



## ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC

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PASTOR BRITTANY SCARINGELLO

We've made it through our first full month of summer. It's been a scorcher out there for most of us and we are in desperate need of some rain. I hope you all are able to take some time to pray for rain to come and help the fields and crops and land that is in desperate need of it.

I appreciate all the prayers during our trip. It was a lovely time, but we are so happy to be back home. I feel very well rested and ready to get back to the work of the church! If you haven't been able to join us for book study, please consider coming to just one session. We have great discussions and it's so nice to hear everyone's stories and opinions.

If you have any hymn requests for Sunday service or would like to help plan or lead worship (by reading scripture), please contact me. I'd also ask that anyone who is interested in enrolling a child for confirmation to let me know soon so I can make sure we have enough materials and food for our first session on August 20th at 6PM!

I will leave you with a verse to contemplate this month as families and educators prepare for back to school and we start our slow movement toward fall.

Psalm 9 verse 10, *"And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You."*

Blessings,

*Pastor Brittany*



# Anniversary Celebration

You're Invited to...

David & Denise Hampton's  
50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, August 12 @ 2:00 pm  
St. Peter's Fellowship Hall  
Omission of gifts is requested

## August Lectionary Scriptures

### August 6, 2023-Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

- Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 17:1-7, 15
- Isaiah 55:1-5 and Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
- Romans 9:1-5
- Matthew 14:13-21

### August 13, 2023-Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

- Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
- 1 Kings 19:9-18 and Psalm 85:8-13
- Romans 10:5-15
- Matthew 14:22-33

### August 20, 2023-Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

- Genesis 45:1-15 and Psalm 133
- Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Psalm 67
- Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
- Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

### August 27, 2023-Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- Exodus 1:8-2:10 and Psalm 124
- Isaiah 51:1-6 and Psalm 138
- Romans 12:1-8
- Matthew 16:13-20

## Bible Quiz

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Which list includes a city that is not among those seven?

- A. Ephesus, Thyatira, Philadelphia
- B. Smyrna, Laodicea, Galatia
- C. Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna
- D. Sardis, Ephesus, Laodicea



Answer: B (See Revelation 2-3.)



The following items serve as "little guideposts on the footpath to peace," according to author and pastor Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933):

- to be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars;
- to be satisfied with your possessions but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them;
- to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice;
- to covet nothing of your neighbor's except [their] kindness of heart and gentleness of manners;
- to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ;
- to spend as much time as you can with body and with spirit in God's out-of-doors.



## August Fellowship Gathering

August 26, 2023

6:00 p.m. at Petal Junction  
(Alan/Pat Ware's)  
4908 Zoller Road

Bring a dish to share, a game, and a friend.  
Everyone welcome!



August 23, 2023

6:30 pm

Join by Zoom  
Or Attend in Person!

## Mission Update from Paul/Jen Schaefer

### July 16, 2023



Dear friends and family,

Thank you for your prayers these past few weeks! And thank you especially for keeping Pastor Nicholas and his family in your prayers during this difficult time. Over the last couple weeks, several important things have taken place and we are also in the midst of several busy weeks ahead, so here are praises and prayer requests for the upcoming weeks.

#### Translation

While Nicholas and the team were very busy with all the funeral preparations for Nicholas's wife, Paul and Eden continued going through Matthew with a fine tooth comb so as to prepare it for the typesetting process. Sammy was also able to join Paul and Eden for several days which was helpful. Paul finished the preparation of Matthew and plans to submit it in the next few days to the typesetter for him to look over it and give us feedback so that we have a better idea of the types of things we need to do for all the other books.

The burial of Nicholas's wife and subsequent family and friends gatherings for the first stage of the funeral took place on the 28th and 29th. Now the official memorial service\* is set for August 5th (\*or the "final funeral" as they say in Safaliba culture).

After all the visitors had left, we had a planning meeting with Nicholas to figure out how much he would be available in the coming weeks. He was concerned that we all find a way to keep working and moving forward, as much as possible, in light of the planning and preparations that need to still be done for the memorial service next month.

But we all decided that the priority was to get Matthew ready and off to the typesetter; then, do other read-throughs and consistency checks as well as work on consultant checking of 1st and 2nd Samuel, and for Paul to continue working on corrections and preparations of the NT text as a whole to get it ready for typesetting.

