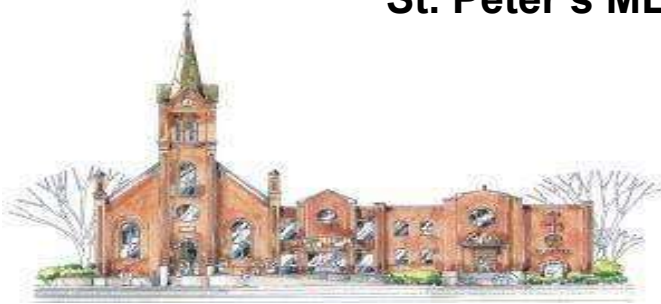


St. Peter's MESSENGER



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SUMMER SERMON SERIES: THE STORY OF DAVID

Dear Friends,

King David is one of the towering figures in the scriptures of our faith. Beginning life as a tender of sheep, David will one day ascend the throne of Israel as king. His story is found in First and Second Samuel in the Hebrew scriptures. During worship this summer, St. Peter's UCC will be remembering this story. Each Saturday and Sunday sermon will focus on some aspect of David's life. Here are the scripture passages for June:

June 1/2	I Samuel 3:1-20	The call of the prophet Samuel
June 8/9	I Samuel 8:4-20	The tribes of Israel demand a king
June 15/16	I Samuel 15:34-16:13	David is anointed as king of Israel
June 22/23	I Samuel 17: selected verses	David and Goliath

These stories set the stage for David's unfolding story. This story's prelude tells the story of a young boy, Samuel, who hears the call of God in the middle of the night and becomes God's spokesperson. He will appear in the early chapters of David's life. Samuel later will attempt to dissuade the people who request a king, knowing that monarchy is a mixed bag of good and bad. Samuel will anoint David in a secret ceremony while just a teenager. And we will wrap up the month remembering one of the greatest underdog stories of all time, the story of David and Goliath.

I hope you will join us in worship when you can this summer, as this is the season for vacations, visits, and outdoor adventures. I wish you all a safe and restful time, even as we continue to balance the many obligations of our lives, including our faith and our church.

Summer blessings,

Pastor Kurt

Blessed are those who mourn . . . for they shall be comforted

Love and prayers to the family and friends of Carrol Ocsody who passed away Mon., April 29. Memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat., June 15, 2024 at Oltmann Funeral Home, Washington.



Congratulations Graduates!!

Graduating from Washington High School

Caroline Heimos plans to attend UMKC and study health occupations.

Lacy Monzyk will attend Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis to pursue a career in Nursing.

Ben Oesterly will be attending Miami University Honors College to pursue a BS degree in Games and Simulation.

Claire Schmiedeskamp will be attending Central Methodist University in the fall majoring in Communications.

Olivia Zastrow will attend Westminster College and looking to major in Business and Finance.

Graduating From St. Francis Borgia High School

Tabatha Wacker is going to Maryville University in St. Louis in the fall. She plans to major in interior design.

Harvest Table

St. Peter’s will co-host Harvest Table with First Washington Methodist on Sat., July 20. Contact Erna Holland at 636.239.6019, text 314 646 7143 or erna002@yahoo.com to volunteer.



The **Washington Emergency Relief** would like to give a shout out to Carl Clover & Rhonda Stockglausner, Washington Rotary and an anonymous person for the donations we received in April. Thank you so much for your contribution to our agency.

Aluminum Can Collection



A pick-up truck will be parked in the South parking lot the weekend of June 1 & 2. ONLY aluminum cans, in bags please, should be placed in the truck; please do not include tin foil and/or pie pans. Thanks for all the help from the congregation!

Women's Fellowship News

The Women's Fellowship has long recognized and honored the anniversary of married couples in our church family. A donation from the Women's Fellowship of \$500 has been given to the General Fund. It has been given in honor of the couples celebrating an anniversary ending in five or zero and all couples celebrating their anniversary!

We now have accounts at two resale shops.

1. Jake's Legacy Resale, 900 Don Avenue (behind Casey's). Our number is #646
2. Grace's Merry-Go-Round, 1910 East Fifth Street. Our number is #21599

Both accounts/stores have basically the same rules and hours. If you forget the numbers just ask for St. Peter's Women's Fellowship account. Thank you for your donations!

The next meeting of Women's Fellowship will be **Thurs., June 13, 2024** at 10 a.m. Pastor Kurt will have the program on "old postcards." All women of the church are welcome! One of our goals is to learn about one another.

Don't forget about the Women's Breakfast at Bob Evans! We gather at 9 a.m. for breakfast and conversation on the third Friday of each month. **Fri., June 21, 2024** will be our next gathering. Join us!!

