



ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC

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

PASTOR BRITTANY SCARINGELLO

Happy Summer Everyone!

Hope everyone is staying cool as best possible. We have some exciting few months coming up with activities for the church. As such, I will be working on a fall and winter calendar for reminders for everyone at church. Hopefully that will be appearing in the newsletter you are reading today, but if I don't get it quite finished, it will be sent out in July for everyone and posted at church.



I'd like for us to consider this verse for the summer months from Psalm 113 verse 3,

"From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised."

Let us be mindful that especially on the longest days of the year, we should be praising the Lord in all that we do. As a farming community we are mindful of how important the summer months are to many and their livelihoods. As a people of faith, we need to make sure we are praying for our farmers and all their hard work, as well as for their safety.

Everyone have a wonderful and safe month!

Pastor Brittany Scaringello



Upcoming Events



July 2, 2023 9:30 am —Adult Sunday School 10:30 am —Worship Service with Communion
 July 4, 2023 Independence Day
 July 9, 2023 9:30 am —Adult Sunday School 10:30 am —Worship Service
 July 16, 2023 9:30 am —Adult Sunday School 10:30 am —Worship Service
 July 16-20, 2023 VBS at the Billings Methodist Church 6:00 pm — 8:30 pm
 July 23, 2023 9:30 am —Adult Sunday School 10:30 am —Worship Service
 July 26, 2023 6:30 pm—Book Study (Fellowship Hall or Zoom)
 July 30, 2023 9:30 am —Adult Sunday School 10:30 am —Worship Service

Save the DATE for
VBS
 July 16th -20th, 2023
 6 PM to 8:30 PM

BOOK CLUB
July 26, 2023
6:30 pm
 Join by Zoom
 Or Attend in Person!

Anniversary Celebration
 You're Invited to...
 David & Denise Hampton's
 50th Anniversary Celebration
 Saturday, August 12 @ 2:00 pm
 St. Peter's Fellowship Hall

July Scriptures

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 2023	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 16, 2023	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2023	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 30, 2023	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Friendship Guild

The Friendship Guild met on Friday, June 9, 2023 at the home of Alan and Pat Ware for the annual Founder's Day luncheon. There were 12 ladies present to enjoy the beautiful setting and the delicious meal prepared by Pat Ware.

Following the meal, Diane Zell presented a review of the history of the Friendship Guild. The St. Peter's Ladies Aid was founded on June 4, 1891 and has been serving the church community in many capacities for the past 128 years. The current group was formed when the Ladies Guild and Friendship Circle merged in 1986 to become the Friendship Guild. Historical documents of this merger were viewed as well as the church centennial book which had other historical information of interest.

In addition, Diane presented an interesting story that emphasized that people are capable of achieving extraordinary things when love and motivation are present. The next meeting will be held in September after the summer break.

All of the ladies present would like to thank Pat Ware for her time and efforts in preparing the meal and hosting the Founder's Day luncheon. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all.



Mission Update from Paul/Jen Schaefer

June 29, 2023



Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Bole. We are back home again after traveling down to Accra, sending the boys off, and traveling back up. It was a bit of an adventure (as one of the Kumasi gas station attendants put gasoline into our diesel truck). But we thank God for safe travels and bringing us home again safely.

Thank you for all your prayers during that time! We will fill you in below on the last few weeks but first a pressing prayer request--

Yesterday evening, Nicholas's wife passed away after a long illness. As you may remember she's not been well for many years but over the last few months, her health has deteriorated quickly. Please keep Nicholas and his family in your prayers. Funerals are an especially busy and stressful time in Safaliba culture.

A few weeks back, the last Sunday the boys were here, we visited two of the churches in Mandari and also greeted the chief and some of the elders. We also went by Nicholas's wife's parents' house to express our sympathy. She has been back there with her parents' and family for the last few weeks; we had hoped to also say hi to her, but she was asleep and we didn't want to disturb her.

We also stopped by with the boys to greet Nicholas and the rest of the translation team, working in the office. Over the last several weeks, they have been reviewing Philipians and some sections Exodus, which they finished up this past Monday.

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Schools have been on break last week and this week, which has freed up Eden to help with the translation review. So, since our return from Accra, Paul and Eden have been reviewing the introduction, glossary, and names, as well as some Psalms selections. It has been really good to get Eden's input and help on these.

Also over the past few weeks, we've been able to meet with Waare several times. They are doing well but have had so many challenges and funerals over the past couple of months. Plus, Waare says his wife is still trying to recover from the ectopic pregnancy and subsequent surgery. So please keep them and especially her in your prayers.

One final note of prayer-- the boys made it back safely to the US and with all their luggage. They've been able to spend some time with Paul's folks and with Jen's dad, for which we are thankful. But please pray for each of them as they get back to work and their busy routines this week. And pray especially for Josiah who is working outside in the middle of this heat-wave.

