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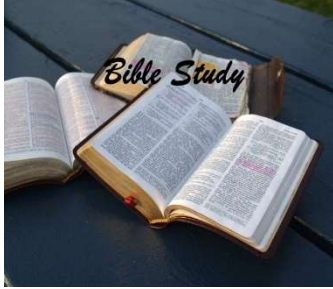
**Our Church's first Rally Weekend & Ministry Fair September 9 & 10 was a BIG success!!** Let's give a big **"SHOUT OUT"** to the individuals, groups, ministries, committees, and boards that created such fun and informative booths: Finance Board, Women's Fellowship, Food Pantry, Worship Committee, Event Committee, Festival of Trees, Music Committee, Cemetery Board, Building & Grounds Board, Harvest Table, Christian Ed Board, Quilters, Evangelism Board, Justice Witness, Salam Clinic, Mission Team and WERF.

Also, let's give a big **THANK YOU** to the member who generously contributed a large portion towards the Fazoli's meal served on both Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to Pastor Eric and Pastor Kurt for encouraging groups to participate!!

**Blessed are those who mourn . . . for they shall be comforted. Please pray for:**  
The family and friends of Fred Nix who passed away September 11.  
The family and friends of Ruth Dowil who passed away September 23.

The last few months have been extremely busy for **Washington Emergency Relief**. We send an enormous thank you to all who donated to our agency lately. Thank you to Diane & Jim Gephardt, Marilyn Sherman and Ron & Brenda Brinker. Your donations blessed us at a much-needed time. We truly appreciate you.

Also, thank you Gary & Debby Schulte for their donation in support of the Salam Clinic and the nurse provided by the Deaconess Nurse Ministry at St. Peter's.



## **Bible Study**

St. Peter's UCC Bible Study continues to meet on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the atrium room. Bring a sack lunch if you wish. We are using a book entitled "100 Things Every Child Should Know before Confirmation" by Rebecca Kirkpatrick. You may order this on Amazon in either book form or on your Kindle. If you have any questions or would like the church to order your copy, please contact Pastor Kurt.

## **A Prayer for World Communion Sunday**

By Safiyah Fosua

*Jesus prayed that we might be one.*

*One in spirit*

*One in mission*

*In union and communion with each other and with You.*

*Today, God, we confess fumbblings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.*

*On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere.*

*Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.*

*Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.*

*We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.*

Dear Friends,

On September 30 and October 1, we as a congregation will celebrate World Communion Saturday/Sunday. We share the sacrament of Holy Communion knowing that we never commune alone but with Jesus Christ and other Christians. On World Communion Saturday/Sunday we recognize that followers of Jesus reside not only at 20 E. Fifth Street in Washington, Missouri but around the globe.

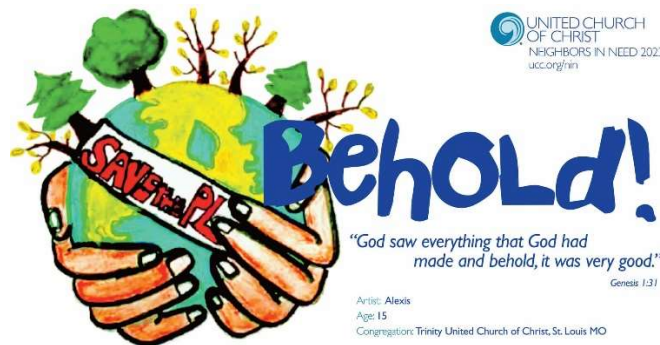
During this important weekend, we also are reminded that all churches share a common purpose and should seek ways to work together for the sake of sharing the Good News of God's life-giving message. We at St. Peter's UCC will live that out as we join other congregations of the United Church of Christ in receiving the annual Neighbors in Need special mission offering. Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read more about that offering, but understand that we gather it knowing there are some things we Christians can do better together than by ourselves.

Whether it is worshipping together as a congregation, supporting Native American congregations through the Neighbors in Need special mission offering of the UCC, or praying for churches and Christians around the world even as they pray for us ... our common membership in the Church as the body of Christ is truly a blessed thing.

