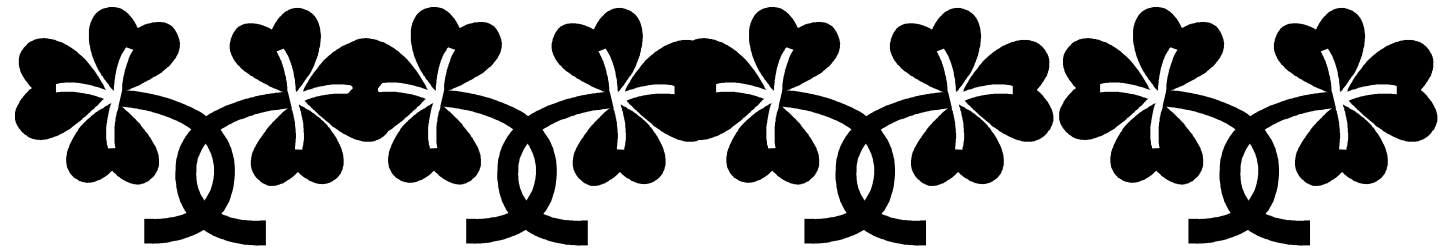


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And as your worship leader, it's important that I make sure everyone likes it some of the time and everyone gets to worship in the way they want to worship some of the time. Our worship is not "Pastor's Laurie's service", It's truly the worship of the people. It's filled with different parts to serve different needs. Thank You! to those who don't like it sometimes for not getting in the way of those who need to worship in a certain way. And Thank You! to those who tell me how you want to worship God, so I can make sure we express our love the way you need to express it. And Thank You! to all who gather every Sunday for the reason of worship (rather than expecting your own needs to be met or to be entertained). I believe it makes God very happy when those of us who love our God, Show It!!!!

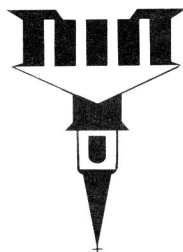
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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I'd like you to contemplate for a minute what worship is like in heaven! What do you imagine THAT worship is like? Most likely, I'm thinking you are imagining music. Wonderful, awe-inspiring, music! Most of us think of the "choirs of angels" when we think of heavenly music. And when our choir at St. Peter's sounds exceptionally good, I often hear comments like "You sounded like angels!" Music is so important to the spirit of most people, both who are worshipping and not. But when we worship, each one of us has in mind what worshipful music would sound like. Some of us might imagine a grand symphonic sound. Some of us might hear in our imagination thousands of voices singing praises and glory to God, as in the Hallelujah chorus. Some of us might imagine beautiful harps, softly being strung, sounding ethereal and light. Some of us might imagine mighty trumpets announcing the King of all Kings!!!! And some of us might imagine people standing in circles, holding hands and singing songs about how much God loves us.

Did I list your imagined heavenly worship? No? I didn't list a heavy metal rock band. Neither did I list a country music band. I didn't list many kinds of music and yet, you might've imagined that. When people in our world think about "church music", they might automatically think of organ and hymns, but not everyone prefers that kind of music in church. Some prefer guitars, some drums, some harps, some strings, and some piano. Some people prefer rock, praise, classical, and even rap music to traditional hymns. Some people prefer having the same kind of music all the time and some, like me, prefer a variety of music.

Just like we have musical preference, we each have our own preference for the order of things, for what we'd like to hear in a sermon, for what we'd like to experience as a "holy space" or sanctuary. And we all know what we don't prefer as well. These preferences and lack thereof, sometimes start "worship wars" in congregations. I've always wondered if they have worship wars in heaven! I hope not, since I've had my fill here on earth. Maybe that's what I'll ask for at the gate: "St. Peter, can I please worship God up here someplace where there is no dissension about how we worship?" If a new church member asked me that, I'd have to tell him/her that such a place doesn't exist on earth. We all have our worship needs and we never fail to express them.

