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ALL ITEMS FOR THE **FEBRUARY**
ISSUE DUE BY JANUARY 22

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the latest issue of the Spire
newsletter

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Candy Canes distributed to children and those attending Worship on December 4, 2011 were a gift from a benevolent angel in our congregation. The extra candy canes were delivered to Washington UCC along with the other Christmas donations.



Annual Meeting

Call to Annual Meeting

The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012 following Worship Service. Please plan to attend and be part of the planning for the future of St. Peter & St. Paul UCC.

If you are one of those who need to submit a report, we need that information by Sunday, January 8, 2012 so the Annual Report can be typed, printed and compiled for distribution prior to the meeting. Thank you in advance for your prompt responses!



Betty and I wanted to thank all of you who remembered us with cards, gifts and prayers this Christmas Season. We greatly appreciate the support from all of you!

As we prepare to move into a New Year, we need to think not only about our own future, but also the future of the church.

What resolutions have you made for yourself? Are they achievable? Did you challenge yourself? Or did you decide not to be too risky this year? Did you even make resolutions for 2012?

The above paragraph is usually the thought process we go through for our own lives. Have you ever applied those same questions to the life of the congregation?

Do we make resolutions for the life of the whole church? Are they achievable? Are we challenged in how we live out our faith? Do we sometimes think what we are doing is too risky? Do we even need to make resolutions or are we happy with the way things are?

As I look back at our journey through 2011, I see that we have maintained tradition and ritual for some things, but we have also begun new things and changed how we carry out the ministries of St. Peter & St. Paul UCC.

I am encouraged that we are interested in trying things in a different way. We are always on the journey seeking how God's presence in our lives. Not trying anything different does not allow God to grow or challenge us in a new and different way.

As we journey together in 2012, it is my prayer that we set resolutions that challenge us to continue to seek God in old AND new ways. As we work out the details to how that will happen, God will continue to be part of our journey and our lives.

Continue to share the faith - see you in church!

Pastor Marty



We express sympathy to the family and friends of the following:

We Grieve With You

Michael Russo, who entered into God's Eternal Kingdom on November 25, 2011. Services were held on November 27, 2011, Pastor Marty officiated. Michael is husband of Rose and father of Michael & David Russo.

C. Helen Kemp, who entered into God's Eternal Kingdom on November 25, 2011. Services were held on December 3, 2011, Pastor Marty officiated. Helen is wife of Charles and mother of Steve Kemp, Charles Kemp, Jr. and Cynthia Cole.

William Morris, who entered God's Eternal Kingdom on December 14, 2011. Services were held on December 19, 2011. Pastor Marty officiated. Bill is husband of Maureen (deceased), and father of Bill Morris, Jr., Melissa Moll and Becky Dietrich.



Electronic Fund Giving

Electronic Giving
Electronic Giving is now a reality for St. Peter & St. Paul UCC. If you are interested in

contributing to the church in this manner, pick up a form in the narthex, fill it out and return to Ken Claudy, Church Treasurer.



Advent Prayer Partners

Advent Season. Following is the list of those who participated and who they were praying for. Thanks to all who continued to lift one another in prayer.



Tiffany Barber was praying for	Kathy Grant
Joyce Black was praying for	Tammi Hart
Lonnie Black was praying for	Joyce Black
Diana Buchan was praying for	Lonnie Black
Janette Clark was praying for	Annie Westermeyer
David Clark was praying for	Gladys Glassmeyer
Marcia Flaherty was praying for	Mary Lou Weghorst
Gladys Glassmeyer praying for	Ruth Kruse
Judy Graham was praying for	Carol Klare
Kathy Grant was praying for	Tyler Lewis
Karen Gregory was praying for	Mary Beth Westermeyer
Tammi Hart was praying for	Karen Gregory
Bob Hedspeth was praying for	Bob Keely
Ramona Hedspeth praying for	Ruth Steinhard
Edna Howe was praying for	Dianna James
Dianna James was praying for	Edna Howe
Bob Keely was praying for	Judy Graham
Carol Klare was praying for	Tiffany Barber
Ruth Kruse was praying for	Marcia Flaherty
Tyler Lewis was praying for	Esther Westermeyer
Jennifer Miller was praying for	Diana Buchan
Denise Montgomery raying for	Bob Hedspeth
Sheri Schneider was praying for	Martin Westermeyer
Tom Schneider was praying for	Carol Westermeyer
Ruth Steinhard was praying for	Jennifer Miller
Mary Lou Weghorst was praying for	David Clark
Annie Westermeyer was praying for	Janette Clark
Betty Westermeyer was praying for	Sheri Schneider
Carol Westermeyer was praying for	Betty Westermeyer
Mary Beth Westermeyer praying for	Denise Montgomery
Esther Westermeyer was praying for	Tom Schneider
Martin Westermeyer praying for	Ramona Hedspeth

