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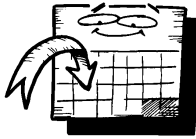
CONNECTIONS

November 2006



St. Peter's Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, 2006. The Congregation will vote on the 2007 Proposed Budget and the 2007 nominees for Consistory and Board of Christian Education. Please plan to attend!



Book Fair Happening Now!

Once again Pages for All Ages has graciously offered St. Peter's members a chance to participate in their Community Book Fair. Participants shop at the store from October 28 through November 5 and earn 15% on purchases for the church simply by mentioning St. Peter's when they check out. This time frame should be perfect for early Christmas shopping. Purchases include everything at the store, not just books. This year the proceeds will be used for youth activities. Please plan ahead and help on this easy but effective fundraiser for the youth of St. Peter's.

Eastern Association Fall Meeting

"The Feast of the Scriptures – Biblical Sound Bites" is the theme for this year's Fall Meeting of the Eastern Association. The meeting will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 11 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Mokena, Illinois. Keynote Speaker, Pastor Jennifer Little, will speak on "Decisive Moments – Preparing for the Feast". Workshop topics include Campus Ministry (Youth), Stewardship and the Bible, The Immigration Crisis, How Do I Make a Place for Myself? (Youth), Conflict in the Church and UCC Minister Search and Call Process. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the south hallway. Registration deadline is November 2, 2006.



Let's Shower the Colsons!

November 7 is Roy and Maxine Colson's 65th wedding anniversary. Because of their recent health problems, they are unable to have the big celebration they would both enjoy. Let's shower them with cards, letters . . . anything you can think of that might lift their spirits and make their anniversary special. Send your "celebration" to: Roy and Maxine Colson, 1701 S. Anderson Street, Urbana, IL 61801.

Happy Anniversary Ernie and Doris!

On Sunday, November 5, Ernie and Doris Drake will celebrate their 65th anniversary with family and friends in the Fellowship Hall.



Ernie and Doris were married on November 1, 1941 in Biloxi, Mississippi where Ernie was stationed at Kesler Air Force Base. They have three children: Donald Erick Drake of Woodstock, Illinois; David Alan Drake of Jewett, Texas and Karl Eugene Drake of St. Joseph, Illinois. Ernie and Doris also have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Happy Anniversary Ernie and Doris!

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the December issue of *Connections* is Wednesday, November 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!



Consistory Highlights – October

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



The Building and Grounds Committee reported the concrete at the front of the church has been leveled at a cost of \$1,200. Painting at the front of the church and the parsonage basement windows will not be completed this year.

The Board of Christian Education reported that it has found a company able to complete the paperwork and background checks necessary for any volunteers working with children and youth. As a safety precaution, church insurance now requires background checks. An amount of \$200 has been allocated. The BCE also requested that a pastor be hired to assist with WINN worship on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

The Stewardship Committee set Sunday, October 29 as Stewardship Sunday.

Women's Fellowship reported that the Cookie and Craft Sale will be held Saturday, October 28, 2006. There will be no Chicken Noodle Dinner this year.

The Transitional Planning Committee is still working on compiling information from the Individual Surveys. The Committee will meet soon to finish work on the Church Profile.

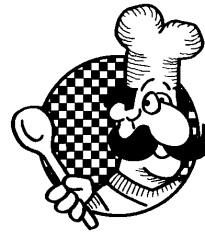
Contemporary Worship will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2006 at 8:45 a.m.

At present, the Consistory has interviewed one candidate for the Interim Pastor position. Although highly qualified and well received, the candidate is currently fulfilling another interim position and is not available at the present time. Conference Minister, Tom Norwalk will send more profiles for the Consistory to review. Until an Interim Pastor is selected, supply ministers will be hired for Sunday worship.

The Eastern Illinois Conference Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 11.

The Consistory will hold a question/answer session for members of the congregation with regard to the 2007 budget on Sunday, November 5 after worship.

There was no Treasurer's report. Our expenses continue to exceed our income.



Pampered Chef Fundraiser

Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Pampered Chef Cooking Party at 6:00 p.m. on November 14. Please take this opportunity to purchase quality cooking products for St. Peter's kitchen, for family and friends or for yourself. The benefits will be used towards purchasing products for the kitchen that were not already purchased.