Blessings,  
Pastor Kurt

## Neighbors in Need UCC Special Mission Offering September 30 and October 1

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on World Communion Saturday and Sunday, September 30 and October 1, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.



### ONA Lunch & Learn, October 22 at 11:15 am

As our Open and Affirming discernment process continues, you are invited to a Lunch & Learn with Rev. Kim Brinkmann following worship on Oct. 22. Rev. Brinkmann is the pastor of St. Mark UCC in Arnold. St. Mark became ONA in 2017, so we will be hearing about what the experience of becoming (and living into being) an Open and Affirming congregation has been like for them. Please join us if you are available.

Sincerely,

The Justice & Witness Mission Group

## **Aluminum can drive September 30 & October 1.**

Please bring the cans you have been saving to church and put them in the truck provided (sitting in the parking lot). Proceeds from the drive are used for mission projects. Thank you for your support.

### **August 2023 ST. PETER'S UCC MISSIONS REPORT**

**WERF:** WERF received 251 calls this month, **over 100 more than last month.** The amounts clients requested from the Washington Emergency Relief seemed higher this month as well. Although we ran out of funds before the month was over, we were still able to give out 24 grants totaling \$5348.87. Eight were for electric, nine for rent, four for water and three for fuel. We assisted a total of 56 community members.

(If you would like to help this worthy cause, call 636-239-6633 to donate.)

**The Harvest Table:** The Harvest Table served 667 meals this August. Organizers and volunteers assisted diners with food, clothing, special needs, nursing care and wonderful fellowship.

**Salam Free Clinic:** The Salam Free Clinic had eight patients in August. Working with the Harvest Table, which offered free haircuts from 8:00 to noon, more people were able to attend the Free Clinic. The Clinic hopes to host more events like this so we can be available to more people who need health care.

### **Food Pantry News**

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who help the food pantry continue its vital ministry in our community. In August, 134 individuals representing 48 families were served.

We also thank the August Food Pantry donors:

Washington Coffee Shop, Ruth Konrad, Joline Logan, Brenda Bruns, Betty Peffermann, Gene & Kay Hunt, Steve Wilmesherr, Matthew Schulte, Brynn Kerr, Barb & Rob Kell, Wendell & Mary Lou Tyree, Sheila Bell, Kevin & Sandy Hoskins, Melissa & Donald Hoemann, Michael & Linda Wideman, Janet Mallinckrodt, Terry & Beverly Alferman, Mike & Shelley Marquart, Patricia & Steve Forget, Michelle Rice, Jim & Cindy Buescher, Elizabeth & Douglas Hazel, Kenneth & Jill Heggemann, Shirley Sida, Mike & Kim Coulter, Kevin & Michelle Dobsch, Lori Aholt, Ron & Brenda Brinker, Eric & Julie Frankenberg, Essel Kruse, Mary Fox, Mitch & Joan Marquart, Jean Meyer & Family, Dennis & Debi Borgman, Cecil & Doris Blankenship, Jim & Diane Gephardt, Ron & Donna Mueller, Dan Buschmeyer, Chuck & Linda Johns, Carl Clover & Rhonda Stockglausner, Dennis & Pat Sahn

## TRIVIA NIGHT

St. Peter's UCC

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Doors open at 6 p.m. Games begin at 6:30 p.m.

Portion of proceeds to benefit the missions of the church.

10 rounds of Trivia Challenges

Admission \$25 per person or \$160 per table of 8

Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place tables      Silent Auction Baskets/Raffles

For more information contact Joan Howard 314-409-9001

Register in person in the church office. Registration deadline is Noon, October 13

For more information contact

Susan Harms 636-359-1452 or [s.harms@charter.net](mailto:s.harms@charter.net)

## Festival of Trees 2023 Trimming Trees with our Families, Groups and Local Companies!



The Festival of Trees is gearing up for another successful celebration! This year we plan to display all the trees at church with St. Peter's families as well as civic groups and companies participating. Please note: we want the trees to show off everyone's holiday spirit. All trees will display signs identifying the decorating group. We have the trees; we need YOU to decorate!