Manna Food Pantry

931 McPherson Ave. 45205, 921-5344. MAILING ADDRESS PO BOX 5141 45205. Manna Outreach, Inc. opened its doors in 1998. Each year, the need for help increases and our services are used by more families in need of food. The Manna Food Pantry is located on McPherson in Price Hill. Volunteers from the community, area agencies, and supportive churches, staff and run the food pantry for those in need. Manna assists OVER 500 families each month. Church members; **JANUARY NEEDS are canned fruits/vegetables.**



Wendy's Burger Bash

Don't forget that we are still participating in Wendy's Burger Bash. On the third Wednesday of every month, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM, St. Peter & St. Paul United Church of Christ is the beneficiary of the fund raiser.

There are FOUR Wendy's now participating in this fund raiser. They are located at the following addresses: 6243 Glenway Ave. at Parkcrest, 5066 Delhi Ave. in Delhi, 6505 Harrison Ave. across from Kohl's near Rybolt Road, and 3638 Harrison Ave. in Cheviot at Glenmore Ave.

This fund raiser is an easy way to help raise funds for the Church Picnic and other church activities. Please participate!!



Kroger gift cards are still sold in the church office. Please continue to reload your existing Kroger cards. The church makes \$\$\$ on your use of them.



Did you know that we are involved with GFS (Gordon Foods)? If you are in the store purchasing items, fill out a form and get a card that will eventually bring money back to St. Peter & St. Paul. Every penny counts. If you forget, mention St. Peter & St. Paul's name, and the clerk will credit our account.

PAPER RETRIEVER PAPER RECYCLING

BIN We want ALL your:
 • Newspaper • Envelopes • Magazines • Folders • Office and School Papers • Fax and Copy Paper • Shopping Catalogs • Colored Paper • Mail

Please do NOT include:
 • Plastic • Metals • Trash • Glass



From the Church Council

The other members of the Church Council and I want to thank the members of St. Peter and St. Paul UCC for another good year. We faced many challenges and made many decisions, and we met all of them with your support and with the help of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



As the council enters a new year with new members and new officers, we ask that we be included in your prayers that we make the right decisions to move our church forward in a positive way.

Bob Hedspeth
Church Council President

Recycling is Good for the Environment:

Saves the landfill from hundreds of thousands of cartridges. Don't forget to save your used printer cartridges for us. We can send them in for recycling, saving landfill space as well as to make money for the church. We will get \$3 or more for each one. Ask your friends and families to save them. Any kinds are accepted as long as they are no larger than the size of an adult's hand.



SOUP
Kitchen

*Dec 17,2011
This Saturday morning we prepared and served our last meal for the Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen. We warmed canned beef stew and added 9 pounds of cooked steak, along with cans of corn, peas and carrots, plus packets of*

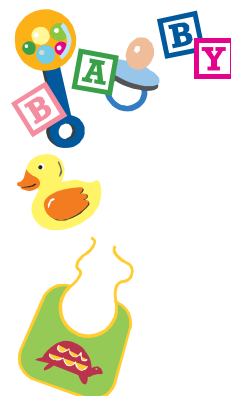
Beef Stew seasoning to make a thick rich stew. We served this over egg noodles along with

warm butter bread, a salad and a fruit cup with fresh cut oranges and canned peaches and pineapple. January 21, we will serve our first meal at the church located at 931 McPherson in Price Hill. We will be working with BLOC Ministries and Manna Food Pantry in our local area. See www.blothead.org We will serve lunch on the third Saturday of each month from 11-12 noon, prior to families picking up bags of food and groceries from Manna Pantry in another part of the building. We need and appreciate your ongoing help and support in this ministry. Thanks to the donations of cash and supplies from families and members of our church, we have been able to stay within our budget of \$1400.00 per year. Thank you! Thank you! This Saturday we fed 212 hungry people. God Bless you Cut-ups and church members.

God Bless Jack & Donna Kohlmeyer

Take A Tour

Scenic Road Tour Guide call 812-623-5727 or email info@scenicroadtours.com. Self guided local scenic and historic sited on back-country roads and city streets in Indiana and Ohio.



Twin Girls Born to Lindsay & Rick Talbott on Saturday, December 3!



Reese Cae Talbott:

5lbs 5 1/2 ozs *19 ins* *9:12 pm*

Harper Bryn Talbott:

4 lbs 14 1/2 ozs *18 ins* *9:16 pm*

Proud Grandparents are Tony & Julie Ress and uncle is Michael Ress.