Here's the thing: Many times in Scripture, it's very plain that the purposes of worship is to glorify God (show our love for God) and to build up the church. It's a clear message. It's not wishy washy. Who are we to stop someone from loving God the way God wants to be loved and the way that the person wants to express that love?

Our worship at St. Peter's is mostly called "traditional" with some blended in contemporary music. We've had strings, brass, and many kinds of singing. Not every week is my favorite. But then, it's not about me, now, is it? It's about our expression of love for God and the community expressing its gifts and love for God, which in turn, builds us up as the body of Christ. (CONTD on page 12)

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Lenten Services

Do Not Fear, Lent is Here!

If you're like me, every year when Lent comes around, we think "Yuck. . .sin, somberness, ashes and dust! Blech!" Lent is a time to examine our hearts and souls, but it doesn't have to be, as Eyeore says, "Gray". This year we will have humorous skits in the chapel that will brighten our lenten services. And we will be having two special guests in worship on Sunday mornings. And we will be celebrating the theme: "Imagine What's Possible" on Sunday mornings. So, never fear! A fun way to learn closeness with God is here. And if that means lightening up some of our dark areas, getting rid of some of our extra tempting idols, and remembering our own mortality, that'll be okay, too, right?

Sunday Worship Theme: Imagine What's Possible.. .Image: "Sand"

This will be the Theme at the General Synod this year, to which Pastor Laurie is an elected delegate!!!

March 13th: Genesis 41: 49 Story of Joseph and his interpretations of dreams led to Pharoah's storage of grain in such abundance that it was more than the sand of the sea.

March 20th: 1 Kings 4: 29: God gave Solomon very great wisdom, discernment, and the breath of understandings. . .they are as vast as the sand on the seashore.

March 27th: Psalm 139: "How weighty are your thoughts O God. . .How vast the sum of them. . I try to count them but they are more than the sand."

April 3rd: Genesis 22: 17: Abraham's descendants are more than the stars and the grains of sand on the seashore.

April 10th: Rev. Dr. Christopher Grundy preaching!!! (Professor at Eden Seminary).

April 17th: Matthew 7: 21-29: "And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his hand on sand."

Wednesday Lenten Worship Schedule: All Services at 6:30 pm.

March 9th, 2011: Ash Wednesday: This service will provide times, as in the past, for burning our offering before God, the imposition of ashes, and reconciliation in communion.

The Scripture will kick off our theme for Sunday's lenten services on Imaganing what's possible: Job 29: 15-20 & 30: 1-11

Lent in the Attic Series:

March 16th: "Moving on Up"

March 23rd: "House Hunting"

March 30th: "Treasure Hunting"

April 6th: "Caught in the Act-tic"

April 13th: "Cobwebs"



March 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

9am
Choir Rehersal
10 am
Worship &
Children's
Church

9 am
Stitcher's
9 am
Spiritual
Walks

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| 6 WELCOME- Jorge Morales | 7 <u>6 pm</u> Worship Comm. | 8 <u>6 pm</u> Building & Grounds | 9 <u>6:30 pm</u> Ash Wednesday Service <u>7:30 pm</u> Choir Rehersal | 10 <u>12:00 pm</u> Focus Group @ CPL <u>6 pm</u> Illini Quilters | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 <u>5:30 pm</u> Church & Ministry <u>6:30 pm</u> Mission & Stewardship | 15 <u>7 pm</u> Mayberry Bible Study | 16 <u>6:30 pm</u> Lent Service in Chapel <u>7 pm</u> Choir Rehersal | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 12:00 pm Tuesday Circle @Hardee's on Neil | 23 <u>6:30 pm</u> Lent Service in Chapel <u>7 pm</u> Choir Rehersal | 24 <u>6 pm</u> Illini Quilters | 25 <u>8 am—5 pm</u> Illini Quilters Workshop | 26 <u>8 am—5 pm</u> Illini Quilters Workshop |
| 27 <u>11:15 am</u> Board of C.E. | 28 <u>6 pm</u> Consistory | 29 | 30 <u>6:30 pm</u> Lent Service in Chapel <u>7 pm</u> Choir Rehersal | 31 | | |



