
ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

WERE YOU THERE???

It was a fact that Jesus was innocent. The Roman governor in charge of Judea, Pontius Pilate, so stated himself after having examined Jesus personally (John 19:4). It is also a fact that Jesus never even committed a single sin (Heb. 4:15). And yet, they fashioned the crown of thorns and placed a purple robe upon His shoulders in mockery, and delivered Him to be crucified. He bore His cross to a place called Golgotha, where they crucified Him (John 19:17-18). The Bible tells us about the state of mind of some of the people who were there.

Soldiers. These Roman men oversaw the crucifixion. They were of cruel mind (Mark 15:16-20), mocking Him even as He hung on the cross (Luke 23:36-37). They were also hard-hearted and indifferent, as shown in John 19:23-24, where they cast lots for Jesus' clothing. This act was foretold in Psalm 22:18. Jesus forgave these men (Luke 23:34)!

Mary. Also there at the crucifixion was Mary, the earthly mother of Jesus (John 19:25-27). The Bible doesn't say much about her state of mind, but every mother can easily understand the pain she must have felt looking upon her son hanging on that cross, slowly and painfully dying.

Priests. These men were full of hatred toward Jesus (Matt. 27:41-43). They admitted Jesus had "saved others," likely referring to those He had healed. They now torture Jesus with their words, saying, "If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." Jesus, of course, could have come down from the cross if He had desired, but he persevered in accomplishing God's plan!

Thieves. Two robbers were crucified on either side of Jesus (Matt. 27:38). One was full of blasphemy, the other humility, admitting his own guilt (Luke 23:39-43).

Centurion. Though he was part of the soldiers, this man made a startling admission. His state of mind was acceptance that Jesus was the Son of God (Mark 15:39).

You. Not personally, of course, but representationally. Jesus bore your sins in His own body on the cross (1 Peter 2:24). As He hung there dying, surrounded by heartbroken supporters, vicious gawkers, grim soldiers and proud religious leaders, He did so as a perfect offering to God for each one of them, and for each one of us. Since He died for you, will you live for Him?



*Matt Clifton
McCrary Church of Christ
McCrary, AR*

Church Board News



The monthly St. Peters board meeting held on Sunday March 10th was opened with prayer for several requests given by various board members.

The board then reviewed and approved the minutes of the February board meeting as well as the treasures report.

The board then moved into the handling of several items of Old Business which included:

the review of the Interim Pastoral search document; status of monthly rental property collection; the Driscoll House carport rebuild scheduled to begin March 13th; the rescheduling of the church property cleanup work day to now be held Satur-

day March 23rd; and finally the review of our contract with Steve Springer who will be handling the mowing of all church properties.

The board moved next to the New Business items which were:

The review and approval of the Pastoral Search Survey which will be distributed as inserts in the church service bulletins of March 17th and 24th as well as to be placed in the March newsletter; the review and approval of the 2019 Benevolence budget was then discussed and finalized; the review and approval of the final draft of the church use policy; and finally the review of the Supply Pastors that have agreed to come as our speakers for all our services thru Sunday May 12th.

The board then adjourned and all went to the Church office for a review of the use of the computer and printer that is used to handle all church business.

The church board and search committee desires that the church body **keep them in your prayers** as we continue to move thru the Pastoral Search process. We continue to meet monthly and are working thru out each month to move ever closer to the completion of several documents that pertain to the Pastoral Search and Call.

Psalms 27:14 states " Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord." I believe that God would have us stay strong, brave, courageous and faithful as His body of believers here at ST. Peters UCC.

The board will meet again on Sunday April 7th after the Sunday morning service.

David Hampton, Board President



Pastor Search Survey

Your input is requested! A survey form from the Pastoral Search Committee is included with this newsletter. All readers of this newsletter (both members and non members) are encouraged to complete the survey form and return it by April 7th.

Surveys are to be anonymous and may either be turned in by leaving in a collection basket that we will have on the table in the church entrance; or they may be given to any board member; or they may be mailed to our St. Peter's mailing address [P.O. Box 250, Billings, MO 65610].

Friendship



On March 9th, 2019 President, Diane Zell, called the Friendship Guild Meeting to order with 9 members in attendance. Denise Hampton gave the devotional based on Job 10:12, entitled, "Kept & Cared For." Secretary, Chris Rauch, gave the minutes of the Feb. 9th meeting which were approved as read. She also gave an abbreviated Church Board Report. Treasurer, Charleen Rumley, reported a bank balance of \$4,101.90 as of 4/1/19. She sent one Get Well Card since last month's meeting.

