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Welcome Pastor Betty!



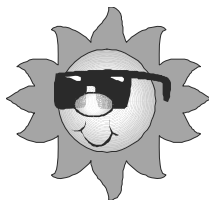
Rev. Betty Anne Hornback has accepted the position of Interim Minister at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Champaign. She and her husband, Dick, live in Pekin, but will be staying at the parsonage several days each week. They have six adult children and nine grandchildren in addition to four great-grandchildren.

Pastor Betty has served UCC churches in Beardstown, Galesburg, Pekin, Paxton and most recently in Kewanee. She is trained in Interim Ministry and holds certification by the Interim Ministry Network. A graduate of the University of Illinois-Springfield, Pastor Betty holds a B.A. in English and M.A. in Human Development Counseling. She trained for, and worked as, a UCC Licensed Lay Minister for 14 years before her ordination.

An avid reader of light mystery books, Pastor Betty also enjoys history and working on genealogy. She is looking forward to meeting and working with the folks at St. Peter's church.

Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning Sunday, June 3 and continuing through August 26, worship will begin at 9:00 a.m. for the summer. Worship will be held in the Sanctuary unless the temperature in the Sanctuary is above 80°.



Search Committee News

The Search Committee will meet on May 31 with Rev. Tom Norwalk to go over what to do next and some training on reading profiles and finding a new minister. Our notice has been put out on the UCC site for prospective candidates to see and to respond to.

Linda McCarthy and Bobbie Burr
Search Committee



Summer at St. Peter's

Faith Fellowships

Sunday, June 3 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Games and Ice Cream Social. BCE provides table service and ice cream. Participants bring a topping to share and their favorite table/board games.

Sunday, June 10 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Road Rally/Challenge/Scavenger Hunt, end with dinner at a restaurant to be announced.

Sunday, June 17 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Father's Day – Worship service and potluck at Lake of the Woods. BCE provides table service. Participants bring dish to share and beverage. Free water sports, fishing (license required if you plan to fish).

Sunday, June 24

3:00 p.m.-??

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Zahnd Pond. Swimming and Pig Roast/BBQ. Participants bring dish to share and beverage. BCE provides table service.



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).

Looking Backward, Looking Forward

In addition to all of the careful planning that went into designing and constructing the new



Removing the bells from the old church building

church on Russell, thought had to be given to what to put inside of this wonderful new building. Some items were removed from the old building and transferred to the new one, such as the tower bells. However, the design and size of St. Peter's new building called for new equipment. Once again, the gallant members of the congregation stepped forward and answered the call.

In January 1957, the Brotherhood held their annual sausage supper. The profits were turned over to the kitchen committee to help buy new equipment. In early spring 1957, the Hi-Youth and YAF's held a paper drive. The Hi-Youth donated their portion of the proceeds to purchase material for the PA system. The YAF's used their portion to purchase new collection plates for the church.

Before vacating the old church, members of the Evening Circle and their husbands sanded and painted the chairs and tables used in both the nursery and kindergarten rooms. With the proceeds from a bake sale, the Evening Circle purchased new choir robes. The Evening Circle raised money to purchase a grand piano for the sanctuary through the sale of all-occasion and Christmas cards and proceeds from their booth at the Fall Festival.

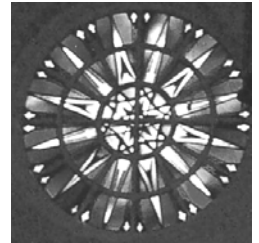
The St. Peter's Church School donated their Vacation Bible School offerings to purchase a new Sunday school table. Not all gifts to the new building had to be worship related. Listed in the 1957 Annual Report under the heading "Donations by Friends of the Church" is the donation of a ping-pong table by Seely Johnston.

In addition, memorial gifts were made to outfit the new building. Sanctuary pews were purchased with gifts made in memory of Annie Prah, Clara Wenzlaff, John Nofftz, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reinke, August and Grace Lietz, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hoggatt, Mr. and Mrs. George Luther, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rialeschki, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Zenke, Mr. and

Mrs. William Prestin, Mrs. Adolph Blaudow, Rev. H. F. Mueller and Perle Marsteller. Pews and other fittings were also donated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Heimbürger.

Choir pews were donated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Stermer, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schubert and Mr. Edward Berbaum.

Within the sanctuary, memorials were made to provide the cross and candlesticks (in memory of Harold Hurst), the lectern Bible (in memory of Charles Stevens), the pulpit (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore L. Block), the stained glass windows (in memory of Hilda Reifsteck, Bertha Glawe, Harry Glawe and Albert Glawe) and the beautiful wood carving above the altar (in memory of Miss Christine Hurst).



Installation of the Mueller Chimes was a gift in memory of August Alke. The bookcases and storage units in the Library were given in memory of Wilhelmina Luther Glawe. The Memorial Cabinet was donated in memory of Mrs. Minnie Hegenbart. New office equipment was a memorial to Mrs. Christine Hampel.



In the kitchen, nine dozen place settings of dishes were purchased as a memorial to Mrs. Olga Cain and the kitchen silverware was given in memory of Mrs. Clara Berbaum.