Thank You

To our dear friends at St. Peter's: We are so appreciative of your loving care of our family and those who shared with us in our daughter, Lucinda's, celebration of life. Pastor Laurie was a much needed comfort and strength to us during this time and her service was magnificent with a beautiful bulletin created by your secretary. The ladies had a wonderful luncheon following her committal that everyone enjoyed. Thank you for once again opening your hearts to us. Wally and Toni Reifsteck

March Birthdays

- 1 Robin Kedzior
Sandy Eichhorst
- 4 Andy Eheart
- 6 Al Shoudel
Shirley Casey
- 9 Jennifer Foster
Nancy Dresback
- 10 Dorothy Zahnd
Sierra Marcum
- 11 Erin Durukan
- 12 Maurine Sterrett
Lisa Carson
- 13 LiAnne Kitchen
- 14 Kellie Dahl
- 15 Sarah Malone
- 16 McKenzie Marcum
- 17 Marilyn Rayburn
- 18 Rhonda Shoudel
- 20 Stanley Smith, Jr.
- 24 Betty Voigtlander
- 28 Paul Hemp
- 31 Fern Eheart
Kris McCarthy

March Anniversaries

- 18 Larry and Marguerite Zahnd (1972)

March Ushers-

- Amy Durukan, Carolyn Hamrick, Bill Kuhne, Ann & Richard Swearingen

March Acolytes-

- 6 Roy Yoos
- 13 Erin Durukan
- 20 Carolina Barnard
- 27 Sam Schultz

March Liturgists

- 6 Pastor Laurie (Communion)
- 13 Lenten Candles #1
- 20 Lenten Candles #2
- 27 Lenten Candles #3

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 office@stpetersucc.com. Thanks for your help!

February Consistory Highlights

There will be not mini-minutes for the Consistory in the April news letter since the March meeting will not be until March 28. Double mini-minutes will be in the May news letter.

Pastor Laurie has composed an information sheet to place on tables during the Sausage Supper and Chicken and Noodle Dinner for those who are not members of St. Peter's but who are interested in who we are.

This year's Crop Walk is April 17, which is also Palm Sunday.

Please Join Us in a Lenten Fast . . . From Carbon

From the Wider Church: As we write this invitation, the [World Meteorological Organization](#) along with NOAA and NASA all have data showing 2010 tied with 2005 for being the [hottest year on record](#). We also read that in December 2010, Arctic sea-ice cover was the lowest on record. Just as humanity now recognizes climate change as a predominant scientific, economic and political issue, we also realize it is a profound moral issue. Life on earth as we know it is mortal – it is susceptible to change, hurt and, yes, death.

Ash Wednesday (March 9, 2011) invites us into the season of Lent – a time within the church year to acknowledge that we are mortal, limited. Lent awakens us to hope in God whose "steadfast love endures forever" and to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. The Lenten disciplines of repentance, fasting, prayer, study and works of love are guides for returning to the steadfast love of God. During Lent we confess our mortality, our limits and our vulnerability so that we might be transformed and become the new life God calls us to be.

We invite you to [join us as we commit to fasting from carbon during Lent](#). Beginning Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, participants will receive a daily email with the day's suggested carbon-reducing activity. The activities will range from the very simple: unplug electrical devices (such as phone chargers) which you're not using but use electricity even when off; to the moderately challenging: reduce your driving speed, plan trips efficiently, walk, ride a bike, carpool or take public transportation when feasible; to a few which require a longer term commitment: buy local produce and consider getting involved in a community garden. When possible, this will include a quantitative measure of the carbon reduction resulting from the activity. Each daily email will also have a section suggesting a weekly focus for the congregation. Our hope is that Christians the world over from every denomination might participate in this carbon fast. We don't expect everyone to do everything suggested, but even considering all of the suggestions will hopefully raise people's awareness and invite them to think more carefully about how their day to day living impacts the environment and make whatever changes they can. The intention is to provide do-able actions which can make a difference; not to overwhelm people, make them feel bad about themselves, or cause them to feel that the situation is hopeless. We want people to feel better for doing this as well as challenging themselves to do more.



