

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC

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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

Happy September to all! I will make this an extremely short one this month. Please be checking calendars and Facebook for all of our upcoming events! I look forward to seeing you all at these events.



I wanted to say a quick thank you to everyone who helped donate to clear meal debt at the school. We have cleared the debt for last year and are hoping to be able to help with that again this year. We will be applying for another grant to help with that.

I'll leave you with this scripture to ponder this month, " This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." --John 15:12

Go out into this month ready to follow this commandment.

Blessings,
Pastor Brittany



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

The UCC Western Association Fall Business Meeting will be held at St. Peters Evangelical UCC in Billings

Date: Saturday, September 16 @ 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Cost: \$25 in-person (lunch included)

Featured Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jane Fidler Hoffman on "The Importance of Covenant in Our Life Together"

If you would be willing to volunteer to help with set up or tear down or help serve lunch, please contact Pastor Brittany

Church Siding/Renovation Project Update

The church siding project is complete! Many thanks to project leaders David Hampton and David Rauch and to the many others who have contributed their time and talents to the completion of this project. The church looks fantastic! Of note, some of the architectural features of the bell tower have been restored. The corbels on the bell tower (green, decorative pieces under the eaves) were recreated and milled by Mark Schultz and David Rauch as the old corbels (under the previous siding) had decayed beyond use. In addition, the scalloped siding on the bell tower provides a beautiful accent. Once the lightning rods have been installed, a large gold cross will be placed at the top of the tower.



Celebration/Dedication

On Sunday, October 1, 2023, St. Peter's Church will host a service to dedicate the renovations and honor the workers that completed the project. There will be a Pot Luck luncheon following this service. Meats will be provided, bring a side dish and a friend.



*"Praise God, from Whom
all blessings flow!"*

September 2023 Lectionary

September 3, 2023—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- Exodus 3:1-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
- Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Psalm 26:1-8
- Romans 12:9-21
- Matthew 16:21-28

September 10, 2023—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149
- Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40
- Romans 13:8-14
- Matthew 18:15-20

Holy Cross - September 14, 2023

- Numbers 21:4b-9 and Psalm 98:1-5 or Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-24
- John 3:13-17

September 17, 2023—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
- Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
- Romans 14:1-12
- Matthew 18:21-35

September 24, 2023—Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

- Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
- Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8
- Philippians 1:21-30
- Matthew 20:1-16

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



September Fellowship Gathering

September 23, 2023

5:00 p.m. at Petal Junction

(Alan/Pat Ware's)

4908 Zoller Road

Bring a dish to share, a game, and a friend.

Friendship Guild

Next meeting:

September 9, 2023

10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

All Ladies are invited to join us!

Mission Updates from Paul/Jen Schaefer

July 30, 2023

Dear friends and family,

Thank you for praying over these past few weeks and this past week especially!



Praise: We made much better progress on the consultant checking and completed 1 Samuel. We still have 8 chapters to left to check and have to complete them by Tuesday as Nicholas and everyone have preparations for the upcoming memorial service for Nicholas's wife which takes place Friday evening and Saturday.

Prayer: Please continue to pray for Nicholas (as well as Elisha, Stanley, and Sammy) as they make preparations and host all the people who will come.

Praise: Last Monday, Paul, Eden and Samua had a good meeting in Gbenfu with the chief and elders to see how to encourage literacy there and re-start an after-school class. Please pray for all those involved and for the path to be smoothed out and this to become a reality.

Prayer: Please continue to pray for all of us, for health and strength. But especially pray for Paul. He's been suffering from pain in his upper back for several weeks but it turned into a very bad crick and became debilitating since about Tuesday. It's very hard for him to move around or do anything. Thanks so much for praying for all of us over these past weeks and months!

August 8, 2023

The memorial service for Nicholas's wife, Alice, went well. Pray that he and his family and everyone can get a bit of rest this week. It has been a tremendously busy month for him as well as all the translation team (who were all very involved in the memorial service as well). Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers. (see photo below)



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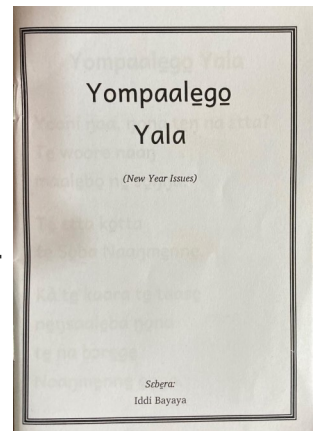
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Also, Paul and Iddi completed and printed another little book on the occasion of the traditional New Year Festival (*Ambatigi*) that took place just a week or so ago (pic below): Iddi starts by mentioning how everyone hopes for blessings and good things in the year ahead, and then goes on to mention several scriptural themes, that people should put their minds on the good that God wants us to do, repay evil that is done to us with good, and help one another.