#### Literacy

Over the past few weeks, Iddi has resumed his weekly visits on his way to and from Gbenfu on Thursday and Friday mornings of each week. Most days, he has still been bringing various stories he's written or book ideas to develop. And he and Paul have worked on a couple so far. But one of the things Paul had Iddi working on was corrections to the 15 selected Psalms (picture below) that Mr. E.K. Yakubu drafted a couple years back; you may remember we mentioned that Mr. E.K. (picture below) died last August. Paul and Eden were able to check and make corrections to the Psalms selections a couple of weeks ago, and Iddi also found a few more corrections which Paul made and then printed out a number of copies. Iddi took some to Gbenfu and then took another batch to distribute in Mandari. And we gave a copy to Eden, Sammy and Nicholas as well to read and go through as well.

We are sad that Mr. E.K. has passed but we are thankful that he was able to draft these selected Psalms as they seem to capture well the meaning in a way that is expressive and poetic Safaliba.

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### Other Items

We also made a quick trip to Tamale last weekend in order to take Iddi's motorcycle to the Yamaha repair-man in Tamale. As well, we needed to buy several more ink cartridges before the push over these next few weeks. We have a lot of translation to print out and check and edit. We're very thankful for a safe trip to Tamale and back. The road is improved in some sections and worse in others (see pictures below), but all in all, it was a fairly quick and uneventful journey, for which we give great thanks!

Also, please keep Waare and his family in your prayers as they continue to face a number of challenges. His wife is still recovering physically from the ectopic pregnancy and surgery. And they continue to have funerals and other extended family issues to take care of or help out with. In addition, Waare's motorcycle is giving them problems so please pray for a long-term solution for this as well.

### Praises:

--Paul, Eden and Sammy made good progress on preparing the book of Matthew for sending off to the typesetter. We hope to send it off in the next few days.

--We thank God for giving Pastor Nicholas and family strength for the first stage of the funeral process, the burial and first round of visitors.

--We had a safe and successful trip to Tamale and back.

--Jen and the team had a good first week of consultant checking on 1st and 2nd Samuel.

--We are thankful for the life of Mr. E.K. Yakubu and for the work he did on translating a selection of Psalms; and are happy that we've been able to print and distribute a trial version of the selected Psalms for corrections.

### Prayer Requests:

--Please continue to pray for Pastor Nicholas and family as they make preparations towards the "final funeral" (memorial service) on August 4th and 5th.

--Pray for the team and all of us as we work on the consultant checking of 1st and 2nd Samuel over the next several weeks.

--And pray for Paul as he continues with read-throughs, consistency checks and generally getting the NT ready for typesetting.

--Pray for Jen and the team as they do the consultant checking on 1st and 2nd Samuel.

--Also pray for Sarah as she helps with food prep, clean up, etc., in addition to doing her college essays and applications and all.

--Please keep the boys in your prayers as well as they hold down the fort in Missouri and help out with Jen's dad too.

--As well, pray for Paul as he has quite a few reports to write (for the CiTs, linguistics and Safaliba) over the next week.

--Pray for health and strength for all of us as this is a busy time for everyone.



*Here is Mr. E. K. Yakubu (right) reading through scripture with Pastor Nicholas at a reviewers meeting a couple years ago.*

Thanks so much for praying! We could not do this work without your prayers and support!

Serving together,

Paul and Jen Schaefer

Caleb, Micah, Josiah and Sarah

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

| <b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>                 |               | <b>2023</b>     | <b>JUNE</b>   |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| CASH ON HAND JUNE 1, 2023               |               |                 | \$ 163,446.32 |
| RECEIPTS:                               | <u>Week 1</u> | <u>Week 2</u>   | <u>Week 3</u> |
| Current Exp.                            | 340.00        | 1,380.00        | 430.00        |
| Loose                                   | 72.00         | 20.00           | 25.00         |
| Connecting Grounds                      | 130.00        | 550.00          | 67.00         |
| School Meal Debt                        |               | 350.00          |               |
| Paw Packs                               |               | 200.00          |               |
| Little Food Pantry                      |               | 200.00          |               |
| TOTALS                                  | <u>542.00</u> | <u>2,700.00</u> | <u>455.00</u> |
|   |               | <u>1,377.00</u> | 5,074.00      |
| RENTAL INCOME                           |               |                 | 850.00        |
| INSURANCE CLAIM                         |               |                 | 25,243.38     |
| INTEREST INCOME                         |               |                 | <u>88.65</u>  |
| TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND MONTHLY RECEIPTS |               |                 | \$ 194,702.35 |

