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## From the Study

The following is our mission statement, which was approved by the Congregation in February 1998.

### St. Peter's United Church of Christ Mission Statement

Steeped in the tradition of our founding in the nineteenth century, supported by God for a century of service in the twentieth century, and preparing for our role in the twenty-first century, the members of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Champaign, Illinois continue to find their mission to be to follow Christ's example of a Christian community in an ever-changing world through the giving of our prayers, energies, talents, and support.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called by God:

—To minister to and provide fellowship in East Central Illinois for a wide circle of persons differing in attitudes, age, life experiences, lifestyles, ethnic and social backgrounds.

—To provide a spiritual, social, and physical environment that encourages participation of all members in programs of worship, fellowship, study, counseling, outreach, and support contributing to the development of Christian faith, action, and individual spiritual growth reflective of the tradition and spirit of the United Church of Christ.

—To participate in the wider mission of the Church through our prayers, actions, financial giving, and personal and corporate involvement in order to help heal the hurts, cares, and needs of our community, our nation, and our world.

—To work with others for peace, justice, healing and wholeness of life for all of God's creation.



These words provide direction for our congregation. Some argue that mission statements should be a simple few words that might be catchy. Such statements often short change our many goals as a congregation. I am grateful that our mission statement provides a great overview of our goals in ministry.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I am grateful for this mission statement and that God has given us the opportunity to pursue worthy goals. I am also grateful for God's blessing, which enables us to have the potential of Children of God. May God continue to bless us.

Sincerely, **Pastor Glenn**

## Cookies and Crafts and Treasures – Oh My!



On Saturday, November 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the Women's Fellowship will be hosting its annual Cookie and Holiday Craft Sale. Start baking cookies now! While the cookies are in the oven, clean out a closet or two and bring your gently used items for the Attic Treasures sale. Please bring your items – **no clothing please** – to the church between 4:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10 or from 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 12. You may donate gently used or new items, for example: books, purses, jewelry, decorative items, dishes. Questions? Call Rhonda Shoudel at 352-3353.

## Cookie Bakers Needed

We need lots of cookies! Please include a list of ingredients for the cookies you bring and bring a copy of your recipes. We plan to compile a cookbook of our Cookie Sale favorites! We also need baskets to display the cookies. Please bring your baskets, clearly marked with your name. Thank you!



**In the Spotlight this month —**  
 You may have already noticed we've added a little color to this edition of *Connections*. In mid-October, we had the opportunity to "test drive" a color copier for a few days. The Consistory and office staff of St. Peter's would love to hear your comments.

## WINN Celebrating Thanks!

November is full of fun for the WINN Program. Check out the schedule listed below. If you have any questions, please call Rhonda Shoudel at 352-3353 or Cheryl Lehmann at 398-4817.

- November 3 Count Your Blessings
- 10 God Bless America
- 17 We Gobble Together!
- 24 No WINN



## Mark your Calendar!

o VBS 2005 – June 13-17<sup>th</sup> o  
 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## Come Join the Craft Club!

Do you love to craft but can't find the time . . . or the space? Come join the Craft Club! The group will meet from 5:00-9:00 p.m. on the **third** Thursday of every month at St. Peter's (this month: November 18). Anyone who would like to work on stamping, scrapbooking or other crafts is invited to bring their projects for an evening of fun. The club is open to any church member, family member or friends. You may bring a snack and beverage if you wish. If you can't make it at 5:00 p.m., don't worry. Just come when you can and leave when you need. If you have any questions, please call Rhonda Shoudel.



## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November issue of *Connections* is Friday, October 15. Please submit your articles to the Church Office or leave them in the Office Manager's mailbox. Please include your name and phone number. Thank you!



## Say Cheese!

St. Peter's will be celebrating its 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005. We are in the process of producing an anniversary edition pictorial directory. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photograph taken and you will receive a complimentary 8" x 10" portrait and directory for participating. The photographers have been booked for November 17-20, 2004. Any pictures ordered should be ready in time for Christmas. Please see the insert in this newsletter for more information.

Help make our directory a big success! To do this we need volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help during photography sign-ups, to schedule appointments and to serve as hosts during the photography sessions. Phil and Beverly Sandidge are coordinating the volunteers. Please call them at 398-6705 or the Church Office at 356-3635.

