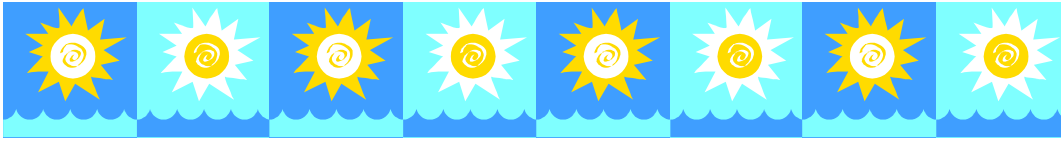




# The Epistle

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## Summer Fellowship Picnic: June 13

Join the Fellowship Team for the summer picnic on June 13th following the 11:00am worship service. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks will be provided by the Fellowship Team. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or by contacting Theresa at [theresa@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:theresa@stpeterscarmel.org) or 846-6882 x201. Please indicate if you'll be bringing a side dish or dessert when you sign up.

We are looking for volunteers! If you can help with setting up, cleaning up, or cooking, please sign up in Fellowship Hall. We're also looking for people who would be willing to let us borrow their grills. Please contact Eric Dyar at [fellowshipteam@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:fellowshipteam@stpeterscarmel.org) if you'd like more information. We hope to see you there!



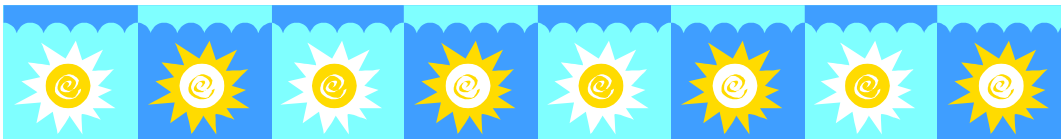
## Interfaith Hospitality Network



St. Peter's will be hosting guests from Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) starting on June 27. IHN is now back on a two rotation schedule and has a waiting list that numbers in the hundreds. In these uncertain economic times, the needs are great, and we are anticipating a full house. A full house means four families or 15 adults and children. We will not know what the mix will be until shortly before June 27, but we do know that your help will be needed. Check out the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

IHN would like to receive donations of "plus size career clothes." If you have anything to donate, please call the IHN Day Center at 261-1562 if you want to verify sizes. If you have donations, please contact Jim Alberts to work out how to get the clothes where they need to go.

If anyone has questions about anything concerning IHN, please contact the church office to be put in contact with St. Peter's IHN Coordinator.



**St. Peter's Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, June 6 at 10:00a.m. See pages 3-5 for important information about proposed governance changes, a list of nominees, and more about our generosity campaign.**



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|   |   | <b>1</b><br>Ministry Team: 7:00pm                          | <b>2</b><br>Men's Bible Study:<br>7:00am  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br>Compassion Circle:<br>8:30am<br>Relay for Life                      |
| <b>6</b><br>Relay for Life<br>Annual Congregational<br>Meeting: 10:00am<br>Summer Children's<br>Education Hour Begins | <b>7</b><br>Yoga: 6:00pm  | <b>8</b><br>Finance Team: 7:00pm                           | <b>9</b><br>Men's Bible Study:<br>7:00am  | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>Compassion Circle:<br>8:30am                                       |
| <b>13</b><br>Flynn Baptism:<br>11:00am<br>Fellowship Picnic &<br>Pitch-in: 12:30pm                                    | <b>14</b><br>IHN Meeting: 5:30pm<br>Yoga: 6:00pm<br>Wilderness Adventure<br>Planning Meeting:<br>6:30pm | <b>15</b><br>Preschool Summer<br>Camp: 9:00am              | <b>16</b><br>Men's Bible Study:<br>7:00am<br>Preschool Summer<br>Camp: 9:00am<br>Concert at the Gazebo:<br>7:30pm | <b>17</b><br>Men's Breakfast:<br>8:00am<br>Preschool Summer<br>Camp: 9:00am | <b>18</b><br>Epistle Articles are Due<br>Movie Night: 6:30pm<br>Exodus Refugee First<br>Annual Fundraiser:<br>7:00pm | <b>19</b><br>Compassion Circle:<br>8:30am                                       |
| <b>20</b><br>Father's Day   | <b>21</b><br>Yoga: 6:00pm   | <b>22</b><br>Preschool Summer<br>Camp: 9:00am              | <b>23</b><br>Men's Bible Study:<br>7:00am<br>Preschool Summer<br>Camp: 9:00am<br>Governance Team:<br>7:00pm       | <b>24</b><br>Preschool Summer<br>Camp: 9:00am                               | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br>Compassion Circle:<br>8:30am<br>Symphony on the<br>Prairie: 8:00pm |
| <b>27</b><br>New Members<br>Received<br>Blood Drive<br>IHN Begins   | <b>28</b><br>WPLP - Lori<br>Yoga: 6:00pm<br>Preschool Team:<br>7:00pm                                   | <b>29</b><br>WPLP - Lori<br>Pastor Support Team:<br>6:00pm | <b>30</b><br>WPLP - Lori<br>Men's Bible Study:<br>7:00am  |   |  |   |

# Executive Team

President: Dennis Hays

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## St. Peter's Annual Congregational Meeting

This year's congregational meeting will be on June 6th at 10:00a.m. Please plan to attend so we may elect new leaders and vote on important changes to our governance structure and how we utilize this building. Please see the information below and on the following page for more information about the proposed changes to our governance and a list of the nominees for leadership positions.

## St. Peter's Proposed Changes in Governance Structure

St. Peter's leadership recommended going forward with changes in the governance structure, and if approved by the congregation on June 6, the composition of the Governance Team, Ministry Team and Finance and Operations Team is as follows:

### Ministry Team

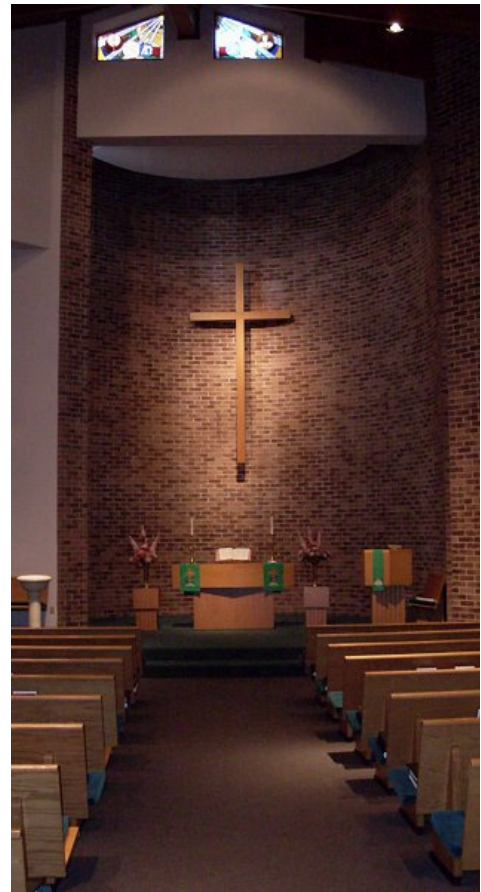
Leader: Senior Pastor  
Members: Associate Pastor  
Education Team Leader  
Spiritual Life Team Leader  
Missions Team Leader  
Hospitality Team Leader  
Preschool Team Leader  
President or Vice President

### Governance Team

Leader: President (2 year term)  
Members: Vice President (2 year term)  
Treasurer (4 year term)  
Secretary (2 year term)  
Generosity Team Leader  
Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor

### Finance and Operations Team

Leader: Treasurer (4 year term)  
Members: Financial Secretary (1 year term)  
Financial Secretary-Elect (1 year term)  
Technology Team Leader  
Building and Grounds Team Leader  
Staff Support Team Leader  
Senior Pastor  
President or Vice President  
Other Ad Hoc members determined by Treasurer



Other elected positions include one for Pastoral Support, one for Associate Pastor Support and one Lay Representative to The Committee On the Ministry of the Southeast Association. To provide for greater continuity some term limits were extended as noted above. Otherwise, the term limit for team leaders is 2 years and they may serve 2 terms. Larry and Lori will no longer attend each team meeting, but rather work with the Ministry Team leaders as a collective body. The Hospitality Team (formally Fellowship Team) will now have Caregiving under its umbrella and will expand its function to include activities for those new to our community. Community Involvement and Service to Others will combine their efforts under the Missions Team. Teams will meet on an as needed basis without restrictions or requirements.

Each year all those holding elected positions will meet and set goals for the coming year. The **Ministry Team**, led by the Senior Pastor, will be responsible for carrying out and managing the ministry goals. The Governance Team and the Finance Team and Operations Team will be charged with providing adequate facilities and financial resources for the Ministry Team to meet its objectives. *(Continued on Page 4)*

# Executive Team

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*(Proposed Governance Structure - Continued)*

The **Governance Team**, led by the President, will be responsible for oversight. The Governance Team will be charged with voting on church policy and organizing these directives in a policy book. The Governance Team will oversee the year-round fundraising and volunteer recruitment efforts of the Generosity Team by its inclusion on this team. The Governance Team will be forward thinking and set visionary goals for the congregation. The team will also support, mentor, and be available to work with the Ministry Team Leaders when needed.

