campaign titled "Heat up St. Peter's" was kicked off on Sunday, March 9. The goal is to raise \$10,000 (toward utility expenses) before the campaign is changed to Cool-down St. Peter's.
- Mardi Gras profit was \$1,691. This money will go into the general fund and will be recorded in the March report.

**Pastor's Report:**

- An Ash Wednesday Service was held at Homestead.
- The church received thank-you notes from the Girl Scouts troop, expressing gratitude for using the building for their meetings.
- Grape Cluster Trivia thanked the church for all their assistance.
- The yearly membership booklet is looking for sponsorships from area businesses. Cost is \$300.
- Six new members will join our church on April 5-6.
- Holy Week services are scheduled.
  - Maundy Thursday, April 17 @ 7:00 PM Altar Communion
  - Good Friday, April 18 @ 7:00 PM, Tenebrae service
  - Easter Saturday, April 19 @ 5:00 PM Altar Communion
  - Easter Sunday, April 20 @ 8:00 & 10:00 am Pew Communion

**Board and Committee Reports**

**Building & Grounds:** (Chuck)

- Traffic signs in the side alley have been installed.
- Discussed dining room bathroom remodeling. Will gather ideas, drawings, and costs.
- Evaluate the cost of installing a remote door opening system for the church offices, Carol's, Kurt's and the reception desk.
- The Council has requested the Building and Grounds to inspect access to the Boiler Room and evaluate how we can enhance the security of the exterior (parking lot) door.

**Cemetery Board:** (Dottie)

- Cemetery's 150 celebration, held at the Cemetery, scheduled for May 18. (June 1 is the rain date.)

**Board of Christian Education:** (Jennifer)

- Mardi Gras was successful. Thanks to all who worked on the event.
- Easter ideas for Sunday School were discussed.
- The Presbyterian Church contacted us about having VBS together this summer. More to come!

**Missions Committee:** (Rhonda)

- March Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

**Worship Committee:** (Susan)

- Ushers will continue to be reminded of the Sunday closing instructions.
- Holy Week schedule is posted in the back of church

**Evangelism Committee** (Mary Jo)

- The committee plans to place a monthly events pamphlet in the church pews. Information was shared.
- The Home Helpers project is progressing. They are verifying if the church's insurance covers assistance. Members could help congregants with small home tasks.

**Old Business**

**Constitution**—Article VII, Section 9—revise wording for perpetual care funding for the cemetery.

- A meeting was held with Bob Zick, Jon Bauer, Jack Harty, Jim Gephardt, Ben Alspach, and Pastor Kurt. Bob reviewed the steps for the cemetery board to become a legal entity.
- Rhonda proposed holding a joint meeting between the Council and Cemetery Board to discuss the incorporation of the Cemetery Board. The motion was seconded by Diane and subsequently approved.

**Website Update:**

- Updated the Holy Week calendar.
- We aim to find an individual from the church to serve as our social media contact. Dottie will create a short job description for publication in the newsletter and bulletins.

**Congregational Meeting:**

- The Annual Report will be presented.
- Internal Review report
- Delegates to the Eastern Association Spring meeting will be approved.
- The proposed amendments to the Constitution will be decided through a paper ballot vote.
- Rhonda noted that proposed Constitutional changes were shared with the congregation 10 days before the March meeting, not two weeks as required. She supported voting on resizing the church's boards and committees at the March meeting and recommended a motion to waive the two-week notice requirement be made at the Congregational meeting.
- The Constitutional changes were approved unanimously by the council through an email vote.

**New Business**

Easter Breakfast will be held 8:30-9:30, between services. Ben will order sausage from Williams Brothers. He will talk to Carol about including details in the bulletins to inform the congregation about what to bring for breakfast. There was a discussion on appointing someone as the point person for breakfast, but no one volunteered.

Supply Pastor for May 3-4 has been secured.

Susan discussed the School District of Washington's Back to School fair held on July 30 and how St. Peter's can help.

A Christmas Rummage Sale will be held the last weekend in September.

