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A Note from the Pastor

We have come to the final days of my time serving St. Peter's United Church of Christ as Interim Pastor. As we close our time together, I'd like to borrow a line from Bob Hope, "Thanks for the Memories!" You are, indeed, a very special people and I will treasure the memories of my service at St. Peter's.

My last Sunday with you will be July 6. Rev. Hill will begin her ministry July 7. She has graciously agreed to be present on my last Sunday so that we can share the Service of Communion together as a symbol of the passing of the leadership of this church. Following Communion, Rev. Tom Norwalk will lead us in a Service of Farewell. I do hope that you will be present for this very special day.

When I leave St. Peter's, I plan to enjoy some vacation time with family to "recharge my batteries" for my next position. Following my vacation time, I will begin an Interim Pastor position with Park Street Congregational UCC in Mazon. As I leave St. Peter's I take with me many wonderful memories of times shared, occasions when you have invited me into your homes, times when we have worked through problems together. And so I say again, "Thanks for the Memories!" Please rest assured that you will not be forgotten. *In Christian love,*

Pastor Betty Hornback

Meals on Wheels

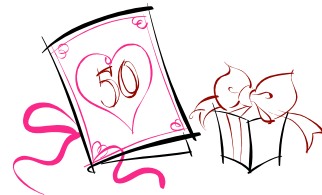


Once again, St. Peter's will be participating in the Meals on Wheels program during the month of July. The dates for our participation are **July 7-11** and **July 14-18**. Meals are picked up every day at the U of I

Union at about 10:30 a.m. The meals are delivered to our route subscribers and then the empty containers are returned to the Union. It usually takes approximately 1½ hours. The most efficient method of delivery is a two-person team – a runner and a driver. If you are able to participate in this program, please call Shirley (Records) Hoffman at 398-8328 or 649-6093 (cell). Past years' participants have enjoyed the time together to socialize and get to know each other better.

Happy Anniversary Stuart and Carolyn!

Congratulations to Stuart and Carolyn Yoos who will celebrate fifty years of married life on June 29. Best wishes for many more years of happiness!



Stuart and Carolyn will receive guests at a reception in the Fellowship Hall following a Service of Reaffirmation of Their Marriage Vows on Sunday, June 29 at 11:30 a.m.

Pastor Betty Farewell

Join us for a reception following worship on Sunday June, 29 honoring Pastor Betty. While her farewell is certainly a cause for sadness, we have been truly blessed by her presence at St. Peter's. Betty has prepared us for welcoming a new settled pastor and moving forward into the future of our church. It will be a day for laughter, tears and making wonderful memories!



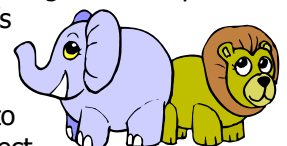
How to Recycle a Hug



St. Peter's is using "gently used" stuffed animals to bring comfort and cheer to folks who are ill, having surgery, or just having a difficult time in their life.

The animals are in the pews in the sanctuary and may be taken by anyone to give to anyone. A card attached to the animals reads: "I've spent time in the midst of St. Peter's congregation; where Scriptures have been read, sermons preached, prayers prayed and songs sung. Joys and heartaches have been shared and love has been freely given in our community of faith. This animal comes to offer you comfort and peace with all the blessing of worship and love. Your friends at St. Peter's United Church of Christ."

If you have gently used stuffed animals or toys, you might want to consider bringing them for this project.



Thanks to Kurt and Fern Eheart for this great idea!

Consistory Highlights – June

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



- The hand rail project for the Chancel steps will be studied next month.
- The Pastor's Study will be redecorated prior to Pastor Hill arriving.
- Pastor Betty and LiAnne Kitchen reported on the Illinois Conference meeting. The speakers were wonderful and inspiring. The theme for the meeting was "Revive, Refresh and Renew".
- The July Consistory meeting will be on July 22.
- Kone Elevator did the annual inspection of the elevator and found several deficiencies. These will be corrected.
- Job descriptions for church employees are in the process of being up-dated.
- After additional termite abatement, the Church has entered into a maintenance agreement with the exterminator.
- Teresa Kang will be in Europe July 4 through August 14. She has found a substitute organist.
- The Stewardship/Membership Committee has several people scheduled to do the weekly Stewardship Minute.
- Women's Fellowship reported a date for the Chicken Noodle Dinner is being discussed.
- The Treasurer reported that the Church is running at a deficit.
- The Church's farewell reception for Pastor Betty will be held June 29 after worship. LiAnne thanked Pastor Betty for her help during the interim period.
- The activation of the calling tree to remind people of the change in church service times revealed that several people had been accidentally omitted from the list. This will be corrected and the list reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

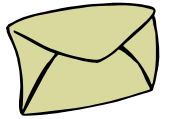


Altar Flowers

Flowers gracing the altar add a touch of beauty to our worship service. Flowers can be an arrangement from a florist, or an arrangement from your own garden. They can be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special event such as a birthday, anniversary or graduation, or "just because." There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with many empty spaces. One of these spaces is waiting for YOUR name.

2008 Mid-Year Giving Statements

Mid-Year Giving Statements will be available after July 1 to be picked up from the box in the Narthex. If you do not find your statement or you have questions regarding the information, please contact Bonnie in the Church Office.