The **Finance and Operations Team**, led by the Treasurer, will manage the church's budget and assets. The Finance and Operations Team will provide financial advice and support to the Ministry and Governance Teams. It will hold both the Ministry and Governance Teams accountable for meeting the fiscal budget. This team will make policy recommendations to the Governance Team on facilities, staffing, technology, investments and fiscal matters. Expenditures that are within the budget for the Building and Grounds, Technology, and Staff Support Teams will be made by the Finance and Operations Team. The Finance and Operations Team works with the Governance and Ministry Teams to provide an operating budget for congregational approval.

## 2010-2011 St. Peter's Leadership

|   |  |
|---|--|
| * President   | Barbara James (two year term)              |
| * Vice President  | Scott Ames (two year term)                 |
| *Treasurer  | Paul Whittaker (four year term)            |
| * Secretary   | Elizabeth Roe (two year term)              |
| Staff Support   | Karen Hays (first year of second term)     |
| * Building and Grounds  | Gary Roe (two year term)                   |
| *Technology Team Leader   | Jim Brothers (two year term)               |
| Generosity Team Leader  | Ken Cook (last year of second term)        |
| *Financial Secretary  | Janet Musick-Johnson (one year term)       |
| *Financial Secretary-Elect  | Kathy Mallon (one year term)               |
| *Education Team Leader  | Jane Lawrence (two year term)              |
| *Spiritual Life Team Leader   | Jane Doman (two year term)                 |
| Missions Team Leader  | Emily Gantt (second year of first term)    |
| *Hospitality Team Leader  | Joani Phoebus (two year term)              |
| Preschool Team Leader   | Ann-Marie Rohe (second year of first term) |
| Senior Pastor Support Team Leader   | Alan Bouwkamp (second year of term)        |
| *Senior Pastor Support Team   | Kyle Kroehler (two year term)              |
| Associate Pastor Support Team Leader  | Tammy Drummond (second year of term)       |
| *Associate Pastor Support Team  | Bill Loeffler (two year term)              |
| *Lay Representative to the Committee on the Ministry of the Southeast Association | Jim Brothers (three year term)             |

*\*All those indicated with an asterisk will be elected to office on June 6, 2010.*

## Where Do Your Dollars Go?

Come to the Congregational Annual Meeting on June 6 and find out the answers to the following:

- What does St. Peter's allocate to missions?
- What does St. Peter's allocate to education, administration, hospitality, and spiritual Life?

The St. Peter's Leadership will answer these and other questions pertinent to the future of our congregation, and will present an innovative space plan for our church building. This meeting is not to be missed!

# Generosity Team

Team Leader: Ken Cook

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## 2010 Generosity Campaign



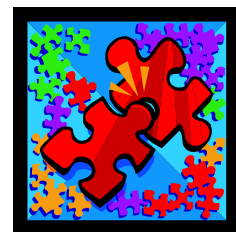
This year we really want to receive everyone's "intentions to give" on or before Sunday, June 20th. Our leadership would like to know what you intend to give so we can manage our expenses to be in line with our giving. Every single one of us is an important "piece of the puzzle" in building and making St. Peter's what it is today and will become in the future. Moreover, I hope we all remain focused on "the need of the giver to give." It is the spiritual connection of giving that's important. That is the only reason we should give.

*A farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a cheerful giver. And God will generously provide all you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, "Godly people give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will never be forgotten."*

- II Corinthians 9:6-9

What percentage of your income do you feel God calling you to give? Please think, talk and pray about this during the coming weeks.

God Bless,  
Ken Cook  
generositylead@stpeterscarmel.org



# Spiritual Life Team

Team Leader: Jane Doman      spirituallifelead@stpeterscarmel.org    Ext: 651

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## What Is the Compassion Circle?

The Compassion Circle is an opportunity to open the "heart of compassion" to yourself and to the larger world. It seeks to keep alive the interface between self-care and care for others. It does so by using meditation, prayer, and group sharing. Each Compassion Circle participant is encouraged to practice a spiritual discipline during the week. These may include anything from Centering Prayer to journaling to daily acts of kindness. Each participant is also asked to formulate a "compassion project": this could be as simple as reaching out to others in your workplace, or as grand as working to eliminate hunger in Central Indiana.

We have decided to continue meeting through the summer, even though we know there may be some weeks when attendance is lower than usual. Please join us if you want to explore how your compassion could contribute to a better world. We meet on Saturday mornings from 8:30-10:30 in the parlor; the first half hour is for sharing conversation and a light breakfast. If you have questions, please contact Terry Daniel at [td\\_indy@comcast.net](mailto:td_indy@comcast.net) or 317-877-2131.

## "In Our Family" - A Photo Exhibit at St. Peter's

Families come in all shapes, colors and sizes. Some are headed by single parents. Others are multiracial, adoptive or headed by gay or lesbian parents. Some families live with mental or physical disabilities or face chronic illness or death. St. Peter's is pleased to present a unique photo-text exhibit, "In Our Family: A Family Diversity Project" that explores portraits of diverse families. The photos and stories are on display soon in the Fellowship Hall and in St. Peter's Art Gallery located in the back hallway.



The goal of the Amherst, Massachusetts-based Family Diversity Project, according to its website (<http://www.familydiv.org>) is to help "people of all ages recognize, support and celebrate the full range of diversity... our traveling exhibits are designed to help reduce prejudice, stereotyping, and harassment of all people who are perceived to be 'different' from the 'norm.'" These exhibits have been used by a variety of organizations and corporations including Purdue University, Yale University, UC Berkley, Google, Lucent Technologies, and IBM.

St. Peter's has a rich tradition of extending warm and extravagant hospitality to all families and individuals. The Spiritual Life team hopes you will take time to reflect on this exhibit when it is displayed. Questions? Contact the church office.

## Usher Opportunities

Every Sunday we need an acolyte and 4 ushers for both services. We know that there are those of you who are interested in lending time to this service but are unsure of what the duties are. Be not afraid. We promise if you sign up to be an acolyte or usher we will provide mentoring and support the first couple of times. We are also preparing a handy instruction book to be housed at the back of church so you can review the duties every time you volunteer. Attention Youth: This is a great way to volunteer your time and we would love to help you participate. This volunteer effort is easy, rewarding, and important in making sure the Sunday service runs smoothly. Volunteers should sign the Ministry Servers form in the narthex or contact Theresa at [theresa@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:theresa@stpeterscarmel.org).

## 2010 Wilderness Adventure

A group of us will travel to the Sylvania Wilderness in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Our travel day is 8/14/2010 and we will return sometime at the end of the following week. There are opportunities for canoeing, back country camping, hiking and other outdoor activities. We will have a meeting to continue planning this trip on Monday, June 14 at 6:30pm. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact the church office.

## Way to Go, St. Peter's!

When we set out to do our May Walking Challenge, our goal was 1 million steps. Guess what? We made it!!! As of May 27, we have walked 1,710,016 steps! Be sure to mark you progress on the board in Fellowship Hall, and we'll give you the final total in early June. Let's continue walking and see how far above goal we can get! Any questions? Please contact the church office to be put in contact with a parish nurse.

# Spiritual Life Team

Team Leader: Jane Doman

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## St. Peter's Special Music Summer Schedule

As you are probably aware the choir will not be apart of the worship services during the months of June, July, and August and your talents are just what we need to accentuate our music in worship during this time. A special thanks to those who have already signed up for the following Sundays. Please contact Dave Morton, Director of Music at musicdirector@stpeterscarmel.org if you have questions. **Please see Dave and Elaine during fellowship hour between services from 10:15 AM to 10:45 AM for rehearsal time.**

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|---------------------------------|--|
| June 6th 8:30 and 11:00 AM      | MIKE WICKER<br>Title: "I Believe"<br>Composer: Erin Drake, Irvin Graham, Jimmy Shirl, and Al Stillman                                  |
| June 13th 8:30 and 11:00 AM     | HEATHER KANE<br>Title: <b>TBD</b><br>Composer: <b>TBD</b>  |
| June 20th 8:30 and 11:00 AM     | JIM VANDIVER<br>Title: Precious Lord<br>Composer: Thomas A. Dorsey   |
| June 27th 8:30 and 11:00 AM     | RUTH GRAY/JOE WIEGAND<br>Title: <b>TBD</b><br>Composer: Vivaldi  |
| July 4th 8:30 and 11:00 AM      | RUTH GRAY/JILL KIRK<br>(#1) Title: Largo<br>Composer: Bach<br>(#2) Title: Rigadoon<br>Composer: Quantz + Kevin Kirk                    |
| July 11th 8:30 and 11:00 AM     | WOMEN'S SEXTET<br>Title: His Eye Is On The Sparrow<br>Composer: Tom Fettke   |
| July 18th 8:30 and 11:00 AM     | SUZY LEAGRE, soloist; CHRISSY SEARCY, guitar<br>Title: By My Side from Godspell<br>Composer: Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak |
| July 25th 8:30 and 11:00 AM     | JIM BROTHERS/JIM ALBERTS<br>Title: Why Me Lord<br>Composer: Kris Kristofferson   |
| August 1st 8:30 and 11:00 AM    | YOUTH (Presentation/Lori)  |
| August 8th 8:30 and 11:00 AM    | WOMEN'S SEXTET<br>Title: <b>TBD</b><br>Composer: <b>TBD</b>  |
| August 15th 8:30 and 11:00 AM   | THERESA WEAVER<br>Title: I Still Have You<br>Composer: Theresa Weaver  |
| August 22nd 8:30 and 11:00 AM   | JOE WEIGAND and MAKENNA BENSON<br>Title: Cannon in D<br>Composer: Pachelbel  |
| August 29th 8:30 and 11:00 AM   | KRISTIN CUTLER<br>Title: <b>TBD</b><br>Composer: <b>TBD</b>  |
| September 5th 8:30 and 11:00 AM | JIM VANDIVER<br>Title: Peace Like A River<br>Composer: African American Spiritual  |

## St. Peter's Bell Choir

Have you played in a bell choir before? Are you interested in being in a bell choir here? St. Peter's is planning to start our first bell choir this fall. Sign up in Fellowship Hall if you're interested in joining us. Questions? Please contact Dave Morton at 846-6882 or musicdirector@stpeterscarmel.org.

