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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M./WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.

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ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC

OCTOBER 2019

LET PATIENCE WORK

The Christian life can be very challenging. Due to the many obstacles and trials Christians encounter, we need to “let patience work.”

James wrote the following about the need to let patience work: “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing” (James 1:2-4). Notice the statement: “let patience have her perfect work.”

James informs Christians that we need patience when facing various kinds of trials. “Patience” means “endurance.” Christians may have to cope with the criticism of non-Christians, financial loss, family problems, failing health, and many other trials. Patience is the virtue needed in such times.

The passage teaches that Christians must “let patience have her perfect work.” If we do this, then we will be “perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” This sounds appealing, so how do we let patience work? First, consider that we do not let patience work when we hinder or interrupt the process of enduring trials. When facing challenges, we may feel tempted to panic. Sometimes people try to run from problems, and escape through drug abuse and alcohol. Others may turn to illicit relationships with the opposite sex to find comfort. However, turning to these things to escape problems only creates more problems.

What, then, is the solution? How does one allow “patience to have her perfect work”? There are three basic things we can do to let patience work: 1) Do not try to squirm out of trials. Since trials present an opportunity to grow, we should face them. Rather than running from problems, the psalmist wrote: “Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth” (Psalm 46:10). Just be still; 2) Trust that God will work things out in His own time. Trials will not last forever. Rather, than rushing God, we should be patient, listen, and learn lessons as life is happening (James 1:19); 3) We should pray that God would use this trial to make us stronger. Prayer is an act of submission, showing that the one praying relies on God (James 1:6-7).

By remaining calm, trusting God, and praying to God, one allows patience to work. After patience completes her work, then one will be “perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” So, in trials, let patience work!

Mark Lindley

Chapman church of Christ

Ripley, MS

The St. Peter's board held our monthly board meeting on Sunday September 8th immediately following the morning service. All but 1 board member was present.



After opening in prayer for several requests made by board members we reviewed and then approved the August meeting minutes. We then reviewed the August treasurer's report and that was also approved with no corrections or changes noted.

BOARD MEETING

The board then handled the following items of Old Business:

- Pastoral Search Committee progress update
- Review of Supply Pastors scheduled to fill the pulpit thru October 20th.
- Gooch rental house rent collection status
- Review of recent Youth meetings and the August Fellowship meeting

We then turned our attention to New Business with the main topic being the scheduling of a church work day for Saturday October 19. We will ask all available to come at 9:00 am to help with 10 different items to be completed that day. A list describing those 10 jobs to be handled that day will be passed around on a couple of Sundays prior to the 10/19/19 work day. We will ask that those willing and available to help to sign their names under the job described that you are willing to help with. Lunch will be provided.

After handling several service related scheduling items, the board adjourned by reciting the Lord's Prayer. The next board meeting will be held on Sunday 10/13/19.

God has impressed on my heart to remind all St. Peter's people how badly we need one another. We need to love all those who God has placed here at St. Peter's in addition to loving "all our neighbors as we love ourselves" just as Christ admonished us to do. St. Peter's is a strong vibrant congregation and we are united in our resolve to serve God and our community as we have done for nearly 140 years!

Isaiah 40:31 says — They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint.

Teach us Lord to wait upon you with confidence that you have all that is good in your plan for St. Peter's.

Friendship Guild

President, Diane Zell, called the Friendship Guild Meeting to order with 10 members in attendance. Cindy Wagemann gave the devotional as Denise Hampton was out of town. Based on Proverbs 16: 1-9 it reminded us that, "As we make plans and follow dreams, God can purify our motives and empower us to devote whatever we do to Him." Secretary, Chris Rauch, gave the minutes of May's meeting, which were approved as read. Treasurer, Charleen Rumley, reported bank balances of \$4,111.90 as of 6/1/19, \$3,943.02 as of 7/1/19, and \$4,158.02 as of 8/1/19. Since last May's meeting she sent two Get Well and two Sympathy Cards. The September Church Council Report was given by Chris Rauch.

Under Old Business Diane Zell read a very thoughtful Thank You note from Judy Crockett for the cards and gifts from Guild/Guild members after her shoulder surgery. It was also reported that the gift card shower in June given by the Friendship Guild for Amber Tinsley, Braxton, and Jacob went well.

