

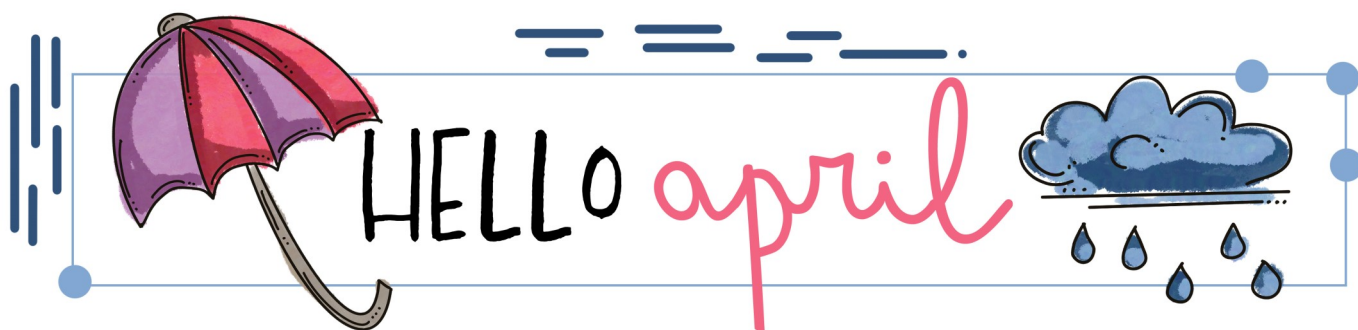
## ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC

303 NE PINE STREET, PO BOX 250, BILLINGS, MO 65610  
417-744-2701 WWW.STPETERSUCC.US

EMAIL: OFFICE@STPETERSUCC.US OFFICE HOURS- WEDS 12:30 -5:00 PM

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

PASTOR BRITTANY SCARINGELLO



Greetings Church Family,

Christ is Risen indeed! Hope you all had a wonderful Easter celebration at church and with family. Spring is in full swing and things are staying busy for us! There will be many things you can do to stay involved. Consider coming a little early and sitting in Sunday School on Sunday mornings or come during the month to Bible study.

If you're hoping to do some work for the good of the community there is plenty you can do. Consider making a meal (or just cookies) for the Confirmation class, join the choir, give money for student meal debt, or find an organization with which to volunteer. There is so much we can do to help!

Blessings to all during this Eastertide season,

Pastor Brittany

### *Many Parts, One Body*

Through the teaching, support, sacrifice, worship and commitment of the church, utterly ordinary people are enabled to do some rather extraordinary, even heroic acts, not on the basis of their own gifts and abilities, but rather by having a community capable of sustaining Christian virtue. The church enables us to be better people than we could have been if left to our own devices.

—Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon, Resident Aliens



## April Scriptures

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter--April 7, 2024

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter--April 14, 2024

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter--April 21, 2024

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter--April 28, 2024

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Liturgical color for Easter is White.

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>



Friendship Guild will meet

April 13 at 10:00 a.m.

All Ladies are invited to come.

*Sunday, April 7, 2024 is*



**Bring your best jokes to share during worship service. (God got the last laugh on Easter)**

### ***A reason to laugh***

The week after Easter, some churches observe Holy Humor Sunday — a tradition dating back to the fourth century. Early Christian theologians coined the term "*risus paschalis*," or "the Easter laugh," saying God played the supreme joke on death. Some believers celebrated Bright Monday, gathering the day after Easter to mock Satan's defeat.

On the first day of April, remember that "we are fools for Christ" (1 Corinthians 4:10, NIV). Then later in the month, take time to smile and laugh, knowing that victory is yours, thanks to Jesus.