God is calling us to be the change we long to see. Let us engage this spiritual discipline, grateful for all God has entrusted to us, and trusting that with God all things are possible.

This is offered as a possibility for you to consider during the Lenten season this year. I joined this fast because I know that it would benefit me to learn more ways I can be kind to and a good "keeper" of the earth. This seems like an easy way to learn and maybe do some simple things in my life that will help. If you are interested in doing this, please tell me (Pastor Laurie) and I will email you the link to receive the emails.

OGHS Story

Dereig camp, South Darfur, Sudan, --On the outskirts of the town of Nyala, Dereig camp is a temporary home for more than 20,000 people who have been displaced by the ongoing violence in Darfur. They have been attacked, have lost family members and had their homes destroyed. However, a community center inside the camp is enabling people to help each other to overcome their traumatic experiences.

Amina and her extended family came to Dereig camp in 2004, after their village was attacked. Recounting how she came to be here, Amina looks down, and with a key, softly marks her pain into the table in front of her. A mother of four, Amina works as a volunteer at the camp's community centre. As she talks about the center, she raises her eyes and looks straight in front of her, focused and determined.

"People are suffering. The whole community is suffering; we are all internally displaced," she says. "In spite of this suffering, I feel the need to give my time and any kind of service that will offer some help to the community."

Every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Amina is at the community center. She is responsible for opening the center, tidying up, arranging the equipment, registering participants, and supervising the activities.

The community center offers a whole range of activities: making grass mats, sewing, making tablecloths, and making pasta. The men are involved in the heavier work - building beds, for example. These livelihood activities allow people to earn money to buy essential items themselves. But it's the company that really counts.

"The most positive thing about the center is that it brings people together. People can talk to each other and forget their suffering and the difficulties they have gone through. Some have been attacked; some have seen their villages burned and lost loved ones," Amina says.

"For a person that has been suffering, talking is a kind of healing. It's a kind of group counseling. People say what they have in their heart, what has injured them, and overcome it," she explains.

The positive energy is palpable. From each room, a hum of gentle chatter radiates out through the open doors as women's fingers expertly weave palm tree leaves into mats, guide material under the needle of a sewing machine, or turn dough into strings of pasta. Everyone is smiling. Elizabeth Cornelio, or "Mama Eliza," as everyone calls her, runs the center. She has been trained in trauma counseling by the ACT-Caritas Darfur Emergency Response Operation. To encourage people to come to the center, Elizabeth makes personal visits around the camp.

"I go to where the people are staying; I sit with them and speak with them. If I find a woman alone, lying down, crying, I tell her not to stay alone. When you are alone, it is very difficult. You just remember what has happened," she says.

The centers help survivors to talk about their trauma in order to overcome their pain.

"If someone has something in their heart that they want to say, but is afraid to say it in front of everyone, they may come for individual counseling. Some will cry. It is important to let them cry; crying is healing, and after they have cried, many laugh. Others do not cry. They say there is nothing and that everything has gone," says Elizabeth.

But it isn't enough to just talk, she says. "You have to give people something to do, so that through the activity they can forget what happened, says Elizabeth. This is why the activities at the community center are so important.

The center also offers training in recognizing and dealing with trauma. "Most of the women have trauma, and yet they do not know how to recognize it in others or even in their children," Elizabeth says. With this training, people learn how to help each other. Elizabeth herself fled the war in southern Sudan. What motivates her to help others? "I thank God, I've made something good not for me, but to God because all people are created by God."

The community center in Dereig camp was set up one year ago by Sudanaid, a local partner of the ACT-Caritas projects in Darfur. It has been so popular that a second hut has been built to accommodate everyone.

Action by Churches Together International (ACT) and Caritas Internationalis (CI) are working together in a joint response to the Darfur crisis. ACT International is a global alliance of churches and related agencies working to save lives and support communities in emergencies worldwide. UCC Wider Church Ministries is a founding member of ACT International. Caritas Internationalis is a confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development, and social service organizations present in 200 countries and territories.

