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A conversation was initiated with River City Music. They are not able to provide services/production, but one of their employees has a production company and can provide services. All volunteers would need completed background checks. Pastor Eric requested \$1,000 for these music nights, to cover production costs, background checks, etc. A motion made to approve \$1,050 for the music nights was approved.

Boards and Committees:

Building & Grounds:

- They are looking at possibilities on opening the wall between the kitchen and the auditorium, to allow serving through a window there.

Cemetery Board:

- Green Burials – they are open to green burials (no embalming, etc.) but are still working on this.
- The Franklin County Cemetery Society came out to help with cleaning and repair of tombstones.
- The labyrinth will be repainted.

Worship Committee:

- They are working on the replacement paraments. They are working with a local seamstress for these.
- They are updating the Usher list and trying to reorganize the teams.
- Usher teams will get AED training once we have it in.
- The committee is supportive of a one-service year kickoff.

Christian Ed:

- Sunday School is taking a summer break.
- For Messy Church on June 11, we will do kites, with a kitemaking activity. Kite kits have been received and are “Frustrationless Flyers.” The *Gateway Kite Club* will hold their monthly group fly in Washington that afternoon from 1-4 p.m., and all are welcome to join.

Mission:

- There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on June 5 in the dining room from 12-5:30. Volunteer positions have been filled.
- They are collecting items for Care Kits.

Old Business:

Alcohol Policy and Rentals:

The zither event received \$200 in donations. The Event Committee would like to start a fund with this money for upgrading the rental spaces. They would also like 50% of the funeral lunches to go to this fund. Currently that money goes to Women’s Fellowship and they donate it to various projects. Women’s Fellowship will be approached with this proposal.

New Business:

Food Pantry Hours: Bridgette brought up the food pantry hours which are Monday 12-1, Tues. 12.30-1:30, and Thurs. 9-10am. People who work but still need food pantry help have difficulty getting there. A suggestion has been made to address this with the task force.

Rental Brochures:

Prototype rental brochures were presented. The committee would like feedback on these.

St. Peter's UCC Financial Summary Oct. 2022-April 2023

	Apr-23	Apr-22	Apr-21	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	2020 YTD
Total Receipts	\$ 70,329.00	\$ 53,602.28	\$ 51,998.05	\$ 241,444.02	\$ 212,411.22	\$ 198,814.10	\$ 220,235.13
General Fund	\$ 64,083.20	\$ 40,443.84	\$ 33,264.24	\$ 194,759.67	\$ 166,021.42	\$ 144,720.52	\$ 147,861.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,276.10	\$ 5,736.10	\$ 5,324.61	\$ 23,411.40	\$ 25,363.00	\$ 24,699.99	\$ 31,086.87
Other	\$ 1,969.70	\$ 7,422.34	\$ 13,409.20	\$ 23,272.95	\$ 21,026.80	\$ 29,393.59	\$ 41,287.26
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
Building Fund	April	March	February	January	December	November	October
Beginning Balance	\$ 45,533.72	\$ 47,431.36	\$ 49,623.54	\$ 49,728.35	\$ 49,921.56	\$ 45,415.82	\$ 43,361.83
Income	\$ 4,276.10	\$ 3,676.95	\$ 8,540.00	\$ 6,918.35	\$ 5,409.85	\$ 9,357.90	\$ 4,992.15
Expenses	\$ 9,553.82	\$ 5,574.59	\$ 10,732.18	\$ 7,023.16	\$ 5,603.06	\$ 4,852.16	\$ 2,938.16
Ending Balance	\$ 40,256.00	\$ 45,533.72	\$ 47,431.36	\$ 49,623.54	\$ 49,728.35	\$ 49,921.56	\$ 45,415.82
General Fund							
Beginning Balance	\$ (15,787.37)	\$ (343.31)	\$ (13,843.36)	\$ (12,505.96)	\$ (17,712.60)	\$ (16,963.89)	\$ (3,577.67)
Income	\$ 64,083.20	\$ 37,142.19	\$ 54,470.25	\$ 55,934.93	\$ 42,419.89	\$ 37,660.17	\$ 33,331.98
Expenses	\$ 40,265.96	\$ 52,586.25	\$ 40,687.49	\$ 57,272.33	\$ 37,213.25	\$ 38,408.88	\$ 46,718.20
Ending Balance	\$ 8,029.87	\$ (15,787.37)	\$ (60.60)	\$ (13,843.36)	\$ (12,505.96)	\$ (17,712.60)	\$ (16,963.89)
Building Fund Balance	\$40,256.00						
Youth Fund Balance	\$9,657.60						
Memorial Fund Balance	\$43,895.15						
Music Fund Balance	\$3,222.04						
General Fund Balance	\$8,029.87						
Total in Heritage Bank Checking	\$105,060.66		0%				
					Loans		
					2029 Cornerstone	\$56,300.11	2.40%
					Feb 2024 Heritage Bank	\$15,281.33	4.40%
						\$71,581.44	
					June 2023 Property Sale CD	\$146,000.00	4.55%
					May 2023 Crowley Estate CD	\$160,033.62	4.35%
					May 2023 Memorial Fund CD	\$21,000.00	1.75%
					June 2023 Memorial Fund CD	\$31,000.00	3.75%
					Perpetual Mem. Investment	\$19,319.37	
						\$377,352.99	

FINANCE BOARD

The raindrops did fall! And they accumulated into a collection of \$18,300 as of May 8. The Finance Board thanks the contributors to this Financial Support Campaign. The purpose was twofold-1) generate funds and 2) make members more aware of all the costs involved in running and maintaining St. Peter's and its programs. Your support is appreciated!

The Finance Board Stewardship Moments are scheduled for the second weekend of each month during the church services. In May we continued our game show theme and used "Church Family Feud" to focus on reasons why we should volunteer and the excuses why we don't volunteer. In the next couple of months, the Finance Board will be focusing on volunteers and the wise use of their time and talents.

TOP REASONS TO VOLUNTEER

- Good use of time and talent
- Meet friends/fellowship
- Self-esteem and satisfaction
- Personal growth
- Reduces anxiety/depression/loneliness
- Keeps costs down

TOP EXCUSES WHY NOT TO VOLUNTEER

- Unaware of opportunities
- Fear of too much commitment
- Might not do it "right"
- Too busy
- Someone else will do it
- I have done my share

The Finance Board plans to produce a list of available volunteer opportunities. We will have a variety of chances for each of you to share your time and talents!

The **Washington Brass Band** will hold their annual summer concert Friday, June 9, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Washington City Park Pavilion on High Street next to the Agnes Nolting Aquatic Complex. This event is being co-hosted by the City of Washington Parks Department.



Bethel Hills, Dutzow, a community where adults with and without developmental disabilities live life to the fullest together, will have an open house June 11 from noon to 4 p.m. Special activities include the Proclamation Brass, Bethel Hills Chimers, Chapel worship, tours, ribbon cutting and a variety of games. BBQ pork steak lunches will be available for purchase. They are looking for cookie bakers to provide some for their guests. If you are interested in baking cookies, you may give yours to Carol Muench at church on June 11 and she will take them to Bethel Hills with her. Disposable containers only, please.

Book Review

The Justice and Witness Mission Group of St. Peter's continues offering the small lending library located in the parlor just off the sanctuary through the atrium. The books cover a range of topics including current events, religion, racism, aging, personal growth and LGBTQIA. If you have a desire to learn more about any of these issues, please borrow a book. The process is simple. Just sign your name on the index card inside the front cover and place it in the file box provided. When you're finished reading, just drop it in the green bin provided. There is no need to reshelve the book. We will do that for you. If you have any questions or books to donate, please, contact Janet Alspach.

In recognition of Pride Month, the book selection for this month asks us to re-examine what the Bible has to say about same sex relationships. In conjunction with our Open and Affirming Process, the Justice & Witness Mission Team invite you to read this book during the summer months and join us for a discussion in August at a date and time TBD.

In The Children Are Free, Revs. Jeff Miner and John Tyler Connoley offer a comprehensive yet easy-to-read examination of the biblical evidence regarding loving same-sex relationships and God's attitude toward them.

In Chapter One, the authors lead the reader through a discussion of each of the six passages traditionally used against gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. They demonstrate how an anti-gay interpretation is a misapplication of these scriptures.

In Chapter Two, Miner and Connoley turn our attention to the biblical stories and passages that affirm loving same-sex relationships. Did you know Jesus once met a gay person? Jesus' loving response is just one of the well-researched stories presented in this chapter.

Chapters Three and Four ask readers to take seriously the call of Jesus to think more deeply about biblical rules and act to make a connection between early Church conflicts and today.

FREE Government Fraud Prevention Materials Available

The federal government offers a variety of large format, easy-to-understand engaging materials to help older adults, those with disabilities, and others learn more about common types of scams and fraud. In addition to fraud prevention handouts, we offer resources in English and Spanish on a variety of financial topics. There is no charge for bulk copies or shipping. To order copies free of charge, visit cfpb.gov/order and select the Large Format Handouts category. This offer is from the U.S. Government Publishing Office, Pueblo Distribution Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June Birthdays

Theodore Bounds	06/01	June Bargaen	06/19
Helen Desmond	06/01	Erna Holland	06/19
June Siegerist	06/01	Philip Howard	06/19
Sara Barnett	06/03	Eric Mutert	06/19
Ashlyn Hellmann	06/03	Hilda	06/19
Austin Hellmann	06/03	Stockglausner	06/19
Michael Wood	06/03	Carolyn Yager	06/19
Carol Graham	06/04	Ken Jones	06/20
Noah Noud	06/05	Luke Kroeter	06/20
Sidney Troyer	06/05	Deborah	06/21
Rachel Derner	06/07	Buddemeyer	06/21
Aubrea Connor	06/08	Jessica Hamlett	06/21
Ruth Schultz	06/09	Billie Ruth Miller	06/21
Anna Sullentrup	06/09	Blake Scheible	06/21
Devin Lause	06/10	Nathaniel	06/22
Claire	06/11	Hagedorn	06/22
Schmiedeskamp	06/11	Logan Holdmeyer	06/22
Lewis Swinger	06/13	Megan	06/22
Susan Wehmueller	06/13	Montgomery	06/22
Alison Francis	06/17	Lori Sehart	06/22
Mary Jo Stoyer	06/17	Marian Gerling	06/23
Austin Broughton	06/18	Patty Wood	06/24
Laurie Hellmann	06/18	Charlene Hahne	06/25
Denise Towell	06/18	Parker Bryant	06/26
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June Birthdays

Theodore Bounds	06/01	June Bargaen	06/19
Helen Desmond	06/01	Erna Holland	06/19
June Siegerist	06/01	Philip Howard	06/19
Sara Barnett	06/03	Eric Mutert	06/19
Ashlyn Hellmann	06/03	Hilda	06/19
Austin Hellmann	06/03	Stockglausner	06/19
Michael Wood	06/03	Carolyn Yager	06/19
Carol Graham	06/04	Ken Jones	06/20
Noah Noud	06/05	Luke Kroeter	06/20
Sidney Troyer	06/05	Deborah	06/21
Rachel Derner	06/07	Buddemeyer	06/21
Aubrea Connor	06/08	Jessica Hamlett	06/21
Ruth Schultz	06/09	Billie Ruth Miller	06/21
Anna Sullentrup	06/09	Blake Scheible	06/21
Devin Lause	06/10	Nathaniel	06/22
Claire	06/11	Hagedorn	06/22
Schmiedeskamp	06/11	Logan Holdmeyer	06/22
Lewis Swinger	06/13	Megan	06/22
Susan Wehmueller	06/13	Montgomery	06/22
Alison Francis	06/17	Lori Sehart	06/22
Mary Jo Stoyer	06/17	Marian Gerling	06/23
Austin Broughton	06/18	Patty Wood	06/24
Laurie Hellmann	06/18	Charlene Hahne	06/25
Denise Towell	06/18	Parker Bryant	06/26
		Cara Czeschin	06/26
		Kevin Fox	06/26
		Robert Zick	06/26
		Diane Gephardt	06/27



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Call to Meeting

A special congregational meeting of St. Peter's UCC will take place June 17 and June 18, immediately following worship each day. Please plan to attend and add your voice to being church together. By now members should have received a letter with information from the Search Committee which includes a Call to Meeting from the Church Council. If you are a member and didn't yet receive yours, please be in touch with the church office.

