



St. Peter's January **KEY**

"God Is Still Speaking"

Rev. Mark Milligan, Pastor and Teacher



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In the Life of Our Congregation ... *from the Pastor*



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the name of the One who is our Creator, our Redeemer and Guide; the One in whose name we gather; the One in whose name we serve.

It hardly seems possible that we are at the beginning of another new year. It seems like just yesterday we were preparing for the dawn of a new millennium, and here we are ready to usher in 2019. Where does the time go? As always, when a new year begins, we pause to reflect on the previous year. We revel in our successes and evaluate those plans that did not go as we had originally intended. We remember times of joy and times of sorrow. We celebrate our growth and look for areas where continued growth is needed. While we all engage in these periods of reflection and evaluation, which are essential if we are to improve ourselves, it is most important at this time of year to have the courage of our faith and boldly dream dreams and see visions.

In the words of the prophet Joel we read:

O children of St. Peter's, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God;

...I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

your old men shall dream dreams,

and your young men shall see visions.

Joel 2:23a,28

There is no doubt that the Spirit of God is alive in the hearts and minds of the people of St. Peter's UCC. We see this demonstrated whenever there is a call to help. From helping to fill the shelves of the Frankfort Food Pantry to answering the Christmas requests of the people served by F.I.S.H.; serving meals at Shephard's Table and serving meals at Ronald McDonald's House; collecting for the Relay for Life and providing relief to those whose lives have been impacted by natural disasters, and in myriad other ways the people of St. Peter's UCC always respond generously and positively. This is to be celebrated; but it should not allow us to become complacent.

Many people in our community have no church home. They have no church family where they turn in times of need or celebration. They do not know the joy of gathering with sisters and brothers in Christ to offer thanks and praise to God. We need to ask ourselves: How can we reach out to the people of the community who might be looking for a place to worship? This question, if we answer it truthfully, will cause us to examine the types of services we offer and re-examine how we "do" church. It will be a time that allows us the opportunities to explore new ministries and options for Christian service. This time of self-examination will help us to discover ways to proclaim the Gospel message we have never imagined. This year promises to be a time of excitement and exhilaration as we prayerfully discern how and where God's Holy Spirit might lead us in service to God and God's creation.

I pray for God's continued blessings upon St. Peter's United Church of Christ, and all its members, as we forge ahead into this new era of growth in our Christian faith and service in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mark

Kathy and I would like to thank the St. Peter's UCC Women's Fellowship for the gracious gift they presented us at their annual Christmas party. Thank you also for a lovely evening and your continued faithful service to our church family.

We would also like to thank the Council and Congregation of St. Peter's UCC for the generous and loving gift given to us this Christmas. We are so grateful for your constant love and support as we strive together to faithfully serve God and God's holy creation. We are truly blessed to be a part of the St. Peter's UCC family.

Pastor Mark



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a joyful and peaceful New Year!!

We'd like to thank the parents & grandparents for helping make the 2018 Christmas program such a success! The kids did an outstanding and amazing job! They are such great actors!

We can't believe that the Sunday school year is about half over. We have sure enjoyed working with your children—watching them grow in their understanding of and love for Jesus.

This month we are focusing on baptism, faithfulness, gifts of the Spirit, God's Word and their meaning in our lives.

We send these newsletters out so that you will know what we are talking about and can continue these conversations with your children at home. We hope you have found these newsletters useful. We welcome any feedback you wish to provide.

Happenings this month at St. Peter's

Sunday, January 13th, after worship until 12:00 noon---Youth Group meeting in Tweens & Teens Room.

Saturday, January 26th @ 01:30 --Painting Party at church. Open to all ages. Cost: only \$10 per person (includes supplies & refreshments).

Sunday, January 27th—Congregational Meeting following worship.

Thursday, January 31st—Shepherd's Table.

What we'll be
studying in
January, 2019

January 13th

Luke
3:15-17, 21-22

January 20

1 Corinthians
12:1-11

January 27th

Nehemiah
8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

From your Council President ... *Bruce Wille*



Happy Birthday Jesus!