**Financial Report**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>YTD 2025</b>
General Fund	\$ 37,520.19	\$ 63,731.47
Building Fund	\$ 4,822.50	\$ 45,748.98
Youth Fund	\$	\$
Memorial Fund	\$	\$ 80.00
Sanctuary Music Fund	\$	\$
Pass Thru In	\$ 2,994.00	\$
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 45,336.69</b>	<b>\$ 109,560.45</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>YTD 2025</b>
General Fund	\$ (34,813.21)	\$ (76,341.72)
Building Fund	\$	\$ (40,213.35)
Youth Fund	\$	\$
Memorial Fund	\$	\$ (2,520.00)
Sanctuary Music Fund	\$ (12.49)	\$ (12.49)
Pass Thru Out	\$ (2,605.00)	\$
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (86,866.86)</b>	<b>\$ (119,087.26)</b>

**Bank Balance Report 2/28/2025**

Heritage Bank Balance	\$ 89,225.87
Less Building Fund	\$ 17,525.09
Less Youth Fund	\$ 7,914.84
Less Memorial Fund	\$ 64,377.36
Less Music Fund	\$ 4,108.35
Less Perpetual Member	\$
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ (4,699.77)</b>

**"Heat Up/Cool Down" St. Peter's update:**

This year the Finance Board has established a fundraising goal of \$10,000 to help pay for the heating and cooling of our church. As of March 25, we have received \$4,990.65. This is a great start toward our goal. Thank you to those who have contributed! If you would like to help us reach our goal, you may do so by using one of the envelopes that are in the atrium or making a note in the memo line of your check. Any amount you can contribute would be appreciated.

**Immanuel's UCC Wright City Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner**  
41 N. Service RD West, Wright City MO Sunday, April 27 11:30-3:30

## 2024 Women's Fellowship Report – Submitted by Rhonda Stockglausner

The following information summarizes our activities for 2024:

### Income

We had \$1,200 donations from serving 6 funeral luncheons

We earned \$323.76 income from the monthly aluminum can recycling

We earned \$370.58 from Grace's Merry Go Round and Jake's Resale

Total income \$1,894.34

The group made donations to the following

\$500 to the General Fund in honor of special anniversaries in 2024

\$500 to the Giving Tree

\$250 to Back Bay Mission

\$100 to the Mission Tree for Foster Closet

\$300 WERF

\$36 Altar rosebuds

\$50 Memorial Fund

\$500 General Fund

Total donations \$2,236.00!

We had many interesting programs in 2024. We traveled to St. Paul's UCC in Marthasville for their annual summer luncheon. One highlight of the year was a trip to the St. Louis Art Museum to see the 1904 World's Fair exhibit and lunch. And 35 women of the church enjoyed our annual Christmas Luncheon at Judy Verdine's home! Thank you, Judy, for your generosity and hospitality and sharing your lovely Christmas decorations with us.

We continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month in the Atrium Room. We also gather at Bob Evans on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday morning at 9 a.m. for breakfast.

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME. PLEASE JOIN US!

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Remembering with Purpose & Gratitude... The congregation's Memorial Fund, Building 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 **Larry Ronsick**: Carole & Charlie Sincox

In Memory of **Don Benne**: Carole & Charlie Sincox

In Memory of **Jim Heisel**: Carole & Charlie Sincox, Brenda & Roy Morman

In Memory of **Bernie Westhoelter**: Judy Verdine

In Memory of **Carrol Ocsody**: Brenda & Roy Morman, Carl Clover & Rhonda Stockglausner, Barb Schroeffer, Patty Wood

In Memory of **Ruth Schultz**: Cecil & Doris Blankenship, St. Peter's UCC Quilters, Judy Verdine, Carl Clover & Rhonda Stockglausner, ME Skundrich, SR Nichols, John & Linda Gebelein



In Memory of **Sibyl Kerr**: Brynn Kerr

In Memory of **Cara Czeschin**: Carl Clover & Rhonda Stockglausner, Roy & Brenda Morman, Jon & Barb Bauer, Erna Holland, Gene & Kay Hunt, Mary Jo Stoyer, Joline Logan, Judy Verdine, The Bell Choirs of St. Peter's UCC, Dottie & Robert Brinker, Chuck & Linda Johns

In Memory of **Kenneth Juergens**: Ed Wilson, Robert & Dottie Brinker

In Memory of **Marie Sanfilippo**: Cecil & Doris Blankenship

In Memory of **Rhonda Naumann**: Carolyn Slack, Stephan Naumann Sr.