Strengthen the Conference Ride 2023

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you a very special event taking place in our Missouri Mid-South Conference UCC the week of June 4, 2023. Our Transitional Conference Minister, Rev. Mary Nelson, is going to bike across Missouri to meet members and friends of our MMS Conference congregations. Her route begins in St. Joseph and ends in St. Louis! This is an opportunity for all of us to meet Mary. Mary is also using this as a fundraiser for the many ministries and mission of our conference.

One of Mary's stops will be here at St. Peter's UCC in Washington. She plans to visit our church on Friday, June 9 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. We will be hosting a breakfast for Mary, other bicyclists who may accompany her, and members of our congregation and other area UCC congregations. We are looking for people to help cook and serve that breakfast. If you would like to help in that effort, please contact Pastor Kurt or Pat Swinger. If you would like to attend, we are asking for RSVPs by Monday, June 5. You can make those in our church office or email Pastor Kurt at revkurt@stpeters-ucc.org.

I have come to know Rev. Nelson and appreciate the gifts she brings to our conference. I hope you can join us on Friday, June 9. And if any of you would like to join our conference minister on any part of her bike trek across Missouri, she wants you to know you are certainly welcome.

Blessings,
Pastor Kurt

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

Our thoughts and prayers extend to the family and friends of:

Arlie Berg, who passed away in April. Arlie was the brother of Ruth Engemann.

Santiago Garcia, who passed away in April. He was the father of Rose (Kevin) Hausmann.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to **Kristen Monzyk & Joe Jarvis** who were married on May 6. Kristen is the daughter of Erin & Jason Monzyk and granddaughter of Jim & Judy Scannell.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to **Krista Meyer & Brian McAndrew** on the birth of *Benjamin Brian Meyer McAndrew*, May 23, 2023. Benjamin joins big sister, Eleanor. He is the grandson of Sandy & Robert Meyer and great-grandson of Ruth Wood.



Congratulations Graduates!!



Graduating from Washington High School:

Molly Bauer will attend ECC in the fall. Her major will be music education.

Emma Briggs will be attending the University of Missouri in Columbia (MIZZOU) in the fall.

Rachel Derner will attend Mizzou and will major in Environmental Science.

Maddie Grimes will be attending the University of Missouri Kansas City's 6-year program offering BA/MD. (UMKC)

Ella Kroeter will be attending Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO), majoring in nursing.

Whitley Merryman will attend Southeast Missouri State University.



Alexis Sherman graduated from Fort Zumwalt South High School.

Higher Education



Anna Sullentrup graduated from the University of Missouri with a masters and will attend Mizzou Medical School.

Elizabeth J. (Liz) Fleer received her doctorate conferral from University of Missouri-Columbia, May 9. The discipline was education leadership and policy.



Congratulations to **Madeline Grimes** for being selected to receive the STAR scholarship from the Philanthropic Educational Organization, P.E.O., chapter LV of Washington.

Congratulations to **Emma Briggs**, who was awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the Washington Optimist Club and was also nominated to the Washington High School prom court!!

Way to go **Molly Bauer** who won the John Phillip Sousa award for being top student in the high school band at WHS this year!

Well done **Ella Kroeter** for finishing second in the pole vault event at the state track meet!!

Women's Fellowship:

There will be no **Women's Fellowship** meetings in June or July. You are invited to attend the Women's breakfast on June 16 at Bob Evans, 9 a.m.

Thank You:

Thank you to **Linda Filer and the St. Peter's UCC Women's Fellowship** for your donations to the Washington Emergency Relief in April. We really appreciate any help we can get to assist our fellow neighbors.

New Members:

On Sunday May 21 and May 28, St. Peter's United Church of Christ welcomed **Tyler Francis, Miles Grimes, Jason Scheible, Patricia & Lewis Swinger and Ken Tucker** into its membership.

Ken Tucker is the music director at St. Peter's. He and his wife, Jill, have three children: Emma, Bradley and Noah. Ken teaches music at Owensville High School.

Patricia & Lewis Swinger are originally from O'Fallon, MO. Pat has done history writing for a variety of companies and organizations. They worked together in real estate before retiring, and now enjoy spending time with their grandkids.

Jason Scheible was confirmed at St. Peter's Church, attended the Washington Public Schools and graduated from Washington High School. He has worked at Magnet for over thirty years. He and his wife, Wendi, have two children, Taylor & Blake.

Miles Grimes, 13, son of Sharon & Dr. J.B. Grimes, begins the 8th grade at Washington Middle School in August. Miles enjoys wrestling, track and computer gaming. He is also in the National Junior Honor Society at school.

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Confirmands

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Physicals at St. Peter's

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Harvest Table

St. Peter's will co-host Harvest Table with First Washington Methodist on Saturday, July 15. Eight volunteers are needed as well as monetary donations to cover 12 dozen cookies at \$12 each (\$144). Contact Erna Holland at 636.239.6019, text 314.646.7143 or erna002@yahoo.com to volunteer. A BIG Thank you to all who contributed in any way for the April 22 Harvest Table meal!

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Ron & Brenda Brinker
Kaye Nurnberger
Joline Logan
Mary Lou & Wendell Tyree
Bonnie Scanlan
Koren Kerr
Betty Peffermann

Members of Washington Brass Band
Alan, Leah & Dean Jacquin
Carol Muench
Ed Menefee
Diana Shoupe
Cecil & Doris Blankenship

No aluminum can pick up in June; keep saving those cans, though.
There will be an opportunity July 1-2!



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Join us for a special Messy Church service on June 11! We will start at St. Peter's at 11:15 am, where we will make kites and share a meal together. Simple and indestructible kite kits will be provided for anyone who wants one. We will then go out to Lions' Lake with the Gateway Kite Club, fly our kites, and enjoy the club's beautiful kite offerings and antics as well!

Come join the fun, all of you young and young-at-heart.

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

15 May 2023

Parking Lot Water Problem Presentation

The meeting started with a presentation on the parking lot water damage situation, regarding the bids obtained by Building & Grounds. There are two proposals on the table, from Hotshot Asphalt and Midstate. These include a French drain and asphalt repair. Building & Grounds feels that Hotshot has the best proposal. The installation of the French drain would only take 2 days, but the asphalt work will take longer. The amount of the bid would require a congregational vote to proceed.

A motion was made that we move forward with the proposal from Hotshot, with the funding, half from the building fund and half from the Crowley estate, pending congregational approval. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Finance Board Report:

The General Fund is positive! The Raindrop campaign total is at \$17,990.

The board has discussed having a church treasurer rather than a Council treasurer, for better continuity.

Pastors Report:

The Pastor's Report was reviewed. New members will join this weekend.

Pentecost will have Communion, but then not on the 1st Sunday in June (which would be the next Sunday following Pentecost).

Associate Pastor Report:

Pentecost is May 28. Communion will be that day with Confirmation. It was noted that the new communion glasses don't fit in the pew holders. They fit without the rubber grommets, so those will be removed.

An update was given on the previously proposed Community Youth Events. Pastor Eric would like to try music nights, once a month for 3 months beginning Sept, Oct, Nov, and will look at the calendar. The Hope Coalition is interested in helping. Local musicians, (especially high school and young artists) are the target for these nights.

A conversation was initiated with River City Music. They are not able to provide services/production, but one of their employees has a production company and can provide services. All volunteers would need completed background checks. Pastor Eric requested \$1,000 for these music nights, to cover production costs, background checks, etc. A motion made to approve \$1,050 for the music nights was approved.

Boards and Committees:

Building & Grounds:

- They are looking at possibilities on opening the wall between the kitchen and the auditorium, to allow serving through a window there.

Cemetery Board:

- Green Burials – they are open to green burials (no embalming, etc.) but are still working on this.
- The Franklin County Cemetery Society came out to help with cleaning and repair of tombstones.
- The labyrinth will be repainted.

Worship Committee:

- They are working on the replacement paraments. They are working with a local seamstress for these.
- They are updating the Usher list and trying to reorganize the teams.
- Usher teams will get AED training once we have it in.
- The committee is supportive of a one-service year kickoff.

Christian Ed:

- Sunday School is taking a summer break.
- For Messy Church on June 11, we will do kites, with a kitemaking activity. Kite kits have been received and are "Frustrationless Flyers." The *Gateway Kite Club* will hold their monthly group fly in Washington that afternoon from 1-4 p.m., and all are welcome to join.

Mission:

- There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on June 5 in the dining room from 12-5:30. Volunteer positions have been filled.
- They are collecting items for Care Kits.

Old Business:

Alcohol Policy and Rentals:

The zither event received \$200 in donations. The Event Committee would like to start a fund with this money for upgrading the rental spaces. They would also like 50% of the funeral lunches to go to this fund. Currently that money goes to Women's Fellowship and they donate it to various projects. Women's Fellowship will be approached with this proposal.

New Business:

Food Pantry Hours: Bridgette brought up the food pantry hours which are Monday 12-1, Tues. 12.30-1:30, and Thurs. 9-10am. People who work but still need food pantry help have difficulty getting there. A suggestion has been made to address this with the task force.

Rental Brochures:

Prototype rental brochures were presented. The committee would like feedback on these.