And last week we finished up the consultant-checking of all of 1st Samuel and the first twelve chapters of 2nd Samuel. It was a push, but we are all thankful to have completed it. We couldn't have done it without your prayers.

Now, Paul is headed to Tamale to run another applied linguistics/translation course for the Consultants-in-Training which begins next Monday. And Jen and Sarah are headed back to the US tonight to get Sarah settled and ready for the new school year.

Please continue to pray for Paul and his back as well. It is much improved since we last wrote but it still hurts him and often affects his sleep. Pray especially that it doesn't get worse again during the busyness of the upcoming workshop. Thanks so much for all your prayers for us, the team, Nicholas's family, and the work here. We appreciate you all!



The "New Year" (*Ambatige*) book Paul and Iddi made.

Thanks so much for all your prayers for us, the team, Nicholas's family, and the work here. We appreciate you all!

Serving together,

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



Thanks to Alan Ware for many hours he has spent here at the church and church office rebuilding/rewiring the new Internet equipment, camera, and sound board.



Confirmation Class will be on Sunday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m.



Thank you to everyone who attended our 50th anniversary celebration. We were so pleased that so many of you joined us to celebrate this milestone.

Our love to all of you.
Denise and David Hampton

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 2023

CASH ON HAND JULY 1, 2023 \$ 119,978.74

RECEIPTS:	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Week 5</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Current Exp.	740.00	270.00	1,030.00	1,185.00	1,100.00	4,325.00	
Loose	32.00	37.00	23.00	25.00	22.00	139.00	
Paw Packs			100.00			100.00	
School Meal Debt	50.00		300.00			350.00	
Little Food Pantry			100.00			100.00	
TOTALS	<u>822.00</u>	<u>307.00</u>	<u>1,553.00</u>	<u>1,210.00</u>	<u>1,122.00</u>		5,014.00

RENTAL INCOME 450.00

INTEREST INCOME 73.08

TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND MONTHLY RECEIPTS \$ 125,515.82

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

	<u>ACTUAL RECEIPTS FOR CUR. EXPENSE</u>	<u>ACTUAL DISBURSE- MENTS 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
JUNE	4,583	6,291
JULY	4,987	7,200
YTD	<u>39,107</u>	<u>55,785</u>

DIFFERENCE = (16,678)

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>-9:30 am Sunday School -10:30 am Worship -Communion</i>	4 	5	6	7	8	9 <i>-10:00 am Friendship Guild Meeting</i>
10 <i>-9:30 am Sunday School -10:30 am Worship</i>	11 	12	13	14	15	16 <i>-10:00 am to 3:00 pm UCC Western Association Meeting @ St. Peter's</i>
17 <i>-9:30 am Sunday School -10:30 am Worship -6:00 pm Confirmation Class</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>-5:00 pm Potluck & Game Night at the Ware's</i>
24 <i>-9:30 am Sunday School -10:30 am Worship</i>	25	26	27 <i>-6:30 pm Book Study</i>	28	29 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	30

Please Note: Sunday, October 1, 2023—Church Renovation Dedication Service and Potluck

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 09/04 Samuel Ware
09/07 Rhoda Schey
09/07 Mary Steinmann
09/17 Andrew Staiger
09/18 Danny Hutter
09/21 Nick Dziwanowski
09/22 Deanne Dahlman
09/27 Debbie Schaumann
09/28 Daniel Hatten
09/30 Alan Ware



September 27, 2023

6:30 pm

Join by Zoom

Or Attend in Person!

Chapter 18

"That We May All Finally Be One"
by Mary Gast



October Newsletter Articles

Due on Friday, September 29, 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, Carol Forester, Bruce Baker, and all those dealing with illnesses.

In Sympathy:

Family of Gene Boyd



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Please consider bringing items for the Little Food Pantry to help our neighbors. Canned food, shelf stable food, and toiletries welcome!
Thank you!



September 2023						
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