# Fellowship Team

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## Sign up for Dine with Nine!

Tailgating and playing darts on the parking lot at Bonge's while waiting for your table, listening to the Symphony and sipping wine under the stars at Conner Prairie, enjoying a pitch in dinner with friends, splurging on a gourmet dinner at one of the wonderful upscale restaurants, or maybe an alfresco lunch in the charming town of Pendleton. Sound like fun? Well, these experiences will be even more enjoyable and fun with your new and old friends in your Dine with Nine Group. Dine with Nine has long been a tradition of our congregation. Groups of nine people are coordinated to share meals and/or an activity together, usually once a month for six months. This provides a unique way to meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and share in fellowship with other St. Peter's friends.



For those of you that prefer to meet during the day, we have a new group selection: Before Sundown. This will afford those who prefer daytime activities to participate and enjoy the Dine with Nine experiences. The Summer/Fall sign up sheets are posted in Fellowship Hall. New groups will start in July and will meet through December. Please indicate on the sign up sheet if you prefer Before Sundown and if you prefer Restaurant, Family/Pitch In Group or No Preference. If you are the leader of that group, it will be noted on the new sheet, and we ask you coordinate the first gathering of your group. After the first gathering, another person or couple from your group will plan the next event. You are free to choose a restaurant, a pitch-in at home, bowling alley or any place of your choosing. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert, weekdays or weekends... whatever works best for your group. Be creative, have fun and happy fellowship!

New groups can always be formed or new names added to the existing groups, so all are welcome. If you forget to sign up or have any questions please contact the church office.

## Movie Night - June 18

Join us for a night at the movies! Meet us on Friday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Landmark Theaters at Keystone at the Crossing for our next St. Peter's Movie Night. This is a wonderful evening of entertainment, conversation, and fellowship. If you are new to our congregation, this is a great way to meet people with common interests. If you are not-so-new, it is a good way to reconnect with friends. We choose the movie we'll see upon arrival, and all are welcome! Sometimes we all see the same film, and at other times we see different movies. Either way, we meet after in the lounge for fellowship and conversation. We'll send out the list of movies to choose from earlier in the week leading up to Movie Night. Questions? Contact the Fellowship Team at [fellowshipteam@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:fellowshipteam@stpeterscarmel.org).

## Symphony on the Prairie - Join Us!



Every Summer, we have a great opportunity for fun, fellowship, and great music. Join a group of St. Peter's members and friends at Connor Prairie for "Symphony on the Prairie." If you've never had a chance to experience the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at Connor Prairie before, you don't want to miss this opportunity! The group from St. Peter's really enjoyed seeing "The Music of Queen" last summer. All shows begin at 8:00p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Marsh, and we'll meet at Connor Prairie. Tables could be purchased closer to the date based on interest of the group. Below are three great shows. Please look for sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall or contact Theresa at [theresa@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:theresa@stpeterscarmel.org) to reserve your spot. Questions? Contact Eric Dyar at 846-6882 x 631 or [fellowshipteam@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:fellowshipteam@stpeterscarmel.org).

**Saturday, June 26** - Marvin Hamlisch at the Movies

**Friday, July 9** - The John Denver Songbook

**Saturday, August 28** - Classical Mystery Tour - Music of the Beatles

## Men's Monthly Breakfast

On the third Thursday of each month, St. Peter's men gather for breakfast and conversation beginning at 8:00 a.m. This month's breakfast on June 17 will be at Michael's located on the northwest corner of Guilford and Main Street.

# Fellowship Team

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## The Good Book Club – *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

*In a world with no poverty, no crime, no sickness and no unemployment, and where every family is happy, 12-year-old Jonas is chosen to be the community's Receiver of Memories. Under the tutelage of the Elders and an old man known as the Giver, he discovers the disturbing truth about his utopian world and struggles against the weight of its hypocrisy. Lowry examines the idea that people might freely choose to give up their humanity in order to create a more stable society. Gradually Jonas learns just how costly this ordered and pain-free society can be, and boldly decides he cannot pay the price.*

Join us in the parlor to discuss this good book on June 13th at 7 p.m. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

## Are You a Radio Operator?

Tim and Sherrie Vermande would like to find out if there are any other amateur radio operators at St. Peter's, or if anyone would be interested in becoming licensed (the Morse code test is no longer required). A group of operators could assist at many St. Peter's events, with the local emergency management agency (including storm spotting), or just gather for fellowship. If you are interested, please contact the church office to be put in contact with Tim & Sherrie.



## Free Concerts at the Carmel Gazebo

Join friends from St. Peter's for up to three free concerts at Carmel Gazebo near S. Range Line Road and Gradle Drive. Don't forget your lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks for music that is fun for your whole family. See the concerts below, and sign up in Fellowship Hall if you're planning on joining us. All concerts begin at 7:30p.m. Contact the church office. With questions.

**June 16 – Rick K & the All-Nighters:** A virtual hit parade of popular music spanning 50 years. By featuring 1950's doo-wop, Beach Boys and Motown, and classic pop-rock tunes of the 1970's, 80's and 90's, rock n' roll will surely never die! Mix in a blend of country hits by the likes of Tim McGraw, George Strait, Conway Twitty and others. We guarantee something for everyone.

**July 7 – Five Easy Pieces:** Five Easy Pieces will be performing a variety of crowd pleasing tunes that span several decades. They will be showcasing their outstanding vocal harmonies, musicianship, and years of experience in a performance that will be entertaining for everyone.

**August 4 – Endless Summer:** Popular music of numerous eras and styles from the most fun, most energetic, best showband on earth.

## Young Adults Gathering Food and Fun for All!

**Our Goal:** To be together.

**Our Need:** You, and your side item to share

**Our Hope:** That you'll mark your calendars TODAY so that you don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hang out with other fun people from St. Peter's!



Let's get together! We always have a blast when the young adults from our congregation get together. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 1st, 4-6:00 p.m., and SIGN UP in Fellowship Hall. (Based on the number of children attending, we'll secure childcare.) We'll have an outdoor picnic with all the fixings! Bring your favorite dish to share, bring the kids, and bring a good attitude. Don't be surprised to encounter water balloons or a pick-up volleyball game if the weather cooperates... Questions? Contact Lori at [lor@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:lor@stpeterscarmel.org) or 846-6882 x222.

# Education Team

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## You Could Be a Teacher

The Education Team is recruiting teachers for Summer Education Hour and the 2010-2011 school year. If you ever thought that you might want to try teaching, but aren't ready for a longer-term commitment, you may want to volunteer for Summer Education Hour. Our two summer classes will meet in June and July. For the fall, we will have classes for preschool, K-2nd, and 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, and 9th-12th grades. All of our classes are taught by teams of 2-3 teachers who share the teaching responsibility by rotating weeks. The Education Team provides teachers with curriculum and training. We'd love to have you! If you'd like to volunteer or have questions about teaching, please contact the Education Team at [educationteam@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:educationteam@stpeterscarmel.org).

## Men's Mid-Week Morning Bible Study

Want to meet Jesus? You have to read the Gospels. Join leader Mike Akermann Wednesday mornings 7:00-7:45a.m. each week at the church. There will be plenty of juice, coffee and rolls. We'll have lively discussions but minimal outside reading and preparation. Questions? Contact the church office to be put in contact with the study's facilitator.

## Lori's Ed Hour

Enough is enough is enough is enough. Sort of. We have been studying the concept of enough for many months. Believe it: we have not been short of stories, applications, or theological connections! Our class will continue to meet during the summer months, and our focus of conversation will include recent events and experiences of spirited living as they come to us in creative ways. Please join us and stretch your mind a little bit on Sunday mornings. All are welcome! For the summer months, we will meet in the Parlor at 10:00 a.m.

