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# CONNECTIONS

October 2006

## From the Study

This will be my final column as Pastor of St. Peter's. Hopefully, you will have an interim pastor and then a called pastor to continue this column. My final Sunday will be October 15, 2006. Joyce and I will have a week of vacation for last minute packing and then the Allied moving van will arrive on Monday, October 23. We will head west over several days to 615 Leyden Lane in Claremont, California. The moving van is scheduled to take between six and twelve days. We ask for your prayers in the coming months that our move to a different state will be a smooth process.

This past decade as pastor of St. Peter's U.C.C. has seen many joys and challenges. The upcoming transition time will provide time for study, reflection and important decisions. I wish you God's blessings as each of us move into a time of great change.

Other than the Hughes/Martinie wedding on Saturday, October 21, I will not be available for pastoral services after the worship service on Sunday, October 15. My last day in the church office will be Thursday, October 12. I hope to have my personal items out of the pastor's office by that time. I will be leaving some books from my personal library, and if new pastoral leadership is not interested in these books, they are free to do with them as they desire.

Over the years, I have been blessed with a good church staff for which I am extremely grateful. I have also had difficulties with staff issues in the past decade. I have had some "mountain top experiences" with members, but I have also had some "heart ache moments." I hope to remember the former and let the latter disappear from memory. I hope that all of you are able to do the same.

"Good bye" is a shortened form of the phrase: "God be with you." My final wish is "Good-Bye: God Be With You Always."

**Pastor Glenn**



In the Spotlight this month . . .

## Retirement Potluck for Rev. Trost

Pastor Trost's last Sunday in the pulpit will be October 15, 2006. The congregation is invited to a retirement potluck for Pastor Glenn immediately following worship service on Sunday, October 15. Table service and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

## Cookies and Crafts and Treasures – Oh My!



On Saturday, October 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 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, October 25 or from 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27. You may donate gently used or new items, for example: books, purses, jewelry, decorative items and dishes. Questions? Call Rhonda Shoudel at 352-3353.



## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November issue of *Connections* is Monday, October 16. 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 – September

*Editor's Note: The following notes from the September meeting are for your information only.*

*Minutes and actions of this meeting will not be approved until the October meeting.*



Building and Grounds reported the concrete at the front of the church will be leveled and painting at the front of the church will be completed. Exterior painting of the basement windows at the parsonage will also be completed this year. The termite damage under the stage in Fellowship Hall has been treated and the stairs have been rebuilt, thanks to Ed Kobel's hard work!

The Board of Christian Education reported that the Youth Advisory Committee has established a bi-monthly schedule for Senior High School Activities. They will be hosting several mission activities with various members of our congregation. They will also be serving a meal at the Times Center on December 3, 2006.

The Stewardship Committee set Sunday, October 29, 2006 as Stewardship Sunday.

The Nominating Committee nominated the following people for Consistory: Pam Bostwick (1-year term), LiAnne Kitchen (2-year term), Doth Sysouvanh, Jim Tarr and Nick Voss.

The following people were nominated for Board of Christian Education: Barb Jewett, Phou Sysouvanh and Cassandra Wentz.

The Transitional Planning Committee would like to thank everyone that completed surveys. The Committee is in the process of compiling the data from the surveys to complete the Church Profile.

The Consistory began reviewing several Interim Pastor profiles. Several candidates for that position will be interviewed in the next few weeks.

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

The Annual Meeting has been **tentatively** set for Sunday, November 12, 2006.



## It's Time to Fall Back!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, October 28. Daylight Savings Time ends on October 29.

## Let's Fall into WINN!

October is full of fall fun for the WINN Program. 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.

October 4 **Fishtastic** (*Matthew 4:18-20*) –

featuring fish sticks/squares, Goldfish crackers, Goldfish cookies, macaroni and cheese, green beans.

11 **All Church Family Autumn**

**Potluck** – Please sign up to bring a main dish, vegetable, fruit or dessert. WINN will provide water, milk, juice and tea.



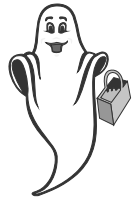
18 **Oktoberfest** – featuring bratwurst,

au gratin potatoes, sauerkraut, applesauce, strudel. Special Guests: Alpine Band.



25 **Trick or Trunk** –

featuring Ghouulash, garlic bread, lettuce salad, cookies.



## Book Fair Coming Soon

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.



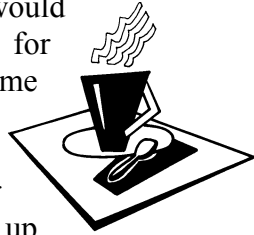
## Mark Your Calendars!

