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## Newsletter

# CHURCH OF PEACE

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### Worship in January

January 7—Baptism of Christ  
Sermon: "Family Traits"  
Scripture: Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
Reader: Karen Young  
Music: Chancel Choir  
Communion and Food Pantry  
Un-hanging of the Greens

January 14— Sermon:  
"Family Traits—Diversity";  
Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5; I  
Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-  
11  
Reader: Linda Schmitt  
Music: Children's Choir

January 21—Sermon: "Family  
Traits—Ecumenical"  
Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-6;  
Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12:12-  
21, 26-27; Luke 4:14-21  
Reader: Bob Steeber  
Music: Bell Choir

January 28—Sermon: "Family  
Traits—Growing Faith"  
Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10; I  
Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke  
4:21-30  
Reader: Nancy McConnell  
Music: Chancel Choir

On Sunday, **January 28th**, our Congregational Meeting is after church. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share. Immediately following the potluck, the meeting will begin. It is important for everyone to attend to discuss the business of the church to which we are all a part.

### *Pictures from the All Church Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 10:*





**Memo  
From  
Michael**



Family Traits

When we see a family photo on the mantle or gather at the holidays, we notice that families have certain traits in common. Sometimes it is visual – most people are taller than average, larger than average noses, rounder faces. Sometimes it is how they act – a family where everyone likes to talk at once or a family that likes to do puzzles or play table games after dinner. And these family traits, while subtle, continue from generation to generation.

During the month of January, I am going to talk a little bit about some family traits of our United Church of Christ. Since we begin with the account of the baptism of Jesus, where God says, “You are my beloved Child,” this family emphasis seems appropriate. I think God calls us to be beloved family members, just as God acknowledged Jesus.

The notion that there are special traits in the UCC part of God’s family is not to say that we are better, but simply to acknowledge that various parts of the United Church seem to look a little bit alike when it comes to certain things. The elements that I will emphasize in January are: growing in faith, acceptance of diversity, and embracing ecumenism. I think we will recognize ourselves as part of the family.

Annual Meeting January 28

We have our annual meeting on January 28 after church. Preliminary reports from the stewardship emphasis show that we have both more people returning Estimates of Giving and the total of the estimates is up by about 10%. And I think there will be more returned when some of our church members clean off their desks after Christmas. Please plan to be present to help us conduct our annual business meeting.

See you in church.

- Michael

**Council Briefs**

The Church of Peace is going to be given a Beautification Award for our property from the City of Rock Island at the January 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting. In other building news, the roof is leaking on the south side of the sanctuary and the roofer has been called. The electrician has also been called to look at the lights in that same part of the sanctuary. Sunday School classes have moved downstairs for the winter months so we do not have to heat the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor as much.

In worship news, there will be three services on Christmas Eve since it is on Sunday this year—10:30 am, 4:30 pm, and 10:30 pm. Rev. Swartz will be on vacation from Dec. 25-Jan. 3. Rev. Jane Courtright will preach on Sunday, Dec. 31. As of January 1, the church office will close at 12 noon on Fridays.

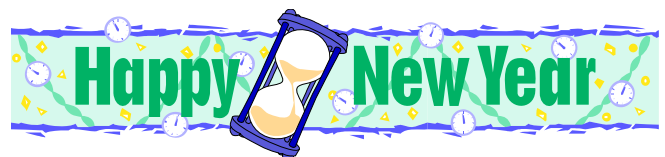
We’ve placed an ad on qconline.com for the month of December inviting people to the Thursday services, and it has the Sunday worship time, too. There haven’t been many clicks on the ad to link to our website, but many have seen the ad. The UCC ad is also running on the 1270 AM radio station. After sending a postcard out to churches about the work camp program, we are still getting a lot of interest on the website.

In money news, it is going to be tight to meet the bills that must be paid this month and it was voted to use money from the Sustaining Fund. The time and talent sheets for 2007 have been compiled and \$104,000 has been pledged. The Ida Krueger Circle is not going to meet any more. They are going to help refinish the silver communion pitcher as their ending gift to the church.

In fellowship and outreach news, thank you to Ed Johnson and the Education Committee for organizing the Christmas potluck on Dec. 10. The first Sunday in February is the Souper Bowl of Caring, and that coincides with the Super Bowl game. The Book Nook had a special Christmas distribution at the Primary Academy and over 200 books were sold! A letter was sent to area pastors about the open Outreach Director position. We received a thank you card from a neighbor that brought in a gentleman needing assistance to have his heat turned back on.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 28, and the reports are due by January 15.

Pat Ward, Secretary pro tem




Please turn in your reports for the congregational meeting on January 28th to Nora by **January 15th**. Or if you would like to e-mail your report, it would save Nora time typing. The church's e-mail address is [peaceuccri@aol.com](mailto:peaceuccri@aol.com).