## The Gathering - Summer Break

Children's music time on Sunday mornings will resume in the fall. Thank you to all the wonderful children who participated in The Gathering and who enlivened our worship together during the year. Thank you, also, to the many parents who assisted, especially Tara Hendricks and Kara Benson. See you in September. A special thanks to Elaine Akermann, Associate Director of Music for leading the Gathering.

## Women & the Word - Thursday Mornings

It's been a great year! St. Peter's women have gathered faithfully on Thursday mornings to enjoy study, fellowship, and prayer. Our final session for the year was on May 27th. We're taking a break for the summer; please consider joining us this fall! Questions? Ideas for our next study? Please contact Lori Bievenour at 846-6882 x222 or [lori@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:lori@stpeterscarmel.org).

### Children & Youth Opportunities – 10:00 a.m.

During June and July, we will offer classes for kids aged three through those going into fifth grade.  
Age 3 - K - Meets in Room #3      Grades 1-5 - Meets in Room #4

### Adult Opportunities – 10:00 a.m.

#### **Lectionary Conversations & Insights**

*(Larry Kleiman, Senior Pastor)*

Discuss today's lectionary texts. Often delving into the 'story behind the story,' this class raises questions based on the scripture readings and will benefit those interested in biblical studies as well as those curious about further discussion of the day's focus.

**Weekly in Room 1**  
*(Across from sanctuary)*

#### **Enough is Enough**

*(Lori Bievenour, Associate Pastor)*

Join an ever-changing yet always-welcoming group of adults for a conversation that links scripture, current events, and the soul-searching concept of enough together. We cover a lot of ground, but the most important thing is that we are together. Join us.

Please Note: During the summer months, the Parlor Class will be combined with this class.

**Weekly in the Parlor**

# Education Team

Team Leader: Kelly Bradbury      educationteam@stpeterscarmel.org      Ext: 621

## Young Adult Confirmation

Think back to how our youth challenged and inspired us earlier this year when they read their faith papers in worship... Remember how many questions you had about your own faith and how you longed to delve into the deeper parts of spirituality in a safe environment like our youth did? Well, here's your opportunity. Beginning Wednesday, September 15th, from 6:00-7:30 p.m., young adults are invited to their very own Young Adult Confirmation experience. Don't get hung up deciding if you're a young adult or not - just come. Sign up in Fellowship Hall for what promises to be a wonderful journey through faith with others from St. Peter's. This is your chance to give a gift to yourself: a gift of contemplation, stretching your religious views, and creating new relationships with others at St. Peter's. Childcare will be provided. Questions? Please contact Lori at lori@stpeterscarmel.org or 846-6882 x222. One final note: If you are interested in Young Adult Confirmation but are unable to make a Wednesday evening group, please let me know. We will gladly start more groups!

## Help Needed – Consider Worshiping with our Preschoolers!

Sunday Worship for all ages is an integral part of ministry at St. Peter's. Following the "Time of Sharing" with our pastors, children who are ages 3 through 5 (not yet in kg) gather in Room 5 to share a Bible Story, prayer, and song. Adult volunteers are needed to lead the services listed below. Curriculum is provided. Contact Kelly Bradbury at educationteam@stpeterscarmel.org or 846-6882 x631 to lead worship for even ONE service this summer! Thank you for your continued support of our children and for considering this opportunity.

|                                     |                             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| June 20th – 8:30 and 11:00 services | August 8th – 11:00 service  |
| July 18th – 8:30 and 11:00 services | August 22nd – 8:30 service  |
| July 25th – 8:30 service            | August 29th – 11:00 service |
| August 1st – 8:30 service           |                             |

## St. Peter's Offers Summer Education Hour for Children

Education Hour for children ages 3 - 5th Grade will be offered for all Sundays in June and July. We hope to see you and the kids in Education Hour this summer; class time is 10:00 - 10:55. If you are interested in assisting with teaching or have any questions, contact the Education Team.

Note: There will be no Children's Education Hour on Memorial Day Weekend (May 30), in August., or on Labor Day Weekend (September 5). We will resume normal classes on September 12.

## Summer 2010 Camp Merom Schedule

| Dates                  | Camp Session         | Ages                   | Check-In Times       | Check-Out Times   |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| June 14-19, 2010       | Faith Journeys       | 3rd Grade - 2010 Grads | Monday 9-10a.m.      | Saturday 9:30a.m. |
| June 20-26, 2010       | All Ages 2           | 3rd Grade - 2010 Grads | Sunday 3:30-5:00p.m. | Saturday 9:30a.m. |
| June 20-26, 2010       | Adventure Camp       | High School & Up       | To be announced      | To be announced   |
| June 27-30, 2010       | Grades 3-4-5         | 3rd-5th Grades         | Sunday 4-5p.m.       | Wednesday 10a.m.  |
| June 30 - July 4, 2010 | Backstage Pass       | 8th Grade - 2010 Grads | Wednesday 3:30-5p.m. | Sunday 1p.m.      |
| July 4-10, 2010        | Creative Spirit Camp | 5th Grade - 2010 Grads | Sunday 3:30-5p.m.    | Saturday 11a.m.   |
| July 7-10, 2010        | Just You & Me, Kid   | 4 years & up           | Wednesday 3:30-5p.m. | Saturday 9:30a.m. |
| July 11-17, 2010       | Tri-Level            | 4th Grade - 2010 Grads | Sunday 3:30-5p.m.    | Saturday 9:30a.m. |
| July 18-24, 2010       | All Ages 1 & 3       | 3rd Grade - 2010 Grads | Sunday 3:30-5p.m.    | Saturday 9:30a.m. |

# Building & Grounds Team

Team Leader: Morris Irwin

buildinggroundsteam@stpeterscarmel.org Ext: 501

## Playground Improvements

Preschool personnel reported several holes and low areas in the playground which caused teachers and children to trip and fall. These areas were filled with topsoil and re-seeded.

## The Dogwood Tree

A member of St. Peter's has donated a dogwood tree, and it has been planted in the front landscaped area. Many thanks to Jane Lawrence who arranged for having the underground utility lines marked, selecting the tree, and making the planting arrangements.



### *The Legend of the Dogwood Tree*

*When Christ was on earth,  
The dogwood grew to a  
Towering size with lovely hue.  
Its branches were strong and interwoven  
And for Christ's cross  
Its timbers were chosen.  
Being distressed at the use of this wood,  
Christ made a promise  
Which still holds good:*

*"Not ever again shall the dogwood grow  
To be large enough for such a tree,  
And so slender and twisted  
It shall always be with cross-shaped Blossoms for all to see.  
The petals shall have bloodstains  
Marked in brown and in the  
Blossom's center a thorny crown.  
All who see it will think of Me,  
Nailed to a cross from the dogwood tree.  
Protected and cherished this tree shall be  
A reflection to all of my agony."*

*-Author Unknown*

## FYI: Important Phone Numbers



**Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence:** (800) 322-7385 <http://www.violenceresource.org>  
**National Suicide Prevention Hotline:** (800) 784-2433 <http://www.hopeline.com>  
**24 Hour Addiction Hotline:** (800) 396-9389 <http://www.24houraddictionhelp.com>  
**ChildHelp USA (Child Abuse Hotline):** (480) 922-8212 <http://www.childhelp.org>

**If you or a loved one are in a life threatening situation, please call 911.**

## Preschool Team

Preschool Team Leader: Ann-Marie Rohe preschoolteam@stpeterscarmel.org Ext: 551

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### From the Preschool Team

The preschool year has ended, and we're already looking to next school year! There are openings in ALL classes, so please share the news of our wonderful St. Peter's Preschool program to your friends and neighbors.

On behalf of St. Peter's Preschool, the Preschool Team and Preschool Director Lori Janssen, I'd like to share a big THANKS to all of the church teams that have helped the preschool this year:

- Gardening Team: The preschool is anxious and excited to use the area in the back of the playground for planting during summer camp.
- Technology Team: Thanks for all the work on our new Preschool website and new online payment feature.
- Financial Team: Thanks for your continued support.
- Pastoral Team: Thank you to Lori and Larry for your support of the preschool.

## Community Involvement Team

Team Leader: Cheryl Hinton communityinvteam@stpeterscarmel.org Ext: 611

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### Carmel Relay For Life

**When: 9a.m. Saturday, June 5th - 9a.m. Sunday, June 6th**

Relay For Life is a 24 hour, family friendly, team format fund raising event for the American Cancer Society. It is their largest fund raising event, and YOU can be a part of it. We need families and individuals to make our team a success. Don't let the 24 hours discourage you; you don't have to be there the whole time (although it's lots of fun!). It's a wonderful opportunity for fellowship while raising funds for a great organization that does amazing work! Please contact the church office if you have questions or are interested in joining the St. Peter's team.

### Celebrating Diversity: Calling volunteers for Pride Fest and LGBT Family Picnic – June 12

Pride Fest is an annual event held in communities all over the world to celebrate diversity and the lives of Lesbian, Gay and Transgender people (LGBT). St. Peter's is part of a vital ministry to LGBT people and families by our presence at pride fest downtown and through our presence at the first annual LGBT family picnic. Persons interested in helping out with Pride Fest downtown or walking in the parade with other UCC folks may contact Michele Dyar who can link you to our friends at First Congregational.