In Memory of **Billie Ruth Miller**: Judy Verdine, Pat & Steve Forget, Max W Mueller Auxiliary No. 2661, Dan & Karen Piontek, Janice Anderson, Terry & Brenda Firsick, Jodi Terschluse, Mike & Becky Heitmann, James Feltmann Sr., Betty Dobsch, Agnes Piontek, Dan Buschmeyer, Byron Stolte, Dorothy Meyer, Sharon Limbert, Marie Hillermann, Ron & Donna Mueller, Mike & Shelley Marquart, Jane Terschluse, Rich & Donna Speckhals, Gena Mayer, Daryl & Jane Fleeer, Ann Stemmley, John Aholt, Tim & Ann Morgan, Eric & Julie Frankenberg, Leon & Kathleen Hove, David & Lucille Tobben, Carl Clover & Rhonda Stockglausner, Rick & Lisa Piontek, Diane & Jim Gephart, Leroy & Gloria Eggert, Jon & Barb Bauer, Cassette Appliance & Electric LLC, Robert & Dottie Brinker, Mary Lynne & Charles Steffens, Park Meyer LLC, Toedtmann & Grosse Funeral Home, American Legion Auxiliary, Maryam Armajani-Peters, Mary Jo Straatmann, Walter & Roxana Schroeder

In Memory of **Maurice Mittler**: Judy Verdine, Jim & Sylvia Cerutti, Trent Wacker & Samantha Cerutti Wacker, Bob & Carolyn Peters, Dave & Pam Mutert, Joe Krawitz, Kathy Lynch, Ron & Lisa Mayer, Susan & Steve Harms, Dave & Audrey Peters, Edward & Christine Holtmeyer, Bill & Kathy Miller, Carl Clover & Rhonda Stockglausner

In Memory of **Harold Lindauer**: Judy Verdine, Roy & Brenda Morman, Alex & Carol Graham

In Memory of **Alfred Spreckelmeyer**: His Family

In Memory of **Stanley Heidmann**: Kenneth & Chantell Unnerstall

In honor of **Nancy Wood**: Thomas & Julia Wood

In Memory of **Ray Eickmeyer**: Cecil & Doris Blankenship, Barb Schroepfer, Patty Wood, Dottie & Bob Brinker, Carl Clover & Rhonda Stockglausner, Helias Catholic High School, Ken & Annette Bebermeyer, Dennis & Lori Beste, Judy Verdine, Ruth Wood, Dianne Hellmann, Susan & Steven Givens, Wendy & Bob Zick, Brian & Julie Weindel, Annette Durchholz, Bill & Kathy Miller, Steve Wilmesherr, Tim & Jamie Lottmann, Leroy & Gloria Eggert, Michael & Jeanne Wood, Steve & Susan Harms, Gene & Kay Hunt, Diane & Jim Gephardt, Richard & Susan Eichholz, JL & JA Schaefer, Georganna & John Carter, Michael & Patricia Hawkinson, Pamela Edgington, Brenda & Roy Morman, Joline Logan, Patty Wood



**April Birthdays**

Dale Scheible	04/03	Tom Buescher	04/17
Levere Barnett	04/04	Emeline Heimos	04/17
Steven Harms	04/04	Reese Aholt	04/18
Helen Roewe	04/04	Chuck Huxol	04/18
Ella Strohmeier	04/04	Julia Eckardt	04/19
ZoAnn Trentmann	04/04	Elmer Fler	04/19
Kylie McDaniel	04/05	Carol Frick	04/19
Parker Owens	04/05	Ella Speckhals	04/19
Evan Brinker	04/06	Zachary Jacquin	04/20
Rita Bub	04/06	Ella Kroeter	04/20
Melissa		Olivia Strode	04/20
Duchatschek	04/06	Bill Howard	04/21
Joan Howard	04/06	Timothy	04/23
Sharon Limbert	04/06	Kellermann	
Needra Troyer	04/06	Grace Sullentrup	04/23
Miles Grimes	04/07	Matt Buschman	04/24
Linda Johns	04/07	Michele Roewe	04/24
Wendy Wisdom	04/07	Ashley Hensiek	04/25
JoEllen Jackson	04/08	Gina Connor	04/26
Cheryl Coleman	04/11	Angela Smith	04/26
Juliann Kelley	04/12	Barb Bauer	04/27
Luke Kleekamp	04/12	Carl Bounds	04/27
Dalton Schwentker	04/12	Ethann Aholt	04/28
Samuel Houchins	04/13	Tara Hellmann	04/28
Bill Hubbard	04/13	John Phinney	04/28
Carolyn Slack	04/13	Morgan Hagedorn	04/29
Jarrett Hamlett	04/14	Neil Door	04/30
Dennis Sahm	04/14	Colton Moritz	04/30
Edwin Filla	04/15	Linda Patterson	04/30