St. Peter's UCC Financial Summary Oct. 2022-April 2023

	Apr-23	Apr-22	Apr-21	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	2020 YTD
Total Receipts	\$ 70,329.00	\$ 53,602.28	\$ 51,998.05	\$ 241,444.02	\$ 212,411.22	\$ 198,814.10	\$ 220,235.13
General Fund	\$ 64,083.20	\$ 40,443.84	\$ 33,264.24	\$ 194,759.67	\$ 166,021.42	\$ 144,720.52	\$ 147,861.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,276.10	\$ 5,736.10	\$ 5,324.61	\$ 23,411.40	\$ 25,363.00	\$ 24,699.99	\$ 31,086.87
Other	\$ 1,969.70	\$ 7,422.34	\$ 13,409.20	\$ 23,272.95	\$ 21,026.80	\$ 29,393.59	\$ 41,287.26
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
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Income	\$ 4,276.10	\$ 3,676.95	\$ 8,540.00	\$ 6,918.35	\$ 5,409.85	\$ 9,357.90	\$ 4,992.15
Expenses	\$ 9,553.82	\$ 5,574.59	\$ 10,732.18	\$ 7,023.16	\$ 5,603.06	\$ 4,852.16	\$ 2,938.16
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Youth Fund Balance		\$9,657.60					
Memorial Fund Balance		\$43,895.15					
Music Fund Balance		\$3,222.04					
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Total in Heritage Bank Checking		\$105,060.66	0%				
					Loans		
					2029 Cornerstone	\$56,300.11	2.40%
					Feb 2024 Heritage Bank	\$15,281.33	4.40%
						\$71,581.44	
					June 2023 Property Sale CD	\$146,000.00	4.55%
					May 2023 Crowley Estate CD	\$160,033.62	4.35%
					May 2023 Memorial Fund CD	\$21,000.00	1.75%
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					Perpetual Mem. Investment	\$19,319.37	
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The raindrops did fall! And they accumulated into a collection of \$18,300 as of May 8. The Finance Board thanks the contributors to this Financial Support Campaign. The purpose was twofold-1) generate funds and 2) make members more aware of all the costs involved in running and maintaining St. Peter's and its programs. Your support is appreciated!

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- Good use of time and talent
- Meet friends/fellowship
- Self-esteem and satisfaction
- Personal growth
- Reduces anxiety/depression/loneliness
- Keeps costs down

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- Unaware of opportunities
- Fear of too much commitment
- Might not do it "right"
- Too busy
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						\$71,581.44	
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The raindrops did fall! And they accumulated into a collection of \$18,300 as of May 8. The Finance Board thanks the contributors to this Financial Support Campaign. The purpose was twofold-1) generate funds and 2) make members more aware of all the costs involved in running and maintaining St. Peter's and its programs. Your support is appreciated!

The Finance Board Stewardship Moments are scheduled for the second weekend of each month during the church services. In May we continued our game show theme and used "Church Family Feud" to focus on reasons why we should volunteer and the excuses why we don't volunteer. In the next couple of months, the Finance Board will be focusing on volunteers and the wise use of their time and talents.

TOP REASONS TO VOLUNTEER

- Good use of time and talent
- Meet friends/fellowship
- Self-esteem and satisfaction
- Personal growth
- Reduces anxiety/depression/loneliness
- Keeps costs down

TOP EXCUSES WHY NOT TO VOLUNTEER

- Unaware of opportunities
- Fear of too much commitment
- Might not do it "right"
- Too busy
- Someone else will do it
- I have done my share

The Finance Board plans to produce a list of available volunteer opportunities. We will have a variety of chances for each of you to share your time and talents!

The **Washington Brass Band** will hold their annual summer concert Friday, June 9, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Washington City Park Pavilion on High Street next to the Agnes Nolting Aquatic Complex. This event is being co-hosted by the City of Washington Parks Department.



Bethel Hills, Dutzow, a community where adults with and without developmental disabilities live life to the fullest together, will have an open house June 11 from noon to 4 p.m. Special activities include the Proclamation Brass, Bethel Hills Chimers, Chapel worship, tours, ribbon cutting and a variety of games. BBQ pork steak lunches will be available for purchase. They are looking for cookie bakers to provide some for their guests. If you are interested in baking cookies, you may give yours to Carol Muench at church on June 11 and she will take them to Bethel Hills with her. Disposable containers only, please.

Book Review

The Justice and Witness Mission Group of St. Peter's continues offering the small lending library located in the parlor just off the sanctuary through the atrium. The books cover a range of topics including current events, religion, racism, aging, personal growth and LGBTQIA. If you have a desire to learn more about any of these issues, please borrow a book. The process is simple. Just sign your name on the index card inside the front cover and place it in the file box provided. When you're finished reading, just drop it in the green bin provided. There is no need to reshelve the book. We will do that for you. If you have any questions or books to donate, please, contact Janet Alspach.

In recognition of Pride Month, the book selection for this month asks us to re-examine what the Bible has to say about same sex relationships. In conjunction with our Open and Affirming Process, the Justice & Witness Mission Team invite you to read this book during the summer months and join us for a discussion in August at a date and time TBD.

In The Children Are Free, Revs. Jeff Miner and John Tyler Connoley offer a comprehensive yet easy-to-read examination of the biblical evidence regarding loving same-sex relationships and God's attitude toward them.

In Chapter One, the authors lead the reader through a discussion of each of the six passages traditionally used against gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. They demonstrate how an anti-gay interpretation is a misapplication of these scriptures.

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Chapters Three and Four ask readers to take seriously the call of Jesus to think more deeply about biblical rules and act to make a connection between early Church conflicts and today.

FREE Government Fraud Prevention Materials Available

The federal government offers a variety of large format, easy-to-understand engaging materials to help older adults, those with disabilities, and others learn more about common types of scams and fraud. In addition to fraud prevention handouts, we offer resources in English and Spanish on a variety of financial topics. There is no charge for bulk copies or shipping. To order copies free of charge, visit cfpb.gov/order and select the Large Format Handouts category. This offer is from the U.S. Government Publishing Office, Pueblo Distribution Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June Birthdays

Theodore Bounds	06/01	June Bargaen	06/19
Helen Desmond	06/01	Erna Holland	06/19
June Siegerist	06/01	Philip Howard	06/19
Sara Barnett	06/03	Eric Mutert	06/19
Ashlyn Hellmann	06/03	Hilda	06/19
Austin Hellmann	06/03	Stockglausner	06/19
Michael Wood	06/03	Carolyn Yager	06/19
Carol Graham	06/04	Ken Jones	06/20
Noah Noud	06/05	Luke Kroeter	06/20
Sidney Troyer	06/05	Deborah	06/21
Rachel Derner	06/07	Buddemeyer	06/21
Aubrea Connor	06/08	Jessica Hamlett	06/21
Ruth Schultz	06/09	Billie Ruth Miller	06/21
Anna Sullentrup	06/09	Blake Scheible	06/21
Devin Lause	06/10	Nathaniel	06/22
Claire	06/11	Hagedorn	06/22
Schmiedeskamp	06/11	Logan Holdmeyer	06/22
Lewis Swinger	06/13	Megan	06/22
Susan Wehmueller	06/13	Montgomery	06/22
Alison Francis	06/17	Lori Sehart	06/22
Mary Jo Stoyer	06/17	Marian Gerling	06/23
Austin Broughton	06/18	Patty Wood	06/24
Laurie Hellmann	06/18	Charlene Hahne	06/25
Denise Towell	06/18	Parker Bryant	06/26
		Cara Czeschin	06/26
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Call to Meeting

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Strengthen the Conference Ride 2023

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you a very special event taking place in our Missouri Mid-South Conference UCC the week of June 4, 2023. Our Transitional Conference Minister, Rev. Mary Nelson, is going to bike across Missouri to meet members and friends of our MMS Conference congregations. Her route begins in St. Joseph and ends in St. Louis! This is an opportunity for all of us to meet Mary. Mary is also using this as a fundraiser for the many ministries and mission of our conference.

One of Mary's stops will be here at St. Peter's UCC in Washington. She plans to visit our church on Friday, June 9 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. We will be hosting a breakfast for Mary, other bicyclists who may accompany her, and members of our congregation and other area UCC congregations. We are looking for people to help cook and serve that breakfast. If you would like to help in that effort, please contact Pastor Kurt or Pat Swinger. If you would like to attend, we are asking for RSVPs by Monday, June 5. You can make those in our church office or email Pastor Kurt at revkurt@stpeters-ucc.org.

I have come to know Rev. Nelson and appreciate the gifts she brings to our conference. I hope you can join us on Friday, June 9. And if any of you would like to join our conference minister on any part of her bike trek across Missouri, she wants you to know you are certainly welcome.

Blessings,
Pastor Kurt

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

Our thoughts and prayers extend to the family and friends of:

Arlie Berg, who passed away in April. Arlie was the brother of Ruth Engemann.

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Wedding Bells

Congratulations to **Kristen Monzyk & Joe Jarvis** who were married on May 6. Kristen is the daughter of Erin & Jason Monzyk and granddaughter of Jim & Judy Scannell.

Birth Announcement

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Congratulations Graduates!!



Graduating from Washington High School:

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Higher Education



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Congratulations to **Madeline Grimes** for being selected to receive the STAR scholarship from the Philanthropic Educational Organization, P.E.O., chapter LV of Washington.

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Well done **Ella Kroeter** for finishing second in the pole vault event at the state track meet!!

Women's Fellowship:

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Rachel Derner will attend Mizzou and will major in Environmental Science.

Maddie Grimes will be attending the University of Missouri Kansas City's 6-year program offering BA/MD. (UMKC)

Ella Kroeter will be attending Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO), majoring in nursing.

Whitley Merryman will attend Southeast Missouri State University.



Alexis Sherman graduated from Fort Zumwalt South High School.

Higher Education



Anna Sullentrup graduated from the University of Missouri with a masters and will attend Mizzou Medical School.

Elizabeth J. (Liz) Fleer received her doctorate conferral from University of Missouri-Columbia, May 9. The discipline was education leadership and policy.



Congratulations to **Madeline Grimes** for being selected to receive the STAR scholarship from the Philanthropic Educational Organization, P.E.O., chapter LV of Washington.

Congratulations to **Emma Briggs**, who was awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the Washington Optimist Club and was also nominated to the Washington High School prom court!!

Way to go **Molly Bauer** who won the John Phillip Sousa award for being top student in the high school band at WHS this year!

Well done **Ella Kroeter** for finishing second in the pole vault event at the state track meet!!

Women's Fellowship:

There will be no **Women's Fellowship** meetings in June or July. You are invited to attend the Women's breakfast on June 16 at Bob Evans, 9 a.m.

Thank You:

Thank you to **Linda Filer and the St. Peter's UCC Women's Fellowship** for your donations to the Washington Emergency Relief in April. We really appreciate any help we can get to assist our fellow neighbors.

New Members:

On Sunday May 21 and May 28, St. Peter's United Church of Christ welcomed **Tyler Francis, Miles Grimes, Jason Scheible, Patricia & Lewis Swinger and Ken Tucker** into its membership.

Ken Tucker is the music director at St. Peter's. He and his wife, Jill, have three children: Emma, Bradley and Noah. Ken teaches music at Owensville High School.

Patricia & Lewis Swinger are originally from O'Fallon, MO. Pat has done history writing for a variety of companies and organizations. They worked together in real estate before retiring, and now enjoy spending time with their grandkids.