Please feel free to invite as many people as you would like to share in this event. Fliers and/or postcards will be available in the office by the end of October. There will also be a wish list for the kitchen posted on the bulletin board on October 22.

If you feel there is a specific item that the kitchen is in need of, or if you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Shoudel at 352-3353.

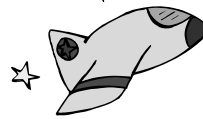
Let's Thank God for WINN!



November promises to be full of fun at the WINN Program. You won't want to miss

Cosmic Turkey Bowling on the 15th. Check out the schedule listed below. If you have any questions regarding WINN, please call Rhonda Shoudel at 352-3353 or Kitty Hallett at 355-9316.

November 1 **Blast Off – Space Adventure** – featuring chicken (alien a la king) and broccoli casserole, Tang, rolls.

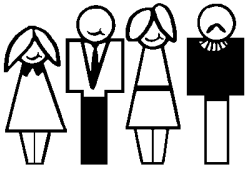


8 **Stars and Stripes** – featuring fried chicken, apple salad with Snickers bars, corn, biscuits. Special guest speaker from the Department of Defense.



15 **Thanksgiving** – featuring turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, pie, rolls. Don't miss Cosmic Turkey Bowling!

29 **Advent Event** – featuring chili, all the fixin's, crackers, carrots, celery sticks, corn bread, cup cakes.



2007 Nominees for Consistory and Board of Christian Education

At the November 12 Annual Meeting, the following candidates for the Board of Christian Education and the Consistory will be presented for approval.

Board of Christian Education – Barb Jewett, Phou Sysouvanh, Cassandra Wentz

Consistory – Jim Acheson (trustee), Pam Bostwick (one-year term), LiAnne Kitchen (two-year term), Doth Sysouvanh, Jim Tarr and Nick Voss

Brief biographical information for these candidates follows.

Barb Jewett and her family joined St. Peter’s in 2002. They have actively participated in the youth and family programming and while sharing fun and fellowship with their fellow members of St. Peter’s have been moved by lessons that stir their souls while providing meaning to their daily lives, a tradition she hopes to maintain by joining the Board of Christian Education. Barb is managing editor in the public affairs department at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, located at the U of I. She is married to Jeff, a corn research technician for Monsanto, and is the mother of Jessica, a freshman at the University of Iowa, and Jason, a freshman at Mahomet-Seymour High School. Prior to joining St. Peter’s she belonged to the United Church of Christ in El Paso, Illinois, where she was church clerk, served on and co-chaired pastoral search committees and was a member of the Board of Christian Education.



Phou Sysouvanh – I am married to Doth Sysouvanh and we have two daughters, Dao and Latsami. I am a full-time mom and a part-time library clerk at Dr. Howard, my children’s school. My family and I have been members of St. Peter’s United Church of Christ since March of 2005.

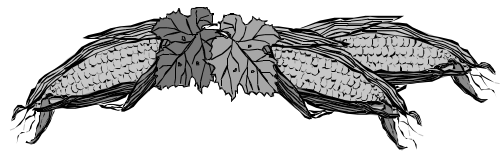
I have grown up in the United Church of Christ since October 1979. The Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Reinbeck, Iowa sponsored my parents, baby sister and me to the United States from Laos. Several years later, my baby brother was born and baptized in our church. I

am blessed to have wonderful memories of being a part of the United Church of Christ.

Recently, I have been offered the wonderful opportunity to be on the Board of Christian Education. I happily accept this offer and am looking forward to working with wonderful people and to help in educating our children about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I feel this calling will help me grow spiritually and personally in my relationship with God. I am blessed to be part of a wonderful church family and to be able to serve our Lord in this way.

God Bless and Peace be with you!

Cassandra Wentz grew up in a career military family and moved every year of her life until the 10th grade. Her parents live in Las Vegas and she has two sisters, one in Indiana and another here in the area. After graduating college with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Vocal Performance, Cassandra moved to California and was there for almost 10 years before returning to the Midwest. She works for the City of Champaign in the Planning Department and has for six years. Cassandra and her husband, David, joined the St. Peter’s United Church of Christ family in 2004. They have two daughters and one son and have thoroughly enjoyed their time at St. Peter’s. Cassandra is happy to be sitting on the Board of Christian Education and is excited about serving in this capacity.