**Face Painting, Anyone? Calling All Folk to the LGBT Family Picnic:** This year, Pride Fest activities will include a picnic for LGBT families at Eagle Creek Park from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Food, music, bounce houses and lots of fun will be enjoyed by all. Bring your families and a picnic lunch (or buy food there)!

St. Peter's will host a face painting booth for kids at the picnic. Volunteers are needed to staff the face painting booth, and we are especially asking members of the youth who are 12 years and older to take a 2 hour shift. **Free t-shirts will be provided to all volunteers** (let us know size when you sign up by June 5). Youth are encouraged to bring a friend with to help paint faces. Please contact the church office to be put in contact with the event's coordinator if you are willing to participate. Beth will also happily provide transportation for any youth willing to volunteer.

### St. Peter's Peace Garden Update



The second annual St. Peter's Peace Garden is in the ground! Thanks to the generosity of many, we have plants, a new mail box, hoses, tilled soil and even a fish scale from Selma!

Check out the garden map and volunteer opportunities in Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board. To the left is a photo of a portion of our garden crew!

Our harvest will be donated to local pantries, our refugee families and anyone else who needs a little helping hand. As always, please glean from this garden!

# Service to Others Team

Team Leader: Emily Gantt    servicetootersteam@stpeterscarmel.org    Ext: 641

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## Cincinnati Mission Experience - Deposits Due by June 27th



Youth entering 7th grade or older and adults are welcome to join us for a week of mission with Washington UCC in Cincinnati the week of July 25th. The cost of this year's trip is \$200. A \$100 deposit is required by June 27th to hold your place on the trip, and full payment is needed by July 18th. St. Peter's Leadership have adopted a new policy on scholarships for all events and mission trips. Under this new policy, scholarships for up to \$134 are available for this mission trip (2/3 of the total cost), and half of the scholarship (\$67) would need to be repaid (in cash or in work/service) within six months of the conclusion of the trip. If you have questions or concerns about your ability to participate in this trip based on financial reasons, please contact Lori as soon as possible. Finally, please be aware that we are planning special projects and donation opportunities for this summer's mission experience. If you are interested in participating, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Lori at [lori@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:lori@stpeterscarmel.org) or 846-6882 x222.

## Clean Your Closet for Washington UCC

Summer is upon us, and our kids in Cincinnati could use new or gently used summer clothing! Many of you have stated that you are cleaning out your own kids' closets in preparation for summer fun, so here's a place for all of those clothes that need a new home! We have a parishioner who graciously has agreed to ship boxes of clothing as we fill them, so the kids at Washington UCC will get the clothing sooner rather than later. Clothing of all sizes is needed for boys and girls. Swimming attire is also desired, as our kids have been gifted with swim passes to the local pool for the summer. If you have items to donate, please bring them to church and place them in the collection box in the front hallway. Many thanks for your generosity! Questions? Contact Lori at [lori@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:lori@stpeterscarmel.org) or 846-6882 x222.

## The Kids of Washington UCC in Cincinnati: In Their Own Words

In case you wondered what the kids in Cincinnati think about the Summer Program and our kids who come to share time with them, here's your answer. Pastor Pam included the insights below in her monthly newsletter, and they are bound to inspire you. We pray that we will be able to share quality time with these kids again this summer. Thanks for your support! Special prayers for St. Peter's member Lizzy Grubbs, who will be serving Washington UCC as a summer intern. Please pray for Lizzy, her team, and all of us as we prepare for many weeks of fun with the youth of Camp Washington! Here's what the kids think of Summer Program... in their own words:

*Tay: I like to play the outdoor games and to meet other people. I like to play football.*

*Devian: I like to learn games and do fun stuff. I like it when it is sunny.*

*Justin: I like having fun, playing games, and swimming. I like to make new friends.*

*Ashlee: The people are nice - they play games. I really like sleep-overs.*

*Jonathan: Cool, awesome, amazing!*

*Jamaica: I like to go swimming, making new friends. I like to sing and lead worship. I like to do the call to worship.*

*Unique: We went to the Freedom Center, swimming, had cheerleading group and cheered for God and Jesus. I really like talking about all the different races. I liked talking about Jesus at the sleep-over.*

*Charlene: I loved to experience nature and to feel good about myself. I like to go to other programs and to feed the homeless.*

*Desi: We play games and have teams and groups. We eat healthy snacks. One of the downsides is you have to get up really early. It is really fun to meet groups from different churches and work camps.*

*James H: I like summer program because you can discover nature. It teaches us manners and you get to spend time with friends.*

*Brittany: I had a lot of fun. The workcampers are nice - they are like partners with lots of different things to do. They take time out of their summers to help us. We go swimming and on field trips. They served dinner and taught us manners. They also gave us money for homework club.*

# Service to Others Team

Team Leader: Emily Gantt

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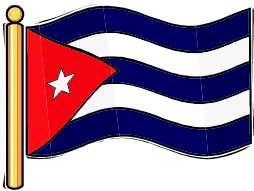
## Exodus Refugee Resettlement First Annual Fundraiser

Exodus Refugee Resettlement's first annual fundraiser will be both entertaining and educational. The focus of the event will be a special screening of the award winning documentary, *Burma VJ*, a film about a massive protest led by Buddhist monks. More than 100,000 people took to the streets protesting a cruel dictatorship that has held the country hostage for more than 40 years. The footage was taken by a group of reporters armed with hidden video cameras, who covertly filmed the abuses in their country, then smuggled their footage across the border into Thailand. *Burma VJ* plays like a thriller and will likely keep you on the edge of your seat. This is a one-time film screening you will not want to miss! The event will be held on June 18th at 7:00 pm at the Central Library located in downtown Indianapolis. You may purchase tickets at Global Gifts, or by calling Laurie Cuellar at Exodus – 317-921-0836.

## Missions:Possible is a Success

Thank you to everyone who attended, contributed and supported this year's Missions:Possible Auction. We were able to raise over \$6,400 to help support the mission work we do at St. Peter's. The money that is raised not only helps people participate in mission trips, but also aids in the mission work being done in the places we have visited. It allows St. Peter's to remain a presence in many communities. Special thanks to Dan Courtney, Jamie Courtney, Eric Dyar, Michelle Dyar, Pat Eckert, Tara Hendricks, Brandon Joutras, Judy Joutras, Gus Leagre, James Leagre, Janet Morrison, Kent Newton, Joani Phoebus, Lori Radford, Jeff Wertz and Mark Wiegand for sharing their stories, time and talents to help make the event a true success. It was an evening to be remembered for the entertainment, stories, laughter and ability to learn about the impact that the mission trips and work that St. Peter's supports have on us all. I was honored to be a part of it. – Emily Gantt

## Get Ready for Cuba



An unexpected opportunity arose for Eric Dyar to travel to Cuba on a mission trip. He will be able to visit all of the provinces of Cuba with Eduardo to meet with other pastors in the Cuba Baptist Convention. This will begin the process of building relationships with other churches and expand our mission trip experiences and opportunities in Cuba. Upon his return, Eric will share his stories with the congregation and we can begin planning a mission trip to Cuba later in the year. If you'd like to learn more about St. Peter's relationship with the Emmanuel and Canaan churches, or if you might be interested in joining the group going to Cuba later this year, please contact Emily Gantt at [servicetootherteam@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:servicetootherteam@stpeterscarmel.org).

## El Salvador and the U.S.A.

Former ambassador to El Salvador in the Carter administration, Robert E. White has a unique view of United States involvement in that country. He writes in *Commonweal* magazine, March 26, 2010:

*"The social order of El Salvador had traditionally rested on a tripod of the rich, the military and the church. The church ran the country. They controlled it through the military, and the role of the church was to counsel the poor to accept their lot and to wait for their reward in the next life. Then, in 1968, in Medillin, Columbia, the bishops of Latin America adopted a 'preferential option for the poor.' Pope Paul VI summarized Medillin when he said, 'The poor have the right not only to share in the fruits of society, but in the direction of that society.'*

*After the overthrow of the Somoza dictatorship in Nicaragua, White observes: "El Salvador, virtually next door to Nicaragua, was now irrevocably part of the Cold War. Hard-liners in the Department of Defense and the CIA argued that the Carter policy of human rights had to be subordinated to a military buildup if El Salvador was not to fall under the control of Marxist revolutionaries. On the other side, State Department officials warned that there was no military solution to the Salvadoran crisis, that it had been repression by the armed forces that had helped create the insurgency, and that a political solution was still possible."*

Visitors to the compound in which Archbishop Oscar Romero lived and where he was murdered will see the typewriter on which Romero typed his letter to President Carter begging him to cease funding of the oppressive military and paramilitary forces. If you have an interest in visiting El Salvador in early November 2010 contact Kent Newton at [knewton@nbbplaw.com](mailto:knewton@nbbplaw.com)

# Caregiving Team

Team Leader: Jennifer Terry caregivingteam@stpeterscarmel.org Ext: 601

## St. Peter's Blood Drive - June 27

The Blood Mobile will be here at St. Peter's on June 27th from 9:30am - noon. We're challenging families and friends of St. Peter's to fill all 20 available time slots. We can do it! Please prayerfully consider donating; you will have someone's undying gratitude. You can sign up in fellowship hall. Questions can be directed to Judy Joutras at jjoutras@yahoo.com.

