



St. Peter's United Church of Christ

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From the Study

I have submitted my resignation effective October 31, 2006, in order for Joyce and I to accept a home at Pilgrim Place for retirement. Pilgrim Place is an active and inclusive community of retired Christian professionals who have served a minimum of 20 years as ministers, missionaries, teachers of religion, denominational executives and other religious workers. Pilgrim Place is located on a 33-acre campus in Claremont, California thirty miles east of Los Angeles. It is also less than an hour to our two adult children: Lisa and Tim.

In recent months, I have been working in my office to prepare the space for my approaching retirement. I will be leaving some books and other materials, which might be helpful to an interim or future called pastor.

Obviously, living in California, I will not be tempted to interfere in the affairs of my successor. I have faithfully followed this practice while living in the Midwest, so I don't think I will have a problem following this practice living much further away on the west coast. Please do not ask for any pastoral services after my date of resignation. Please give the interim pastor and the called pastor the opportunity to be your pastor. Whoever they are, they will need your loyal support. St. Peter's and my successors will be in my prayers.

These next few months will be difficult as any transition time usually is. Hopefully, they will be a time to remember the many changes in our congregation during this past decade. Over this time, I have had some excellent staff. I have also buried saints who touched my life in a significant way. We said good-byes as a congregation to people who moved far away.

I have learned that we live in a small world. My deceased grandmother's brother, Bill Schilling, who

I did not know well growing up was a member of this church at one time. I would see Uncle Bill and his wife as a small child only at significant family gatherings to visit my great grandmother in the country near Maeystown, Illinois. Pete Langhorst, former professor of physical education and football coach at Elmhurst College was also a member of our church, and it was a joy to reconnect with him as his pastor. He always wondered why I did not join the football team. At my age, I am grateful that I never had that inclination. I was grateful as his pastor to preside at a simple graveside service for Pete. Fortunately, his legacy had been remembered in a several page article in the Elmhurst College Bulletin a few years ago as he had had a great impact on many young people in his years at Elmhurst. As a pastor, the church has always been to me more about people than about institution. I thank God for the opportunity to share in one another's lives during this past decade. My prayer is that God will bless each of you in the present and in the future.

This will be an important time as a congregation to reflect on the future. What are your goals as a congregation? Each of us has an opportunity to answer this question by filling out a survey. Many of you have probably completed the survey and returned it. If you have not participated in the survey to date, I encourage you to make your input. It is important to have this resource for the future pulpit committee as well as future candidates for pastor. When he or she is called, please give your pastor the respect due the office of pastor.

See you in church.

With warm regards,

Pastor Glenn



Consistory Highlights – July

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



Though unofficial, Glenn stated that his retirement date will be October 31, 2006. A potluck lunch will be held in his honor immediately following worship Sunday, October 15, 2006.

Congratulations to Christie Taube, who has accepted a ministerial position at the Park Street Congregational Church in Mazon, Illinois. Her installation and ordination is tentatively scheduled for September 10, 2006.

Building and Grounds reported the painting project at the front of the church should be completed in August. The Committee is currently getting bids on painting the interior of the parsonage. The termite damage under the stage and stairs in Fellowship Hall has been treated and is being repaired. The gutters around the church have been cleaned thanks to Kurt Eheart, Jeff Hallett, Bill Malone and Mark Williams.

The Transitional Planning Committee has asked all members of St. Peter's to complete the family survey, individual survey and worship survey and return them to the office by August 1, 2006. The information gathered from the surveys will be put into the church profile, a document used in the search process of a new minister, as well as for future planning of the church.

The Trustees reported several CD's were renewed at varying rates and for varying lengths of time. The Endowment Committee has published its second quarterly report, which is on file in the office. The interest from the Endowment Fund 2005 will be distributed over next month to the following programs and organizations: \$1,000 – Student Leadership University; \$1,000 – WINN program; \$500 – Emmaus House; \$500 – Ordination gift for Christie Taube; \$500 – Campus Ministry.

Contemporary Worship services will resume in September. Contemporary services will be held the third Sunday of the month at 8:45 a.m.

The Treasurer reported the income for June was \$11,360.90 and the expenses for the month were \$21,577.72. At the present time our expenses exceed our income by approximately \$22,000, which is in line with what was expected when the

2006 budget was passed. Please note that our costs for energy are extremely high. We budgeted \$22,000 for the year and have already spent \$18,157.60. Loss of members and lack of new members also continues to be an area of concern.



Sing Out!

Yes, it is that time of year again! We extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining the St. Peter's United Church of Christ Chancel Choir.

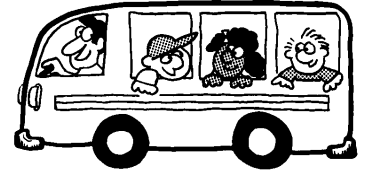
No previous choral experience is necessary and all voice types and singer levels (from seasoned professional to shower singers) are welcome to join.

Beginning August 30, the Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary and sings at worship services from September to June.

If you are interested in joining us and have additional questions, please feel free to contact Juliane Gorretta at jgorret@hotmail.com or at 649-0113 for more information. Hope to see you there!

Going My Way?

Drivers Needed – If you are able to pick up a friend on your way to church, St.



Peter's has a number of members who would like to attend but are unable to drive. Call the Church Office (356-3635) to volunteer.

Passengers – If you would like to attend worship at St. Peter's, but are unable to drive, please call the Church Office (356-3635) and we'll try to find transportation for you.

Driver Needed August 6 and August 27

Stuart and Carolyn Yoos have been providing transportation for a church member who lives near St. Peter's. However, Stuart and Carolyn will be unavailable on August 6 and August 27. If you would like to cover transportation on these days, please call Stuart at 469-7108 or call the Church Office (356-3635).