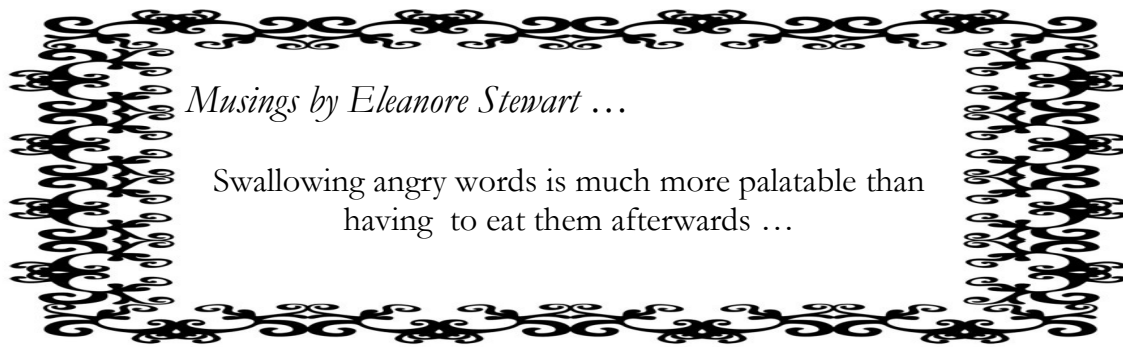
We have just completed the birthday celebration of Jesus who was born in a manger over 2000 years ago to a peasant woman, Galatians 4:4-5 "But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons". What a gift God has given us his own son in human form put on earth to teach us his creation and then crucified to save us from our sins. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life". Just by believing in Jesus we get a multiple chances to complete Gods will. This is a birthday party worth celebrating.

We are also coming into the time of year where we celebrate the Super Bowl champions, where players give everything they have to entertain us and win a trophy for them and their city. Again, millions of fans, especially from the winning city celebrate this event much like we celebrate Christmas. It is Oscar time where film makers and actors celebrate their accomplishments and we celebrate with them. But these accomplishments are also from God. James 1:17 "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow". Yes it is right to celebrate the accomplishments of man, but our greater duty is to be there in time of need, Matthew 25:45 "Then the King will answer, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me.'"

So for everything God has given us shouldn't every Sunday (Sabbath day) be a birthday party for Jesus, Colossians 2:16 "Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day". We were here for a council meeting when "The Music Connection" had it's Holiday Concerts of 2018 and every parking spot in our church lot was filled. If we can do that for the accomplishments of our children, shouldn't we be able to do it for what God has given us.

Happy Birthday Jesus 365 days a year

Bruce



Saint Peter's United Church of Christ
Congregational Meeting Agenda
Sunday, January 27, 2019

1. Call to Order with an Opening Prayer
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Pastor's Report
4. Approval of Last Congregational Minutes (attached)
5. Approval of the Treasurer's Report (attached)
 - 5.1 Article V of the bylaws (approval of expenses exceeding budget by over 5%)
6. Presentation of Faith and Mission Statements Revision
7. Approval of Faith and Mission Statement Salary and Wages, Income and Ministry Sections
8. Special Gifts Proposed Constitution Amendments
 - 8.1 Proposed Change #1: Article VIII, paragraph (e)

Original Language: The committee shall determine what is principal and income according to accepted accounting procedures.

Amended Language: On a quarterly basis the committee shall determine the value of the endowment and calculate the amount to be distributed by multiplying the endowment principal value by a factor of .75%.
 - 8.2 Proposed Change #2: Article VIII, paragraph (f)

Original Language: Income from the fund shall be distributed annually and at such other times as deemed necessary and/or feasible in the following manner:

Amended Language: The distributable amount as determined using the calculation in Article VIII paragraph (e) shall be distributed quarterly and at other such times as deemed necessary and/or feasible in the following manner:
 - 8.3 Proposed Change #3: Article VIII, paragraph (f) 5.

Original Language: In the event there is a severe downturn in the investment market between the end of the calendar year and the time distribution is to be made necessitating the sale of investments to meet the obligation of distribution, then distribution can be postponed or eliminated upon recommendations of the committee and approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the church council and approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members attending a special or regular congregational meeting voting on said postponement or elimination.

Amended Language: In the event there is a severe downturn in the investment market, then distribution can be postponed or eliminated upon recommendations of the committee and approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the church council and approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members attending a special or regular congregational meeting voting on said postponement or elimination.
9. Constitutional Review Committee Update
10. Election of new Council Members
 - 10.1 Nominating Committee nominees
 - 10.2 At large nominees
 - 10.3 Election
11. Creation of At-large Nominating Committee members and alternates for 2020 Council
12. Ministries/Committee Reports (attached)
13. Adjournment
14. Closing Prayer

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Thank you to Women's Fellowship for the beautiful poinsettia and cookie tray. Also, thank you to Karen Shiner for the nice visit..