Jim Acheson – My Church life began with childhood christening into the First Congregational Church of Champaign, where I continued church attendance through my early school years. My wife Emily (Jill) and I were married in 1955 and raised four children, all confirmed at St. Peter’s. Jill and I also became members of St. Peter’s during that time period. While providing support to the church over the years, I have not always participated to the extent I’d like. However, I sold my business in 1997 and now work for the buyer, Prairie Material. I have served a total of five years as Trustee (a three-year term and a two-year term) and feel I have learned

enough to be a candidate for another three-year term.



Pam Bostwick – I have been a member of St. Peter’s Church for several years. In this time I’ve had the pleasure of sewing with the Tuesday morning Stitchers; serving on the Altar Committee; serving as an usher and playing the hand bells. I enjoy being a part of St. Peter’s and look forward to serving on the Consistory.

My son, David, and his wife, Missy, live in Mahomet with two wonderful granddaughters, Maggie and Phoebe. My husband, Bruce, who was a member of St. Peter’s, passed away this past June.

LiAnne Kitchen – I have been an active member of St. Peter’s for about nine years. During this time, my family and I have participated in many of the programs here at St. Peter’s. About six years ago, I started the Parish Nurse Program. Some of my past contributions include being a trustee, serving as the chairperson of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, helping at Vacation Bible School and cooking for WINN.

Doth Sysouvanh – I have been a member of St. Peter’s United Church of Christ since March of 2005. I am married to Phou Sysouvanh and we have two daughters, Dao and Latsami. I came to the United States with my parents, grandmother and two older brothers in 1979, through a sponsorship by McKinley Presbyterian Church in Champaign. I graduated from Urbana High School and later from the University of Illinois. I am currently employed with Kraft Foods and worked at their headquarters location near Chicago before relocating back to Champaign.

I have been offered the wonderful opportunity to be on the Consistory. I feel that this will be a great experience for me as well as help me grow closer to God. I am ready to serve both my church and my God in any capacity that is needed of me. I gladly accept this offer and am looking forward to working with wonderful people and to help spread the teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

God Bless and Peace be with you!



Jim Tarr – I was born and raised in Pontiac, Michigan, where I graduated from Pontiac High School. I attended the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor for two years and graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York in 1951. My wife, Bonnie, and I were married in Pontiac in 1948 at the First Congregational Church (where I was raised). Bonnie has been a resident at the Carle Arbours for the past three years with advanced Alzheimer’s disease. We have three sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren (living in Urbana; San Diego area; Traverse City, Michigan and Westfield, New Jersey). We built a home in Urbana in 1958 and lived there until moving to the Windsor of Savoy in early 2005.

After graduation from RIT, I was employed at both the University of Michigan and Michigan State University before coming to the University of Illinois as Manager of Photographic Services and Photographic Stores in March 1958. I retired in November of 1991.



During and after my college years, we became active in various Presbyterian churches including the Urbana Presbyterian upon moving to Illinois. In 1980, we transferred membership to Community UCC where I remained until joining St. Peter’s in April 2006. At Urbana Presbyterian, I was a member of the Board of Trustees and chair in the final year of the three-year term.

During twenty-five years at Community UCC, I served on several committees including Building and Grounds, Stewardship, the Building Committee for a major building addition in 1987, chairman of the Renovation Committee for interior improvements and remodeling and Financial Secretary for about eight years until 2005. Most of these positions involved membership on the Church Council.



Nick Voss – A native to central Illinois, I have strong ties to our area. I graduated from Central High School in 1999 and went on to graduate from the University of Illinois in 2003 with a degree in philosophy and a minor in computer science. I am fortunate that all of my immediate family resides in C-U, so I get to visit with them often.

Until June 2006, I worked for the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute designing web-based computer applications. In mid-June, I began working for Benefit Planning Consultants, Inc. in Champaign in a similar role but with the additional responsibility of managing the IT department. As a computer programmer, I am challenged daily to find the easiest solutions possible for all manner of issues. My work has me constantly researching, finding options and selecting the most effective and implementing.