### Reserve your Tree by October 30.

If you have questions contact Susan Harms 636-359-1452 [s.harms@charter.net](mailto:s.harms@charter.net) or Dottie Brinker 636-667-8739 [dhbrinker@gmail.com](mailto:dhbrinker@gmail.com)

## CHRISTMAS RUMMAGE SALE

This year a CHRISTMAS RUMMAGE SALE is scheduled on Sat., Oct. 28 from 8 a.m. to noon. We will accept your "treasures" beginning Sun., Oct. 22 through Fri., Oct. 27. Please bring your Christmas items (no clothing) to the auditorium and sort them on the tables according to the designated signs. Thank you for your help!



**Immanuel UCC Holstein**, Annual Chicken Dinner – Oct. 1, 11-6, Country Store with their famous homemade apple butter and a quilt raffle.

Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner – Oct. 8, **St. John's UCC** 920 E, Gravois, St. Clair, 11-3.

Chili and Roast Beef Dinner – Oct. 15 at **Ebenezer UCC** Augusta, 11-5:30

**Grace's Place** is having a Ladies night on Nov. 4 at the Washington KC Hall. and a Pickleball Tournament Jan. 28 & 29 at Union Middle School. For more information, please go to [GracesPlaceCrisisNursery.com/Events](http://GracesPlaceCrisisNursery.com/Events).

**River City Church** Caring Closet offers free clothing for single mothers, and their children and women returning to work. They are located at River City Church 6906 W. Hwy 100. Open Tuesday 4-7 p.m.

**Benefit Dance for Local Food Pantries**, (including St. Peter's UCC). Sat., Nov. 4, 6-9 p.m. at VFW Post 2661, 813 Jefferson Street, Washington. Donation \$10 per person.

**St. Peter's United Church of Christ Church Council Meeting Highlights  
September 18, 2023**

The proposed 2024 budget was presented.

- Church income is up this year over last but so are expenses, therefore the decision was made to freeze all salaries for 2024. It was noted that Cemetery and WERF may have salary increases, but they reimburse from their own funds.
- The Board intends to look at church insurance policies and try to lower the rate, as insurance is a large expenditure in our budget and it is expected to go up 10% next year if we make no changes.
- The Finance Board also made a proposal with regards to the Crowley CD interest. This money had \$40,000 earmarked for the homeless and the hungry. The Finance Board recommends that the interest from this portion of our budget goes to WERF, or is split between the food pantry, WERF, and the Harvest Table.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed 2024 budget and bring it to the Congregation for a vote. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The General Fund is currently behind by \$13,500.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed.

**Senior Pastor's Report:**

On March 1, 2024 the Grapevine Cluster is looking for a place to host a trivia night to benefit MoVal. It was suggested to offer them our facility at no charge.

It was noted that we need to set a date for the Fall Congregational Meeting. This was discussed and the meeting will be Saturday and Sunday, 28-29 October 2023.

**Associate Pastor's Report:**

- Programming is in full swing.
- We are still working on nursery coverage.
- The Rally weekend was very positive, with many good displays and good attendance. About 20 people participated on Saturday and 60 on Sunday.

Pastor Eric described a nonprofit that he started in 2016 to use music for social change. He is now doing more with this and is thinking about starting online gatherings and in-person gatherings. This is a separate ministry from St. Peter's. It will not use St. Peter's resources.

### **Boards and Committees:**

#### Building and Grounds:

- A lot of work has been completed on the parking lot.
- Striping is happening tomorrow.
- The existing fire panel has a lot of areas in the building not covered and we may need a new one.

#### Cemetery Board:

- New section has been laid out.
- Cornerstone removal is in progress and most have been removed.
- Our new brochure has been completed.
- Cemetery budget for 2024 was handed out.

#### Worship Committee:

- Still working on new paraments.

#### Christian Education:

- Working on finding a Christmas program.
- Looking for a local Trunk or Treat that St. Peter/s children could participate in.

#### Mission:

- The Mission Committee is collecting items for hygiene kits.

### **Old Business:**

#### Constitution Article Review and Perpetual Care of Cemetery:

- Information gathering is still in process.

#### Website Update:

- A brief meeting was held at Rally Day. It was decided that we will meet with Pastor Eric to determine what we can do with the website, what can be changed, and how it is set up and programmed.