## What is the Caregiving Team?

The members of the Caregiving Team hope that many members of the church will be inspired to be caregivers, either through the Caregiving Team or through your individual outreach. The Caregivers Team responds to the needs of those members who are ill or unable to share in worship through card and flower ministry, visitations to those in needs, and working through the parish nurse. The team welcomes visitors to the church with cookies or bread. The team is available to provide transportation to Sunday services to those who need it as well as transportation to doctor's appointments. We also provide food for families during important and difficult transitions and care packages to our members attending college. It is the team's hope that the needs and expectation of each person who comes under the care of this team will be met and that visitors to the church will be warmly welcomed.

## Congratulations Graduates

- Karen Talbot from Westfield High School. This fall, she will be attending George Washington University in Washington D.C. to study political science.
- Brandt Cotherman, son of Jesse & Michelle Cotherman, who is graduating from Carmel High School. He plans on attending Purdue University's School of Technology and majoring in Graphic Arts.
- David Bucksten from IUPUI
- Neil Ahrendt from Purdue University
- Michelle Dyar from Christian Theological Seminary
- Nancy Green from law school



## Happy Birthday To You

|       |                  |       |                    |       |                   |       |                |
|-------|------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|----------------|
| 06/04 | Jackson Cook     | 06/11 | Rachel Fledderjohn | 06/18 | Aaron Barker      | 06/25 | Jane Lawrence  |
| 06/05 | Beth Eckert      | 06/12 | Nancy Jolliff      | 06/18 | Ethan Fledderjohn | 06/27 | Elise Whitaker |
| 06/05 | Riley Flynn      | 06/13 | Raigan Stanifer    | 06/21 | Vic Roe           | 06/28 | Lynn Spiegel   |
| 06/07 | Stefanna Johnson | 06/14 | Ralph Lundgren     | 06/21 | Charlie Slavik    | 06/29 | Liza Ahrendt   |
| 06/08 | Julia Hawkins    | 06/14 | Ashton Rademacher  | 06/22 | Dennis Heavin     | 06/29 | Mallory Rohe   |
| 06/08 | Bridget Johnson  | 06/15 | Matt Drummond      | 06/23 | Larry Kleiman     | 06/30 | Ilse Handschuh |
| 06/09 | Josh Clawson II  | 06/15 | Debby Dzeguze      | 06/23 | Fiona Rademacher  | 06/30 | Jenny Terry    |
| 06/10 | Owen Gastineau   | 06/16 | Ken Cook           | 06/25 | Chloe Clawson     |       |                |

\*Dear St. Peter's Family,  
Thank you for the cards and the flower arrangements. It makes the time easier with your thoughts and prayers. Hope to see you all in June. It has been a tough winter for us all. Now spring is here. Let's all celebrate life. It is an amazing gift from God! With loving thoughts,  
Barb & Joe Traub

\*To My St. Peter's Family; Thank you for all of your prayers, emails, cards & visits over the past several weeks. I am on the mend and you are all are playing a huge role in my recovery. It's going to be very slow going but I'm sure that your love and encouragement will carry me through. I have grown personally through this experience, thanks to the outpouring of concern I have received from all directions. From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU! - Liza Ahrendt

## Nursery Staff: June 2010

Nursery staff are available to care for newborns through 3 year olds (non school-aged children) from 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. on Sundays (including Education Hour).

| DATE    | NAME          |
|---------|---------------|
| June 6  | Ann Frazo     |
| June 13 | Trish Hawkins |
| June 20 | TBD           |
| June 27 | Kathryn Meyer |

# Administrative Announcements

Theresa Weaver, Administrative Assistant    [theresa@stpeterscarmel.org](mailto:theresa@stpeterscarmel.org)    Ext: 201

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## Notes From the Church Office

### Average Attendance Figures: May

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| 1998 – 125 | 2005 – 192 |
| 1999 – 152 | 2006 – 202 |
| 2000 – 168 | 2007 – 173 |
| 2001 – 176 | 2008 – 196 |
| 2002 – 183 | 2009 – 204 |
| 2003 – 188 | 2010 – 205 |
| 2004 – 216 |            |

May the blessings of God fill us with an attitude of humility so that we may warmly welcome and include everyone who enters the St. Peter's community of faith.

### Pastoral Support Teams

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Our St. Peter's constitution provides for a four-member pastoral support team to act as a liaison between the congregation and pastors. They provide a confidential sounding board for the pastor to share concerns, as well as a format in which to share congregational concerns. Two members are elected by the congregation and two are requested to serve by the pastor. Currently Marilyn Porter leads the senior pastor team composed of Scott Ames, Jill German and Alan Bouwkamp. The next meeting of this team is planned for Tuesday, June 29, at 6:00 p.m. Tom Doman leads the Associate Pastor Support Team with members Tammy Drummond, Barb James and Mike Wilson.

### New Members

**Sunday, June 27**, is the date when new members will be welcomed into the St. Peter's community of faith. Members are received through Letter of Transfer, Re-affirmation of Faith, or Baptism and Confession of Faith. Persons interested in joining the ministries of the congregation on the 27th are invited to contact the church office no later than Thursday, June 24. Membership is an affirmation of the mutual covenant we share in ministry.



### Do You have an Epistle Article?

Please make sure that you send your articles for the July Epistle by Friday, June 18 to Theresa. It's important to turn in articles before or on the posted date so they can make it into the upcoming edition. We appreciate everybody's feedback and contributions.

### Yoga Note

On Monday evenings between 6 and 8pm, St. Peter's hosts yoga classes in Fellowship Hall. If you are attending meetings or events on Monday nights, please avoid going into Fellowship Hall. Be sure to speak quietly to not disrupt the class.

### Office Hours

Assistance is regularly available in the church office between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 5:00p.m. Monday through Friday. Lori takes Mondays off, and Larry takes Friday as a day off. This schedule means that you will be able to reach someone to assist you throughout the week.

### UCC Calendar of Prayer

The United Church of Christ is known for many things, including its devotion to spiritual development. If you are interested in daily prayerful reflections and information on worldwide mission efforts, please consult the United Church of Christ Calendar of Prayer at [www.ucc.org/worship/calendar](http://www.ucc.org/worship/calendar).

### Two Ways to Stay Informed

Keep informed about the needs and joys of the St. Peter's community of faith: you may easily register to be included in our group e-mails by notifying Theresa in the church office. Simply provide her with your e-mail address and indicate a desire to be included in our group mailings. She will be happy to add your name to the list. Messages sent are limited to prayer concerns and helpful ministry information.

Our denomination publishes a wonderful online newsletter discussing issues of faith from around the country. You may receive this publication free by visiting the United Church News website at: <http://www.ucc.org/ucnews>.

### Sunday Morning Accommodations

Amplification devices and large print bulletins are available for persons to use during Sunday worship. The amplification devices are fed directly by the sound system in the sanctuary, and help insure that everyone can hear clearly. Large print bulletins consist of the order of worship, announcements and hymn lyrics. If you would like to utilize either of these things on Sunday morning, please ask an usher.

### Name Badges

Name badges are provided for members and friends of St. Peter's and are located in the narthex. Please remember to put your name badge back in the trays in the narthex before leaving. If your nametag is missing, contact the church office.

### A Communion Note

St. Peter's celebrates the sacrament of Holy Communion during morning worship on the first and fifth Sundays of each month. Additional celebrations occur during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Everyone is welcome at the table in this community of spirited faith.

### Altar Flowers Donations

Would you like to honor a friend of family member? Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to have floral arrangements made for Sunday worship services. We ask for a \$40 donation when signing up for flowers. Plenty of spaces remain, so please sign up today.

### Donations to St. Peter's

We recognize that many of you like to donate items to the church for community use. Please contact the church office before dropping off items. We do not have adequate need or storage space for all donations. In the case of toys or household goods for IHN, Exodus, or other groups we must be sure of what is coming in so that items get to the correct organization. Please respect this policy, and notify the church office if you are interested in donating items.