Under Old Business, Diane read a very nice note from Pastor Kemery thanking Guild members for the lovely farewell luncheon at Flat Creek Restaurant on Feb.22nd and for the many good times we had together during her tenure at St. Peter's U.C.C. Diane also reminded members of the April 26th Taco Night as a fundraiser for the St.Peter's Relay For Life. Arrangements for that will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Under New Business Diane reminded members that St.Peter's will be hosting fellowship time after Lenten services on 3/27 and 4/10. It was decided that we would host an ice cream and cookies night on 3/27 instead of the usual format. Cindy Wagemann gave an update on the Relay For Life and mentioned that there were some difficulties staffing the planning committee, as well as low participant registration.

This may impact whether or not the event is even held this year. Diane suggested that the Friendship Guild might wish to consider hosting some type of "New Parent" shower for Amber Tinsley, now that she has her own little family. It was decided to ask her more specifically at a later time as to what she would prefer.

Chris Rauch gave the topic entitled, "Wearing Your Faith on Your Sleeve" by former Army Chaplain Norris Burkes. Next month's meeting will be on April 13th at 10:00 A.M. All ladies and friends are encouraged to attend!

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Chris Rauch



Lenten Services

- 4/3/19 Billings UMC 7:00 p.m.
- 4/10/19 St. Peter's 7:00 p.m.
- 4/18/19 Maundy Thursday
Billing UMC 7:00 p.m.
- 4/21/19 Easter Sunrise Service
Billings UMC 7:00 a.m.

The Baptist church will be hosting a community breakfast following sunrise service.

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Financial Report

Cash on Hand February 1, 2019						\$40,507.00
Receipts:		<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Expense		1,595.00	1,187.00	765.00	655.00	4,202.00
OCWM		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Loose		57.00	7.00	10.00	80.00	154.00
Paw Paks				211.00		211.00
Totals		<u>1,677.00</u>	<u>1,219.00</u>	<u>1,011.00</u>	<u>760.00</u>	<u>\$4,667.00</u>
Rental Income						\$950.00
Memorials -Roger Rill						\$465.00
Memorials -Mary Rambo						\$100.00
Friendship Guild						\$60.00
Interest Income						<u>\$3.20</u>
Total Cash on Hand and Monthly Receipts						\$46,752.20

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC ACTUAL ANALYSIS 2019

	<u>ACTUAL RECEIPTS FOR CUR. EXPENSE</u>	<u>ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR CUR EXPENSE</u>
JANUARY	\$6,995.00	\$5,358.00
FEBRUARY	\$5,309.00	\$4,969.00
MARCH		
APRIL		
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER		
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER		
YTD	<u>12304</u>	<u>10327</u>
DIFFERENCE =		\$1,977.00



Over the past several years (since 2002?), the St. Peter's Church Newsletter has been one of those things that members and friends have come to enjoy and anticipate each month. Its timely arrival always brought news of the life of the church, needs of congregation, celebrations, and important business. Without fail, the newsletter has served as an ongoing, consistent means of communication for church members and friends near and far. And who is responsible for this legacy?? Our friend, Mary Steinmann.

In March, Mary retired from the position as newsletter editor after faithfully creating and editing literally *hundreds* (or thousands?) of pages over the years. The St. Peter's church family has been blessed by Mary's newsletter ministry. It is with heartfelt gratitude and appreciation that we say thank you to Mary Steinmann for a job well done.

Billings Alumni Reunion

The 90th Billings High School Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2019, in the Billings High School Gym. Come enjoy refreshments from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. with the meeting and program beginning at 7:00 p.m. We appreciate a \$5.00 donation at the door per person. If your class is getting together and planning on attending, let Cindy know so we can have a table ready for your class. Hope to see you there!



Cindy 366-1303

Taco Night

Hungry for tacos? Come by St. Peter's UCC on **Friday, April 26, 2019**, for our Taco Night! We will also be serving taco salad, Frito pie, chips & salsa, dessert, and a drink. We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 per person. Come by from 5:30-8:00 PM and help us raise funds for our Relay for Life team. Hope to see you there!

Our team's name is Stepping Out in Faith!



Special dates

- Fifth Sunday in Lent, *April 7, 2019*
- Holy Week, *April 14-21, 2019*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *April 14, 2019*
- Maundy Thursday, *April 18, 2019*
- Good Friday, *April 19, 2019*
- Easter Sunday, *April 21, 2019*

Ushers & Greeters



04/07 Fred/Diane Zell
 04/14 Coker Family
 04/21 Gale Boswell/Caroline Ryan
 04/28 Norma/Cindy Wagemann
 05/05 Amber Tinsley/
 Mary Kastendieck



May Newsletter articles are due on April 25. Please send to:
 Mary Kastendieck
 marykasten@gmail.com



Billings Food Pantry Collection-first Sunday each month.