Mission Report April 2024

WERF:

During the month of April, the Washington Emergency Relief Fund received 216 calls for assistance. They gave out 25 grants totaling \$5,941.51. Of those grants, eleven were for electricity, twelve for rent, one for medication, and one for car repairs.

The Harvest Table:

The Harvest Table served 540 meals in April. In addition to serving meals in the dining room, many take-home meals were assembled, extra assistance was given to many with tents and sleeping mats. Medical attention was also given by Nurse Leesa.

Salam Free Clinic:

The Free Clinic, which is open on the second Saturday of each month from 2:30–4:30, saw two patients and provided exams and prescriptions for them. The doctor from St. Louis and Nurse Leesa provided compassionate care for these individuals.

Food Pantry News: Thank you to ALL the volunteers who help the food pantry continue its vital ministry in our community. In March, 109 individuals representing 40 families were served. We also thank the following for their generous donations – March Food Pantry Donors: Kaye Nurnberger, Joline Logan, Wendell & Mary Lou Tyree, Brenda Bruns, John Strasen, United Way, Vera Gerner Taylor.

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who help the food pantry continue its vital ministry in our community. In April, 111 individuals representing 44 families were served. We also thank the following for their generous donations – April Food Pantry Donors: Sue & Marvin Cox, Dr. Jeffrey Ness, Brenda Bruns, Wendell & Mary Lou Tyree, Ruth Rinne, Mark & Mary Feller, Sharon Fenner, Armin & Norma Klemme, WHS Winter Guard.

Mission of the Month:

Our mission for the month of June is the Strengthen the Church Fund of the UCC. Strengthen the Church is one of the annual offerings of the national church that we participate in. Strengthen the Church funds support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. For instance, the funds were used earlier this year to provide liability insurance for All-In UCC, Pastor Eric’s new church start. All-In will be applying for further support from the denomination from these funds provided by the generosity of congregations like ours.

Pool Party

All are invited to join in for some summer fun!!! No RSVP necessary.



Messy Church June 9



Great Decisions

The 2024 series of Great Decisions topics will be repeated and updated beginning Wed., Aug. 7, at 1 p.m. and for seven successive Wednesdays at the Washington Public Library.

St. Peter's United Church of Christ Church Council Meeting Highlights 21 May 2024

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the April minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- While March was a great month, April was not.
- Expenses were not up; donations and contributions were down.
- March did have 5 Sundays (including Easter) but April was far down even considering that.
- We are currently approximately \$15,000 behind on the General Fund.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Senior Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Kurt reported on his activities for the month.
- There was one funeral this month.
- Eastern Association (MMSC) Council will meet at St. Peter's on May 23.

Associate Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Eric reported on his activities for the month.
- Messy Church continues to have a strong core of participation.
- Pastor Eric reported on BCE activities, which are described in detail in the Board of Christian Education section below.

Boards & Committees:

Building and Grounds:

- Showers for the homeless were discussed. The showers would need work in order to do this.
- A new stick vac is being purchased for vacuuming the sanctuary.
- They have received a bid for 16 cameras for \$13,000-\$14,000 which would monitor doors. These would have live monitoring in the office and recording capability.
- Doors are already wired for card readers.
- Some plaster fell from the sanctuary ceiling onto the piano area. This is being monitored.
- Outside there are fire department hookups that had brass plugs. Someone stole the brass plugs. We are getting new ones that aren't made from valuable material.
- The bell has been lubricated in the bell tower.

Cemetery Board:

- Next year is cemetery anniversary year.
- The Larry Pogue "Last Supper" steel sculpture is being gifted to the church for installation at the cemetery by Suzon Pogue.

Board of Christian Education:

- Memorial Day weekend will be the last Sunday School before summer break.
- Families are being contacted in order to ask questions and discuss their preferences. Have a list of families and questions to ask preferences
- The next Messy Church will feature A Bug's Life.
- June 2 there will be a summer kickoff pool party.

Worship:

- They are working on the new paraments and have received samples.

Justice Witness:

- An update was given on the showers for the homeless project. The showers would need updating, but the parts are too old to replace. Each shower would cost \$500 to replace and we would need 2. Justice Witness would like to pay for this. Another possibility is the Crowley Fund, Homeless & Hungry designated funds would be good for this.
- Dr. Miller, head of MO Dental Assoc, wants to work with Salam Clinic to offer a free dental clinic. Harvest Table was working on a plan to transport people to the dental van in Union. This will likely be the path forward.