Our Heartfelt Thanks to . . .



☞ Jim Acheson for mowing the grounds of the church and parsonage and keeping the landscaping looking good.

☞ Choir Members who are providing special music during the summer months.

June 1 – Choir

June 8 – JoAnn Malloch

June 15 – Marianne Hutcherson, Patty Kobel, Mark Muller, Marguerite Zahnd

June 22 – Norma Hollen, Phyllis Jones, Judy Moller-Vaiden, Sandy Williams

June 29 – Juliane Sharp

☞ All those who are helping with the redecorating of the Pastor's Study.

☞ Al and Rhonda Shoudel and George and JoAnn Malloch for providing Altar Flowers during June.



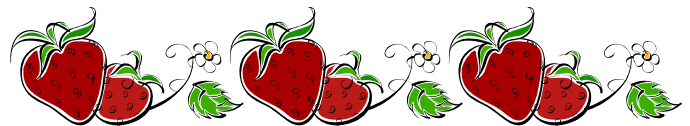
Two Yummy Thanks!

Thank you to the following ladies who so graciously provided over 40 dozen cookies for Pastor Betty to take to Annual Conference on June 1.

Sandy Eichhorst
Carolyn Hamrick
Kathryn Luther Henderson
Norma Hollen

Millie Luther
JoAnn Malloch
Ann Swearingen
Carolyn Yoos

Marguerite Zahnd



Thank you to everyone who attended the Strawberry Festival and provided those delicious covered dishes. Also a special thank you to Carolyn Hamrick, Celeste Honn, Phyllis Jones and Patty Kobel who helped me in the preparation and cleanup.

Ann Swearingen
Chair, Strawberry Festival



Honoring the Bedrock of St. Peter's

On May 11, in addition to Mother's Day, we celebrated the Festival of the Christian Home and Family Week. In this issue of *Connections* we continue to honor those of our congregation who are the "Senior Generation" of our Church Family – those who have reached the milestone of 90 years of age or older (or will) in 2008. Be sure to let them know that you appreciate them and all they have done to make St. Peter's a great Christian Family.

Julius "Sliver" Demlow, age 93, and his wife Marie joined St. Peter's United Church of Christ on July 16, 1952. Marie passed from this life to life eternal on May 19, 2004. Julius now resides at Prairie Village in Rantoul.



Lena Dowling, age 102, is doing fairly well and resides at Mason Point, formerly the Masonic Temple Nursing Home, in Sullivan. Her husband was a long-time Mason and Lena was a member of Eastern Star. They owned a restaurant in town and were faithful worshippers at St. Peter's. Lena is described by those who knew her as a beautiful woman who liked fishing



and took care of her brothers and sisters as a youth.

Glenda Smith joined St. Peter's United Church of Christ after marrying Ernest Smith on January 10, 1937. Ernest's parents, Clem and Mary (Hurst) Smith were members of St. Peter's. During the early 1950's, Ernest and Glenda were leaders of the youth group that met monthly on a Sunday evening at the old church on University Avenue. In 1955, they started Tile Specialists Inc, which continues in business today. After Ernest's death January 6, 1992, Glenda continued to work in the family business until moving a few years ago to Bickford Cottage, 1002 S. Staley Road, Champaign, IL 61822. Glenda was 90 last October 19. (Compiled by Carol Pointer)



Corrections to last month's article

Jessie Dereng – Jessie has one child (not two children) In addition, she has one great great grandchild.

Bernice Mueller – The class held during the war was called the "Torch Bearers" (not Trench Bearers). The organist/choir director who preceded Bernice M. was Clara Leach (not Clara Leech).

Thanks to Carol Pointer and Verna Finder for the corrections.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the August issue of *Connections* is Tuesday, July 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!



July Ushers

Carolyn Hamrick
Mark Sterrett
Maurine Sterrett

Ann Swearingen
Richard Swearingen
Evelyn Weber

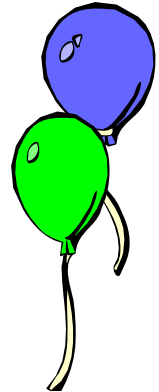


July Anniversaries

- 2 Ronald and Barbara Schaede (1954)
- 4 Elton and Dorothy Roberts (1943)
- 16 Clayborn and Irene Lofton (1949)
- 21 James and Juliane Sharp (2007)
- 24 David and Cassandra Wentz (2004)
- 27 James and Jennifer Crone (2002)

July Birthdays

- 4 Geoff Dahl
- Steve Eheart
- 6 William Kuhne
- James Woller
- Nancy Kobel
- 9 Helen Phipps
- 10 Patty Kobel
- 11 Harold Zahnd
- 12 Kathryn Luther Henderson
- 13 Kathryn Gravlin
- 14 Genevieve Clausen
- Paul Crusius
- 16 Ann Swearingen
- 16 Alycia Marfongella
- 17 Carol Pointer
- Nicky Wentz
- 19 Vera Wachter
- Gladys Hemp
- Rebecca Bishop
- 20 Carolyn Yoos
- 21 Diana Pointer
- Heather Shoudel
- 24 John Martinie
- 25 Verna Finder
- 26 Bonnie Joop
- 28 Carolyn Hamrick
- 29 Rick Malloch
- 30 Michael Kobel



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!