Jason Scheible was confirmed at St. Peter's Church, attended the Washington Public Schools and graduated from Washington High School. He has worked at Magnet for over thirty years. He and his wife, Wendi, have two children, Taylor & Blake.

Miles Grimes, 13, son of Sharon & Dr. J.B. Grimes, begins the 8th grade at Washington Middle School in August. Miles enjoys wrestling, track and computer gaming. He is also in the National Junior Honor Society at school.

Tyler Francis, 13, son of Alison & Jeff Francis, completed 7th grade at Washington Middle School. He enjoys football, basketball, track, lifting weights and hanging out with friends.

Confirmands

May 28 was a joyous Pentecost at St. Peter's UCC! **Tyler Francis** and **Miles Grimes** were confirmed, affirming their baptism and becoming members of St. Peter's. I was blessed to take the confirmation journey with them over the last year, getting to know them and witnessing their growth along the way. St. Peter's is blessed to have these two young men in our church family. Congratulations and welcome, Miles and Tyler! Blessings, Pastor Eric

Physicals at St. Peter's

The FREE clinic at St. Peter's Church in Washington offers free medical care as well as physical exams on the second Saturday of the month from 2:30-4. If you have or know any athletes ages 16 and over that you feel could benefit from this service, please feel free to have them stop by. The doctors have the correct paperwork. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact *Leesa Richardson* at 573-632-8855.

Harvest Table

St. Peter's will co-host Harvest Table with First Washington Methodist on Saturday, July 15. Eight volunteers are needed as well as monetary donations to cover 12 dozen cookies at \$12 each (\$144). Contact Erna Holland at 636.239.6019, text 314.646.7143 or erna002@yahoo.com to volunteer. A BIG Thank you to all who contributed in any way for the April 22 Harvest Table meal!

Food Pantry News

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who help the food pantry continue its vital ministry in our community. In April, 102 individuals representing 37 families were served.

We also thank the following for their generous donations—April Food Pantry donors:

Brenda Bruns
Ron & Brenda Brinker
Kaye Nurnberger
Joline Logan
Mary Lou & Wendell Tyree
Bonnie Scanlan
Koren Kerr
Betty Peffermann

Members of Washington Brass Band
Alan, Leah & Dean Jacquin
Carol Muench
Ed Menefee
Diana Shoupe
Cecil & Doris Blankenship

No aluminum can pick up in June; keep saving those cans, though.
There will be an opportunity July 1-2!



Messy Church June 11: Kite Making and Flying with the Gateway Kite Club

Join us for a special Messy Church service on June 11! We will start at St. Peter's at 11:15 am, where we will make kites and share a meal together. Simple and indestructible kite kits will be provided for anyone who wants one. We will then go out to Lions' Lake with the Gateway Kite Club, fly our kites, and enjoy the club's beautiful kite offerings and antics as well!

Come join the fun, all of you young and young-at-heart.

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

15 May 2023

Parking Lot Water Problem Presentation

The meeting started with a presentation on the parking lot water damage situation, regarding the bids obtained by Building & Grounds. There are two proposals on the table, from Hotshot Asphalt and Midstate. These include a French drain and asphalt repair. Building & Grounds feels that Hotshot has the best proposal. The installation of the French drain would only take 2 days, but the asphalt work will take longer. The amount of the bid would require a congregational vote to proceed.

A motion was made that we move forward with the proposal from Hotshot, with the funding, half from the building fund and half from the Crowley estate, pending congregational approval. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Finance Board Report:

The General Fund is positive! The Raindrop campaign total is at \$17,990.

The board has discussed having a church treasurer rather than a Council treasurer, for better continuity.

Pastors Report:

The Pastor's Report was reviewed. New members will join this weekend.

Pentecost will have Communion, but then not on the 1st Sunday in June (which would be the next Sunday following Pentecost).

Associate Pastor Report:

Pentecost is May 28. Communion will be that day with Confirmation. It was noted that the new communion glasses don't fit in the pew holders. They fit without the rubber grommets, so those will be removed.

An update was given on the previously proposed Community Youth Events. Pastor Eric would like to try music nights, once a month for 3 months beginning Sept, Oct, Nov, and will look at the calendar. The Hope Coalition is interested in helping. Local musicians, (especially high school and young artists) are the target for these nights.

A conversation was initiated with River City Music. They are not able to provide services/production, but one of their employees has a production company and can provide services. All volunteers would need completed background checks. Pastor Eric requested \$1,000 for these music nights, to cover production costs, background checks, etc. A motion made to approve \$1,050 for the music nights was approved.

Boards and Committees:

Building & Grounds:

- They are looking at possibilities on opening the wall between the kitchen and the auditorium, to allow serving through a window there.

Cemetery Board:

- Green Burials – they are open to green burials (no embalming, etc.) but are still working on this.
- The Franklin County Cemetery Society came out to help with cleaning and repair of tombstones.
- The labyrinth will be repainted.

Worship Committee:

- They are working on the replacement paraments. They are working with a local seamstress for these.
- They are updating the Usher list and trying to reorganize the teams.
- Usher teams will get AED training once we have it in.
- The committee is supportive of a one-service year kickoff.

Christian Ed:

- Sunday School is taking a summer break.
- For Messy Church on June 11, we will do kites, with a kitemaking activity. Kite kits have been received and are “Frustrationless Flyers.” The *Gateway Kite Club* will hold their monthly group fly in Washington that afternoon from 1-4 p.m., and all are welcome to join.

Mission:

- There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on June 5 in the dining room from 12-5:30. Volunteer positions have been filled.
- They are collecting items for Care Kits.

Old Business:

Alcohol Policy and Rentals:

The zither event received \$200 in donations. The Event Committee would like to start a fund with this money for upgrading the rental spaces. They would also like 50% of the funeral lunches to go to this fund. Currently that money goes to Women’s Fellowship and they donate it to various projects. Women’s Fellowship will be approached with this proposal.

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Food Pantry Hours: Bridgette brought up the food pantry hours which are Monday 12-1, Tues. 12.30-1:30, and Thurs. 9-10am. People who work but still need food pantry help have difficulty getting there. A suggestion has been made to address this with the task force.

Rental Brochures:

Prototype rental brochures were presented. The committee would like feedback on these.

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Other	\$ 1,969.70	\$ 7,422.34	\$ 13,409.20	\$ 23,272.95	\$ 21,026.80	\$ 29,393.59	\$ 41,287.26
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
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Expenses	\$ 9,553.82	\$ 5,574.59	\$ 10,732.18	\$ 7,023.16	\$ 5,603.06	\$ 4,852.16	\$ 2,938.16
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Memorial Fund Balance	\$43,895.15						
Music Fund Balance	\$3,222.04						
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Total in Heritage Bank Checking	\$105,060.66		0%				
					Loans		
					2029 Cornerstone	\$56,300.11	2.40%
					Feb 2024 Heritage Bank	\$15,281.33	4.40%
						\$71,581.44	
					June 2023 Property Sale CD	\$146,000.00	4.55%
					May 2023 Crowley Estate CD	\$160,033.62	4.35%
					May 2023 Memorial Fund CD	\$21,000.00	1.75%
					June 2023 Memorial Fund CD	\$31,000.00	3.75%
					Perpetual Mem. Investment	\$19,319.37	
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FINANCE BOARD

The raindrops did fall! And they accumulated into a collection of \$18,300 as of May 8. The Finance Board thanks the contributors to this Financial Support Campaign. The purpose was twofold-1) generate funds and 2) make members more aware of all the costs involved in running and maintaining St. Peter's and its programs. Your support is appreciated!

The Finance Board Stewardship Moments are scheduled for the second weekend of each month during the church services. In May we continued our game show theme and used "Church Family Feud" to focus on reasons why we should volunteer and the excuses why we don't volunteer. In the next couple of months, the Finance Board will be focusing on volunteers and the wise use of their time and talents.

TOP REASONS TO VOLUNTEER

- Good use of time and talent
- Meet friends/fellowship
- Self-esteem and satisfaction
- Personal growth
- Reduces anxiety/depression/loneliness
- Keeps costs down

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- Unaware of opportunities
- Fear of too much commitment
- Might not do it "right"
- Too busy
- Someone else will do it
- I have done my share

The Finance Board plans to produce a list of available volunteer opportunities. We will have a variety of chances for each of you to share your time and talents!

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Book Review

The Justice and Witness Mission Group of St. Peter's continues offering the small lending library located in the parlor just off the sanctuary through the atrium. The books cover a range of topics including current events, religion, racism, aging, personal growth and LGBTQIA. If you have a desire to learn more about any of these issues, please borrow a book. The process is simple. Just sign your name on the index card inside the front cover and place it in the file box provided. When you're finished reading, just drop it in the green bin provided. There is no need to reshelve the book. We will do that for you. If you have any questions or books to donate, please, contact Janet Alspach.

In recognition of Pride Month, the book selection for this month asks us to re-examine what the Bible has to say about same sex relationships. In conjunction with our Open and Affirming Process, the Justice & Witness Mission Team invite you to read this book during the summer months and join us for a discussion in August at a date and time TBD.

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The federal government offers a variety of large format, easy-to-understand engaging materials to help older adults, those with disabilities, and others learn more about common types of scams and fraud. In addition to fraud prevention handouts, we offer resources in English and Spanish on a variety of financial topics. There is no charge for bulk copies or shipping. To order copies free of charge, visit cfpb.gov/order and select the Large Format Handouts category. This offer is from the U.S. Government Publishing Office, Pueblo Distribution Center.

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June Birthdays

Theodore Bounds	06/01	June Bargaen	06/19
Helen Desmond	06/01	Erna Holland	06/19
June Siegerist	06/01	Philip Howard	06/19
Sara Barnett	06/03	Eric Mutert	06/19
Ashlyn Hellmann	06/03	Hilda	06/19
Austin Hellmann	06/03	Stockglausner	06/19
Michael Wood	06/03	Carolyn Yager	06/19
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Noah Noud	06/05	Luke Kroeter	06/20
Sidney Troyer	06/05	Deborah	06/21
Rachel Derner	06/07	Buddemeyer	06/21
Aubrea Connor	06/08	Jessica Hamlett	06/21
Ruth Schultz	06/09	Billie Ruth Miller	06/21
Anna Sullentrup	06/09	Blake Scheible	06/21
Devin Lause	06/10	Nathaniel	06/22
Claire	06/11	Hagedorn	06/22
Schmiedeskamp	06/11	Logan Holdmeyer	06/22
Lewis Swinger	06/13	Megan	06/22
Susan Wehmueller	06/13	Montgomery	06/22
Alison Francis	06/17	Lori Sehart	06/22
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Laurie Hellmann	06/18	Charlene Hahne	06/25
Denise Towell	06/18	Parker Bryant	06/26
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Call to Meeting

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Strengthen the Conference Ride 2023

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you a very special event taking place in our Missouri Mid-South Conference UCC the week of June 4, 2023. Our Transitional Conference Minister, Rev. Mary Nelson, is going to bike across Missouri to meet members and friends of our MMS Conference congregations. Her route begins in St. Joseph and ends in St. Louis! This is an opportunity for all of us to meet Mary. Mary is also using this as a fundraiser for the many ministries and mission of our conference.