July 22, 2006

Dear Members of St. Peter's Church:

As I shared at the Tuesday, July 18, 2006 Consistory meeting, I am giving my 90 day notice of resignation effective October 31, 2006, in order to move to Pilgrim Place at Claremont, California. My last Sunday will be Sunday, October 15, and I will take the next two Sundays and weeks as vacation. I will preside at a wedding on Saturday, October 21st.

Sincerely,
Rev. Glenn H. Trost

Attention High School Youth

Sunday, August 13 – Challenge, 3:00-8:00 p.m.

Many Thanks!

Thank you Jim Acheson, Melissa Records, Shirley Records and Ann Swearingen for delivering Meals on Wheels. You have helped with a vital service in our community.



Thanks to Kurt Eheart, Jeff Hallett, Bill Malone and Mark Williams for cleaning out the gutters around the church. Yes, it is a dirty job, but these guys did it well!

Welcome Juliane!

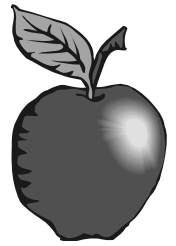
St. Peter's would like to welcome Juliane Gorretta as the Director of Music Ministry. An Ohio native, Juliane is currently a graduate student in Voice Performance and Literature at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

She has served as Music Director at both Enon United Methodist Church in Enon, Ohio and New Hope United Methodist Church in Toledo, Ohio and as the soprano soloist at Community United Church of Christ in Champaign, IL. Juliane is currently a member of the music staff at The Conservatory of Central Illinois as well as the choral music instructor at Campus Middle School in Champaign.



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the September issue of *Connections* is Tuesday, August 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!



Needed – Helping Hands for Fellowship Time

Please take note of the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you're able to make or purchase a snack for fellowship, please sign up. If you aren't able to provide a snack, perhaps you could make a donation to help buy snacks. We need volunteers to prepare and clean up coffee and to bring a snack. Volunteers may sign up for coffee, snack or both. If you have any questions, please call Stuart Yoos at 469-7108 or call the Church Office. Please help however you can. Thanks!



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Church Mailbag

Thanks to everyone who called, sent cards, stopped by or kept me in their prayers during recent

Rhonda Shoudel

From the Pulpit

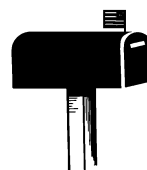
August Sermon Titles

August 6 Communion
"The Bread of Life Gives Life to the World"

August 13
"Whoever Eats of the Bread of Life has Eternal Life" i.e. "You Are What You Eat"

August 20
"Jesus Said: 'The Bread I Give is My Life'"

August 27
"The Spirit Gives Life; The Flesh is Useless"



New Address

Vera Wachter
1225 Luther Lane, #245 D
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

August Birthdays

- 3 Alena Ornelas
- 5 Grant Pointer
- 8 Amy Schaeffer
- 10 Marguerite Zahnd
- 11 Charles Zahnd
- 12 Charlotte Joop
- 14 Ronald Schaede
- 15 Kathy Kuipers
Florian Taube
- 16 Ed Kobel
- 17 Virginia Zindars
Virginia Lewis
- 18 Mildred Holleman
- 20 Mildred Luther
- 21 Emma Kidd
Jackie Vaiden
- 22 David Wentz
- 25 Amy Stahl
- 26 Leah Muller
Stuart Yoos
- 27 Howard Rhodes
- 29 William Beck
Bryan Malloch
Christopher Lehmann
- 30 Alberta West
Merwyn Zarbuck
- 31 Betty Matlock



Just for the Health of It

by Nina Moore

Try this healthy garden recipe and see if it grows!

For the Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas:

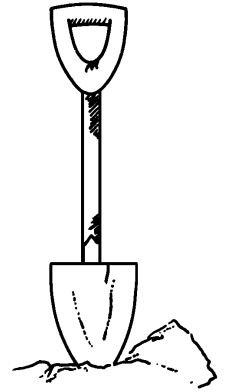
1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another



Food for Thought

The greatest sin: **Fear**

The biggest day: **Today.**

The biggest fool: **The boy who will not go to school.**

The greatest bore: **One who will not come to the point.**

The greatest deceiver: **One who deceives himself.**

The greatest invention of the devil: **War.**

The greatest secret of production: **Saving waste.**

The best work: **What you like.**

The best play: **Work.**

The cheapest, stupidest, and easiest thing to do: **Finding fault.**

The greatest comfort: **The knowledge that you have done your work well.**

The greatest trouble maker: **One who talks too much.**

The greatest stumbling block: **Egotism.**

The worst bankrupt: **The soul that has lost its enthusiasm.**

The most dangerous person: **The liar.**

The meanest feeling of all: **Feeling bad about another's success.**

The cleverest man: **One who always does what he thinks is right.**

The greatest need: **Common sense.**

The greatest puzzle: **Life**

The greatest mystery: **Death.**

The greatest thought: **God.**

The greatest thing in the world: **Love.**



August Anniversaries

- 9 Richard and Ann Swearingen (1957)
- 13 Robert and Judy Vaiden (1983)
- 14 John and Rebecca Bishop (1993)
- 18 Kurt and Fern Eheart (1978)
- 21 William and Esther Lyons (1955)
- 22 William and Kathryn Luther Henderson (1953)
- 24 Doth and Pooh Sysouvanh (1996)
- 30 Ferdie and Eileen Walters (1964)
- 30 Heinrich and Paula Schmidt (1969)

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 12:00 p.m.). You may mail changes, place notes in the Office Manager's mailbox or send an email to trost@net66.com. **Thanks for your help!**