## Hurricane Relief

The Mission Committee is happy to report that St. Peter's congregation recently contributed \$1,280 to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Relief. If you would like to make additional donations, please contact the Church Office.



## Church Mailbag

*I want to thank everyone who helped me celebrate my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – the Dance Team, the flowers and cards – they all made a wonderful day for me.*

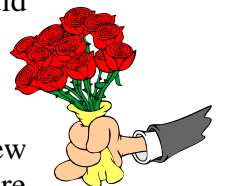
Lola Tennyson

*Denton and I want to express our deep appreciation for all the caring thoughts, phone calls, visits and prayers during Mom's illness. It meant so much to know we were not alone on this journey with Mom. Knowing others held us up was very comforting.*

Denton and Joan Brown

## Applause! Applause!

The office staff at St. Peter's would like to thank Emma Kidd and the Quilters for contributing the money for two new purchases: a two-drawer file cabinet and a new computer monitor. Both items were desperately needed and greatly appreciated!



# People to People

Dear Members of St. Peter's,

Kymerly McCarthy and Ben Sterrett were recently interviewed and accepted to participate as members of the People to People Student Ambassador Program to Europe (France, Italy and Malta) this summer. The objective of the program is to promote international understanding while building leadership skills among America's youth. The 21-day experience includes meetings with government officials, interaction with other students, educational activities and home stays with host families.



We are currently seeking financial help with tuition, and hope we can count on your support. In case you haven't heard of People to People, please allow us to share some history with you. President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded the organization in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so eventually would countries. Since its founding, People to People has launched many international programs, including Sister Cities, Project HOPE and Pen Pals.

People to People Student Ambassadors are carefully interviewed and evaluated before their acceptance and we are honored to have been selected. Personally, we are looking forward to broadening our perspectives of the world and gaining a better understanding of Western European history. As an Ambassador, we can also earn high school and college credit because of the many educational elements in our program.

The program tuition is \$5000, which includes all transportation, accommodations, meals and educational activities. We are asking that if you have any jobs that we can do for you (car washing, house cleaning, etc.) we would really appreciate it. We will charge by the job. Also, if you don't have any work for us, but would still like to help us, you can become a sponsor and donate money to help us reach our goal. Anything that you can do to help us would be greatly appreciated. Upon our return, we plan to share our experiences with the congregation.

You may contact us by calling Kymerly at 377-6716 or Ben at 352-7892.

Thank you so much for your support.

*Kymerly and Ben*



## Thank You One and All!

I want to tell you about conversations that I had last week with JoAnn and Jill concerning the chicken noodle dinner. JoAnn told me that she felt the fellowship that occurs at our dinners is as important as the money we earn. Jill was enthusiastic about the fun she had working with people and getting to know them better. It is heartwarming to see folks working so hard and having fun doing it. It is interesting to see entire families come and take part in the activities. Some members of the church have been doing the same job for years and still want to continue. Amazing!

I thought it was a huge compliment that the health care inspector came and looked over things. This young woman kept saying how good everything smelled. I encouraged her to stay and eat, but she explained that she could not do so while working. Know what? She came back after work and enjoyed our food!

I have a confession to make. We made a change in the kitchen. Jill and Bernice fried the bacon slices and then crumbled them. Kurt insisted that he could tell the difference.



Thanks to everyone who helped – shopping, picking chickens, frying bacon, setting up the dining room, peeling potatoes, stirring noodles, mashing potatoes, cooking green beans, cutting salads and desserts, serving, pouring drinks, cleaning up, manning the dishwasher, washing pots and pans, putting things away, washing towels and aprons, contributing salads and desserts, and selling tickets. Young and old worked long and hard and hopefully had fun doing it.

So here are the results monetary-wise: Deposits \$3,183.50; expenses \$684.31; which gives a profit of \$2,499.19.

Thank you one and all.

*Gladys Hemp, Treasurer  
Women's Fellowship*



## 2005 Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following people for Consistory next year.

Board of Christian Education – Kitty Hallett, Alena Ornelas, Carolyn Yoos

Trustee – Lloyd Phipps

Consistory (3-year term) – Geoff Dahl, Cheryl Lehmann, Shirley Records

Consistory (1-year term) – Linda McCarthy

Brief biographical information for these candidates follows.