One of Mary's stops will be here at St. Peter's UCC in Washington. She plans to visit our church on Friday, June 9 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. We will be hosting a breakfast for Mary, other bicyclists who may accompany her, and members of our congregation and other area UCC congregations. We are looking for people to help cook and serve that breakfast. If you would like to help in that effort, please contact Pastor Kurt or Pat Swinger. If you would like to attend, we are asking for RSVPs by Monday, June 5. You can make those in our church office or email Pastor Kurt at revkurt@stpeters-ucc.org.

I have come to know Rev. Nelson and appreciate the gifts she brings to our conference. I hope you can join us on Friday, June 9. And if any of you would like to join our conference minister on any part of her bike trek across Missouri, she wants you to know you are certainly welcome.

Blessings,
Pastor Kurt

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

Our thoughts and prayers extend to the family and friends of:

Arlie Berg, who passed away in April. Arlie was the brother of Ruth Engemann.

Santiago Garcia, who passed away in April. He was the father of Rose (Kevin) Hausmann.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to **Kristen Monzyk & Joe Jarvis** who were married on May 6. Kristen is the daughter of Erin & Jason Monzyk and granddaughter of Jim & Judy Scannell.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to **Krista Meyer & Brian McAndrew** on the birth of *Benjamin Brian Meyer McAndrew*, May 23, 2023. Benjamin joins big sister, Eleanor. He is the grandson of Sandy & Robert Meyer and great-grandson of Ruth Wood.



Congratulations Graduates!!



Graduating from Washington High School:

Molly Bauer will attend ECC in the fall. Her major will be music education.

Emma Briggs will be attending the University of Missouri in Columbia (MIZZOU) in the fall.

Rachel Derner will attend Mizzou and will major in Environmental Science.

Maddie Grimes will be attending the University of Missouri Kansas City's 6-year program offering BA/MD. (UMKC)

Ella Kroeter will be attending Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO), majoring in nursing.

Whitley Merryman will attend Southeast Missouri State University.



Alexis Sherman graduated from Fort Zumwalt South High School.

Higher Education



Anna Sullentrup graduated from the University of Missouri with a masters and will attend Mizzou Medical School.

Elizabeth J. (Liz) Fleer received her doctorate conferral from University of Missouri-Columbia, May 9. The discipline was education leadership and policy.



Congratulations to **Madeline Grimes** for being selected to receive the STAR scholarship from the Philanthropic Educational Organization, P.E.O., chapter LV of Washington.

Congratulations to **Emma Briggs**, who was awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the Washington Optimist Club and was also nominated to the Washington High School prom court!!

Way to go **Molly Bauer** who won the John Phillip Sousa award for being top student in the high school band at WHS this year!

Well done **Ella Kroeter** for finishing second in the pole vault event at the state track meet!!

Women's Fellowship:

There will be no **Women's Fellowship** meetings in June or July. You are invited to attend the Women's breakfast on June 16 at Bob Evans, 9 a.m.

Thank You:

Thank you to **Linda Filer and the St. Peter's UCC Women's Fellowship** for your donations to the Washington Emergency Relief in April. We really appreciate any help we can get to assist our fellow neighbors.

New Members:

On Sunday May 21 and May 28, St. Peter's United Church of Christ welcomed **Tyler Francis, Miles Grimes, Jason Scheible, Patricia & Lewis Swinger and Ken Tucker** into its membership.

Ken Tucker is the music director at St. Peter's. He and his wife, Jill, have three children: Emma, Bradley and Noah. Ken teaches music at Owensville High School.

Patricia & Lewis Swinger are originally from O'Fallon, MO. Pat has done history writing for a variety of companies and organizations. They worked together in real estate before retiring, and now enjoy spending time with their grandkids.

Jason Scheible was confirmed at St. Peter's Church, attended the Washington Public Schools and graduated from Washington High School. He has worked at Magnet for over thirty years. He and his wife, Wendi, have two children, Taylor & Blake.

Miles Grimes, 13, son of Sharon & Dr. J.B. Grimes, begins the 8th grade at Washington Middle School in August. Miles enjoys wrestling, track and computer gaming. He is also in the National Junior Honor Society at school.

Tyler Francis, 13, son of Alison & Jeff Francis, completed 7th grade at Washington Middle School. He enjoys football, basketball, track, lifting weights and hanging out with friends.

Confirmands

May 28 was a joyous Pentecost at St. Peter's UCC! **Tyler Francis** and **Miles Grimes** were confirmed, affirming their baptism and becoming members of St. Peter's. I was blessed to take the confirmation journey with them over the last year, getting to know them and witnessing their growth along the way. St. Peter's is blessed to have these two young men in our church family. Congratulations and welcome, Miles and Tyler! Blessings, Pastor Eric

Physicals at St. Peter's

The FREE clinic at St. Peter's Church in Washington offers free medical care as well as physical exams on the second Saturday of the month from 2:30-4. If you have or know any athletes ages 16 and over that you feel could benefit from this service, please feel free to have them stop by. The doctors have the correct paperwork. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact *Leesa Richardson* at 573-632-8855.

Harvest Table

St. Peter's will co-host Harvest Table with First Washington Methodist on Saturday, July 15. Eight volunteers are needed as well as monetary donations to cover 12 dozen cookies at \$12 each (\$144). Contact Erna Holland at 636.239.6019, text 314.646.7143 or erna002@yahoo.com to volunteer. A BIG Thank you to all who contributed in any way for the April 22 Harvest Table meal!

Food Pantry News

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who help the food pantry continue its vital ministry in our community. In April, 102 individuals representing 37 families were served.

We also thank the following for their generous donations—April Food Pantry donors:

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Kaye Nurnberger
Joline Logan
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Bonnie Scanlan
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Members of Washington Brass Band
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No aluminum can pick up in June; keep saving those cans, though.
There will be an opportunity July 1-2!



Messy Church June 11: Kite Making and Flying with the Gateway Kite Club

Join us for a special Messy Church service on June 11! We will start at St. Peter's at 11:15 am, where we will make kites and share a meal together. Simple and indestructible kite kits will be provided for anyone who wants one. We will then go out to Lions' Lake with the Gateway Kite Club, fly our kites, and enjoy the club's beautiful kite offerings and antics as well!

Come join the fun, all of you young and young-at-heart.

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Parking Lot Water Problem Presentation

The meeting started with a presentation on the parking lot water damage situation, regarding the bids obtained by Building & Grounds. There are two proposals on the table, from Hotshot Asphalt and Midstate. These include a French drain and asphalt repair. Building & Grounds feels that Hotshot has the best proposal. The installation of the French drain would only take 2 days, but the asphalt work will take longer. The amount of the bid would require a congregational vote to proceed.

A motion was made that we move forward with the proposal from Hotshot, with the funding, half from the building fund and half from the Crowley estate, pending congregational approval. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Finance Board Report:

The General Fund is positive! The Raindrop campaign total is at \$17,990.

The board has discussed having a church treasurer rather than a Council treasurer, for better continuity.

Pastors Report:

The Pastor's Report was reviewed. New members will join this weekend.

Pentecost will have Communion, but then not on the 1st Sunday in June (which would be the next Sunday following Pentecost).

Associate Pastor Report:

Pentecost is May 28. Communion will be that day with Confirmation. It was noted that the new communion glasses don't fit in the pew holders. They fit without the rubber grommets, so those will be removed.

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Boards and Committees:

Building & Grounds:

- They are looking at possibilities on opening the wall between the kitchen and the auditorium, to allow serving through a window there.

Cemetery Board:

- Green Burials – they are open to green burials (no embalming, etc.) but are still working on this.
- The Franklin County Cemetery Society came out to help with cleaning and repair of tombstones.
- The labyrinth will be repainted.

Worship Committee:

- They are working on the replacement paraments. They are working with a local seamstress for these.
- They are updating the Usher list and trying to reorganize the teams.
- Usher teams will get AED training once we have it in.
- The committee is supportive of a one-service year kickoff.

Christian Ed:

- Sunday School is taking a summer break.
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Mission:

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Alcohol Policy and Rentals:

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The General Fund is positive! The Raindrop campaign total is at \$17,990.

The board has discussed having a church treasurer rather than a Council treasurer, for better continuity.

Pastors Report:

The Pastor's Report was reviewed. New members will join this weekend.

Pentecost will have Communion, but then not on the 1st Sunday in June (which would be the next Sunday following Pentecost).

Associate Pastor Report:

Pentecost is May 28. Communion will be that day with Confirmation. It was noted that the new communion glasses don't fit in the pew holders. They fit without the rubber grommets, so those will be removed.

An update was given on the previously proposed Community Youth Events. Pastor Eric would like to try music nights, once a month for 3 months beginning Sept, Oct, Nov, and will look at the calendar. The Hope Coalition is interested in helping. Local musicians, (especially high school and young artists) are the target for these nights.

A conversation was initiated with River City Music. They are not able to provide services/production, but one of their employees has a production company and can provide services. All volunteers would need completed background checks. Pastor Eric requested \$1,000 for these music nights, to cover production costs, background checks, etc. A motion made to approve \$1,050 for the music nights was approved.

Boards and Committees:

Building & Grounds:

- They are looking at possibilities on opening the wall between the kitchen and the auditorium, to allow serving through a window there.

Cemetery Board:

- Green Burials – they are open to green burials (no embalming, etc.) but are still working on this.
- The Franklin County Cemetery Society came out to help with cleaning and repair of tombstones.
- The labyrinth will be repainted.

Worship Committee:

- They are working on the replacement paraments. They are working with a local seamstress for these.
- They are updating the Usher list and trying to reorganize the teams.
- Usher teams will get AED training once we have it in.
- The committee is supportive of a one-service year kickoff.

Christian Ed:

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- They are collecting items for Care Kits.

Old Business:

Alcohol Policy and Rentals:

The zither event received \$200 in donations. The Event Committee would like to start a fund with this money for upgrading the rental spaces. They would also like 50% of the funeral lunches to go to this fund. Currently that money goes to Women’s Fellowship and they donate it to various projects. Women’s Fellowship will be approached with this proposal.

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Rental Brochures:

Prototype rental brochures were presented. The committee would like feedback on these.