The focus of Advent this past December was the **Nativity Set**, and on Dec. 10 and 17 there were over 30 different crèches on display in the Lounge. They ranged from a homemade one for children and well-loved cardboard ones, to purchased ones from the local drug store and Isabel Bloom, to carved ones made in countries around the world.

Thank you to Karen Anderson, LouDella Bernauer, Herb & Jean Doden, Alex Fischer & Curtis Oelschlaeger, Jan Gray, Pauline Hartung, Ed & Sue Johnson, Jim & Pat Lerch, Carla McGreevey, George & Mary Oelschlaeger, Ruth Sederquist, Linda Schmitt, Nora Steele, Michael Swartz &

**Bald Eagle Sunday**



Our national symbol is in our area in abundance each January. They will be the Sunday School topic presented by Bob Motz on January 7th. In Genesis, humans are told to be the stewards of the earth and all the plants and animals therein. The Bald Eagle is one success story of how we made a positive difference after they declined to an endangered species. Bob will show eagles by a color slide presentation and discussion of the eagles' natural history, plus opportunities to view them locally. Bob has had people from 15 states come for his Bald Eagle safaris. His program comes on Bald Eagle Days Weekend in Rock Island. Be sure to mark your calendars for this presentation on January 7th!



## Around the Circles

### Filiae Pacis Circle

Thirteen members enjoyed the Christmas catered meal at Hauberg Center on December 4th. Bingo was enjoyed, and new Secret Sister names drawn. Marie Timmer's devotions were on "What To Give God". Decorated 18" trees were delivered to five church shut-ins. The Circle hosted the Women's Guild Christmas potluck on Dec. 7th following the Advent Mid-Week service. The Lounge will be un-decorated after church on Jan. 7th.

Vieno Martensen,  
Secretary

### Women's Guild Minutes

Filiae Pacis Circle hosted the Christmas potluck after the Advent Mid-Week service on December 7th. Jane Courtright offered the table grace in the absence of Rev. Swartz. Sixteen members and four guests were present. Mary Kae Waytenick will study the request from Circa '21 for churches to submit a casserole for a contest in conjunction with the Spring show "Church Basement Ladies". The February 4th Women's Week service will be entitled "Tables In Our Lives".

Tyyne Thompson, Secretary Pro Tem



**Altar Guild Schedule**

January

- 07 Lou Bauck
- 14 Ruth Sederquist
- 21 Marguerite Nelson
- 28 Carol Steele

**JANUARY Flowers**

As of printing, no flowers have been scheduled for January. Call the church office at 788-6357.

January Greeters

- 07 Virginia Milligan
- 14 Judy Patsch
- 21 Ed & Florene Feldhahn
- 28 Jan Gray

Church Staff Members

- Michael Swartz .....Pastor
- Nora Steele.....Secretary
- Brian Wischnak.....Sexton
- Mary Oelschlaeger ..... Parish Nurse
- Mary Kae Waytenick ... Music Director
- Jessica Waytenick ..... Choir Director
- Curtis Oelschlaeger Bell Choir Director



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1. Kathy Day
- 2. Jan Gray
- 3. Janet Struss
- 4. Mary Kae Waytenick
- Shirley Franks
- 5. Florene Feldhahn
- 7. Eleanor McIntire
- 8. Dale Stigers
- Lawrence Held
- Leslie Day
- 11. Jeff Feldhahn
- 12. Jerry Zimmerman
- 19. Lucille Kirkpatrick
- 20. Charlotte Shoup
- 22. Larry Morgan
- Miles Elliott
- 27. Carol Waeyaert
- 28. Mariah Johnson
- 29. Joseph Porter



Thank you for making our 50th anniversary a wonderful day! The cards, the best wishes, gifts and all that attended our party meant a lot to us. Thank you so much and God bless!  
Carol & Bill Atkins

Thank you to everyone for their cards, visits, and prayers during my surgery and recuperation. All of you are very much appreciated!  
Corinne Colclasure

It is a beautiful gesture that community agencies and churches can work together for the better of our community! We all have the same goal, and it is to reach out and help our community and neighbors. Church of Peace did just that when they donated \$220 to help families during the holiday season. We were able to help 13 families from the Rock Island Head Start Program, the King Center After-School Program, and Second Baptist Church. The King Center Staff, Board of Directors, and the families would like to thank Church of Peace for allowing 13 families to receive a very pleasant Christmas Holiday Basket! Thank you, Nora, for getting this project together!

Ida Robinson  
Human Services

**Tops and Caps=Money**



We have collected \$140 worth of General Mills Box Tops for Education, and have \$35 worth of Swiss Valley milk caps for the Rock Island Primary Academy. Please save these items from your kitchen, and turn them in to either Joann Love or Virginia Milligan. This is free money for the school!



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