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March Madness with WINN!

Make it a March to remember 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.

- March 7 **March Madness** – featuring pizza, cupcakes with orange and blue sprinkles, Hi-C, blue Kool-Aid, mandarin oranges in blue Jello with orange Cool Whip.
- 14 **St. Patty's Potato Party** – featuring potato bar, lemon delight, éclair cake.
- 21 **Spring Break** – No WINN
- 28 **Springtime Social** – featuring a potluck. Sign up to bring a main dish, vegetable, dessert or fruit. WINN will provide water, milk, juice and tea.



Let Us Hear About It!

During this time without a fulltime pastor, we often don't hear about members who are ill or need our prayers. If you, or someone you know, is ill or in the hospital, please contact Bonnie Taylor in the Church Office (356-3635) or Rhonda Shoudel (352-2252). It's very important during this transition to be aware of those in our congregation who need pastoral care.



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the April issue of *Connections* is Thursday, March 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!

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).

With Deepest Sympathy

St. Peter's is deeply saddened by the death of longtime member, **Ralph W. Bonnell**. Ralph died February 18, 2007 at the age of 91 at the Woodview Health Care Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Ralph, born in Sidney, married Loreen Gasser on June 1, 1946. Mr. Bonnell worked as an office and personnel manager at Joseph Kuhn and Co. in Champaign for 41 years and as treasurer for the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District for 10 years. A U.S. Army World War II veteran, Mr. Bonnell was discharged as a staff sergeant after serving 4½ years in the Pacific Theater area.

Survivors include Ralph's wife, Loreen of Fort Wayne, Indiana; one son, Thomas J. Bonnell of Champaign; two daughters, Linda Bonnell Lander of Austin, Texas and Barbara Bonnell Thompson of Fort Wayne, Indiana; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Carl Bonnell of White Heath and one sister, Dolores Giblin of Merrillville, Indiana.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Loreen and the Bonnell Family.



Church Mailbag

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Restoration Urban Ministries Foundation, thank you for your continued, generous support of this organization.

Bruce Swartz, *Director of Finance*

2007 One Great Hour of Sharing



Who is My Neighbor?

Many of us have been wonderfully generous in responding to the crying needs splashed on our television sets after disasters like the tsunami in Asia, the earthquake in Pakistan/Kashmir, and the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast. United Church of Christ members gave more than \$10.5 million to special disaster appeals last year. We gave eagerly to those urgent needs.

Yet disasters occur every day in the lives of millions of other people – disasters of extreme poverty and chronic hunger, of terminally unclean water and no sanitation, of terrorizing war and devastating loss. We see these images from time to time, and our hearts go out to those people. But that’s different, right? After all, we can’t be there for everyone.

Jesus might not agree. A young lawyer talked with Jesus about the command to “love your neighbor as yourself,” asking, “Who is my neighbor?” In response, Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan – a man who freely gave time, energy and money to help a stranger whom he didn’t know and might never see again. According to Jesus, we are all neighbors to one another.

Since 1949 churches across North America have been giving to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering, expressing God’s love to our neighbors far and wide – not just after the major disasters that saturate the media, but also to people affected by chronic disasters that repeat themselves each and every day. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support programs that help people build lives and communities that are healthy, safe and sustainable.

By giving to One Great Hour of Sharing, you will join others in:

- rebuilding communities ravaged by natural disasters
- creating sustainable sources of food and water for rural villages
- providing micro-credit so women can start poverty-escaping businesses
- teaching trades and job skills to people maimed by landmines
- offering children a chance to survive past the age of five and attend school
- and so much more.

Jesus’ response to the question, “Who is my neighbor?” set a standard that isn’t easy to meet. By participating in One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 18, we join together to make a world of difference in the lives of our neighbors.

March Ushers

Carolyn Hamrick
Mark Sterrett
Maurine Sterrett

Ann Swearingen
Richard Swearingen
Evelyn Weber

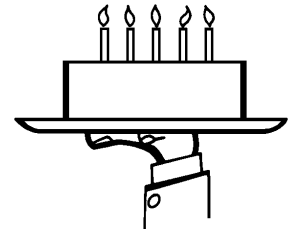


March Anniversaries

- 18 Larry and Marguerite Zahnd (1972)
- 19 Tim and Tamara McArdle (2005)

March Birthdays

- 1 Robin Limp
Ian Stahl
- 4 Jessie Dereng
Andy Eheart
- 6 Al Shoudel
Robert Heller
Shirley Casey
- 9 Joyce Trost
Jennifer Foster
- 10 Dorothy Zahnd
Sierra Marcum
- 11 Mike Lehmann
Erin Durukan
- 12 Maurine Sterrett
- 13 LiAnne Kitchen
Mike Berbaum



- 14 Kellie Dahl
- 15 Sarah Malone
- 16 McKenzie Marcum
- 17 Marilyn Rayburn
- 18 Rhonda Shoudel
- 24 Betty Voigtlander
- 25 Charles Luer
- 26 Sharon Van Grinsven
- 28 Paul Hemp
- 31 Fern Eheart

Kris McCarthy

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!**