Under New Business after much consideration and discussion (augmented by Diane Zell's lengthy research, photos, & information about commercial kitchen mixers), Chris Rauch made and Luella Thomas seconded a motion to purchase an Advantco 10 quart, 3/4 horse power mixer with table for a total of \$908.98. Motion carried. The old mixer could not be repaired as parts were no longer available.

Diane Zell gave the topic entitled, "When God Says No." It was a story about the personal struggle of a woman who, after being out of the work force for 10 years, had to return to work after her husband was transferred to another city for his job, supporting two households for a time. She was dealing with self-doubt and the embarrassment of several job interviews that didn't go well, which led her to seriously question God's wisdom and "blessing" of the gift of her husband's "better" job, when she could find none. While out walking one day in their new home state out west, she came upon a prairie in which countless prairie dogs all had their fore-paws reaching toward the heavens in a singular fashion. Suddenly it was as if God were recalling to her the famous passage in Mathew 6:25-34 about "the birds of the air" and "the lilies of the field." None of them (and Jesus tells us in these verses that we are much more valuable to God than these creatures!) have to be concerned about their well being for God provides for them and he would provide for her in His good time. Of course she eventually found a job for which she was especially well suited, *after* she relinquished her worry to Him.

Next month's meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 12th. All ladies and friends are cordially invited!

Respectfully Submitted, Chris Rauch

FROGS— (Friends Relying on God's Strength)



In October, our youth will be meeting on the second and fourth Friday's of the month, which will be October 11th and 25th. We gather up at 6:30, have a meal together, and then have a lesson and activities. We'll be decorating the downstairs area to make it feel like our own space. A huge thanks to Denise & David, Jennifer, Lee & Lavonna, David & Chris, Jeff, and the Ladies Friendship Guild for helping us! Drop by sometime...you're always welcome!

Choir News...In October, the choir will be practicing on October 2, 16, and the 30th. We meet at 7:00 PM, and right now we're working on some old favorites to sing on Sunday mornings. Herman is joining us to add a touch of guitar or banjo. Please come sing with us!



St. Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ

Financial Report

Cash on Hand August 1, 2019						\$56,579.69
Receipts:		<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Expense		1,345.00	5,070.00	954.27	1,170.00	8,539.27
OCWM			40.00			40.00
Food Pantry		50.00				50.00
Loose		30.00	205.00	56.00	34.00	325.00
Totals		<u>1,425.00</u>	<u>5,315.00</u>	<u>1,010.27</u>	<u>1,204.00</u>	\$8,954.27
Rental Income						\$1,450.00
Interest Income						\$4.74
Total Cash on Hand and Monthly Receipts						<u>\$66,988.70</u>

**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	\$7,719.00	\$5,858.00
APRIL	\$6,804.00	\$1,727.00
MAY	\$4,778.00	\$1,111.00
JUNE	\$6,665.00	\$5,476.00
JULY	\$7,146.00	\$1,430.00
AUGUST	\$10,319.00	\$1,602.00
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER		
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER		
YTD	<u>\$55,735.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,531.00</u>
DIFFERENCE =		\$28,204.00



**Fall Picnic &
Hayride**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

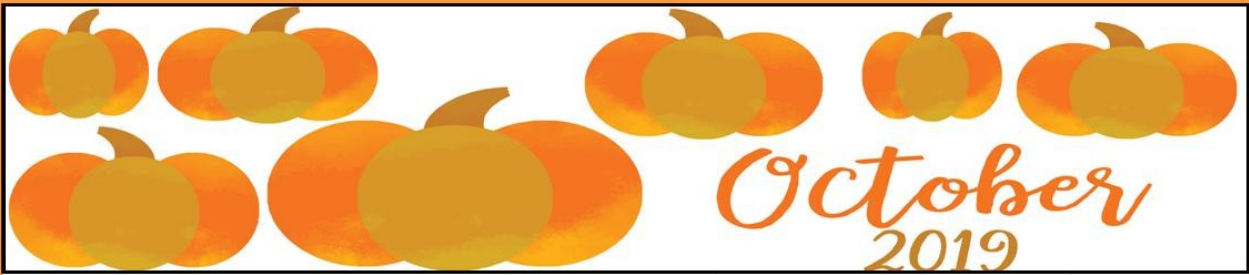
4:00 p.m. AT ALAN & PAT WARE'S

4928 ZOLLER ROAD

**BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE; HOT DOGS AND
FIXINGS PROVIDED**

EVERYONE IS INVITED!-BRING A FRIEND!