St. Peter's UCC Financial Summary Oct. 2022-April 2023

	Apr-23	Apr-22	Apr-21	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	2020 YTD
Total Receipts	\$ 70,329.00	\$ 53,602.28	\$ 51,998.05	\$ 241,444.02	\$ 212,411.22	\$ 198,814.10	\$ 220,235.13
General Fund	\$ 64,083.20	\$ 40,443.84	\$ 33,264.24	\$ 194,759.67	\$ 166,021.42	\$ 144,720.52	\$ 147,861.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,276.10	\$ 5,736.10	\$ 5,324.61	\$ 23,411.40	\$ 25,363.00	\$ 24,699.99	\$ 31,086.87
Other	\$ 1,969.70	\$ 7,422.34	\$ 13,409.20	\$ 23,272.95	\$ 21,026.80	\$ 29,393.59	\$ 41,287.26
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
Building Fund	April	March	February	January	December	November	October
Beginning Balance	\$ 45,533.72	\$ 47,431.36	\$ 49,623.54	\$ 49,728.35	\$ 49,921.56	\$ 45,415.82	\$ 43,361.83
Income	\$ 4,276.10	\$ 3,676.95	\$ 8,540.00	\$ 6,918.35	\$ 5,409.85	\$ 9,357.90	\$ 4,992.15
Expenses	\$ 9,553.82	\$ 5,574.59	\$ 10,732.18	\$ 7,023.16	\$ 5,603.06	\$ 4,852.16	\$ 2,938.16
Ending Balance	\$ 40,256.00	\$ 45,533.72	\$ 47,431.36	\$ 49,623.54	\$ 49,728.35	\$ 49,921.56	\$ 45,415.82
General Fund							
Beginning Balance	\$ (15,787.37)	\$ (343.31)	\$ (13,843.36)	\$ (12,505.96)	\$ (17,712.60)	\$ (16,963.89)	\$ (3,577.67)
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Ending Balance	\$ 8,029.87	\$ (15,787.37)	\$ (60.60)	\$ (13,843.36)	\$ (12,505.96)	\$ (17,712.60)	\$ (16,963.89)
Building Fund Balance	\$40,256.00						
Youth Fund Balance	\$9,657.60						
Memorial Fund Balance	\$43,895.15						
Music Fund Balance	\$3,222.04						
General Fund Balance	\$8,029.87						
Total in Heritage Bank Checking	\$105,060.66		0%				
					Loans		
					2029 Cornerstone	\$56,300.11	2.40%
					Feb 2024 Heritage Bank	\$15,281.33	4.40%
						\$71,581.44	
					June 2023 Property Sale CD	\$146,000.00	4.55%
					May 2023 Crowley Estate CD	\$160,033.62	4.35%
					May 2023 Memorial Fund CD	\$21,000.00	1.75%
					June 2023 Memorial Fund CD	\$31,000.00	3.75%
					Perpetual Mem. Investment	\$19,319.37	
						\$377,352.99	

FINANCE BOARD

The raindrops did fall! And they accumulated into a collection of \$18,300 as of May 8. The Finance Board thanks the contributors to this Financial Support Campaign. The purpose was twofold-1) generate funds and 2) make members more aware of all the costs involved in running and maintaining St. Peter's and its programs. Your support is appreciated!

The Finance Board Stewardship Moments are scheduled for the second weekend of each month during the church services. In May we continued our game show theme and used "Church Family Feud" to focus on reasons why we should volunteer and the excuses why we don't volunteer. In the next couple of months, the Finance Board will be focusing on volunteers and the wise use of their time and talents.

TOP REASONS TO VOLUNTEER

- Good use of time and talent
- Meet friends/fellowship
- Self-esteem and satisfaction
- Personal growth
- Reduces anxiety/depression/loneliness
- Keeps costs down

TOP EXCUSES WHY NOT TO VOLUNTEER

- Unaware of opportunities
- Fear of too much commitment
- Might not do it "right"
- Too busy
- Someone else will do it
- I have done my share

The Finance Board plans to produce a list of available volunteer opportunities. We will have a variety of chances for each of you to share your time and talents!

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Book Review

The Justice and Witness Mission Group of St. Peter's continues offering the small lending library located in the parlor just off the sanctuary through the atrium. The books cover a range of topics including current events, religion, racism, aging, personal growth and LGBTQIA. If you have a desire to learn more about any of these issues, please borrow a book. The process is simple. Just sign your name on the index card inside the front cover and place it in the file box provided. When you're finished reading, just drop it in the green bin provided. There is no need to reshelve the book. We will do that for you. If you have any questions or books to donate, please, contact Janet Alspach.

In recognition of Pride Month, the book selection for this month asks us to re-examine what the Bible has to say about same sex relationships. In conjunction with our Open and Affirming Process, the Justice & Witness Mission Team invite you to read this book during the summer months and join us for a discussion in August at a date and time TBD.

In The Children Are Free, Revs. Jeff Miner and John Tyler Connoley offer a comprehensive yet easy-to-read examination of the biblical evidence regarding loving same-sex relationships and God's attitude toward them.

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The federal government offers a variety of large format, easy-to-understand engaging materials to help older adults, those with disabilities, and others learn more about common types of scams and fraud. In addition to fraud prevention handouts, we offer resources in English and Spanish on a variety of financial topics. There is no charge for bulk copies or shipping. To order copies free of charge, visit cfpb.gov/order and select the Large Format Handouts category. This offer is from the U.S. Government Publishing Office, Pueblo Distribution Center.

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June Birthdays

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June Siegerist	06/01	Philip Howard	06/19
Sara Barnett	06/03	Eric Mutert	06/19
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Book Review

The Justice and Witness Mission Group of St. Peter's continues offering the small lending library located in the parlor just off the sanctuary through the atrium. The books cover a range of topics including current events, religion, racism, aging, personal growth and LGBTQIA. If you have a desire to learn more about any of these issues, please borrow a book. The process is simple. Just sign your name on the index card inside the front cover and place it in the file box provided. When you're finished reading, just drop it in the green bin provided. There is no need to reshelve the book. We will do that for you. If you have any questions or books to donate, please, contact Janet Alspach.

In recognition of Pride Month, the book selection for this month asks us to re-examine what the Bible has to say about same sex relationships. In conjunction with our Open and Affirming Process, the Justice & Witness Mission Team invite you to read this book during the summer months and join us for a discussion in August at a date and time TBD.

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FREE Government Fraud Prevention Materials Available

The federal government offers a variety of large format, easy-to-understand engaging materials to help older adults, those with disabilities, and others learn more about common types of scams and fraud. In addition to fraud prevention handouts, we offer resources in English and Spanish on a variety of financial topics. There is no charge for bulk copies or shipping. To order copies free of charge, visit cfpb.gov/order and select the Large Format Handouts category. This offer is from the U.S. Government Publishing Office, Pueblo Distribution Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June Birthdays

Theodore Bounds	06/01	June Bargaen	06/19
Helen Desmond	06/01	Erna Holland	06/19
June Siegerist	06/01	Philip Howard	06/19
Sara Barnett	06/03	Eric Mutert	06/19
Ashlyn Hellmann	06/03	Hilda	06/19
Austin Hellmann	06/03	Stockglausner	06/19
Michael Wood	06/03	Carolyn Yager	06/19
Carol Graham	06/04	Ken Jones	06/20
Noah Noud	06/05	Luke Kroeter	06/20
Sidney Troyer	06/05	Deborah	06/21
Rachel Derner	06/07	Buddemeyer	06/21
Aubrea Connor	06/08	Jessica Hamlett	06/21
Ruth Schultz	06/09	Billie Ruth Miller	06/21
Anna Sullentrup	06/09	Blake Scheible	06/21
Devin Lause	06/10	Nathaniel	06/22
Claire	06/11	Hagedorn	06/22
Schmiedeskamp	06/11	Logan Holdmeyer	06/22
Lewis Swinger	06/13	Megan	06/22
Susan Wehmueller	06/13	Montgomery	06/22
Alison Francis	06/17	Lori Sehart	06/22
Mary Jo Stoyer	06/17	Marian Gerling	06/23
Austin Broughton	06/18	Patty Wood	06/24
Laurie Hellmann	06/18	Charlene Hahne	06/25
Denise Towell	06/18	Parker Bryant	06/26
		Cara Czeschin	06/26
		Kevin Fox	06/26
		Robert Zick	06/26
		Diane Gephardt	06/27



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Call to Meeting

A special congregational meeting of St. Peter's UCC will take place June 17 and June 18, immediately following worship each day. Please plan to attend and add your voice to being church together. By now members should have received a letter with information from the Search Committee which includes a Call to Meeting from the Church Council. If you are a member and didn't yet receive yours, please be in touch with the church office.

Strengthen the Conference Ride 2023

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you a very special event taking place in our Missouri Mid-South Conference UCC the week of June 4, 2023. Our Transitional Conference Minister, Rev. Mary Nelson, is going to bike across Missouri to meet members and friends of our MMS Conference congregations. Her route begins in St. Joseph and ends in St. Louis! This is an opportunity for all of us to meet Mary. Mary is also using this as a fundraiser for the many ministries and mission of our conference.

One of Mary's stops will be here at St. Peter's UCC in Washington. She plans to visit our church on Friday, June 9 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. We will be hosting a breakfast for Mary, other bicyclists who may accompany her, and members of our congregation and other area UCC congregations. We are looking for people to help cook and serve that breakfast. If you would like to help in that effort, please contact Pastor Kurt or Pat Swinger. If you would like to attend, we are asking for RSVPs by Monday, June 5. You can make those in our church office or email Pastor Kurt at revkurt@stpeters-ucc.org.

I have come to know Rev. Nelson and appreciate the gifts she brings to our conference. I hope you can join us on Friday, June 9. And if any of you would like to join our conference minister on any part of her bike trek across Missouri, she wants you to know you are certainly welcome.

Blessings,
Pastor Kurt

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

Our thoughts and prayers extend to the family and friends of:

Arlie Berg, who passed away in April. Arlie was the brother of Ruth Engemann.

Santiago Garcia, who passed away in April. He was the father of Rose (Kevin) Hausmann.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to **Kristen Monzyk & Joe Jarvis** who were married on May 6. Kristen is the daughter of Erin & Jason Monzyk and granddaughter of Jim & Judy Scannell.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to **Krista Meyer & Brian McAndrew** on the birth of *Benjamin Brian Meyer McAndrew*, May 23, 2023. Benjamin joins big sister, Eleanor. He is the grandson of Sandy & Robert Meyer and great-grandson of Ruth Wood.



Congratulations Graduates!!



Graduating from Washington High School:

Molly Bauer will attend ECC in the fall. Her major will be music education.

Emma Briggs will be attending the University of Missouri in Columbia (MIZZOU) in the fall.

Rachel Derner will attend Mizzou and will major in Environmental Science.

Maddie Grimes will be attending the University of Missouri Kansas City's 6-year program offering BA/MD. (UMKC)

Ella Kroeter will be attending Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO), majoring in nursing.

Whitley Merryman will attend Southeast Missouri State University.



Alexis Sherman graduated from Fort Zumwalt South High School.

Higher Education



Anna Sullentrup graduated from the University of Missouri with a masters and will attend Mizzou Medical School.

Elizabeth J. (Liz) Fleer received her doctorate conferral from University of Missouri-Columbia, May 9. The discipline was education leadership and policy.



Congratulations to **Madeline Grimes** for being selected to receive the STAR scholarship from the Philanthropic Educational Organization, P.E.O., chapter LV of Washington.

Congratulations to **Emma Briggs**, who was awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the Washington Optimist Club and was also nominated to the Washington High School prom court!!

Way to go **Molly Bauer** who won the John Phillip Sousa award for being top student in the high school band at WHS this year!