Souper Bowl Success!!!

February 6th was not only a winning day for Mary's beloved Green Bay Packers but also for our local food pantries when the children of St. Peter's collected money and cans of soup to be donated. Overall there were about 60 cans of soup and \$249.00 donated to Salt & Light Ministries and the Women's Fellowship made a donation of \$100.00 that will be sent to Eastern Illinois Foodbank. Every dollar that is donated to these two organizations is able to be turned into \$10.00 worth of food to be distributed in our community. Thank You to all the kids for their enthusiasm for making a difference!



Baby Shower- More like a monsoon!

On February 20th, during the Fellowship Hour, the Board of Christian Education sponsored a Baby Shower for our Nursery. The toys and supplies in the nursery have become very outdated and some inappropriate for the young babies and toddlers. So, we hope to be able to buy some new and more updated toys for our new nursery kids! Donation of cash and Target gift cards were collected and as of the time of this newsletter the total was \$610.00! Our ever-growing (pun intended) population of little ones and their parents thanks you for your generosity!



Quick but Important Thank You's!

- Thanks to Ed Kobel for scraping all the plaster off the Sunday School classroom downstairs to make it ready to paint!!!!
- Thanks to Mark Williams for using his Thanksgiving time off to polish our fellowship hall floors!
- Thanks to Patty Kobel for writing a "Manual of Operations" for the church. (I second this! ~Mary)

A Note From Building & Grounds- Thank You to Women's Fellowship

Before the Chicken Noodle Dinner last October, The Women's Fellowship purchased ten new stack chairs to be evaluated for use in Fellowship Hall. The new chairs were determined to be sturdy, comfortable and quite satisfactory as replacements for our current deteriorating stack chairs. Recently, Women's Fellowship purchased an additional fifty of these same new chairs. They have been received and will be in use for the sausage supper. Plans are to purchase additional chairs until all 175 or so are replaced. Thank You so much to St. Peter's Women's Fellowship ~ Ed Kobel



MARCH CONNECTIONS

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, United Church of Christ members reach out in the name of Christ to:

[Build sustainable communities.](#) OGHS supports self-help programs in more than 80 nations to build sustainable communities that enable people and communities to stand against and rise above hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other forces of injustice that deny and destroy dignity.

[Respond to disaster.](#) OGHS provides emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, tornados, storms, floods, tidal waves, fires, explosions, technological disasters, civil strife, war, or other natural or human-caused events. On average, OGHS responds to a disaster once every 2.5 days.

[Minister to refugees.](#) OGHS responds with advocacy and help, hope and hospitality for people who have been uprooted from their home of origin. More than 30 million of the world's people are uprooted at any given time.

In cooperation with Global Ministries, Church World Service, Action by Churches Together, Interchurch Medical Assistance, Foods Resource Bank, Oikocredit, Freedom from Hunger and hundreds of local partners around the world, One Great Hour of Sharing is part of a remarkable network of service and caring that is efficient, effective and faithful. Administrative costs are typically less than eight percent annually.

The United Church of Christ unites with Christians in eight other Protestant denominations and Church World Service in One Great Hour of Sharing, thus multiplying the effectiveness and extent of our witness many times over.

The partnership we share with nearly 6,000 United Church of Christ congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico is where this remarkable miracle connecting UCC members to the world truly begins. The UCC annually channels more than \$3 million dollars through One Great Hour of Sharing to humanitarian needs in the world.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is administered through Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ.



Watch for the announcement soon as to when St. Peter's United Church of Christ will be holding our special offering!



Mission Follow-Up and Opportunity to Serve!!!