Friday December 16 was the M & M annual Christmas meeting. Our evening meal was provided by all the members - with great snacks/food to share. Always a great night to fill up on the stuff we shouldn't eat. We then wrapped the Christmas gifts for the "adopted family" 2 boys and 2 girls this year, we provided clothes and toys, plus a gift card for "Christmas dinner". We had \$200.00 that we did not spend, we voted to give the money to the Johnson family, they are from Delhi, and lost everything in a fire. We voted to give \$1500.00 to the church general fund, Ken will take care of the details. The officers will remain the same for the 2012 year. If you would like to head up a food committee month, please see Joanne Claudy, she has the list. Dee Erhardt, Joanne or Ken Claudy or Nancy or John Cusick.

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF MATRIMATES AND MORE: Dues for 2012 are \$6 per person. In order to have the member booklet ready by the February meeting, your dues must be paid by January 22. You can pay Ken or Joanne at the meeting on January 20 or mail to the Claudy's- 3351 Greenmount, 45248

WITH
Gratitude 

*Thank you for all the cards, cares
and concern during my illness and for
the holiday remembrances*

Rody

**Blood
DRIVE**

Mark your calendars-

2012 BLOOD DRIVE DATES

February 15

JUNE 27

October 24

All times are 2:30-3:45

5:30-8:30

**We welcome double reds as well as
whole blood donations.**

PATRON

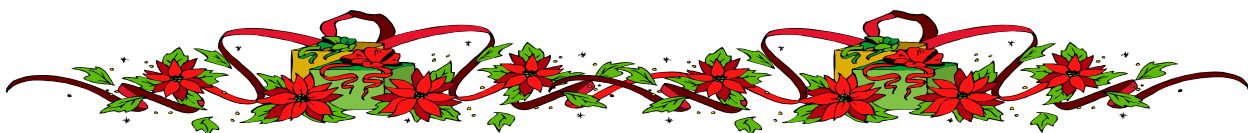
IN MEMORY OF

Barthelmeh, Don & Linda	Pastor Donald J. Barthelmeh & Loved Ones
Bozich, Steve & Gene	Loved Ones
Brunsman, Joanne	Louise McCauslin
Brunsman, Joanne & Stan	Our Loved Ones
Charles & Renee Kemp	Clara, Helen & Andrew Charles Kemp
Cheeseman Bob, Ginger, Kate & Ann	Robert Cheeseman Sr.
Cheeseman Bob, Ginger, Kate & Ann	Mildred & George Kelly
Cheeseman, Marion	Robert Cheeseman Sr
Crow, Judy	Gary Crow
Cusick, Nancy & John	Catherine & Hillard Cusick
Cusick, Nancy & John	Howard Herman & Carol Wimberly
Deifel, Bobbie & Chip	Carl & Helen Deifel
Deifel, Bobbie & Chip	Phyllis & Lou Franzreb & G.G.
Diehl, Brueggemeyer & Klene families	Florence & John Klene
Dornette, Paul & Nancy	Ervin W& Esther S. Cook
Dornette, Paul & Nancy	Paul B Dornette
Erhardt, Dee	Jim Erhardt & Robert Grimm
Foutch, James	Ercel Foutch (dad)
Foutch, Jean	Jim O'Brien
Garrett, Dorothy	Loved Ones
Glassmeyer, Gladys	Loved Ones
Grant, Kathy & Alex & Aaron	Elsie & Jim Grant, Martha Graff
Grant, Kathy & Alex & Aaron	Marge & Rick Lambrechts
Gregory Family	Great Grandma Wilson
Hart, Tammi & Family	Grandma Lucille Withers
Hartmuth, Nancy	Frank Hartmuth
Howe, John & Edna	Loved Ones
Klare, Jim & Carol	Carl Weghorst & Bob Schlesselman
Knopf family-children & grandchildren	Shirley Knopf
Knopf, David	Shirley Knopf
Krailler, Jerry	Helen Lanter (mother of Norma Krailler)
Krailler, Jerry	Frank Krailler (husband of Norma Krailler)
Krailler, Jerry	Steve Krailler (son of Norman Krailler)
Krailler, Norma	Frank G Krailler (husband) & Steve G Krailler (son)
Lutz, Carl & Jean	Walter & Ota Connor
Lutz, Carl & Jean	Carl & Helena Lutz & Gerry Nichols
Mattan, Joyce	Calvin & Julia Brean
Mattan, Joyce	Thomas & Hazel Woods
Mattan, Joyce	Catherine Mattan
Moritz, Joan	Henry Moritz
Papin, Sue & Dave	Elenore & Bob Carlson & Ed Papin
Poundstone, John & Esther	Loved Ones
Ress, Tony & Julie	Helen & Anton Ress & Our grandparents
Ress, Tony & Julie	Shirley Knopf, Emmet Bold, Jana Bishop