Well done **Ella Kroeter** for finishing second in the pole vault event at the state track meet!!

Women's Fellowship:

There will be no **Women's Fellowship** meetings in June or July. You are invited to attend the Women's breakfast on June 16 at Bob Evans, 9 a.m.

Thank You:

Thank you to **Linda Filer and the St. Peter's UCC Women's Fellowship** for your donations to the Washington Emergency Relief in April. We really appreciate any help we can get to assist our fellow neighbors.

New Members:

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Ken Tucker is the music director at St. Peter's. He and his wife, Jill, have three children: Emma, Bradley and Noah. Ken teaches music at Owensville High School.

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Confirmands

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Harvest Table

St. Peter's will co-host Harvest Table with First Washington Methodist on Saturday, July 15. Eight volunteers are needed as well as monetary donations to cover 12 dozen cookies at \$12 each (\$144). Contact Erna Holland at 636.239.6019, text 314.646.7143 or erna002@yahoo.com to volunteer. A BIG Thank you to all who contributed in any way for the April 22 Harvest Table meal!

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Confirmands

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Kaye Nurnberger
Joline Logan
Mary Lou & Wendell Tyree
Bonnie Scanlan
Koren Kerr
Betty Peffermann

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Carol Muench
Ed Menefee
Diana Shoupe
Cecil & Doris Blankenship

No aluminum can pick up in June; keep saving those cans, though.
There will be an opportunity July 1-2!



Messy Church June 11: Kite Making and Flying with the Gateway Kite Club

Join us for a special Messy Church service on June 11! We will start at St. Peter's at 11:15 am, where we will make kites and share a meal together. Simple and indestructible kite kits will be provided for anyone who wants one. We will then go out to Lions' Lake with the Gateway Kite Club, fly our kites, and enjoy the club's beautiful kite offerings and antics as well!

Come join the fun, all of you young and young-at-heart.

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

15 May 2023

Parking Lot Water Problem Presentation

The meeting started with a presentation on the parking lot water damage situation, regarding the bids obtained by Building & Grounds. There are two proposals on the table, from Hotshot Asphalt and Midstate. These include a French drain and asphalt repair. Building & Grounds feels that Hotshot has the best proposal. The installation of the French drain would only take 2 days, but the asphalt work will take longer. The amount of the bid would require a congregational vote to proceed.

A motion was made that we move forward with the proposal from Hotshot, with the funding, half from the building fund and half from the Crowley estate, pending congregational approval. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Finance Board Report:

The General Fund is positive! The Raindrop campaign total is at \$17,990.

The board has discussed having a church treasurer rather than a Council treasurer, for better continuity.

Pastors Report:

The Pastor's Report was reviewed. New members will join this weekend.

Pentecost will have Communion, but then not on the 1st Sunday in June (which would be the next Sunday following Pentecost).

Associate Pastor Report:

Pentecost is May 28. Communion will be that day with Confirmation. It was noted that the new communion glasses don't fit in the pew holders. They fit without the rubber grommets, so those will be removed.

An update was given on the previously proposed Community Youth Events. Pastor Eric would like to try music nights, once a month for 3 months beginning Sept, Oct, Nov, and will look at the calendar. The Hope Coalition is interested in helping. Local musicians, (especially high school and young artists) are the target for these nights.

A conversation was initiated with River City Music. They are not able to provide services/production, but one of their employees has a production company and can provide services. All volunteers would need completed background checks. Pastor Eric requested \$1,000 for these music nights, to cover production costs, background checks, etc. A motion made to approve \$1,050 for the music nights was approved.

Boards and Committees:

Building & Grounds:

- They are looking at possibilities on opening the wall between the kitchen and the auditorium, to allow serving through a window there.

Cemetery Board:

- Green Burials – they are open to green burials (no embalming, etc.) but are still working on this.
- The Franklin County Cemetery Society came out to help with cleaning and repair of tombstones.
- The labyrinth will be repainted.

Worship Committee:

- They are working on the replacement paraments. They are working with a local seamstress for these.
- They are updating the Usher list and trying to reorganize the teams.
- Usher teams will get AED training once we have it in.
- The committee is supportive of a one-service year kickoff.

Christian Ed:

- Sunday School is taking a summer break.
- For Messy Church on June 11, we will do kites, with a kitemaking activity. Kite kits have been received and are “Frustrationless Flyers.” The *Gateway Kite Club* will hold their monthly group fly in Washington that afternoon from 1-4 p.m., and all are welcome to join.

Mission:

- There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on June 5 in the dining room from 12-5:30. Volunteer positions have been filled.
- They are collecting items for Care Kits.

Old Business:

Alcohol Policy and Rentals:

The zither event received \$200 in donations. The Event Committee would like to start a fund with this money for upgrading the rental spaces. They would also like 50% of the funeral lunches to go to this fund. Currently that money goes to Women’s Fellowship and they donate it to various projects. Women’s Fellowship will be approached with this proposal.

New Business:

Food Pantry Hours: Bridgette brought up the food pantry hours which are Monday 12-1, Tues. 12.30-1:30, and Thurs. 9-10am. People who work but still need food pantry help have difficulty getting there. A suggestion has been made to address this with the task force.

Rental Brochures:

Prototype rental brochures were presented. The committee would like feedback on these.

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	Apr-23	Apr-22	Apr-21	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	2020 YTD
Total Receipts	\$ 70,329.00	\$ 53,602.28	\$ 51,998.05	\$ 241,444.02	\$ 212,411.22	\$ 198,814.10	\$ 220,235.13
General Fund	\$ 64,083.20	\$ 40,443.84	\$ 33,264.24	\$ 194,759.67	\$ 166,021.42	\$ 144,720.52	\$ 147,861.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,276.10	\$ 5,736.10	\$ 5,324.61	\$ 23,411.40	\$ 25,363.00	\$ 24,699.99	\$ 31,086.87
Other	\$ 1,969.70	\$ 7,422.34	\$ 13,409.20	\$ 23,272.95	\$ 21,026.80	\$ 29,393.59	\$ 41,287.26
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
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Income	\$ 4,276.10	\$ 3,676.95	\$ 8,540.00	\$ 6,918.35	\$ 5,409.85	\$ 9,357.90	\$ 4,992.15
Expenses	\$ 9,553.82	\$ 5,574.59	\$ 10,732.18	\$ 7,023.16	\$ 5,603.06	\$ 4,852.16	\$ 2,938.16
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Total in Heritage Bank Checking	\$105,060.66		0%				
					Loans		
					2029 Cornerstone	\$56,300.11	2.40%
					Feb 2024 Heritage Bank	\$15,281.33	4.40%
						\$71,581.44	
					June 2023 Property Sale CD	\$146,000.00	4.55%
					May 2023 Crowley Estate CD	\$160,033.62	4.35%
					May 2023 Memorial Fund CD	\$21,000.00	1.75%
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- Meet friends/fellowship
- Self-esteem and satisfaction
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- Reduces anxiety/depression/loneliness
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New Members:

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Ken Tucker is the music director at St. Peter's. He and his wife, Jill, have three children: Emma, Bradley and Noah. Ken teaches music at Owensville High School.

Patricia & Lewis Swinger are originally from O'Fallon, MO. Pat has done history writing for a variety of companies and organizations. They worked together in real estate before retiring, and now enjoy spending time with their grandkids.

Jason Scheible was confirmed at St. Peter's Church, attended the Washington Public Schools and graduated from Washington High School. He has worked at Magnet for over thirty years. He and his wife, Wendi, have two children, Taylor & Blake.

Miles Grimes, 13, son of Sharon & Dr. J.B. Grimes, begins the 8th grade at Washington Middle School in August. Miles enjoys wrestling, track and computer gaming. He is also in the National Junior Honor Society at school.

Tyler Francis, 13, son of Alison & Jeff Francis, completed 7th grade at Washington Middle School. He enjoys football, basketball, track, lifting weights and hanging out with friends.

Confirmands

May 28 was a joyous Pentecost at St. Peter's UCC! **Tyler Francis** and **Miles Grimes** were confirmed, affirming their baptism and becoming members of St. Peter's. I was blessed to take the confirmation journey with them over the last year, getting to know them and witnessing their growth along the way. St. Peter's is blessed to have these two young men in our church family. Congratulations and welcome, Miles and Tyler! Blessings, Pastor Eric

Physicals at St. Peter's

The FREE clinic at St. Peter's Church in Washington offers free medical care as well as physical exams on the second Saturday of the month from 2:30-4. If you have or know any athletes ages 16 and over that you feel could benefit from this service, please feel free to have them stop by. The doctors have the correct paperwork. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact *Leesa Richardson* at 573-632-8855.

Harvest Table

St. Peter's will co-host Harvest Table with First Washington Methodist on Saturday, July 15. Eight volunteers are needed as well as monetary donations to cover 12 dozen cookies at \$12 each (\$144). Contact Erna Holland at 636.239.6019, text 314.646.7143 or erna002@yahoo.com to volunteer. A BIG Thank you to all who contributed in any way for the April 22 Harvest Table meal!

Food Pantry News

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who help the food pantry continue its vital ministry in our community. In April, 102 individuals representing 37 families were served.

We also thank the following for their generous donations—April Food Pantry donors:

Brenda Bruns
Ron & Brenda Brinker
Kaye Nurnberger
Joline Logan
Mary Lou & Wendell Tyree
Bonnie Scanlan
Koren Kerr
Betty Peffermann

Members of Washington Brass Band
Alan, Leah & Dean Jacquin
Carol Muench
Ed Menefee
Diana Shoupe
Cecil & Doris Blankenship

No aluminum can pick up in June; keep saving those cans, though.
There will be an opportunity July 1-2!



Messy Church June 11: Kite Making and Flying with the Gateway Kite Club

Join us for a special Messy Church service on June 11! We will start at St. Peter's at 11:15 am, where we will make kites and share a meal together. Simple and indestructible kite kits will be provided for anyone who wants one. We will then go out to Lions' Lake with the Gateway Kite Club, fly our kites, and enjoy the club's beautiful kite offerings and antics as well!

Come join the fun, all of you young and young-at-heart.

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

15 May 2023

Parking Lot Water Problem Presentation

The meeting started with a presentation on the parking lot water damage situation, regarding the bids obtained by Building & Grounds. There are two proposals on the table, from Hotshot Asphalt and Midstate. These include a French drain and asphalt repair. Building & Grounds feels that Hotshot has the best proposal. The installation of the French drain would only take 2 days, but the asphalt work will take longer. The amount of the bid would require a congregational vote to proceed.

A motion was made that we move forward with the proposal from Hotshot, with the funding, half from the building fund and half from the Crowley estate, pending congregational approval. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Finance Board Report:

The General Fund is positive! The Raindrop campaign total is at \$17,990.

The board has discussed having a church treasurer rather than a Council treasurer, for better continuity.

Pastors Report:

The Pastor's Report was reviewed. New members will join this weekend.

Pentecost will have Communion, but then not on the 1st Sunday in June (which would be the next Sunday following Pentecost).