**Confirmation**  
CLASSES

### **Confirmation Class**

Meet with Pastor Brittany

April 14, 2024

6:00 pm



**Fellowship  
Potluck**

### **Fellowship Night**

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

**at 6:00 pm**

**At Alan/Pat Ware's**

**Bring a dish to share  
and a friend!**

## St. Peter's UCC Church Board Meeting

Date: March 11, 2024

**Present:** Pastor Brittany Scaringello, Sherry Coker, Mary Kay Kastendieck, Denise Hampton.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Sherry Coker. Sherry read a devotional followed by a prayer by Pastor Brittany Scaringello.

**Minutes:** Motion by Mary Kastendieck to approve the January 10, 2024 board minutes and the January 28, 2024 reorganizational board minutes as provided. Seconded by Denise Hampton. Motion carried.



**CHURCH BOARD  
MEETING**

**Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee Report:** The January and February 2024 church finances were reviewed. A Motion to approve the treasurer's report (see attached) was made by Denise Hampton, Seconded by Mary Kastendieck. Motion carried.

The board discussed the request for donation participation for the Billings PTA Fun Run. With the "Gold" package (cost \$200), the church will be advertised on the PTA Facebook Page, t-shirts, and business logo on outdoor banner. By consensus, the board agreed to purchase the

Gold package as part of our school benevolence for 2024.

The 2024 benevolence budget allocations were reviewed. Motion was made by Denise, seconded by Mary, to continue to fund church benevolence at the current budget levels with no changes since church is sound financially and has the resources available. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Brittany presented information regarding church activities and events. Confirmation class currently has 4 students and is projected to finish at the end of the summer. Pastor Brittany is currently serving on a Mid-South UCC Conference Committee to locate an interim UCC Conference minister.

**Ministerial Alliance Report:** Denise Hampton agreed to attend the next Ministerial Alliance meeting on Wednesday, March 13 at 9:00 am at the Gold Star Restaurant in Billings. Easter Sunrise service will be held at St. Peter's on March 31. The community breakfast following Sunrise Service will be held at the Billings Assembly of God Church.

**Previous Items:** Fellowship Evenings Update – April 6, 2024 starting at 6:00 p.m.

**New Items:** Several people attended the AED training held at St. Peter's. St Peter's now has an AED device, but it will need a case. There will be other AED trainings in Billings and hopefully other church members will be able to attend.

**Planning:** Communion Stewards: April –Sherry Coker; May- Chris Rauch; June Mary Kastendieck. The next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 10, 2024 at 6; 30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 7:30 PM

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FEBRUARY 2024**

CASH ON HAND FEBRUARY 1, 2024 \$66,093.40

RECEIPTS:	<u>Week</u> <u>1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Current Exp.	830.00	1,540.00	670.00	1,210.00	4,250.00
Loose	33.00	22.00	50.00	20.00	125.00
Little Food Pantry				100.00	100.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>863.00</b>	<b>1,562.00</b>	<b>720.00</b>	<b>1,330.00</b>	<b>4,475.00</b>

RENTAL INCOME	1,200.00
OFFICE RENT	200.00
INTEREST INCOME	<u>39.62</u>

TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND MONTHLY RECEIPTS \$72,008.02

**ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC**

**ACTUAL ANALYSIS**

**2024**

	ACTUAL RECEIPTS FOR CUR. <u>EXPENSE</u>	ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR CUR. <u>EXPENSE</u>
JANUARY	13,376	9,381
FEBRUARY	<u>5,814</u>	<u>4,732</u>
YTD	<u>19,190</u>	<u>14,113</u>

DIFFERENCE = 5,077



It's now easier than ever to give to St. Peter's. We are now set up with **Tithely** to take online donations. It's safe, secure, and simple.