Remember when we collected the socks and underwear for Operation Sleighbell in the fall? Pastor Rick Smith has provided a final report of this mission. You may be interested to know:

- The total families served during all phases of distribution of 2010 was 1,909.
- The average sized family made an average donation of \$9.50.
- The average family received merchandise valued at approximately at \$350.00.
- Operation Sleighbell serves 216 towns/cities in 46 counties in IL and 10 towns/cities located in 4 counties of Indiana.
- There were 5 distribution sites (Mattoon, Decatur, Champaign, Peoria and Danville) were staffed by 283 people who worked a total of 8,241 hours.
- 29 businesses donated \$453,000 in merchandise, 26 financial supporters, the donation of warehouse space, telephone use, rental cars, printing companies, distribution sites, garbage removal, trucking companies, motel rooms, meals and sign companies, 39 churches of many different denominations who donate to this cause.

Think this is a great way to provide mission? Other ways to help:

- Collect socks and underwear all year and then when we have our drive in the fall, you can donate it all then.
- People are needed to work the Phones: 8:30-5pm, (lunch provided)
Monday through Wednesday before Thanksgiving
Monday through Friday after Thanksgiving. The building they use is on the U of I campus, so it's local.
If you think you're interested in doing this. . .please see Pastor Laurie.

UCC Campus Ministry~

The students of the campus ministry want to thank our guests from St. Peter's who traveled with us to China for our annual Everyone's A Sweetheart Dinner. All proceeds from the dinner and our Citrus sale literally make our BreakAway trip possible.

BreakAway this year is to John's Island, SC to serve through Rural Missions Community Center. Reflecting the extreme poverty of the area, Rural Missions provides a full range of programs with a very limited amount of resources. Teams such as ours who come in to work with the home refurbishing program are asked to provide needed tools for the week and to also buy the project supplies (minimum of \$1000).

Therefore on BreakAway projects like this year, your financial gift to this program is more helpful than ever. We literally squeeze every penny so all can eat, have a floor to sleep on, the rental van has gas and we can still buy the wood, nails, dry wall, brushes and paint.

The last BreakAway to the area we were able to build a large solid ramp for a wonderful wheel chaired bound gentleman who could never leave his home without help. We also put down a new roof for an elderly woman whose bedroom ceiling had water pour down onto her bed every time it rained.

Thanks to your support we will soon be hammering and painting and sawing away to hopefully make a difference for some as-of-yet-unknown neighbor with very few personal resources of their own.

Want to join the BreakAway team? Each year we give a love gift back to the community in which we are staying and working. This gift is totally dependent on the monies we are able to raise. Your gift at this time given specifically to BreakAway 2011 will enable the Center to buy such basics for their daycare program for migrant workers' children as diapers, juice, toys and books.

Thank you for your faith in us!

The BreakAway Gang- KB, Harrison, Debbie, Joe, Nanxin, Claire, Lisa, Jiancheng, Jessica, Heather, Amanda, Katie and Amy. P.S. Have a hammer or two, tool belt, saws or a sleeping bag or two we can borrow? Please let me know.

Email Karen@community-ucc.org.

SAUSAGE SUPPER IS ALMOST HERE!

St. Peter's Sausage Supper has been set for Saturday, February 26 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Save this date and plan on joining the members of St. Peter's in preparing and serving the best sausage supper in the county. Preparation starts as early as the week prior to the dinner. Many hands make light work. No one will be turned away from helping. It doesn't matter if you work one hour or more, we need all the help we can get. Ticket prices for the meal did increase due to all the materials used for preparing the supper have increased. If you go out to eat at a sit down restaurant, it costs more than \$10.00 with drink, dessert, and tip. Tickets are: Adults - \$10; Children (5-12 years old) - \$5; Under 5 - Free; Carry-outs are available.

The Sausage Supper goes back to the 1930's. At that time they served 600 people...now we serve over 400 people. The fundraiser proceeds go towards the many community shelters and ministry's that we support. Tickets will be available before and after worship each Sunday from now until the event on February 26th. You can also call the church office for tickets 356-3635.

For those of you who have never helped with this event before, below is a timeline of the preparation involved to make this fundraiser a success.

On Wednesday, February 23, tables and chairs will be set up in Fellowship Hall and the grill will be set up in the boiler room.