Associate Pastor Report:

Pentecost is May 28. Communion will be that day with Confirmation. It was noted that the new communion glasses don't fit in the pew holders. They fit without the rubber grommets, so those will be removed.

An update was given on the previously proposed Community Youth Events. Pastor Eric would like to try music nights, once a month for 3 months beginning Sept, Oct, Nov, and will look at the calendar. The Hope Coalition is interested in helping. Local musicians, (especially high school and young artists) are the target for these nights.

A conversation was initiated with River City Music. They are not able to provide services/production, but one of their employees has a production company and can provide services. All volunteers would need completed background checks. Pastor Eric requested \$1,000 for these music nights, to cover production costs, background checks, etc. A motion made to approve \$1,050 for the music nights was approved.

Boards and Committees:

Building & Grounds:

- They are looking at possibilities on opening the wall between the kitchen and the auditorium, to allow serving through a window there.

Cemetery Board:

- Green Burials – they are open to green burials (no embalming, etc.) but are still working on this.
- The Franklin County Cemetery Society came out to help with cleaning and repair of tombstones.
- The labyrinth will be repainted.

Worship Committee:

- They are working on the replacement paraments. They are working with a local seamstress for these.
- They are updating the Usher list and trying to reorganize the teams.
- Usher teams will get AED training once we have it in.
- The committee is supportive of a one-service year kickoff.

Christian Ed:

- Sunday School is taking a summer break.
- For Messy Church on June 11, we will do kites, with a kitemaking activity. Kite kits have been received and are “Frustrationless Flyers.” The *Gateway Kite Club* will hold their monthly group fly in Washington that afternoon from 1-4 p.m., and all are welcome to join.

Mission:

- There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on June 5 in the dining room from 12-5:30. Volunteer positions have been filled.
- They are collecting items for Care Kits.

Old Business:

Alcohol Policy and Rentals:

The zither event received \$200 in donations. The Event Committee would like to start a fund with this money for upgrading the rental spaces. They would also like 50% of the funeral lunches to go to this fund. Currently that money goes to Women’s Fellowship and they donate it to various projects. Women’s Fellowship will be approached with this proposal.

New Business:

Food Pantry Hours: Bridgette brought up the food pantry hours which are Monday 12-1, Tues. 12.30-1:30, and Thurs. 9-10am. People who work but still need food pantry help have difficulty getting there. A suggestion has been made to address this with the task force.

Rental Brochures:

Prototype rental brochures were presented. The committee would like feedback on these.

St. Peter's UCC Financial Summary Oct. 2022-April 2023

	Apr-23	Apr-22	Apr-21	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	2020 YTD
Total Receipts	\$ 70,329.00	\$ 53,602.28	\$ 51,998.05	\$ 241,444.02	\$ 212,411.22	\$ 198,814.10	\$ 220,235.13
General Fund	\$ 64,083.20	\$ 40,443.84	\$ 33,264.24	\$ 194,759.67	\$ 166,021.42	\$ 144,720.52	\$ 147,861.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,276.10	\$ 5,736.10	\$ 5,324.61	\$ 23,411.40	\$ 25,363.00	\$ 24,699.99	\$ 31,086.87
Other	\$ 1,969.70	\$ 7,422.34	\$ 13,409.20	\$ 23,272.95	\$ 21,026.80	\$ 29,393.59	\$ 41,287.26
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
Building Fund	April	March	February	January	December	November	October
Beginning Balance	\$ 45,533.72	\$ 47,431.36	\$ 49,623.54	\$ 49,728.35	\$ 49,921.56	\$ 45,415.82	\$ 43,361.83
Income	\$ 4,276.10	\$ 3,676.95	\$ 8,540.00	\$ 6,918.35	\$ 5,409.85	\$ 9,357.90	\$ 4,992.15
Expenses	\$ 9,553.82	\$ 5,574.59	\$ 10,732.18	\$ 7,023.16	\$ 5,603.06	\$ 4,852.16	\$ 2,938.16
Ending Balance	\$ 40,256.00	\$ 45,533.72	\$ 47,431.36	\$ 49,623.54	\$ 49,728.35	\$ 49,921.56	\$ 45,415.82
General Fund							
Beginning Balance	\$ (15,787.37)	\$ (343.31)	\$ (13,843.36)	\$ (12,505.96)	\$ (17,712.60)	\$ (16,963.89)	\$ (3,577.67)
Income	\$ 64,083.20	\$ 37,142.19	\$ 54,470.25	\$ 55,934.93	\$ 42,419.89	\$ 37,660.17	\$ 33,331.98
Expenses	\$ 40,265.96	\$ 52,586.25	\$ 40,687.49	\$ 57,272.33	\$ 37,213.25	\$ 38,408.88	\$ 46,718.20
Ending Balance	\$ 8,029.87	\$ (15,787.37)	\$ (60.60)	\$ (13,843.36)	\$ (12,505.96)	\$ (17,712.60)	\$ (16,963.89)
Building Fund Balance	\$40,256.00						
Youth Fund Balance	\$9,657.60						
Memorial Fund Balance	\$43,895.15						
Music Fund Balance	\$3,222.04						
General Fund Balance	\$8,029.87						
Total in Heritage Bank Checking	\$105,060.66		0%				
					Loans		
					2029 Cornerstone	\$56,300.11	2.40%
					Feb 2024 Heritage Bank	\$15,281.33	4.40%
						\$71,581.44	
					June 2023 Property Sale CD	\$146,000.00	4.55%
					May 2023 Crowley Estate CD	\$160,033.62	4.35%
					May 2023 Memorial Fund CD	\$21,000.00	1.75%
					June 2023 Memorial Fund CD	\$31,000.00	3.75%
					Perpetual Mem. Investment	\$19,319.37	
						\$377,352.99	

FINANCE BOARD

The raindrops did fall! And they accumulated into a collection of \$18,300 as of May 8. The Finance Board thanks the contributors to this Financial Support Campaign. The purpose was twofold-1) generate funds and 2) make members more aware of all the costs involved in running and maintaining St. Peter's and its programs. Your support is appreciated!

The Finance Board Stewardship Moments are scheduled for the second weekend of each month during the church services. In May we continued our game show theme and used "Church Family Feud" to focus on reasons why we should volunteer and the excuses why we don't volunteer. In the next couple of months, the Finance Board will be focusing on volunteers and the wise use of their time and talents.

TOP REASONS TO VOLUNTEER

- Good use of time and talent
- Meet friends/fellowship
- Self-esteem and satisfaction
- Personal growth
- Reduces anxiety/depression/loneliness
- Keeps costs down

TOP EXCUSES WHY NOT TO VOLUNTEER

- Unaware of opportunities
- Fear of too much commitment
- Might not do it "right"
- Too busy
- Someone else will do it
- I have done my share

The Finance Board plans to produce a list of available volunteer opportunities. We will have a variety of chances for each of you to share your time and talents!

The **Washington Brass Band** will hold their annual summer concert Friday, June 9, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Washington City Park Pavilion on High Street next to the Agnes Nolting Aquatic Complex. This event is being co-hosted by the City of Washington Parks Department.



Bethel Hills, Dutzow, a community where adults with and without developmental disabilities live life to the fullest together, will have an open house June 11 from noon to 4 p.m. Special activities include the Proclamation Brass, Bethel Hills Chimers, Chapel worship, tours, ribbon cutting and a variety of games. BBQ pork steak lunches will be available for purchase. They are looking for cookie bakers to provide some for their guests. If you are interested in baking cookies, you may give yours to Carol Muench at church on June 11 and she will take them to Bethel Hills with her. Disposable containers only, please.

Book Review

The Justice and Witness Mission Group of St. Peter's continues offering the small lending library located in the parlor just off the sanctuary through the atrium. The books cover a range of topics including current events, religion, racism, aging, personal growth and LGBTQIA. If you have a desire to learn more about any of these issues, please borrow a book. The process is simple. Just sign your name on the index card inside the front cover and place it in the file box provided. When you're finished reading, just drop it in the green bin provided. There is no need to reshelve the book. We will do that for you. If you have any questions or books to donate, please, contact Janet Alspach.

In recognition of Pride Month, the book selection for this month asks us to re-examine what the Bible has to say about same sex relationships. In conjunction with our Open and Affirming Process, the Justice & Witness Mission Team invite you to read this book during the summer months and join us for a discussion in August at a date and time TBD.

In The Children Are Free, Revs. Jeff Miner and John Tyler Connoley offer a comprehensive yet easy-to-read examination of the biblical evidence regarding loving same-sex relationships and God's attitude toward them.

In Chapter One, the authors lead the reader through a discussion of each of the six passages traditionally used against gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. They demonstrate how an anti-gay interpretation is a misapplication of these scriptures.

In Chapter Two, Miner and Connoley turn our attention to the biblical stories and passages that affirm loving same-sex relationships. Did you know Jesus once met a gay person? Jesus' loving response is just one of the well-researched stories presented in this chapter.

Chapters Three and Four ask readers to take seriously the call of Jesus to think more deeply about biblical rules and act to make a connection between early Church conflicts and today.

FREE Government Fraud Prevention Materials Available

The federal government offers a variety of large format, easy-to-understand engaging materials to help older adults, those with disabilities, and others learn more about common types of scams and fraud. In addition to fraud prevention handouts, we offer resources in English and Spanish on a variety of financial topics. There is no charge for bulk copies or shipping. To order copies free of charge, visit cfpb.gov/order and select the Large Format Handouts category. This offer is from the U.S. Government Publishing Office, Pueblo Distribution Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June Birthdays

Theodore Bounds	06/01	June Bargaen	06/19
Helen Desmond	06/01	Erna Holland	06/19
June Siegerist	06/01	Philip Howard	06/19
Sara Barnett	06/03	Eric Mutert	06/19
Ashlyn Hellmann	06/03	Hilda	06/19
Austin Hellmann	06/03	Stockglausner	06/19
Michael Wood	06/03	Carolyn Yager	06/19
Carol Graham	06/04	Ken Jones	06/20
Noah Noud	06/05	Luke Kroeter	06/20
Sidney Troyer	06/05	Deborah	06/21
Rachel Derner	06/07	Buddemeyer	06/21
Aubrea Connor	06/08	Jessica Hamlett	06/21
Ruth Schultz	06/09	Billie Ruth Miller	06/21
Anna Sullentrup	06/09	Blake Scheible	06/21
Devin Lause	06/10	Nathaniel	06/22
Claire	06/11	Hagedorn	06/22
Schmiedeskamp	06/11	Logan Holdmeyer	06/22
Lewis Swinger	06/13	Megan	06/22
Susan Wehmueller	06/13	Montgomery	06/22
Alison Francis	06/17	Lori Sehart	06/22
Mary Jo Stoyer	06/17	Marian Gerling	06/23
Austin Broughton	06/18	Patty Wood	06/24
Laurie Hellmann	06/18	Charlene Hahne	06/25
Denise Towell	06/18	Parker Bryant	06/26
		Cara Czeschin	06/26
		Kevin Fox	06/26
		Robert Zick	06/26
		Diane Gephardt	06/27