# A·P·R·I·L

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3	4	5	6 -6:00 pm Fellowship Night at the Ware's
7 -9:30 Adult SS -10:30 Worship (Communion)  <i>Holy Humor Sunday</i>	8  <i>Total Eclipse Day</i>	9	10 -7:00 pm Choir Practice	11	12	13 -10:00 am Friendship Guild
14 -9:30 am Adult SS -10:30 am Worship -6:00 pm Confirmation Class	15 <b>REMINDER:</b> 	16	17	18	19	20
21 -9:30 am Adult SS -10:30 am Worship	22	23	24 -6:00 pm Job Book Study	25	26 Newsletter Deadline	27
28 -9:30 am Adult SS -10:30 am Worship	29	30				

## Christians and laughter



Of all the people on earth, Christians ought to have smiles on their faces and be ready to laugh. After all, if God has defeated death by raising Christ from the dead, we have cause for joy at all times.

After a long day at work, two ministers decided to take a walk before darkness came. As they walked, they told humorous stories and were soon laughing heartily. It felt so good, so therapeutic, that one pastor turned to the other and said, "Theodore, let's kneel down and thank God for laughter."

They did just that. Then they arose and went joyfully on their way.

Remember that we are abundantly blessed by God and have cause to laugh often. After all, the Savior lives and we are his friends.

### *Fools for Christ*

April Fools' Day isn't a religious holiday, though it may date to Pope Gregory XIII and his new calendar. In 1582, he shifted New Year's Day from April to January, and people who didn't believe the change were called April fools.

April Fools' Day may also be connected to the lightheartedness that comes with warmer weather, as well as to medieval Christian festivals that involved pranks, disguises and a temporarily inverted social order.

Yet, in Scripture, such reversal characterizes the kingdom of God. In 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, St. Paul writes that the gospel seems foolish to people who don't know Christ, that God uses the "foolishness of our proclamation" to offer salvation to all and that God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Jesus "foolishly" inverted the social order, saying the last will be first and the first, last.

So if on April 1 — and every day — we live as "fools for Christ," we're precisely what he calls us to be!

### On the Lighter Side

- A minister was stopped by a law enforcement officer, who pulled him over for speeding. As the officer was about to write the ticket, the minister said to him, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." The officer handed the minister the ticket and said, "Go thou and sin no more."
- **Important Commandment**  
After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters. One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."





04/01 Cody Verch

04/05 Jean Robinson

04/08 Shauntae Staiger

04/18 Mark Schultz

04/19 Kelsey Rumley

04/21 Millie Webb

04/28 Caleb Schaefer

04/30 Lavona Lurvey



04/12 Doug/Deanna Dahlman

04/13 Joe/Brittany Scaringello

04/15 Jay/Shuntae Staiger

04/18 Jess/Millie Webb

04/22 Fred/Diane Zell

# PRAYER list

## Health & Wellness:

Larry Mathews, Steve Netzer, Jenise Huffman, Aaron Sears (Denise Hampton request), Dwight Worstenholm (Chris Rauch's brother), Ann Staiger (Hearing), Shirley Snyder (Luella Thomas's Friend-cancer), Brandy Richter, Rebecca Davis, Mike Rauch, Jennifer Williams, Alicia Verch, Jami Stocker, Norma Wagemann, Carol Forester, Larry Smallwood, Rex & Linda Tinsley, Debbie Custer, Larry Mount, David Crockett, Jennifer Carnahan, Janice Faris, Alan Ware, Olen & Gail Greer, the Middle East, Ukraine, and all those dealing with illnesses.

In Sympathy: Family of Mary Steinmann, Family of Tari Schaumann Smith, Family of Doug Corrie

## Trusting the unseen

A gardener planted two peony bulbs side by side. In a few weeks, as expected, the first one poked a single stem through the ground. The other would soon follow, the gardener thought. But it didn't. Many more weeks went by with no sign of life.

Then one day, to his surprise, not one but five leaf points poked through the soil at once. When the peony bloomed, its flowers were more beautiful and numerous than those of the first bulb.

John Piper said, "In every situation God is doing a thousand things that we cannot see and do not know." When God seems to have forgotten you and hope fails, don't despair. God is at work, and someday you will see.



April 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

*St. Peter's Evangelical UCC  
303 NE Pine  
PO Box 250  
Billings, MO 65610*