**Kitty Hallett** – I have two children in the youth program: Lindsey, 15 and Will, 12. My husband, Jeff and I attended St. Peter's as teenagers and were married here. I currently serve on the Board of Christian Education as the Treasurer. I enjoy playing tennis and reading. In the last several years I've been involved in Bible study and find it interesting and rewarding.



**Alena Ornelas** – I am 29 years old and I work at Christie Clinic. I am excited for the upcoming opportunity to serve on the Board of Christian Education. I am currently working with the youth of the church and am hoping to become more involved as time progresses.

**Carolyn Yoos** – I became a member of St. Peter's in the early 70s. Stu and I have two children: a son, Paul, and a daughter, Heidi Shierry and one grandson, Roy.

I am retired as a program administrative assistant from the University of Illinois where I worked in the Housing Division, the Chancellor's Office and the College of Agriculture.

I am currently serving as co-chair of the committee working to produce a new pictorial directory for St. Peter's and have enjoyed helping with Vacation Bible School and as a WINN table parent for the last two years.



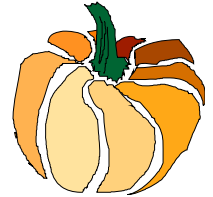
**Lloyd Phipps** – I have been a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ for many years. Typically, I attend most services and other events at St. Peter's. I am a Professor Emeritus at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. My present primary occupational interest is farming.



**Geoff Dahl** – I work at the University of Illinois where I am an Associate Professor in the Department of Animal Sciences with a focus on Dairy Research and Extension.

Although I am only a recent "official" member of St. Peter's, I have been active in the church for the past four years. My wife, Linda and I have four children: Kellie (14), Zoë (11), Caleb (8) and Tesslyn (18 months) who are all active in WINN and other youth activities.

Service on the St. Peter's Consistory will allow me to use my talents in critical analysis and consensus building to help lead the church forward in its missions.



**Cheryl Lehmann** – I have been a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ for the past 12 years. I have been actively involved in the church, primarily with the youth activities. I have served two terms on the Board of Christian Education; serving as the Treasurer and the President. I have been the co-director of the WINN program for the past three years. I was responsible for the Children's Christmas program last year and will again be in charge this year. I look forward to the possibility of sharing my leadership skills with the Consistory.

**Shirley Records** – I joined the church in 2000 – an eventful year for me. In 2001, I was elected to the Consistory to serve as Financial Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. The following year, I took over the job of General Treasurer and have been in that position ever since.

Bill and I have been married for 39 years and have three grown children. We have lived in Champaign since 1993 and enjoy life in the Midwest.



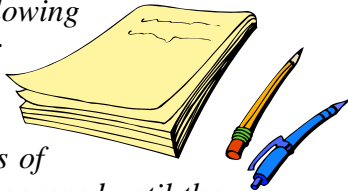
**Linda McCarthy** – I have been attending St. Peter's since 1990. I have a son, Kris and a daughter, Kymberly. As a member of St. Peter's I have been on several committees and have helped out in several ways. Some of them are: as a member of the Board of Education twice serving as Chair both times; co-director of WINN as well as helped in other capacities; helped with Vacation Bible School several times; worked the Chicken Noodle and Sausage suppers.

## Thanks Guys!

Many thanks to our Monday Morning Men – Paul Hemp and Ken Baumann! Every week, Paul and Ken count and deposit the weekly collection from Sunday's worship. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for their diligence and commend them for the great job they do!

## Consistory Highlights – October 2004

*Editor's Note: The following notes from the October Consistory meeting are for your information only. Minutes and actions of this meeting will not be approved until the November meeting.*



An amazing number of church youth helped at the Chicken Noodle Dinner. The youth were very helpful in the kitchen and with the clean-up process. The Women's Fellowship made a profit of over \$2,400 and reported a sizable increase in take-out business.

The youth will help clean and sort items for the Attic Treasures booth at the annual Craft Fair. They also plan to sell homemade fudge, coffee and muffins at the sale. The SCHLURPEE group plans to volunteer as lay readers and acolytes for worship.



A new nursery attendant has been hired for the Sunday worship services. Her name is Lisa Cardinal. Lisa comes to us with very high recommendations.