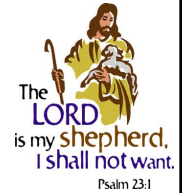
Sincerely,
Wayne & Karen DePorto



SHEPHERD'S TABLE

On the 5th Monday or Thursday of the month, St. Peter's cooks and serves lunch at Shepherd's Table, Joliet. We invite our congregation and friends to join us in this humbling service to our community.

2019 dates: Thursday, 1/31
Monday, 4/29
Thursday, 5/30
Monday, 7/29
Thursday, 8/29
Monday, 9/30
Thursday, 10/31
Monday, 12/30



Contact Sylvia Tewes or Marcia Steward.

Thank you to the Church Council, Missions & Memorials & Women's Fellowship for thinking of me this Christmas Season. It is a pleasure and blessing to work at St. Peter's UCC. Thank you, again!

Wendy Marotta

Dear Friends,

My sincere thanks for the cards and best wishes I received from my church family after my recent fall. Also the prayers, phone calls, food and transportation to the doctor.

To the Women's Fellowship, thanks for the beautiful poinsettia.

*Sincerely,
Bernice Voss*

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In our prayers...

Adam Carlson, Steve Comstock, Margaret DeLaughter, Alice Janssen, Lindsay Johnson & Family, Linda Klier, Mary Ann Morrison, Virginia Osmus, Gordon Nelson, Charlotte Pfuhl, Helen Rachford, Lois Schoen, John Schneider, Renee Smith, Eleanor Stewart, Brogan Stillmann, Bruce Stone, Ed Tewes, Richard Walsh., Robert Yehnert Also, all service personnel, including: Kevin Rutolo, Capt. Carson Cleveland, Lt. Jr. Grade Kelsey DePorto, Major Jodi Krippel, Major Steven Krippel, Private Minor, Mstr. Sgt. John Fowler. All anonymous needs and requests. Thank God for all answered prayers!

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Membership and Evangelism

At St. Peter's, we "mug" our visitors and guests! The coffee mugs, new and improved, are back!

On Sundays, please help the ushers identify guests and visitors who will, in turn, receive a mug courtesy of St. Peter's.



CARDS AND NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT CAN BE SENT TO LINDSAY JOHNSON AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

LINDSAY JOHNSON
Y20859
P.O. BOX 1000
LINCOLN, IL 62656

Vision statement of St. Peter's United Church of Christ: To become an open, loving, and welcoming community striving to reflect God's love for all creation.

Vision Statement Ministry Team:

Cheryl Howard	Joey Sparenberg
Paul Muenchow	Lyle Tewes
T-Kay Nagy	Rev. Tom Norwalk
Helen Simpkins	Rev. Mark Milligan

Greetings from your prayer chain:

Happy New Year and Blessings from the Prayer Chain.

Please call the office, 815-469-2220 or Delores, 815-469-5106.



FOR JANUARY MISSIONS & MEMORIALS IS COLLECTING:
SOUP & CRACKERS

January Responsibilities

USHERS:

Rick Johnson, Rachael Muenchow

COFFEE AND...

Rick Johnson, Rachael Muenchow

LITURGIST:

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Every 3rd Saturday of the month!!

Kup-a-Joe's
8:00 am

Come for good food, lively conversation and friendly fellowship!!!



Please note: St. Peter's new website address is:
www.stpetersfrankfort.org

New email:
stpetersfrankfort@gmail.com

Birthday Greetings:



- 1/1 Kari Fleck
Alyssa Kadow
- 1/3 Tami Breakey
- 1/4 Calvin Baker
Judith Baker
Luke Pomes
Paula Shapiro
- 1/5 Mason Cummins
Timothy Schwiesow
- 1/6 Cathleen Dutro
Lester Janssen
- 1/8 Andrew Gissler
Bryan Kurtz
- 1/10 Donald Cranfill
Shea Kimsey
Holly Scaletta
- 1/16 Josh McGarry
Bernice Voss
- 1/18 Lindsey Hossbach
- 1/20 Janice Schaper
- 1/21 Dean Haack
Kathy Lattz
- 1/24 Sheri Kimsey
- 1/25 Dianne Schultz
- 1/26 James Donovan
Norma Nelson
Kathleen Schwiesow
- 1/28 Shannon Edmondson
David Kadow
Danny Walsh
- 1/29 Justin Belt
Jennifer Lucas
Lyle Tewes
- 1/30 Amy Inka