Advisory:

- The document book for the initial group of updated documents has gone through Council.
 - Marty prefers that the fund description documents all be consolidated into one, instead of having an overview document and separate specifics documents.
 - We would like to obsolete any unnecessary documents.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve these documents with noted changes from the Council. The motion passed.
- Advisory reports that the soda machine is rarely used and is likely losing money. It is owned by Pepsi, but we have to buy a minimum of 5 cases of soda at a time from them. We are currently throwing away a lot of expired / flat soda before all 5 cases are used. Between the soda, cost of electric, and time to refill the machine, we are likely losing money. Advisory recommends we have Pepsi remove the machine.
 - A motion to remove the soda machine was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- Advisory reports that we should keep track of mailing costs and whether we should continue to purchase a bulk mailing code from the post office. This cost \$310 in 2023; 2024 is due this summer. We still have to pay postage when using the bulk code, but it is at a reduced rate. Bulk mail must all be the same size piece sent out at the same time, and takes 2-3 weeks mail time. In 2022 we did 5 bulk mailings; postage was \$671 which included the cost of the bulk code, and we probably saved around \$400 over first class. However, we aren't doing many bulk mailings anymore and this may be getting closer to cost.

Evangelism:

- The committee is working on an entry for the Fair Parade. They would like Council approval to proceed. A motion was made and seconded to allow them to proceed with working on the Fair Parade entry. The motion passed.
- A local merchandising shop has drawn up some logos for us to look at. They will have an online shop for us to buy items.

Old Business:

Website Update:

- Still adding photos

Harold Wilke Plaque:

- A photo was received from the Bush Presidential Library and another from the Historical Society.
- Dottie did a trial layout
- We are looking at reverse-printed acrylic prints

Delegates for 24 Nominating Committee:

- Outgoing Council members each recruit one.

New Business:

'24 Goals & Objectives

- This is in process.

Pastor Eric Resignation

- Pastor Eric presented his resignation letter. He is giving 90 days' notice. His last day in person will be Aug. 4. After that, he will be using the rest of his vacation. His final day will be Aug. 20. An email blast and physical letter will go out to the Congregation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Jo and seconded by Marty.

A closing prayer was offered by Pastor Kurt.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Financial Report

Receipts	April	YTD 2024
General Fund	\$ 27,864.30	\$ 169,811.63
Building Fund	\$ 2,231.00	\$ 14,059.10
Youth Fund	\$ 60.00	\$ 247.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 4,057.75
Sanctuary Music Fund	\$	\$ 713.00
Pass Thru In	\$ 1,250.91	\$
Total Receipts	\$ 31,706.21	\$ 188,888.48

Expenses	April	YTD 2024
General Fund	\$ -45,500.40	\$- 173,363.56
Building Fund	\$ -1,483.06	\$ -13,151.71
Youth Fund	\$ -96.52	\$ -218.18
Memorial Fund	\$ -	\$ -1,855.22
Sanctuary Music Fund	\$ -54.74	\$ -221.48
Pass Thru Out	\$ -1,250.91	\$
Total Expenses	\$- 48,385.63	\$- 188,810.15

Bank Balance Report

Heritage Bank Balance	\$ 72,641.92
Less Building Fund	\$ 7,623.58
Less Youth Fund	\$ 8,740.18
Less Memorial Fund	\$ 67,848.52
Less Music Fund	\$ 3,793.56
Less Perpetual Member	\$
General Fund Balance	\$- 15,363.92

4/30/2024



Theodore Bounds	06/01
Helen Desmond	06/01
June Siegerist	06/01
Sara Barnett	06/03
Ashlyn Hellmann	06/03
Austin Hellmann	06/03
Michael Wood	06/03
Carol Graham	06/04
Noah Noud	06/05
Sidney Troyer	06/05
Rachel Derner	06/07
Aubrea Connor	06/08
Ruth Schultz	06/09
Anna Sullentrup	06/09
Devin Lause	06/10
Claire Schmiedeskamp	06/11
Lewis Swinger	06/13
Susan Wehmueller	06/13
Alison Francis	06/17
Mary Jo Stoyer	06/17
Austin Broughton	06/18
Laurie Hellmann	06/18
Denise Towell	06/18
June Bargen	06/19
Erna Holland	06/19
Philip Howard	06/19
Eric Mutert	06/19
Hilda Stockglausner	06/19
Carolyn Yager	06/19
Ken Jones	06/20
Luke Kroeter	06/20
Deborah Buddemeyer	06/21
Jessica Hamlett	06/21

Billie Ruth Miller	06/21
Blake Scheible	06/21
Nathaniel Hagedorn	06/22
Logan Holdmeyer	06/22
Megan Montgomery	06/22
Lori Sehrt	06/22
Patty Wood	06/24
Charlene Hahne	06/25
Parker Bryant	06/26
Cara Czeschin	06/26
Kevin Fox	06/26
Robert Zick	06/26
Diane Gephardt	06/27