(RAIN DATE OCT. 19)



		1 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 AM	2 <i>Choir Practice</i> 7:00 pm	3	4	5
6 -9:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> -10:30 AM <i>Worship</i> WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	7	8 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 AM	9	10	11 <i>Youth Group</i> 6:30 pm 	12 <i>Friendship Guild</i> 10:00 am  Fall Picnic & Hayride 4:00 p.m.
13 -9:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> -10:30 AM <i>Worship</i> <i>Church Board</i> after services.	14  COLUMBUS DAY	15 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 AM	16 <i>Choir Practice</i> 7:00 pm	17	18	19  CHURCH WORK DAY 9:00 a.m.
20 -9:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> -10:30 AM <i>Worship</i>	21	22 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 AM	23	24	25 <i>Youth Group</i> 6:30 pm 	26
27 -9:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> -10:30 AM <i>Worship</i> Reformation Sunday	28	29 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 AM	30 <i>Choir Practice</i> 7:00 pm	31  Reformation Day		

Children's Church available each Sunday for children ages Toddlers-Grade K.



UPDATE FROM PAUL & JEN SCHAEFFER

Dear friends and family,

Thank you so much for praying for Stanley's daughter Dinah, Iddi's daughter Alice, and the School Management Committee meetings. Thank -you for your ongoing prayers for Paul's foot, which is doing a lot better now.

We just really need and appreciate your prayers this year as we work to finish up the Safaliba NT. During this last phase of final checking, consistency checks, corrections, etc., it is common for a translation team to run into many problems (sickness, delays, miscommunications, etc.). Because lives are changed when people get the Word of God in their language, there is spiritual opposition, and Satan tries to bring confusion, discouragement and dissension. So **we really appreciate your ongoing prayers for us, the team, and the work.**

Please continue to keep Alice in your prayers as she got sick again last Friday and they had to send her back to the hospital. Today Mumuni is sending her to his pastor (Stanley) today for prayer. So **please continue to keep Alice, Iddi and their whole family in your prayers.** **Better school management for effective literacy:** Last Friday, Eden, Nicholas, Elisha, Stanley and Samua met for a preliminary meeting on the School Management issue. Then yesterday evening they and representatives from all school committees met and had a very good meeting to plan for the new school year (see pictures below). We are thankful that several of the teachers, the chief, the Imam's representative and other community and school leaders were able to attend. **Please pray they would be an active, helpful contribution to the implementation of the Safaliba school literacy program.**

Praise God with us that several supporters have responded to the need for tuition money for the student-teachers. Enough money has been promised to also cover another young man, Solomon (a younger brother of one of our Safaliba pastors), who is in the same school as the others but was not able cover his ongoing tuition costs by himself. He has committed to teaching in the Safaliba schools, so we have another future teacher. We didn't know of Solomon's need when we sent out the request 3 weeks ago, but God did! We will keep you updated on them as things progress.

Please pray for the translation team also this week as they work on the book of Daniel. And **pray especially for Elisha** who cannot be there to help as he has to finish working on his peanut harvest before it goes bad. (This year the rains have been very irregular and many people's crops have not done very well, so they are under pressure to make the most of those crops that have produced something. Even though money can buy food to replace what has been lost, it isn't the same--a farmer can't let what survived go to waste!)

Also, Jen has been feeling sick today and yesterday, probably because of all the extra responsibilities while Paul has not been very functional.

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Praise:

--We thank God Dinah's doing well.

--We are very thankful that Nicholas, Stanley, and Elisha have finished the exegetical check on 2 Samuel and are now working on the book of Daniel. They are continuing with translation checking for now while others work on testing and reviewing what has already been done.

--We thank God for those who have responded to the needs of our young trainee teachers!

--Thank you for your prayers for Paul, his sickness and his foot; he continues to improve.

--And we thank God that the School Management Committee was able to meet together last night to discuss plans for this new school year.

Prayer Request:

--Keep Alice in your prayers, for wisdom for those who are helping her, and for healing.

--Please pray for the School Management Committees, for their continued good involvement in the Safaliba school literacy program. And pray for the PTA and the community's ongoing involvement to make their children's learning a success.