# *Technology Team*

Team Leader: Jim Brothers

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## St. Peter's UCC Staff & Team Leader Contact Information

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# Treasurer's Report

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## St Peter's United Church of Christ YTD Operating Statement July 2009 to April 2010

Note: The Report Option to include Open Transactions is selected.

| Accounts                                | YTD Actual<br>(This Year)  | YTD Budget<br>(This Year)  | YTD<br>Budget/Actual<br>(This Year) | YTD Actual<br>(Last Year)  |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                         |                            |                            |                                     |                            |
| <b>Giving</b>                           |                            |                            |                                     |                            |
| Pledged Offerings                       | \$255,544.96               | \$304,166.70               | (\$48,621.74)                       | \$273,152.10               |
| Non-Pledged Offerings                   | \$50,389.33                | \$26,750.00                | \$23,639.33                         | \$40,007.53                |
| Special Offerings                       | \$3,966.81                 | \$3,249.90                 | \$716.91                            | \$3,515.05                 |
| Other Revenues                          | \$4,711.62                 | \$4,750.00                 | (\$38.38)                           | \$4,732.90                 |
| <b>Total Giving</b>                     | <u>\$314,612.72</u>        | <u>\$338,916.60</u>        | <u>(\$24,303.88)</u>                | <u>\$321,407.58</u>        |
| <b>Team Revenues</b>                    |                            |                            |                                     |                            |
| Admin/Exec/Program                      | \$158.60                   | \$0.00                     | \$158.60                            | \$0.00                     |
| Education                               | \$293.22                   | \$833.30                   | (\$540.08)                          | \$803.52                   |
| Community Involvement                   | \$48.60                    | \$0.00                     | \$48.60                             | \$0.00                     |
| Fellowship                              | \$446.00                   | \$0.00                     | \$446.00                            | \$1,149.00                 |
| Service to Others                       | (\$234.00)                 | \$333.30                   | (\$567.30)                          | \$604.00                   |
| Spiritual Life                          | \$2,693.36                 | \$2,083.40                 | \$609.96                            | \$2,491.00                 |
| Building & Grounds                      | \$0.00                     | \$833.30                   | (\$833.30)                          | \$960.27                   |
| Caregivers                              | \$100.00                   | \$0.00                     | \$100.00                            | \$516.80                   |
| <b>Total Team Revenues</b>              | <u>\$3,505.78</u>          | <u>\$4,083.30</u>          | <u>(\$577.52)</u>                   | <u>\$6,524.59</u>          |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                   | <u><u>\$318,118.50</u></u> | <u><u>\$342,999.90</u></u> | <u><u>(\$24,881.40)</u></u>         | <u><u>\$327,932.17</u></u> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                         |                            |                            |                                     |                            |
| Personnel                               | \$234,769.59               | \$223,430.00               | \$11,339.59                         | \$216,679.35               |
| Administrative Expenses                 | \$31,245.78                | \$27,333.40                | \$3,912.38                          | \$28,534.42                |
| <b>Building &amp; Maintenance</b>       |                            |                            |                                     |                            |
| Bldg Maint & Repairs                    | \$11,239.04                | \$4,083.40                 | \$7,155.64                          | \$8,675.74                 |
| Janitorial Supplies                     | \$1,086.64                 | \$2,250.00                 | (\$1,163.36)                        | \$1,718.95                 |
| Utilities                               | \$18,010.82                | \$21,666.80                | (\$3,655.98)                        | \$19,607.47                |
| Maintenance Contracts                   | \$4,656.85                 | \$6,166.70                 | (\$1,509.85)                        | \$5,395.95                 |
| Major Maintenance                       | \$6,118.69                 | \$6,583.30                 | (\$464.61)                          | \$5,928.46                 |
| <b>Total Building &amp; Maintenance</b> | <u>\$41,112.04</u>         | <u>\$40,750.20</u>         | <u>\$361.84</u>                     | <u>\$41,326.57</u>         |
| Benevolences                            | \$30,593.43                | \$32,916.60                | (\$2,323.17)                        | \$28,442.32                |
| <b>Team Expenses</b>                    |                            |                            |                                     |                            |
| Caregivers                              | \$790.35                   | \$833.40                   | (\$43.05)                           | \$876.24                   |
| Community Involvement                   | \$200.00                   | \$166.70                   | \$33.30                             | \$0.00                     |
| Education                               | \$2,892.01                 | \$6,249.90                 | (\$3,357.89)                        | \$5,159.58                 |
| Fellowship                              | \$886.77                   | \$833.30                   | \$53.47                             | \$1,760.15                 |
| Service to Others                       | \$432.43                   | \$3,333.30                 | (\$2,900.87)                        | \$2,500.00                 |
| Spiritual Life                          | \$6,513.34                 | \$6,874.90                 | (\$361.56)                          | \$4,953.09                 |
| Pastor Support                          |                            |                            |                                     |                            |
| 1-55960 - Pastor Support Misc.          | \$142.95                   | \$0.00                     | \$142.95                            | \$0.00                     |
| <b>Total Pastor Support</b>             | <u>\$142.95</u>            | <u>\$0.00</u>              | <u>\$142.95</u>                     | <u>\$0.00</u>              |
| <b>Total Team Expenses</b>              | <u>\$11,857.85</u>         | <u>\$18,291.50</u>         | <u>(\$6,433.65)</u>                 | <u>\$15,249.06</u>         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                   | <u><u>\$349,578.69</u></u> | <u><u>\$342,721.70</u></u> | <u><u>\$6,856.99</u></u>            | <u><u>\$330,231.72</u></u> |
|   | <b>Net Total</b>           | (\$31,460.19)              | \$278.20                            | (\$31,738.39)              |
| <b>Other Revenues</b>                   |                            |                            |                                     |                            |
| Income                                  | \$1,409.39                 | \$0.00                     | \$1,409.39                          | \$18,168.03                |
| <b>Total Other Revenues</b>             | <u>\$1,409.39</u>          | <u>\$0.00</u>              | <u>\$1,409.39</u>                   | <u>\$18,168.03</u>         |
| <b>Other Expenses</b>                   |                            |                            |                                     |                            |
| Expenses                                | \$611.77                   | \$0.00                     | \$611.77                            | \$10.95                    |
| <b>Total Other Expenses</b>             | <u>\$611.77</u>            | <u>\$0.00</u>              | <u>\$611.77</u>                     | <u>\$10.95</u>             |
|   | <b>Net Operating Total</b> | (\$30,662.57)              | \$278.20                            | (\$30,940.77)              |

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## 2009-2010 Pledged Giving Update

As of May 1, we have received 77% of the pledges made for this fiscal year. We had been on track through March with pledged giving, but have fallen behind the past month. If you made a pledge last June, we hope you are able to honor that commitment by June 30th. If you are not expecting to fulfill the pledge, please contact the Financial Secretary or the Financial Secretary-Elect, so we can try to make adjustments with our expenses in the final month.

## Offering Envelopes for 2010-2011 To Be Available June 6

Starting Sunday, June 6, new offering envelopes will be available for the 2010-2011 Program Year. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes. If you don't see a set of envelopes for you and want one, please let our financial secretaries know. If you have questions, please contact Janet Musick-Johnson at financial@stpeterscarmel.org or Tom Kirk at financialelect@stpeterscarmel.org.

### Stock Transfers

Tax advantages may be realized by gifting stocks that have a low cost basis. No capital gains taxes are incurred when stock is gifted to the Church, and the full value of the stock may be claimed as a charitable donation. When transferring stock as a gift to St. Peter's, please notify the church office and Tom Kirk at financial@stpeterscarmel.org or 846-6882 x244 of the date of the transfer to expedite the church's sale of the stock. If you are interested in doing this, please contact our broker for details: Demetrios Geroulis, (317) 262-4177 or (800) 937-0832. His email address is demetrios\_geroulis@ml.com. Demetrios' address is Merrill Lynch, Chase Tower, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 4200, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Your broker would execute a transfer of the shares to the Church's account at Merrill Lynch. Account name: St Peter's United Church of Christ. Receiving Brokerage: Merrill Lynch. Thank you for your support of St. Peter's and its programs.

## Ongoing Ministries at St. Peter's

**Paper Recycling:** You can make a difference by bringing your paper to the green and yellow Abitibi Paper Retrieval receptacle in our parking lot. Recycling paper not only helps the environment, but it also raises money for St. Peter's. We currently recycle 2.3 tons of paper per month on average and make \$5 per ton. If we recycle over 4 tons of paper, we would earn \$15 per ton. Please note that phone books, tissue, cardboard and trash can't be put in the Abitibi receptacle.

**Cell Phone/Ink Cartridge Recycling:** Think your used cell phones and empty ink cartridges are trash? Think again! These items can be dropped in the box in Fellowship Hall. Not only will you be helping the environment, but you'll also be helping St. Peter's raise money for its youth programs.

**CD Ministry:** For those who don't have access to our weekly podcasts, recordings of the weekly worship services are available on CD. Contact the church office at 846-6882 to request a worship recording.

**Campbell's Product Labels:** Ruth Spiegel is collecting labels and other proofs-of-purchase from Campbell's products in an envelope in Fellowship Hall for The Shepherds' Home at Union Grove, WI, where Gary Speigel is living.

**Save Your Soda Tabs:** Look for the envelope on the Community Involvement board to support Ronald McDonald House.

**Home Visitation:** The Caregiving Team extends a home visitation program to those who are unable to worship with us. If you'd like to be involved, contact the church office.

**Book & Magazine Giveaway & Recycle:** Donate or take free books and magazines in Fellowship Hall! Please note: due to space limitations, only magazines from the past *six months* are welcome. Older magazines can be recycled in the green dumpster in our parking lot.

**Damien Center:** There are many challenges for people affected by HIV/AIDS. The Damien Center serves our community by providing non-perishable food items, toiletries, and paper goods to those living with HIV/AIDS. Specific items that are needed include: cereal, canned meat, canned fruit & fruit juice, toothbrushes and razors.