#### Meals on Wheels:

- There were no issues found with our insurance if Meals on Wheels were to be under our "umbrella" and use our EIN number.
- Jim motioned to approve allowing Meals on Wheels to use our EIN; Sue 2nd; motion passed.

**New Business**

Upstairs Kitchen Refrigerator:

- Byron noted that a larger refrigerator is needed upstairs to fit the communion trays. He offered to pay for this but wanted Council approval and thought we might be able to trade in the old one. The Council approved.

Printing of Hymns:

- It was noted that we are spending a lot of money and time to print the text of the hymns in the bulletins each week. Many people prefer to use the hymnal.
- However, not putting them in the bulletin could disadvantage those who watch the services online. There are 30-40 views per week on YouTube.
- This will be investigated further.

Financial Report ending August 2023			
	August	2023 YTD	2022 YTD
Total Receipts	30592.47	421,405.86	363,168.80
General Fund	30,126.53	344,294.46	288,868.89
Building Fund	3,451.30	37,042.61	44096.00
Other	6,015.64	40,068.81	30,202.91
		Building Fund	General Fund
Beginning Balance August 1	20,848.03		-4,298.623
Income	3,451.30		30,126.53
Expenses	<u>22,938.16</u>		<u>39,359.30</u>
Ending Balance	1,361.17		-13,522.39

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 **Mike Lesko**: Ben & Janet Alspach

In Memory of **Richard Marsden**: Jackie Krafft

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



In Memory of **Lucille Homeyer**: St. Peter's Quilters, Lisa Frick & Scott Hughes, Mark & Susan Kassebaum, David & Kathy Brockmann, Kathy Obermark, Ron & Vicki Lickliger, Carol Schmidt, Bill & Kerry Schmidt, Burt Schweissguth, Louise Chwascinski, Sally & Darryl Haddox, Marvin & Barbara Kassebaum, Glen & Brenda Skornia, Bill D. Miller, Mike & Lisa Brinker, Randy & Lori Kleekamp, Carol & Rodger Vedder, Rosalie Kluba, Keith & Lori Kluba, Kathy & Gene Scheer, Eric LaBoube, Philip & Mary Ann Pelster, Donna J. Richards, Ron & JoAnn Bell, Celse & Susan Berard

In Memory of **Marsha Rathovic**: Michael & Kathleen Noelker

In Memory of **Jim Schaffner**: Carol Muench, Frankie Jo Hogan, Dennis Borgman, Chuck & Linda Johns, Eric & Julie Frankenberg, Retired Men's Breakfast, Alan & Susan Martin, Gary & Deborah Schulte, Chi Lok & Candice Chung, Dottie Brinker

In Memory of **Marian Gerling**: Cecil & Doris Blankenship, Carl Clover & Rhonda Stockglausner, Judy Verdine, Delores Borcharding, Steve Wilmesherr, Gene & Kay Hunt, Ron & Donna Mueller, Bill & Kathy Miller, Linda Kroeter, James & Julie Straatmann, Diane & Jim Gephardt, Susan Wehmueller, Wanda Howell, Betty Dobsch, Joan Obermark, Mike & Cindy Mense, Georgia & John Carter, Erna Holland, Bob & Mike Newyear, Brenda Morman, Elmer Fleer, Dennis Borgman, Lois Potochny, Cecil & Doris Blankenship, Ron & Donna Mueller, Gene & Kay Hunt, Gerald & Kathleen Straatmann, Dave & Lucy Tobben, Dottie Brinker