I currently spend a hefty amount of my free time training for the 2006 LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon, which will take place on October 22. October 22 also happens to be the celebration of Jocelyn and my first anniversary. We live in Tolono with our two dogs and two degus (rodents).



I am also readying myself to begin working on a Masters degree through the MBA program at Eastern delivered at Parkland this spring. The program will take a few years to complete, but I look forward to meeting the long-term challenge and the opportunities it will hopefully present.

Jocelyn and I have been members at St. Peter's for about a year and a half. We began attending while searching for the right church home for us prior to our marriage. I became acquainted with the church through the Eheart family whose boys and I ran Cross Country for Central High School. After visiting several other churches in the area, we felt St. Peter's was the right place for us.

I look forward to contributing to St. Peter's in many ways and am excited to begin in this role as a member of the Consistory.

Liturgists Needed

If you would like to serve as liturgist (lay reader) for worship, please sign up on the bulletin board in the south hallway (opposite the Church Office).



November Ushers

Carolyn Hamrick	Ann Swearingen
Mark Sterrett	Richard Swearingen
Maurine Sterrett	Evelyn Weber



Church Mailbag

*Dear Members and Friends,
Joyce and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and prayers in recent weeks as we prepare for retirement. We were surprised by the nice cash gift from members of the church, the Stitchers and the Women's Fellowship. It has been a very hectic time for us, and we want to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all of you. May God Bless You.*

*With warm regards,
Pastor Glenn and Joyce Trost*

Thank you for remembering me on my birthday. I enjoyed reading all the names on the signed card and all the other cards I received. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.
Bernice Mueller

The Wider Church Ministry Team of the Conference Council of the Illinois Conference wishes to thank you for your generous donation towards projects of One Great Hour of Sharing 2006. We are grateful for your support and ministry to so many.

*Peace,
Rev. Faye Buttrick*

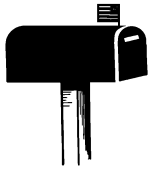


November Greeters

- 5 Amy and Erin Durukan
- 12 The Sysouvanh Family
- 19 The Healy Family
- 26 Rhonda and Al Shoudel

From the Pulpit

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| November 5 | Communion
Rev. William T and Kathryn Luther Henderson |
| November 12 | Susan Requira
Community United Church of Christ |
| November 19 | Rev. Steve Shoemaker
University YMCA
Contemporary and Traditional Worship |
| November 26 | to be determined |



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Great Hymns of Faith

The Chorale opens its 24th Season with its annual Celebration of Life Concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, 2006. This year's concert, "Great Hymns of Faith", features inspirational music expressing hope, joy and thanksgiving. In addition to performances by The Chorale under the direction of Julie Beyler, Dr. Craig Jessop, Music Director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, will conduct a Festival Chorus with over 120 voices and orchestra. This free concert will be held at Faith United Methodist Church, 1719 S. Prospect Avenue, Champaign, Illinois. Donations to the Chorale's Scholarship Fund are gratefully received. Additional information about The Chorale and the upcoming concert are available at www.thechorale.org.

November Birthdays

- 4 Sean Berry
- 7 Ken Baumann
Clayborn Lofton
- 8 Jocelyn Voss
- 9 Evelyn Weber
- 12 Barbara Schaede
- 13 Michael Martinie
- 14 Cal Casey
- 15 JoAnn Malloch
- 18 Dorothy Woller
- 19 Larry Zahnd
- 20 Barb Kobel
- 21 William Lyons
- 23 Doris Drake
- 25 Pam Bostwick
- 26 Bobbie Burr
- 27 Esther Lyons
Barb Jewett
Jim Berbaum
- 28 Elton Roberts
- 29 Cara Marcum
Pam Berbaum
Christie Taube
- 30 Dorothy Yates



Biblically Incorrect

What children wrote on Bible tests . . .

In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built an Ark, and the animals came on in pears.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day but a ball of fire at night.

Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel-like Delilah.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

The Eyprians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol.



November Anniversaries

- 1 Ernie and Doris Drake (1941)
- 9 Roy and Maxine Colson (1941)
- 20 James and Sally Martinie (1976)

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.

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