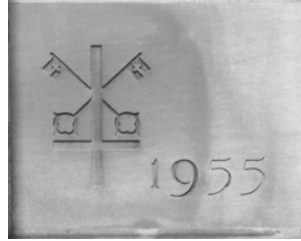
The brick church identification marker, at the corner of Russell and William Streets, was given in memory of Dr. Carl C. Busch. Contributions in memory of E. I. Manthei were made to the Building Fund and contributions to the Parsonage Fund were made in memory of Mrs. Emma Eacey.

The true cornerstone of St. Peter's is not one made of stone or concrete. It is the dedication, hard work and Christian compassion of St. Peter's congregation.

Peeking Into the Past

The following excerpt is reprinted from the Report of the Building Committee Chairman in the 1957 Dedication Booklet for St. Peter's.

"On a cold winter afternoon, December 31, 1955, our 90th anniversary, the cornerstone containing its documents and information was laid. Thus on this day we sealed our silent message in stone to some future generation unknown, except to Him whose name today we glorify."



If you know what documents the cornerstone contains, please contact Bonnie in the Church Office.



Opportunity Available

Shirley Records will be resigning as the church treasurer as of June 1, 2007. She will continue on the Consistory until the end of her term. If there is anyone who would like to fill this position, please speak with Rhonda Shoudel (352-3353) or Jim Acheson (356-0486.)

Meals on Wheels

Our church will again be taking a two-week period to deliver Meals on Wheels for Family Services. Our time slot is July 9-13 and July 16-20. We will be looking for people to help with the delivery of the meals. It goes more smoothly if there are two people for each day: one person as a driver and one person as a "runner." This is a very rewarding mission project. If you are able to help during these dates, please contact Shirley Records at 355-6092 or 649-6093.



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the July issue of *Connections* is Friday, June 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!



Summer Office Hours

Beginning the week of May 28, our Office Manager Bonnie Taylor, will be taking Tuesdays and Fridays off. The summer office hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pastor Betty will be in the office Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., however, regular business with the office should be scheduled during the Office Manager's hours.

With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Limp and her family. Mary's mother, Clara Sullivan, died on May 8, 2007. Mrs. Sullivan lived in Thompsonville.



Church Mailbag

Thanks for all of the cards and prayers during my recent surgery.

Jim Tarr

Thanks to all my church family for the cards, calls, prayers and concerns during my recent surgery and my continued recovery. I truly appreciate this. God bless you all.

Bob Heller

Friends of St. Peter's,

Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers.

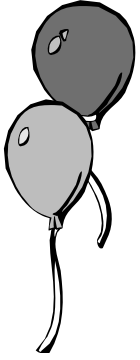
Linda, Kris & Trish, Kimberly McCarthy

June Ushers

Kurt Eheart
Barb Kobel
Ed Kobel
Patty Kobel

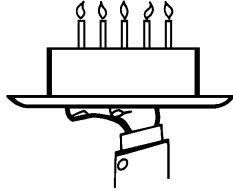
Kimberly McCarthy
Mark Williams
Jocelyn Voss
Nick Voss





June Birthdays

- 1 Eugene Ziegler
Becky Kesler
- 4 Mary Peters
- 11 Bernadine Helbling
- 12 Kymberly McCarthy
- 13 Paula Schmidt
Mark Muller
- 15 Mary Sue O'Neill
- 17 Alexander Pope
- 21 Cleo Pelg
Scott Pointer
Nick Voss
- 24 Glenn Trost
- 25 Walter Claussen
James Crone
- 26 Abbey Knop
- 27 Velma Clark
- 28 Elvira Ebs



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet while you travel, watch TV, gather with a group of friends, or spend a quiet evening at home? Then you may be interested in participating in the "Prayer Shawl Ministry" of St. Peter's United Church of Christ. A few of us who knit and crochet have become aware of this ministry that provides prayer shawls/comfort shawls to people in times of stress; during bereavement, illness and recovery to name a few. This is another way of ministering to our church family who might not have regular contact with members because of health and mobility issues and who would be uplifted knowing that we are praying and caring about them.

"Shawls . . . made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify.

Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles . . ." Written in 1998 by Janet Bristow

There are many patterns to choose from. All are simple – one size fits all! There is no requirement for the number you need to provide. If you are interested, please contact Ann Swearingen (328-2104) or Jill Acheson (356-0486). We have patterns. Jill will be displaying some of her completed prayer shawls in the near future. Watch for the announcement!

The Two Wolves

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that was going on inside himself.

He said, "My son, it is between two wolves. One is evil: anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

The other is good: joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one I feed."



June Anniversaries

- 2 Charles and Dorothy Zahnd (1946)
- 3 Roger and Carol Pointer (1962)
- 6 George and JoAnn Malloch (1953)
- 7 Omer and Bernice Benn (1997)
Dale and Sally Pelg (1997)
- 9 Ed and Cleo Pelg (1946)
William and Debby Malone (1973)
- 12 Glenn and Joyce Trost (1965)
- 15 Charles and Arlene Luer (1947)
William and Susie Kuhne (1957)
- 16 Harold and Melissa Zahnd (2001)
- 18 Ken and Dorris Baumann (1946)
Dale and Shirley Sebens (1983)
- 24 Jason and Amy Stahl (2000)
- 26 Henry and Betty Voigtlander (1954)
- 27 John and Judith Maloney (1997)
- 28 Robert and Virginia Lewis (1951)
- 29 Stuart and Carolyn Yoos (1958)
- 30 Lloyd and Helen Phipps (1979)

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!*