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC  
ACTUAL ANALYSIS  
2023

|              | <u>ACTUAL<br/>RECEIPTS<br/>FOR CUR.<br/>EXPENSE</u> | <u>ACTUAL<br/>DISBURSE-<br/>MENTS<br/>FOR CUR.<br/>EXPENSE</u> |
|--------------|---|--|
| JANUARY      | 6,935   | 10,034   |
| FEBRUARY     | 7,276   | 6,621  |
| MARCH        | 4,879   | 6,713  |
| APRIL        | 5,622   | 14,429   |
| MAY          | 4,825   | 4,497  |
| JUNE         | 4,583   | 6,291  |
| YTD          | <u>34,120</u>                                       | <u>48,585</u>  |
| DIFFERENCE = |   | (14,465)   |



# August



| Sun  | Mon | Tue   | Wed  | Thu | Fri                                   | Sat   |
|--|-----|---|--|-----|---------------------------------------|---|
|  |     | 1   | 2  | 3   | 4                                     | 5   |
| 6<br><i>-9:30 am<br/>Sunday School<br/>-10:30 am<br/>Worship<br/>-Communion</i>                                  | 7   | 8   | 9<br><i>-6:30 pm<br/>Board<br/>Meeting</i> | 10  | 11                                    | 12<br><i>-2:00 pm<br/>Hampton's<br/>50th<br/>Anniversary<br/>Celebration at<br/>St. Peter's</i> |
| 13<br><i>-9:30 am<br/>Sunday School<br/>-10:30 am<br/>Worship</i>  | 14  | 15  | 16   | 17  | 18                                    | 19  |
| 20<br><i>-9:30 am<br/>Sunday School<br/>-10:30 am<br/>Worship<br/>-6:00 pm<br/>Confirmation<br/>Class begins</i> | 21  | 22<br> | 23<br><i>-6:30 pm<br/>Book Study</i>       | 24  | 25<br><i>-Newsletter<br/>Deadline</i> | 26<br><i>-6:00 pm<br/>Potluck &amp;<br/>Game Night<br/>at the Ware's</i>                        |
| 27<br><i>-9:30 am<br/>Sunday School<br/>-10:30 am<br/>Worship</i>  | 28  | 29  | 30   | 31  |                                       |   |



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 08/04 Braxton Tinsley
- 08/08 Joe Scaringello
- 08/16 Kaetlin Dahlman
- 08/16 Paul Schaefer
- 08/22 Elliot Rauch-Evans
- 08/25 Mattie Barrett
- 08/31 Denise Hampton
- 08/31 Jeff Ware



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 08/10 David/Denise Hampton



### September Newsletter Articles

Due on Friday, August 25, 2023

Send to Mary Kastendieck

Email: marykasten@gmail.com

Call or text: 913-594-2484

# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

## Nursing Home Care:

Judy Rauch

## Health & Wellness:

Larry Mathews, Steve Netzer, Jean Ann/Jenise Huffman, Aaron Sears (Denise Hampton request), Jeannette Wilson (Friend of Cindy Wagemann), Dwight Worstenholm (Chris Rauch's brother), Ann Staiger (Hearing), Shirley Snyder (Luella Thomas's Friend-cancer), Brandy Richter, Rebecca Davis, Mike Rauch, Mary Steinmann, Jennifer Williams, Alicia Verch, Jessie Verch, Mary Beyer, Jami Stocker, Norma Wagemann, Johnie Shoemate, Sonya Sears, Michelle Lam, Marcus Moore, and all those dealing with illnesses.

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.”

—George Washington Carver

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”A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.”

—Douglas Pagels

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“Every saint has a past. Every sinner has a future.”

—Stanley Hauerwas



| August 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 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 | 31 |    |    |

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