Birthday Greetings cont...:



- 1/31 Kristal Belt
Kim Comstock
Linda Klier
Barb Paul
Cole Senesac

Wedding Anniversaries:



- 1/20/1978 Tom & Paula Shapiro
1/29/1966 Dean & Barbara Haack

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS, YEAR END REPORTS FOR
THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE JANUARY
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ARE DUE TO THE
OFFICE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 7!**

REPORTS RECEIVED FROM:
YOUTH & FAMILY
SEW WHAT

REPORTS NEEDED FROM:
K.F.C.
FACILITIES
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
MEMBERSHIP & EVANGELISM
MISSIONS & MEMORIALS
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
WORSHIP & MUSIC
SPECIAL GIFTS
STEWARDSHIP

Please join Women's Fellowship
for a

Family Paint Class

Saturday, January 26th at 1:30 pm.

Open to ALL AGES!

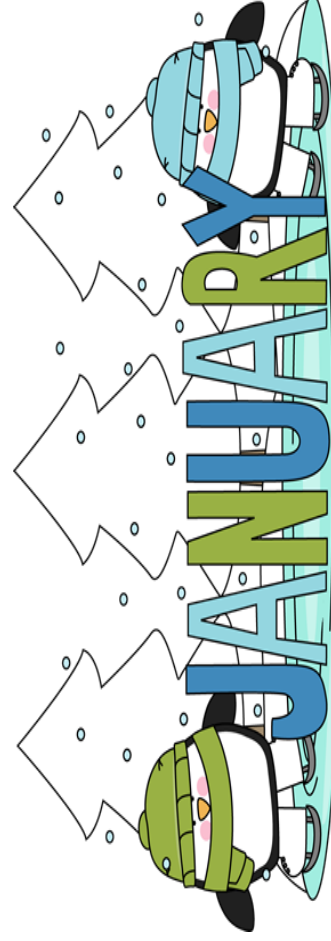
Cost is \$10.00 per person and
includes all supplies and
refreshments.




CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

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Sewing/Quilting Classes are all held in room #213.
Enter off the east parking lot entrance.



Ushers this month are:
Rick Johnson
Rachael Muenchow

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
		1 Open Sew 6:30-9pm HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!	2 Choir 7pm	3 Revelation Study - 10am	4	5 "Sew What" 9am
6 Worship 9:30 am Communion Coffee And... 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am	7 Annual Report Reports DUE	8 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	9 Choir 7pm	10 Revelation Study - 10am	11 "Sew What" 9am	12
13 Worship 9:30am Coffee And ... 10:30am K.F.C. 10:30am	14 Women's Fellowship Book Club, Friendship Room, 6:30pm	15 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	16 Choir 7pm	17 Revelation Study - 10am	18 Council Reports Due A.M	19 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8am Kup-a-Joe's "Sew What" 9am
20 Worship 9:30am Coffee And... 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am	21 Council Meeting, 7pm Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	23 Choir 7pm	24 Revelation Study - 10am	25 Sew What" 9am	26 Painting, Fellowship Hall, 1:30pm
27 Worship 9:30am Congregational Meeting 10:30 am	28	29 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	30 Choir 7pm	31 Shepherd's Table, 8:15am Revelation Study - 10am		

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Address Service Requested.



SUNDAYS— (Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month.)
9:30-10:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship - Nursery care provided
10:30 am “Coffee and...” First Sunday only during the Summer

WEEKLY

Tuesdays: *Open Sew, 6:30 pm

Wednesdays: Choir, 7 pm

Thursdays: Bible Study, Revelation, 10:00 am

* All sewing/quilting classes are held in room #213 off of the east parking lot

1/5	9:00 am	“Sew What”
1/6	10:30 am	Confirmation
1/7	9:00 am	Annual Reports DUE
1/11	9:00 am	“Sew What”
1/13	10:30 am	K.F.C.
1/14	6:30 pm	Women’s Fellowship Book Club, Friendship Room
1/18	9:00 am	Council Reports DUE
1/19	8:00 am	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, Kup-a-Joe’s “Sew What”
1/20	10:30 am	Confirmation
1/21	All Day 7:00 pm	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Office Closed Council Meeting
1/25	9:00 am	“Sew What”
1/26	1:30 pm	Painting Class in the Fellowship Hall
1/27	10:30 am	Congregational Meeting
1/31	8:15 am	Shepherd’s Table

**HAPPY NEW
 2019
 YEAR**