**Korks for Kids:** Korks for Kids recycles corks from wine bottles and other cork materials so they can be used to make flooring for playgrounds. Korks for Kids donates the money raised from cork recycling to the Autism Foundation. Drop your corks in the box in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Sarah Penquite at Sarah.Dunn@sbcglobal.net or 254-0311.

**Refugee Resettlement Ministry:** Exodus is currently receiving well over 50 refugee families a month and could use a variety of donations. Visit <http://www.exodusrefugee.org> to find out more about Exodus Refugee and what is needed there.

# Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program (WPLP)

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## Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program - An Update

Although I have been meeting with this ecumenical group of 18 pastors for over a year and a half now, I never expected our May session on conflict resolution and reconciliation to be as powerful as it was... Let me explain. For two full days, the WPLP focused on how to never get to conflict in a church - preparing good policies, following them, engaging the process to support a congregation's work with appropriate boundaries and limitations - and how to navigate conflict when it does surface. Presented by Scot Himsel, a lawyer from Baker and Daniels, I learned that St. Peter's is really in a good place! We are taking the important steps during our growth to ensure that we have policies that support our ministries, staff, and volunteers. I am grateful that St. Peter's has this vision; my gratitude only grew when I was at Wabash and heard Scott's stories of churches who hadn't been so prudent. No organization ever intends for conflicts to arise, but the wise ones recognize that being prepared is a necessity, not an option. Scott led us in a powerful role-play exercise in which I played "the Reverend Ambitious." If you're curious about why that role-play was so difficult and so important to me, I'm happy to tell the story. I continue to process that experience more than a week after it occurred, and it is far too much to include here. Just know that I continue to learn more things about myself when I am with my Wabash friends and colleagues, and for this, I am overwhelmingly thankful!

Truth be told, that was our second day together. Our first day was with Andrew Dreitzer and Frank Rogers, professors at Claremont School of Theology who work together to help consider "The Spiritual Invitation within Conflict." It is fair to say that none of us expected the intensity of this session. None of us expected that we would combine contemplative prayer, guided meditation, and conflict resolution, but that is precisely what we did. For a number of hours, we explored the ideas of "cultivating compassion in ourselves and in 'the enemy'" so that we could explore conflict more effectively. The guided meditations were powerful. Some of us faced fears and hurts that we didn't realize we carried. Others felt the release of long-standing brokenness. A few found themselves letting go of uncertainties and scenarios for which they had no control. To be completely honest, a few fell asleep, yet they reported vivid dreams. The power of this session was how much it stretched us - how much we had to explore our own tendencies to hold onto conflict and pain and how deeply we longed for healing and wholeness in conflicted times. As a group, we talked about the countless ways that we saw this type of deep meditation being useful in congregational life. Some of you already use similar techniques in Saturday morning's Compassion Circle, and others use them occasionally in small group studies or on retreats. I will be working on incorporating these concepts into my experiences with you at St. Peter's, for while this session was not what I expected, it was definitely valuable!

At the end of June, the WPLP will gather again at Wabash College, and our topic will be Justice in Indiana. I cannot even begin to speculate about what this session will bring to us. If you have any insights or questions about my experiences with the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am eager to share how this program is impacting my life and our ministry together at St. Peter's. With Gratitude, Lori

### Clergy Renewal Grant

Thank you for the continued support during this time of anticipation! Many of you have asked me if we have heard anything about our application to the Lilly Endowment for the Clergy Renewal Grant. The Endowment will announce recipients later this month. We will share the news as soon as we have it, but until then, please continue to pray for our congregation's ability to embrace change and renewal in the various forms in which they come to us! With Deep Appreciation, Lori

### Lectionary Readings for June & July

#### June 6, 2010

1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24); Psalm 146 or  
1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 30  
Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

#### June 13, 2010

1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a; Psalm 5:1-8 or  
2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15; Psalm 32  
Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

#### June 20, 2010

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43 or  
Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28  
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

#### June 27, 2010

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 or  
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

#### July 4, 2010

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30 or  
Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9  
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

#### July 11, 2010

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82 or  
Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10  
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

#### July 18, 2010

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52 or  
Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15  
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

#### July 25, 2010

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85 or  
Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138  
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

## From Larry

Summer officially begins this month, and one of our first associations with this season is vacation. Many will anticipate time away from the ordinary being refreshed by active travel or resting comfortably in a peaceful setting. Vacation is a time for emptying out thereby creating space for the new. To vacate is to empty and leave. Stories shared about Jesus suggest he often did this emptying in the desert wilderness. Often he would spend extended periods alone reflecting on his purpose and gaining insight to the meaning of life. Even if you are not travelling away this summer, each of us can find time to sit in the shade of God's creation and ponder our relationships, our fears, our goals, our faith and hope. Usually when we return from vacation, we notice how things that were so familiar before we left now seem to be a bit different if only because we have missed them. Often we say we are glad to be home again because we have received fresh energy for embracing our routines. Summertime in the life of St. Peter's may offer each of us an opportunity for reflection about our congregational relationships. Time away may give us new perspectives and insights so that when we gather in full force next fall we will be ready to gracefully accept new responsibilities and challenges. A growing congregation cannot keep growing if it is unwilling to change and adapt both individually and collectively. Summer may gift us with time to reflect on our individual roles, and how we are willing to covenant as a faith community to support one another in life's complexities. May this season of emptying out, vacating, be a healing experience of making room for God and each other in our living. - Larry

## From Lori

Whether it is counting your steps to help us meet our walking challenge, pledging to the general fund for our congregation, tilling the rows in our Peace Garden, or donating time and supplies to one of our many missions, it occurs to me that there is a theme here at St. Peter's: it takes ALL of us. EACH of us and ALL of us. Every little bit counts. Sometimes I overhear people say, "I can't give that much," as if what they **can** give isn't enough. Please don't be caught by this trap! Your gift – time, money, service, food, laughter – is appreciated. Your gift matters. Your gift makes us who we are. Friends, let me be clear: YOU are a part of US. Some give a lot and some give a little, but it is the combination that changes lives!

I remember when I was in eighth grade, and my congregation (Emanuel UCC in Hales Corners, WI) asked me to give a brief talk about giving to our annual campaign. In worship. On a Sunday. In front of the entire congregation. Crazy. I agreed, and I daresay that this was one of the pivotal moments that led me to parish ministry years later. In that talk, I quoted a poem that continues to inspire me, even if it is a little bit cheesy. Back then, I didn't have much to give financially, but I was taught that my gift made a difference, and so I gave. From the little that I had, I gave. Now, years later, I continue to give. I so appreciate the mentors who helped me to understand generosity in this way. Think about what you can give to St. Peter's – and challenge yourself to consider giving just a bit more of whatever you offer to our congregation – and enjoy this poem that might reflect your relationship with generosity at St. Peter's just like it does mine.

**Drop a pebble in the water: just a splash, and it is gone;  
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on.  
Spreading, spreading from the center, flowing on out to the sea.  
And there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.**

**Drop a pebble in the water: in a minute you forget,  
But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling yet,  
And those little waves a-flowing to a great big wave have grown;  
You've disturbed a mighty river just by dropping in a stone.**

**Drop an unkind word, or careless: in a minute it is gone;  
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on.  
They keep spreading, spreading, spreading from the center as they go,  
And there is no way to stop them, once you've started them to flow.**

**Drop an unkind word, or careless: in a minute you forget;  
But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling yet,  
And perhaps in some sad heart a mighty wave of tears you've stirred,  
And disturbed a life was happy ere you dropped that unkind word.**

**Drop a word of cheer and kindness: just a flash and it is gone;  
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,  
Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing wave  
Till you wouldn't believe the volume of the one kind word you gave.**

**Drop a word of cheer and kindness: in a minute you forget;  
But there's gladness still a-swelling, and there's joy circling yet,  
And you've rolled a wave of comfort whose sweet music can be heard  
Over miles and miles of water just by dropping one kind word.**

\* James W. Foley

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Parish Nurses

## **Mission Statement of St. Peter's United Church of Christ**

St. Peter's United Church of Christ's mission is to carry the Word of God and teachings of Jesus Christ to the greater community through creative ministries. We will provide a place for individuals to organize and worship God. We will provide ministries for individuals to grow as Christians. We will develop lay leaders to create, design, and deliver new exciting ministries. We will provide ministries to help others and share God's love. We will continuously look to improve our programs and offerings to those we serve.

## **Covenant of Welcome**

**"Welcome"** to everybody who has faith or seeks it, who lives in hope or who needs it.

**"Welcome"** to all who rejoice and are strong, or who mourn and are weary.

**"Welcome"** to those who know Christ, and to those who long for an introduction.

We believe God's grace is extended to all. To anyone who has felt unwelcome or has experienced rejection elsewhere, we say, "All are welcome here."

We acknowledge our diversities and we welcome, respect and support people of every race, ethnicity, economic status, sexual orientation, age, gender, marital status and physical and mental ability. We are a community where all are equal, all are loved and all are respected for who and what they are, and what they can become.

We acknowledge that our fears and ignorance sometimes hinder us. We challenge one another to follow the teachings of Jesus, who denied no one and welcomed all. We strive to live our faith by supporting inclusiveness and justice for all humanity, and we invite all who gather here to participate in our ministries of service, word and sacrament.

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