



St. Peter's United Church of Christ

905 S. Russell Street
Champaign, IL 61821
217-356-3635

E-mail: stpeters_ucc@msn.com
www.stpetersucc.com

CONNECTIONS

September 2006



From the Study

After last month's column announcing my retirement and move to Pilgrim Place in Claremont, California, it was good to hear from some friends who receive our church newsletter and who phoned to wish us well. Several asked about our new address, which will be: Glenn and Joyce Trost, 615 Leyden Lane, Claremont, California, 91711. We do not have a new phone number at this point, but we do plan to keep our Internet address for a few weeks after we move. However, we will need a new Internet Service Provider after we move.

My effective date of retirement is October 31, 2006. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be Sunday, October 15 and I will take the remainder of the month as vacation. My last pastoral act will be the rehearsal and wedding for John Martinie and Jackie Hughes on Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21. We have scheduled the mover for Monday, October 23. In the meantime, we are seeking to determine what we can take to a much smaller home, which has no basement.

During the past few years, it has been a joy and a challenge to preach the gospel lessons of the three-year ecumenical church lectionary. However, while centering on the gospels, I have been aware of the additional readings for each Sunday. One epistle reading recently which I found very significant is *Ephesians 4:1-16*.

It begins *"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."* This text represents the language of faith and can only be understood by the people of faith. Without an understanding of faith, how can we understand words such as calling,

humility, gentleness, patience, love, unity? Faithful churches understand these words.

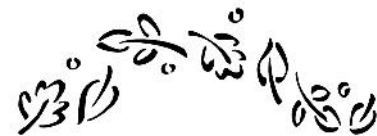
The Biblical writer then continues, *"But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift."* The text then continues with examples of various gifts. Each of us has been given gifts from God to be used for God's glory. These gifts are unique and important. These individual gifts help us to live out the remainder of our epistle reading.

(The given gifts were given) *"to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love."*

May God's Spirit inspire us as we seek to live out God's truth in this passage from *Ephesians*.

With warm regards,

Your pastor, Glenn



In the Spotlight this month . . .

A Special Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 10, 2006 immediately after worship. The purpose of this meeting is to officially accept Rev. Trost's resignation. Please plan to attend.

Consistory Highlights – August

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



The Consistory President, Geoff Dahl, submitted his resignation earlier this month, due to his family's move to Gainesville, Florida. Jeff Hallett, Vice President, led the meeting.

A letter written by Jeff Hallett was sent to all Consistory members. Jeff requested the members of Consistory openly discuss his letter with other members of the congregation. In his letter, Jeff shared his personal convictions. Discussion followed. Several members of the congregation were in attendance at the meeting as guests. Due to what Jeff sees as his calling and his beliefs, he declined being named President of Consistory and further resigned from the Consistory. Barb Kobel agreed to be President of Consistory and Rhonda Shoudel agreed to be the Vice President.

Pastor Trost will be retiring October 31, 2006. His last Sunday to preach will be October 15, 2006. The congregation is invited to a "retirement" potluck for Glenn immediately following worship service on Sunday, October 15. Women's Fellowship will provide the meat. Please bring a dish to share.

Lisa Lynch and other members of St. Peter's have agreed to provide lunch for the Habitat for Humanity workers on Saturday, August 26, 2006.

Rehearsal for an intergenerational Hand Bell Choir will be held from 7:00-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Youth and adults interested in joining are welcome to attend. The Chancel Choir would like to increase its members. Practice for the Chancel Choir will be from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

The Contemporary Service will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month beginning in September. Due to Rev. Trost's retirement, the Contemporary Service in October will be held on the fourth Sunday, October 22, 2006.

The Transitional Planning Committee reported receiving 49 family surveys, 69 individual surveys and 76 worship surveys. The Committee will meet soon to compile the data from these surveys.

The Treasurer reported income for July was \$12,343.15 and expenses for the month were

\$27,994.03. St. Peter's received \$15,000 from the estate of Marie Sass, which has been deposited into the general fund.



Calling All WINNers!

It's time once again to head to St. Peter's on Wednesday nights for WINN. 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.

September 6 Jump into WINN – featuring build-your-own subs, chips, fruit juice bars, Jello jigglers. Don't miss the Bounce House and games!

13 Knights and Maidens of the Round Tables – featuring Shake'n'Bake chicken legs, potato wedges, carrot and celery sticks with dip, bread, turnover, cookies or ice cream.

20 Red Baron Night – featuring Red Baron individual pizzas, lettuce salad, brownies.



27 Bushels of Blessings – featuring pulled pork BBQ sandwiches, potato salad, apple bar.

Congratulations Christie!



The Eastern Association of the United Churches of Christ and Park Street Congregational United Church of Christ joyfully request the honor of your presence at the ordination/installation of Christie Ann Taube on September 10, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at Park Street Congregational UCC (806 Park Street, Mazon, IL). In lieu of gifts, please send a contribution to: Student Scholarship Fund, Chicago Theological Seminary, 5757 S. University Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637. Please RSVP acceptances to 815-448-5514. A light supper will follow the service.

Women's Fellowship Board

The Women's Fellowship Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2006. This meeting will be held in the Lounge at St. Peter's.

From the Pulpit

September Sermon Titles

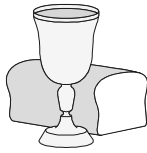
September 3

Communion

“Do Not Judge by Appearances, but Judge with Right Judgment”

September 10

“Examples of Great Faith”



September 17

“If Anyone Wants to be My Disciple, Let Them Take up Their Cross and Follow Me”

September 24

“The Importance of Hospitality in Our Christian Witness”

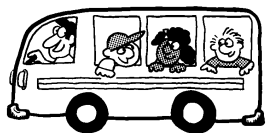


Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October issue of *Connections* is Friday, September 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!

Mark Your Calendars!

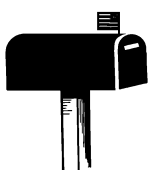
On Wednesday, October 18 from 7:00-8:00 p.m., a professional Alpine Band will perform during the last hour of WINN. Bring your dancing shoes and come out for an evening of root beer, pretzels, waltzes, polkas and more!



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.



New Address

Ken and Dorris Baumann
401 Burwash, Apt. 172
Savoy, IL 61874

September Ushers

Jim Acheson
Bernice Benn

Omer Benn
Mildred Luther

Al Shoudel
Jim Tarr



September Birthdays

- 1 Mark Williams
- 5 Tamara McArdle
- 6 Dorris Baumann
Dorothy Roberts
- 7 Michelle Records
- 8 Sally Pelg
Ione Douglas
- 9 Shirley Sebens
Robert Vaiden
- 10 Linda Dahl
- 12 Nicole Van Grinsven
- 14 Ed Hamrick
Landon Vowels
- 17 John D. Key
Hilda Roberts
- 18 William Wingler
Cheryl Lehmann
- 21 George Malloch
- 23 Nicole Shoudel
- 24 Maxine Colson
Roberta Federhart
- 26 Mary Limp
Marianne Hutcherson
- 27 Barb Dalenberg
Donald Berbaum
Kurt Eheart
- 28 Arlene Luer
Katie Malone
- 30 Martin Conatser



September Anniversaries

- 4 Jeff and Barb Jewett (1982)
- 6 Mike and Cheryl Lehmann (1986)
- 9 Jim and Bonnie Tarr (1948)
- 14 Ed and Carolyn Hamrick (1957)
Ata and Amy Durukan (1996)
- 17 Geoff and Linda Dahl (1988)



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. *Thanks for your help!*