In Memory of **Glen Meyer**: Cemetery Board Members, Carl Clover & Rhonda Stockglausner, Judy Verdine, Cecil & Doris Blankenship, Jim & Judy Scannell, Tom & Joan Howard, Brenda Morman, Gene & Kay Hunt, Keith & Charlotte Bobo, Charles & Carole Sincox, Dennis & Pat Sahm, Ron & Donna Mueller, Bill & Kathy Miller, Mary Jo Stoyer, Ronald & Jeanette Marquart, Robert & Karen Pate, Linda & Brad Lampkin, Oman & Elvira Yount, Byron Stolte, Billie Ruth Miller, Jim & Diane Gephardt, Ron & Karen Blum, M/M Brian Meyer, Rudy Ruediger, Bradley Meyer, Wayne & Cynthia Graves, Mike & Debbie McBaine, Sheila Bell, Kevin & Sandy Hoskins, Melissa & Donald Hoemann, Michael & Linda Wideman, Janet Mallinckrodt, Terry & Beverly Alferman, Mike & Shelley Marquart, Steve & Pat Forget, Matthew Schulte, Michelle Rice, James & Cindy Buescher, Elizabeth & Douglas Hazel, Kenneth & Jill Heggemann, Ron & Brenda Brinker, Eric & Julie Frankenberg, Essel Kruse, Mary Fox, Mitch & Joan Marquart, Jean Meyer & family, Shirley Sida, Mike & Kim Coulter, Kevin & Michelle Dobsch, Lori Aholt, Erna Holland, Delores Borcharding, Denis Borgman, Jim & Diane Gephardt, Dan Buschmeyer, Ron & Donna Mueller, Gene & Kay Hunt, Chuck & Linda Johns, Dottie Brinker

In Memory of **Fred Nix**: Dan Buschmeyer

# FALL LECTURE SERIES

Saturday, September 30th

Ria Unson: **Filipinos at the 1904 World's Fair: A Legacy of Race and Empire** @ 10:00 a.m.  
 Cecilia Nadal: **Then and Now: Conversations With an Enslaved Woman** @ 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 3rd

Alex Primm: **Oral History for Everyone** @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Steve Wiegenstein: **Missouri's Utopian Communities** @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 5th

Loftin Woodiel: **William C. Quantrill, the Father of Post-Civil War Missouri Banditry** @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Jeff Smith: **Cemeteries and Memory: Confederate Monuments in Cemeteries** @ 7:00 p.m.

All Lectures take place @ Washington Public Library's Meeting Room.  
 This lecture series is sponsored by MO Humanities.



The Foreign Policy Association is pleased to announce the topic selections for *Great Decisions* 2024. Discussion to begin in Washington at the Library on first Wednesday in February 2024

- Mideast Realignment
- Climate technology and competition
- Science across borders
- U.S.-China trade rivalry
- NATO's future
- Understanding Indonesia
- High Seas Treaty
- Pandemic preparedness



**Birthdays**

Byron Stolte	10/01
David Butler	10/04
Norella Keller	10/04
Linda Strode	10/04
Nancy Burke	10/05
Nancy Wood	10/05
Dane Buschling	10/06
Bill Miller	10/06
David Broeder	10/07
Seth Roewe	10/08
Debra Strauser	10/08
Ethan Stahl	10/10
Karen Geisert	10/11
Alexis Smith	10/11
Joyce Brinkmann	10/12
Mike Carey	10/12
Monica Jacquin	10/12
Wendy Zick	10/12
Bill Pinnell	10/13
Janette Shocklee	10/13
Jessie Huxol	10/14
Jennifer Kroeter	10/14
Ian Smith	10/14
Lynette Voss	10/14
Alex Genthe	10/15

Max Phinney	10/15
Andrea Miller	10/16
Pamela Mutert	10/16
Marilyn Sherman	10/17
Kathy Blackburn	10/18
Madison Broughton	10/18
Samuel Fredeking	10/18
Brian Friedel	10/18
Lilie Sample	10/18
Tess Abrams	10/19
Lacy Monzyk	10/19
Colby Smith	10/19
Susannah Cerutti	10/20
Trisha Kuenzel	10/20
Jonathan Noud	10/21
Vincent Spurgeon	10/23
Dorothy Brinker	10/24
Tori Mebruer	10/24
Jill Shoemaker	10/24
Barbara Schwentker	10/25
Hartlyn Arnette	10/26
Brunhilde Wahl	10/26
Tate Hinrichs	10/27
Rebecca Roehrs	10/27
Betty Allemann	10/28
Jorie Moeller	10/28
Linda Rohlfing	10/28
Jaxson Triplett	10/28
Laura Amlong	10/29
Madeline Grimes	10/29
Morgan Hahn	10/29
Erin Monzyk	10/29
Weslee Schneider	10/29
D. John Geisert	10/31
Cookie Matau	10/31