--Pray for our young teacher trainees starting their second year of school: Matilda, Manjeed, Daniel S., Moses, and now Solomon. Pray also for the new batch just starting: Mahama, Wahabu, and Jonah.

--Pray for the translators as they work on the book of Daniel this week.

--Please keep Eden, Nicholas, Stanley, Elisha, Sammy and Iddi in your prayers along with their families. Pray for them as they balance all their usual responsibilities (ministry, farm work, school, translation, literacy, etc.) with the additional tasks of this year's push to get the Safaliba NT ready for typesetting.

--Pray for their farms as the rains have been erratic this year which makes things extra challenging.

Pray especially for the team, that God will bless them for the sacrifice, time and effort they've put into the translation and literacy work.

--And pray for good health and strength for all of us.

Thanks for praying!

Paul and Jen and family



Here is the representative of the Chief, two other community leaders, and Nicholas at the School Committee meeting:



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019

9:00 AM — 12:00 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH SEVERAL OUTDOOR AND INDOOR PROJECTS

SIGN UP LISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHURCH

LUNCH PROVIDED!



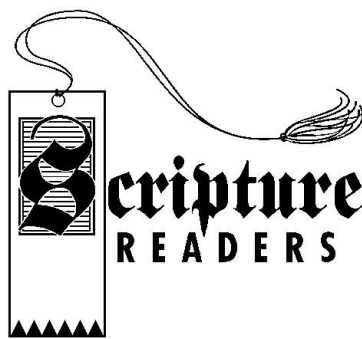
The 2019 Relay for Life of Republic was on September 14th. It was a beautiful evening, and with your help, we were able to turn in a little over \$1, 800.00! We also have \$50 to keep in the budget to start next year. The canned food that we collected was used in the luminaries and then divided between People Helping People in Republic and St. Joseph's Food Pantry here in Billings. I really appreciated help from Mary Kay, David, and Chris for helping gather up all the cans of food when the relay was over and for helping get everything packed up. Amber, Braxton, and Jacob stopped in and also enjoyed part of the evening with us. Thanks everybody for supporting our two fundraisers and for those of you who saved your change. I rolled a LOT of coins! *Cindy*

October Scriptures

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 6, 2019	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 <i>or</i> Psalm 137	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 2019	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 20, 2019	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 27, 2019	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14

GREETERS SCHEDULE

10/06 Fred/Diane Zell
10/13 Gale Boswell/Caroline Ryan
10/20 Norma/Cindy Wagemann
10/27 Amber Tinsley/Mary Kastendieck
11/03 Herman/Mary Steinmann



10/06 Sherry Coker
10/13 Herman Steinmann
10/20 Mary Beyer
10/27 David Rauch
11/03 Samuel Faris



Please send November
Newsletter articles to:

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marykasten@gmail.com



Nursing Home Care: Mary Lou Hutter, Ray Schultz, and Judy Rauch.

Health & Wellness: Howard Caver, Jerry Davis, Theda Inman, Amy & Chris Lurvey, Mike Rauch, Chet Jenkins, Kay Rill, Dorann (Cloud) Jones, Larry Mathews, Jamie Murphy, Steven Zoller, Jim Boswell, Bruce Baker, Wilma Cozort (E. Staiger's grandmother), Raymond Garbee, Jenise Huffman, Steve Netzer, Mary Meny, Aaron Sears (Denise Hampton request), Mary Kastendieck, Teresa Harter (cancer), Jeannette Wilson (friend of Cindy Wagemann), Fran (friend of Denise), Dwight Worstenholm (Chris Rauch's brother), David McCullough (Robin Hatten's Cousin), MacGregor Family, Ann Staiger, Charity Menkel, Shirley Snyder (Luella's friend-cancer), Riley (Millie's nephew-cancer), Denise Hampton, Marilyn Mattas (requested by Judy Crockett), Family of Sergio Salas (14 year old Monett student suicide)

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



10/03 Kaddie Jones
10/09 Ann Staiger
10/15 Addelyn Staiger
10/16 Christopher McCroskey
10/18 Emillie Jones
10/19 Abigail Staiger
10/23 Joe Coker
10/27 Jerry Staiger
10/28 Jacob Hendershot



10/15 Herman/Mary Steinmann
10/15 John/Jane Staiger
10/21 Wayland/Janine Pirtle
10/31 David/Luella Thomas



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