The Financial Secretary's report showed that although September was one of the best months for giving in the church, the overall picture is not that rosy. The General Treasurer reported a \$4,540.63 deficit for the month.

There are 10-12 people interested in participating in an adult hand bell group. Although we currently do not have a hand bell director, the Music Committee is still searching for one.

## November Greeters

- 7 Bernadine Helbling and Millie Luther
- 14 Bob and Eloise Heller
- 21 Omer and Bernice Benn
- 28 Alberta West and Barbara Schultz



## Get Well Wishes

Marcie Clark, daughter-in-law of Frank and Velma Clark is in St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. She is recovering after having cancer surgery on her esophagus. Get well cards would be greatly appreciated. (St. Mary's Hospital, Francis Boulevard, Room 106, Rochester, MN 55902)

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## Future Sermon Texts and Themes

**October 31, 2004** Reformation Sunday  
*Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 8:31-36*  
"God's Promise of Newness:  
A Continuing Reformation Is Important"

**November 7, 2004**  
Totenfest Sunday, Communion  
*Ephesians 1:11-23*  
"We Have Been Given An Inheritance  
by Jesus Christ"



**November 14, 2004**  
*Luke 21:5-19*  
"By Your Endurance You Will Gain Your Soul"

**November 21, 2004** Contemporary Sunday  
*Psalms 46*  
"God is Our Refuge and Strength"

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## November Ushers

Carolyn Hamrick	Mark Sterrett
Ed Hamrick	Ann Swearingen
Phil Sandidge	Richard Swearingen
Evelyn Weber	



## November Anniversaries

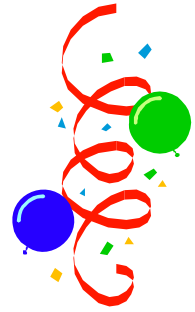
- 9 Roy and Maxine Colson (1941)
- 20 James and Sally Martinie (1976)
- 24 Frank and Velma Clark (1944)

# November Birthdays

7 Ken Baumann  
Clayborn Lofton  
9 Evelyn Weber  
13 Michael Martinie  
14 Cal Casey  
15 Jessie Schlorff  
JoAnn Malloch  
18 Dorothy Woller  
19 Larry Zahnd  
20 Barb Kobel  
21 William Lyons  
Lisa Trost  
23 Doris Drake  
25 Pam Bostwick  
26 Bobbie Burr



27 Esther Lyons  
Barb Jewett  
Jim Berbaum  
28 Elton Roberts  
29 Cara Marcum  
Bill Records  
Pam Berbaum  
Christie Taube  
30 Dorothy Yates



**Editor's Note:** We apologize for omissions or errors. Information for the newsletter mailing list, birthday list and anniversary list is taken from Church records.

**Please report changes in writing** to the Church Office (weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). You may mail changes, place notes in the Office Manager's mailbox or send an email to [trost@net66.com](mailto:trost@net66.com). *Thanks for your help!*



## Give the Gift of Life

According to The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, more than 85,000 people in the United States now await life-saving transplants and over 6,000 people die each year while waiting for organs to become available. Both of these numbers grow daily.

### Get the Facts:

- ◆ **Fact:** People of all ages may be organ and tissue donors. Physical condition, not age, is important. Doctors will decide whether your organs and tissues can be transplanted.
- ◆ **Fact:** Donation costs are not the responsibility of the donor's family or estate.
- ◆ **Fact:** Organs and tissues are removed in procedures similar to surgery. An open casket funeral is possible after donation.

### Become a Donor:

Anyone can become a donor. Persons under 18 years of age must have parent's or guardian's consent. As a resident of Illinois, you should take the following steps to ensure your decision to become a donor is carried out:

- ◆ Indicate your wishes on your driver's license or state ID when you apply for or renew it.
- ◆ Sign up online in the Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry at <https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/ContactFormsWeb/register.html>.
- ◆ Talk to your family! It is important to tell your family members that you have decided to become a donor so that they will understand your decision and support it.

*Prayer: O Lord our God, send your Spirit to guide us, that we may make our decisions with love, mercy, and reverence for your gift of life. Amen.*

A resource for your health from Advocate Congregational Health Partnerships