On Friday, February 25, the fun begins at 9:00 a.m. with packaging silverware, stacking plates, squeezing sausage patties, cooking short ribs, and cooking bacon.

Friday evening, beginning at 5:30 p.m., we peel the potatoes. If you have a favorite potato peeler, please bring it! If not, we have potato peelers to fit any hand! After all the potatoes are peeled, we'll go out for pizza.

Saturday, February 26, starts with cooking the sauerkraut. The sauerkraut is started at 9:00 a.m. and by 11:00 a.m. the grill-masters go to work cooking the sausage, and at noon the gravy is made.

At 2:30 p.m., the kitchen help starts to cook the potatoes and green beans, and by 3:00 p.m., we'll start cutting and plating all the deserts and dishing up the salads. **Any custard pies must be made at the church per Health Department rules.**

At 4:00 p.m., the Fellowship Hall doors open and serving begins. Lots of willing hands and happy hearts are needed to help with the serving line, busing the dining room, serving drinks and dish washing.

When the supper ends at 7:00 p.m., the fun doesn't stop there. From 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., help is needed to clean up. It's amazing how quickly it all happen when we have people to help! The best secret to a successful sausage supper is the simplest of all - the people of St. Peter's!

One thing that we **must emphasize** from the Health Department is . . . if you are cooking, serving, or handling food, **you must either wear a hat or a hairnet, and wear gloves.** Hairnets and gloves will be provided.

Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the office. If you want to help and aren't signed up yet, please call Kurt and Fern Eheart (351-7997) or Larry and Marguerite Zahnd (359-3808), or just show up. THANK YOU!!!

More Thank You's!

Thank You to the members of St. Peter's church and especially Pastor Laurie, for all of your cards, thoughts and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery.

Sincerely,

Barb Kobel



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, March 6th: Rev. Dr. Gorge Morales, our Illinois Conference Minister will be here to lead worship and answer our questions about the "state of the conference". Make sure you're here that day to celebrate who we are as UCCers in 2011 in Illinois. Rev. Dr. Morales has agreed to stay after church to answer our questions.

Rev. Dr. Jorge L. Morales is the Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. Prior to serving as Conference Minister he served our Conference as Senior Associate Conference Minister for Our Church's Wider Mission, stewardship and New and Renewed Church Development. He has been a trainer and organizer, providing technical assistance to church groups and community organization in the areas of organizational development, fundraising, board training, and citizen participation and grassroots empowerment. During a recent sabbatical the Rev. Morales planned and established "La Academia Para la Capacitacion y el Liderato" to help meet the challenges of the UCC and Latino community in the areas of church and leadership development.



Sunday, April 10th: Seminary Sunday: Featuring Rev. Dr. Christopher Grundy from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, will be here to lead worship in preaching and singing! He is currently the "Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship and is Coordinator of Worship and Chapel Services".



In more than twenty years of coffee houses, local churches, benefit concerts and national church gatherings, Christopher Grundy had developed a combination of thoughtful folk and inclusive, singable, Christian music. The tunes are open and accessible -- sturdy, straightforward tunes that you could stand on if you needed to get something off the top shelf. With that music comes an ongoing exploration of both the details of life and the deeper possibilities below the surface.

In the late 80's he recorded a fledgling LP called "Simple Songs" while at Carleton College in Minnesota, "so I would have done it once." After a year of volunteer work in Japan (including several benefit concerts and a stint on the streets of Tokyo), he headed to New York City. While studying at Union Seminary in New York, Christopher played at local coffee houses, but also began leading music for regional youth events of the United Church of Christ. In 1991-92 he recorded "Lifted Into Dancing," mostly in his parents' family room. After moving to Iowa to serve as a local pastor, he recorded "In This Life" in 1995. "Here in Providence" was recorded in 1999 while he was serving a church in Lawrence, KS. By this time, Christopher had gained some notoriety at national church events, and in 2002 released "Come to the Feast," a CD of songs composed over the course of ten years of church events.