On Wednesday, October 18 from 7:00-8:00 p.m., a professional Alpine Band will perform during the last hour of WINN. Bring your dancing shoes and come out for an evening of root beer, pretzels, waltzes, polkas and more!



## Fellowship Time Thanks

Thanks to the following people for sharing their time and yummy talents during Fellowship Time in July, August and September. – Lee and Sandy Eichhorst, The Sysouvanh Family, Christie Taube, Nick and Jocelyn Voss, Stuart and Carolyn Yoos. The Hospitality Committee would also like to thank everyone for donations to the Fellowship Time fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



If you would like to volunteer for Fellowship Time, please sign up on the bulletin board in the south hallway. Volunteers may sign up for coffee, snack or both. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office.



It is wonderful to see some new faces in our choir this

fall. New members include Lisa Lynch, Rhonda Shoudel, Norma Hollen and Stu Yoos. We have plenty of room for more members. The choir is open to all; no music degree required. Some of us do not even read music! If you enjoy singing, come join us at 7:30 Wednesday evenings. Juliane will find the right spot for you. We have a robe for you!

## From the Pulpit

### October Sermon Titles

**October 1** Communion  
“Whoever Does the Will of God Belongs in God’s Kingdom”

**October 8**  
“What God Has Joined Together, Let No One Separate”

**October 15**  
“Good Bye — God Be With You”



## Church Mailbag

*Thank you to Pastor Glenn, my family, extended family and everyone who sent cards, visited and kept me in their thoughts and prayers during my hospital stay.*  
Patty Kobel

## Treasurer’s Report

Income for August	\$ 9,829.57
Expenses for August	<u>12,217.43</u>
Expense over Income	( 2,387.86)

The money from the estate of Marie Sass (\$15,000) was deposited in the General Fund in July. The Consistory will designate where it is to be spent. In the meantime, it has increased the amount in the General Fund. Without that money, the deficit of expenses over income would be much greater.

## If You Are 55 or More, RSVP Can Help You Help Others!\*

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\*RSVP assists only with church volunteerism that benefits the larger community. For example, helping with church food pantry *does* count toward volunteer benefits. Ushering during a service does not. RSVP is administered locally by Family Service of Champaign County.



## New Addresses

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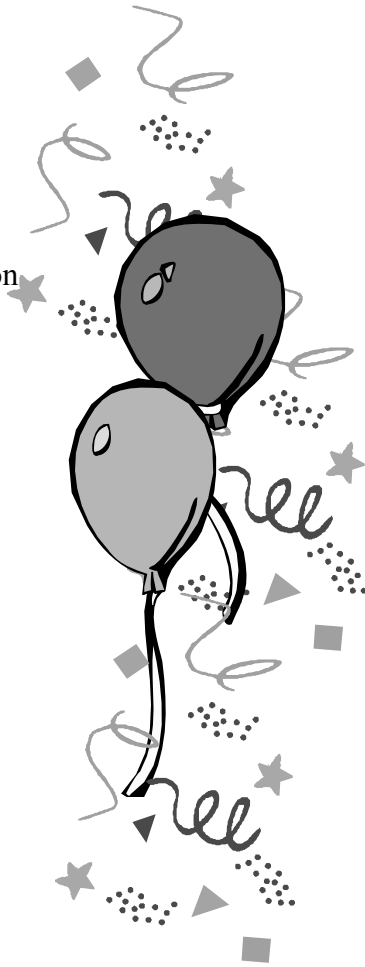
## October Ushers

Kurt Eheart  
Barb Kobel  
Ed Kobel

Kymerly McCarthy  
Patty Kobel  
Mark Williams

## October Birthdays

- 1 Marie Kuhlman  
Jill Acheson
- 3 Lola Tennyson  
John Colson  
Amy Durukan
- 4 Betty Smith
- 5 William Henderson
- 8 Jim Acheson
- 10 Mark Sterrett
- 13 Karlene Ornelas
- 15 Bernice Mueller
- 17 Mike O'Neill
- 18 Marilyn Foster  
Cory Rolfe
- 19 Glenda Smith
- 21 Robert Lewis  
Susie Kuhne  
Lee Eichhorst  
Dale Pelg
- 23 Wilma Bennett  
Maralena Taube
- 24 Jessica Jewett
- 28 Mary Ziegler
- 30 Ed Pelg  
Daniel Wingler



flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of color by now. All I see are patches of green.