Ress, Tony & Julie	Ron Rabe & Jim Stuart
Schrier, Patricia R.	Husband R. Earl Schrier & Mother Mrs Dora Rehfues
Schweizer, Al & family	Corinne Schweizer
Sparks, Lynn	Departed Loved Ones; family & friends
Spraul, Loretta	Beloved Husband Bill
Steinhard, Bert & Ruth	Our Parents
Strittmatter, Elizabeth	Luther Strittmatter & Frank Staley
Strittmatter, Rich & Eileen	Mildred & George Kelly
Strittmatter, Rich & Eileen	Robert L. Cheeseman Sr & Luther Strittmatter
Trame, Tom & Joan	Mary Rehn & Our Parents
Webb, Ed	Mr & Mrs John Warren & Mr & Mrs Nelson Webb
Webb, Ed	Margo Webb
Weghorst, Mary Lou	Carl Weghorst
Westermeyer, Esther	My Husband John
Westermeyer, Pastor Marty and Betty	Loved Ones
Woodard, Marty & Lori	Bob Cheeseman Sr & Paul Phelps

PATRON**IN HONOR OF**

Bozich, Steve & Gene	Our mothers Kathryn Bozich & Adele Welge
Cheeseman Bob, Ginger, Kate & Ann	Marion Cheeseman
Cusick, Nancy & John	Alberta & Dick Donahue
Cusick, Nancy & John	Our family & friends
Dornette, Paul & Nancy	Wanda P Dornette
Grant, Kathy & Alex & Aaron	Rody Barthelmeh
Krailler, Jerry	Norma Krailler
Mattan, Joyce	Jean Foutch
Mattan, Joyce	Rody Barthelmeh
Papin, Sue & Dave	Lolly Papin
Poundstone, John & Esther	Loved Ones
Ress, Tony & Julie	Our granddaughters Reese & Harper
Ress, Tony & Julie	Michael, Lindsay & Rick
Ress, Tony & Julie	Shirley & Don Bachman
Sparks, Lynn	Husband Michael Sparks & Children Andy, Liz & David
Sparks, Lynn	Parents Ken & Marlene Tarvin
Spraul., Loretta	My Beloved Family
Steinhard, Bert & Ruth	Our sons & their families
Strittmatter, Rich & Eileen	Ginger & Bob Cheeseman
Strittmatter, Rich & Eileen	Betty Strittmatter & Marion Cheeseman
VonHoene, Tom & Louise	Our Family
Westermeyer, Esther	Sons Joel & J.Martin and their families
Westermeyer, Esther	Daughter Carol and her family
Woodard, Marty & Lori	Marion Cheeseman & Libby Phelps





Here is a fun site to visit on your birthday-enjoy www.birthverse.com.
 Apologies to anyone we might have missed
 Please notify church office of any omissions.

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| 1/2 Christy Paff | 1/14 Bill Murphy | 1/26 Roselise Barthelmeh |
| 1/2 Carol Stille | 1/17 Shirley Schneider | 1/26 Heather Myers |
| 1/3 Michael Ginn | 1/17 Carol Westermeyer | 1/26 Kirsten Matala |
| 1/4 Selma Koester | 1/18 Jon Deifel | 1/27 Mike Diehl |
| 1/7 Russ Bauer | 1/19 Kathleen Fischer | 1/28 Becky Schweizer |
| 1/8 Raegan Elfers | 1/20 David Morgan | 1/28 Greg Wolfzorn |
| 1/8 Ed Webb | 1/20 Craig Myers | 1/29 Brian Barthelmeh |
| 1/9 Jeannette Opp | 1/21 Julie Ress | 1/29 Dee White |
| 1/10 Ramona Hedspeth | 1/21 Jerry Stenton | 1/30 Michael Davis |
| 1/11 Harriet Fehrman | 1/23 Esther Poundstone | 1/31 Erin Schmidt |
| 1/11 Glenn Schnell | 1/25 Kent Claudy | 1/31 Shelby Matala |
| 1/12 Joshua Papin | 1/25 Tim Williams | 1/31 Caitlin Ryan |
| 1/13 Loretta Spraul | 1/26 Tami Frank | |



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| 1/13 Corrinna & Michael Ginn | 1/29 Tammi & Terry Hart |
| 1/28 Chip & Barbara Deifel | |

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THE SPIRE DECEMBER 2011

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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Sunday & Special Events in January 2012

Every Sunday	Bible Study, 9:00 AM Gathering Time & Announcements, 10:00 AM Traditional/Blended Worship follows Gathering Time
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Sunday, January 1, 2012:	Installation of 2012 Council & Officers of Church
Sunday, January 8, 2012:	Epiphany – Communion Celebrated. Deadline for Annual Report Submissions
Sunday, January 29, 2012:	Annual Meeting following Worship.
Sunday, February 5, 2012:	Communion Celebrated.