4-01 Cody Verch
 4-03 Sierra Watson
 4-05 Jean Robinson
 4-08 Shauntae Staiger
 4-18 Mark Schultz
 4-19 Kelsey Rumley
 4-21 Millie Webb
 4-30 Lavona Lurvey



4-12 Douglas and Deanna Dahlman
 4-15 Jay and Shauntae Staiger
 4-22 Fred and Diane Zell

Scriptures

April 7	Isaiah 43:16	Psalms 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
April 14	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56
April 21	Acts 10:34-43	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	John 20:1-18
April 28	Acts 5:27-32	Psalms 118:14-29	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
May 5	*Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
May 12	*Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22



04/07 Gale Boswell
 04/14 Fred Zell
 04/21 Danny Hutter
 04/28 Herman Steinmann
 05/05 David Rauch

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Home care: Mary Lou Hutter, Ray Schultz

Bereavement: Family of Mary Zoller

Health & Wellness: James & Charlene Rumley (flu), Howard Cavner, Denise Hampton, Jerry Davis, Teresa Harter, Theda Inman, Amy & Chris Lurvey, Mike Rauch, Chet Jenkins, Kay Rill, Dorann (Cloud) Jones, Larry Mathews, Riley Menkle, Michael Morris (Becky Pannucci request), Jamie Murphy, Michael Newman (friend of Samuel Faris), Steven Zoller. Bruce Baker, Wilma Cozort (E. Staiger's grandmother), Ray Garbee, Ham family: 2 children with failing hearts (Sanya Lenahan request), Jenise Huffman, Steve Netzer, Mary Meny, Peggy Moore (healing from foot surgery on 2/27; Shauntae Staiger's mother), Aaron Sears (Denise Hampton request), Jay Staiger (3/7 back surgery).

If you know of someone who is ill or desires a visit and prayer you may contact Judy Crockett on her cell phone at (417) 343-7496.

Please remember to direct all updates to Amber Tinsley at e-mail: atinsley@monettschools.org
 Phone: (417) 880-4543



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Bible Study 10:00 AM	3 Lenten Service at Billings UMC 7:00 PM	4 Choir Practice 7:00 PM	5	6
7 -9:30 AM Sunday School -10:30 AM Worship/ Communion Church Board Meeting after Services	8	9 Bible Study 10:00 AM Choir Practice 7:00 PM	10 Lenten Service at St. Peters 7:00 PM	11	12	13 Friendship Guild 10:00 AM
14 -9:30 AM Sunday School -10:30 AM Worship 	15	16 Bible Study 10:00 AM	17 Choir Practice 7:00 PM	18 	19 	20
21  -7:00 AM Easter Sunrise -UMC -9:30 AM Sunday School -10:30 AM Worship	22	23 Bible Study 10:00 AM	24	25	26 Relay for Life Taco Night 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. 	27
28 -9:30 AM Sunday School -10:30 AM Worship	29	30 Bible Study 10:00 AM	<h1>April 2019</h1>			

LEADERSHIP EXPECTATIONS:

A list of 43 items which represent a range of qualities in the ministry of the church. All the qualities are important. Place an "X" beside the 12 items you feel are the most important aspects of ministry for your church. **DO NOT RANK THE ITEMS.** Please read all **BEFORE** you begin checking off.

Our church needs a person who...

1. _____ regularly encourages support of "Our Churches Wider Mission"
2. _____ reaches out to inactive members
3. _____ works regularly in the development of stewardship growth
4. _____ is active in ecumenical relationships and encourages the church to participate
5. _____ is a person of faith
6. _____ writes clearly and well
7. _____ works well on a team
8. _____ is effective in working with youth
9. _____ organizes people for community action
10. _____ is skilled in planning and leading programs
11. _____ plans and leads well organized meetings
12. _____ encourages people to relate their faith to their daily lives
13. _____ is accepting of people with divergent views
14. _____ encourages others to assume and carry out leadership roles
15. _____ is mature and emotionally secure
16. _____ has strong commitment and loyalty
17. _____ maintains confidentiality
18. _____ understand and interprets the mission of the church from a global perspective
19. _____ is a compassionate and caring person
20. _____ deals effectively with conflict
21. _____ is an effective preacher/speaker
22. _____ continues to develop his/her theological and biblical skills
23. _____ Helps people develop their spiritual life
24. _____ Helps people work together in solving problems
25. _____ is effective in planning and leading worship
26. _____ has a sense of direction of his/her ministry
27. _____ regularly encourage people to participate in U.C.C. activities and programs
28. _____ helps people understand and act upon issues of social justice
29. _____ is a helpful consular
30. _____ ministers effectively to people in crisis situations
31. _____ makes pastoral calls on people in hospitals and nursing homes and those confined to homes
32. _____ makes pastoral calls to members not confined to their homes
33. _____ is a good leader
34. _____ is effective at working with children
35. _____ builds a sense of fellowship among the people with whom he/she works
36. _____ Helps people develop their leadership abilities
37. _____ is an effective administrator
38. _____ is effective with committees and officers
39. _____ is an effective leader
40. _____ has a strong commitment to the educational ministry of the church
41. _____ is effective in working with adults
42. _____ inspires a sense of confidence
43. _____ work regularly at brining new members into the church