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CONNECTIONS

January 2007



Jump into January with WINN!

The new year is full of fun at 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.

January 10 **Happy New Year!** – featuring assorted appetizers and snack foods.



17 **Slumberin' Sleepover** – featuring breakfast casserole, French toast sticks, fruit salad, muffins, sticky buns, juice, cereal and milk.

24 **Bermuda Shorts Night** – featuring fruit pizza, black beans and rice, Caribbean jerk chicken.



31 **WINN's Winter Carnival** – featuring chicken wings, BW3s, fries.

In the Christmas Spirit

Many thanks are due Rhonda and Al Shoudel for decorating our sanctuary this year. They did a wonderful job! *'Tis the season*
 Also, thanks to the Stitchers for decorating the Lounge. The many decorations you see in the halls and bathrooms are put up by our custodians, Carol and Janet Martin. It is great to see our church bright and sparkling for the Christmas season.



Holiday Office Schedule

The St. Peter's Church Office will be closed from Monday, December 25, 2006 through Monday, January 1, 2007 in observance of Christmas and the New Year. The office will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2.



A Note of Thanks

Special thanks to the congregation of St. Peter's, Bonnie Taylor and the staff of St. Peter's for your help during my time as Consistory President.

Barb Kobel

Fellowship Time Thanks

Thanks to the following people for sharing their time and yummy talents during Fellowship Time in October, November and December. – Jim and Jill Acheson, Lee and Sandy Eichhorst, Paul and Gladys Hemp, The Sysouvanh Family and The Wentz Family. The Hospitality Committee would also like to thank everyone for donations to the Fellowship Time fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



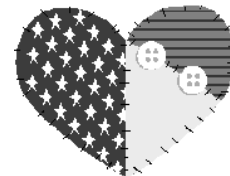
If you would like to volunteer for Fellowship Time, please sign up on the bulletin board in the south hallway. Volunteers may sign up for coffee, snack or both. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the February issue of *Connections* is Monday, January 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!

With Heartfelt Gratitude

The St. Peter's Staff would like to thank the members of the congregation for your generous contributions toward the staff Christmas gifts. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness in showing your appreciation to us. It is truly a joy and a blessing to work at such a wonderful place!



Consistory Highlights – December

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

The Consistory voted on candidates for the 2007 Consistory Officers. Positions approved at the meeting were: President – Rhonda Shoudel, Vice-President – LiAnne Kitchen and Treasurer – Doth Sysouvanh. Remaining officers will be approved at the January 2007 Consistory meeting.

Installation of new Consistory members will be scheduled in January 2007 pending Rev. Tom Norwalk's availability to conduct the service.



Nominations for the Pastoral Search Committee were reviewed and voted on. Eleven of the twelve positions have been approved. The twelfth

committee member will be approved at the January meeting. The list of committee members will be published in the February issue of *Connections*.

The Consistory is reviewing profiles for the position of Interim Pastor. Additional candidates will be interviewed in January.

The Consistory approved a request by the Parish Nurse to conduct a university Holistic Nursing course at St. Peter's from January through March.

Approval was given to use memorial fund money to purchase a new tree as part of the recent landscaping update. The new evergreen shrubs and rose bushes planted in front of the main entrance were donated.

The Christmas Cantata presented on December 10 was a great success at both St. Peter's and Community UCC.

Building and Grounds reported the condensate problem with the boiler has been repaired.



The Board of Christian Education reported the Youth Christmas Program on December 3 went well. The materials for conducting background checks on youth workers have been received and will be completed shortly.

The Trustees of St. Peter's have received the farm report for the year. The report is available for review.

The Treasurer's report showed the church income exceeded expenses for the month of November.

The Tuesday Evening Circle plans to give their White Gift to the American Legion for a disabled soldier who recently returned from Iraq whose disability checks have not yet started. A request will be made to the congregation to determine if there is interest in a special offering.



2007 Offering Envelopes Available

Numbered offering envelopes for 2007 are available. Please pick up your set on the table in the Narthex. If you do not currently have an envelope number and would like a set of pre-numbered envelopes, please contact Bonnie in the Church Office.

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).



It's Time Again – Annual Reports Due

Who: All chairpersons, church officers and group leaders

What: 2006 Annual Reports

Where: Return to Ann Swearingen or the Church Office

When: By January 15, 2007

On the Lighter Side . . .

Kid's in Church (real comments made by children)

Jesus' Dad's Name – A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' Mother's name?"

One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"

A little kid said, "Verge."

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The kid said, "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

Calendar Girls

No plans for New Year's Eve? Spend the evening with The Chorale at the 16th annual "C-U at the Virginia". This year's New Year's Eve celebration features well-known songs inspired by famous women; the spirited musical talents of award-winning piano player, Julie McClarey and a special guest appearance by the 2006 Young Artist Scholarship Winner, Molly Netter. And of course, Dan Perrino will lead the sing-along accompanied by Warren York on the Mighty Wurlitzer. You won't want to miss a fun evening filled with great music – New Year's Eve, 7:00 p.m. at the Virginia Theatre. (Tickets available at the theatre box office.) Take a good look at the members of The Chorale and you might spot a familiar face or two! ☺



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Church Mailbag

Thanks to everyone that helped make my recent hospital stay and recovery time easier to cope with.

A special thanks goes to Barb Kobel and Emma Kidd for all they did for me. The Carle Chaplain and the wonderful minister from Campus UCC were very helpful and kept special track of me while in the hospital. Thanks again.

Dorothy Woller

My Dear St. Peter's Family and Friends,

I wish I could find the words to express my gratitude to all of you for your love and prayers that have sustained me and our sons and grandsons during this sad time. Thank you for your continuing special prayers for John as he starts another clinical trial treatment for his rare type cancer. God Bless you all! With Love and Prayers,

Maxine Colson

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Mental Health Center of Champaign, County, it is our pleasure to thank you for your kind donation to the Mental Health Center of Champaign County. We have received your gift designated to TIMES Center. Your generosity and charitable giving reflects your commitment to those less fortunate in our community. Through your contribution you demonstrate both your compassion for those in need

and your courage to step forward as a community partner.

Sincerely,
Sheila Ferguson
Chief Executive Officer

January Ushers

Jim Acheson
Bernice Benn
Omer Benn

Mildred Luther
Al Shoudel
Jim Tarr



January Anniversaries

29 James and Dorothy Woller
(1960)

30 Paul and Gladys Hemp (1954)

January Birthdays

1 Heinrich Schmidt
2 Judy Moller Vaiden
4 Celeste Honn
6 Jeff Hallett
7 Shirley Records
8 Doris Hershberger
9 Lloyd Phipps
11 William Limp
12 Crystal Vowels
Cassidy Marcum
13 Henry Voigtlander
Roth Vowels
14 Blake Lehmann
15 Doth Sysouvanh
21 Ted Eichhorst
22 Jama Fager
Paul Marcum
24 Aileen Schindler
Jennifer Crone
26 Sally Martinie
Jeff Jewett
27 Clayton Lehmann
31 Julius Demlow



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!**