**St. Francis:** It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. They are called the Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds" and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

**God:** Grass? But is so boring, it's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, bees or birds, only grubs and sod worms. It's temperamental with temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want grass growing there?

**St. Francis:** Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it has grown a little, they cut it . . . sometimes two times a week.

**God:** They cut it? Do they bale it like hay?

**St. Francis:** Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

**God:** They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

**St. Francis:** No sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

**God:** Now let me get this straight . . . they fertilize it to make it grow and when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

**St. Francis:** Yes, sir.

**God:** These suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

**St. Francis:** You aren't going to believe this Lord, but when the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

**God:** What nonsense! At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep the moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves become compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life.

**St. Francis:** You'd better sit down, Lord. As soon as the leaves fall, the Suburbanites rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

**God:** No way! What do they do to protect the shrubs and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

**St. Francis:** After throwing the leaves away, they go out and buy something called mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

**God:** And where do they get this mulch?

**St. Francis:** They cut down the trees and grind them up to make mulch.

**God:** Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. Saint Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

**St. Catherine:** "Dumb and Dumber," Lord. It's a really stupid movie about . . .

**God:** Never mind – I think I just heard the whole story from Saint Francis!

## October Anniversaries

- 1 Ed and Barb Kobel (1955)  
John and Sharon Van Grinsven (1977)
- 8 Sean and Kate Berry (2005)
- 20 Walter and Genevieve Claussen (1945)
- 22 Nick and Jocelyn Voss (2005)
- 29 Guy and Jennifer Foster (2005)

**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. You may mail changes, place notes in the Office Manager's mailbox or send an email to [stpeters\\_ucc@msn.com](mailto:stpeters_ucc@msn.com). **Thanks for your help!**

## Yard Work – As Viewed from Heaven

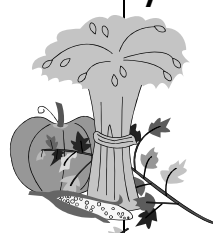


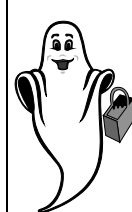

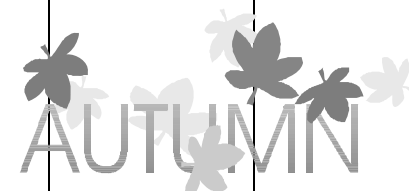
*(Overheard in a conversation between God and St. Francis)*

**God:** Francis, you know all about gardens and nature; what in the world is going on down there in the U. S.? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistles and the stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought, and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honeybees and



# October

## St. Peter's United Church of Christ

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10 a.m. Worship Communion 10:45 a.m. <i>Tranquility Reh.</i>	<b>2</b> 6 p.m. Youth Advisory 7 p.m. Board of CE	<b>3</b> 9 a.m. Stickers	<b>4</b> 5:30 p.m. WINN/TWINN 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:00 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10 a.m. Worship Celebration of Youth 10:45 a.m. <i>Tranquility Reh.</i> Transitional Planning Comm.	<b>9</b> 7 p.m. Building & Grounds 	<b>10</b> 9 a.m. Stickers	<b>11</b> 5:30 p.m. WINN/TWINN 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:00 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10 a.m. Worship Celebration of Youth 10:45 a.m. <i>Tranquility Reh.</i> All Church Potluck Rev. Trost's last Sunday	<b>16</b> <i>Newsletter            Deadline</i>	<b>17</b> 9 a.m. Stickers 7 p.m. Consistory	<b>18</b> 5:30 p.m. WINN/TWINN 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:00 p.m. Alpine Band 8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 5 p.m. Craft Club 6 p.m. Illini Country Stickers – Fellowship Hall	<b>20</b> 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Illini Country Stickers – Fellowship Hall  5 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Illini Country Stickers – Fellowship Hall  4:30 p.m. Wedding – John Martinie & Jackie Hughes
<b>22</b> 8:45 a.m. Contemporary 10 a.m. Traditional Celebration of Youth 10:45 a.m. <i>Tranquility Reh.</i>	<b>23</b> 6 p.m. Health & Wellness	<b>24</b> 9 a.m. Stickers 	<b>25</b> 5:30 p.m. WINN/TWINN "Trick or Trunk" 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir 7:00 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cookie & Craft Sale
<b>29</b> 10 a.m. Worship Celebration of Youth 10:45 a.m. <i>Tranquility Reh.</i> Stewardship Sunday  Daylight Saving Time ends	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9 a.m. Stickers <i>Halloween</i> 				

Friday/Saturday – Pastor's days off  
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### Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m. Worship