Praises:

- We've been able to meet with each to the team individually and as a group.
- The team has continued to make progress on editing Philippians and parts of Exodus.
- And Paul and Eden have been reviewing the introduction, glossary, various names, and selections of Psalms.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Nicholas and his family as they mourn and also celebrate Alice's life.
- Pray for Waare and his family, for all they've got going, and especially for his wife's full recovery.
- Pray for health and strength and wisdom for all of us, especially as we try to get the NT ready for typesetting.
- Pray especially for the boys (Caleb, Micah, Josiah) as they get back into their busy work/ life routines, and especially for Josiah as he works outside in the heat.

Thank you all for your faithful prayers for all of us, for the team, and their families. Please continue to pray for wisdom as we each balance our various responsibilities and try to get this NT ready for typesetting.

Thanks for praying!

Serving together,

Paul and Jen Schaefer, Caleb, Micah, Josiah and Sarah



ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FINANCIAL REPORT

MAY 2023

CASH ON HAND MAY 1, 2023						\$ 112,944.61
RECEIPTS:	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Current Exp.	840.00	700.00	405.00	1,760.00	3,705.00	
OCWM		30.00			30.00	
Loose	5.00	10.00	28.00	51.00	94.00	
Little Food Pantry	100.00				100.00	
Paw Packs	100.00				100.00	
School Meal Debt				40.00	40.00	
TOTALS	<u>1,045.00</u>	<u>740.00</u>	<u>433.00</u>	<u>1,851.00</u>		4,069.00
RENTAL INCOME						950.00
INSURANCE CLAIM						52,803.94
INTEREST INCOME						<u>76.15</u>
TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND MONTHLY RECEIPTS						\$ 170,843.70

**ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC
ACTUAL ANALYSIS
2023**

	<u>ACTUAL RECEIPTS FOR CUR. EXPENSE</u>	<u>ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR CUR. 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
YTD	<u>29,537</u>	<u>-</u>
	DIFFERENCE =	(12,757)



In July, St. Peter's will continue its long standing tradition of helping youth to attend the sessions at Camp Aurora. Over the years, the church has sponsored many students for camp attendance and had close ties with camp staff, counselors, and even a camp director! This year, St. Peter's is sponsoring 2 students to attend one of the camping sessions. Here's some interesting info about the camp and their mission from the Camp Aurora Website. (www.campaurora.org):

The Beginning

Nestled deep in the Ozark Hills near Windyville, MO, just over the Dallas County lines, lies a 40-acre church camp, Camp Aurora. Just the name, Camp Aurora, tugs at nostalgic child-hood memories of individuals scattered all across the state of Missouri.

Bought for back taxes, back in 1936, Camp Aurora was named for a Congregational Church, which burned in Aurora, MO. The congregation did not rebuild and gave what monies they had left to a regional committee that then used the funds to purchase the camp property. Originally designed as a pastor's retreat, it soon became a residence camp for campers of all ages, serving outdoor ministry needs.

Today

While Camp Aurora is sponsored by several United Church of Christ churches, we welcome campers and staff from all faiths and usually have people here from 12 or more denominations throughout the summer. We have a primary camp for second and third graders, which is just three days, and a whole family camping weekend as well as regular one-week camps for older elementary youth, junior and senior high age youth. We also rent the camp to other groups and organizations who would like to use it when we don't have camping sessions going.

Camp Aurora has evolved into a facility utilized for a wide variety of camping experiences for all ages. Facilities and programs of the camp are open to all persons, regardless of religious affiliation.

People from throughout the United States have shared in the mission and ministry of Camp Aurora. The camp has enriched their lives, and their lives have enriched the camp.

Independence Day lessons for church life

- Return to the basics — On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.

- Honor the gift of freedom — “For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God's kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.

- Enjoy community — July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.

- Be light in the darkness — As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel's unique light in a dark world. Our word dynamite and the Greek word for power — as in, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God's power in us, we share Jesus — dynamically! — with others.





- 07/05 Micah Schaefer
- 07/08 Herman Steinmann
- 07/12 Kennedy Bick
- 07/19 Paul Kastendieck
- 07/12 Michelle Lam
- 07/24 Diane Zell
- 07/24 Sam Schaumann



- 07/02 Jesse/Mellisa Jones
- 07/02 Mark/Andrea Schultz
- 07/18 Lee/Lavona Lurvey
- 07/28 John/Debbie Wagemann



August Newsletter Articles

Due on Wednesday, July 27, 2023

Send to Mary Kastendieck

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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.

In Sympathy:

Family of Patricia Marin (Harry Lam's Sister)

Family/Friends of Stan Pendergras

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Answer: C (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7.)



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