

# The Visitor

Newsletter

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## Celebrating the Church of Peace's 110th Anniversary

There is an exciting month of activities to celebrate the church's 110th year of doing the ministry of Christ. We began with 26 charter members and through the commitment of the ones who have followed, including us, we grew. We built a church, built a parsonage, built an education wing, built a presence in Rock Island, and the Quad Cities. God is still speaking,

**Oct. 2** - World Communion Sunday

**Oct. 16** - Stewardship Kick-Off

Celebrating Congregational Hymn Singing

**Oct. 23** - 110th Anniversary Sunday - Rev. Joan Sulser preaching

Reception during Fellowship time

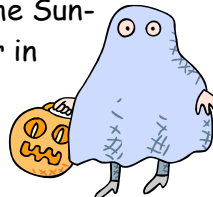
**Oct. 30** - Honoring 50th anniversary of the building of the

Education wing and Sunday School  
Oktoberfest lunch after church



Trick or Treat for  
UNICEF

The elementary youth of the Church will be collecting for UNICEF during Sunday School and after worship service on October 30. The youth are encouraged to wear international costumes or other costumes of non-demonic nature. Treats will be served at the end of the Sunday School hour in fellowship hall.



## Worship in October



October 2—World Communion  
Sermon: "Pulled Forward"  
Scripture: Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-40  
Reader: Georgia Steeber  
Music: Chancel Choir  
Communion and Food Pantry

October 9—Sermon: "Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy" Scripture: Isaiah 25:1-5; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14  
Reader: Ruby Jecks  
Music: Bell Choir

October 16—Stewardship Kick-Off  
Hymn Singing Celebration  
Sermon: "Moved with Compassion" Scripture: Psalm 23; Colossians 3:12-17; Matthew 20:29-34  
Reader: Linda Schmitt  
Stewardship Speaker: Bob Steeber

October 23—110th Anniversary Sunday  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Joan Sulser  
Scripture: Psalm 1; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; I Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46  
Reader: Sue Spurgetis  
Music: Chancel Choir  
Stewardship Speaker: Jimmy Sederquist

Come and celebrate the Church of Peace's 110th Anniversary on October 30th with an Oktoberfest meal and polka music! After church on the 30th, your favorite German-style foods will be served in Fellowship Hall. Tickets can be purchased after church during Sundays in October from Jimmy Sederquist or Aaron Waytenick, or from the church secretary. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. See you there!



Memo  
From  
Michael



I came across some correspondence of Mrs. Ludwig Kutz with Eden Seminary regarding Reinhold Niebuhr. Ludwig Kutz grew up at the Church of Peace and was confirmed in 1919. He went on to Eden and to a life of ordained Christian ministry. He returned to Church of Peace as a pastoral assistant in his retirement.

Reinhold Niebuhr, also a graduate of Eden Seminary, has been called the greatest American theologian of the twentieth century. He was about ten years older than Ludwig and the Kutz's followed his writings and career with interest. In our church library, there is a collection of books concerning Niebuhr given to the church by Mrs. Kutz, Bert, when Ludwig died.

In this correspondence was a note card with a quotation from Reinhold Niebuhr that Bert Kutz had typed out from the congregational minutes on January 23, 1977. Was this a guiding idea for the Church of Peace in a time of transition?

*“Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing that is true or beautiful or good makes sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we are saved by love.”*

I am reminded as we mark our 110th year as a congregation that there is no one present on this occasion who was here at the founding, save God. So this is truly an anniversary that celebrates the faith and hope and love of previous generations. We can give thanks for the generations of women and men who have gone before and granted to us in our time and place this goodly heritage. To this we add our faith, our hope and our love as we seek to pass along to the future benefits not unlike those we have received.

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## Council Briefs

On a rainy Thursday night, your Church Council found lots of things to occupy their time.

Everyone was pleased with the Rally Day celebration and complimented Ed Johnson on his endeavors. But wait . . . He has more up his sleeve. He's trying to get youth groups from other UCC churches to participate in the Crop Walk. He's also planning on reinstating Children's Church for all kids through the 6th grade.

Jessica and the Music Committee planned a great day for us on September 25th. I hope you were able to participate. The Silk Chords were great during church, the neighborhood sampler was "tasty", and to top it off—Jack Carey performed for us during the lunch hour. Thanks to providing us with a great day!

Aaron Waytenick has been investigating all kinds of ways for the church to produce more income. The council will be interested in what he has to say at our next meeting. Good work, Aaron!

Jan Gray, Secretary

### Continued from the previous column.

Please be present for as many of the Sundays as you can in October and November as some of this heritage is unfolded.

- New church directories have been mailed to all who sat for a portrait. About 50 more copies are available to those who request one from the church office.
- Rev. Joan Sulser, another person confirmed at the Church of Peace, will be our preacher on Anniversary Sunday, October 23. Please plan to attend.
- Mary Kae Waytenick is preparing four historical vignettes for bulletins in October.
- Bea Anderson has made a new banner.
- There will be a hymn-sing service on October 16.
- An Oktoberfest is planned for after church on October 30th.

See you in church.

- Michael



Thank you to everyone who helped at and attended the Neighborhood Sampler. Even though it was inside due to the rainy weather, we had good attendance and good entertainment from Jack Carey. I think it is important to promote and patron our Rock Island restaurants, especially locally-owned establishments. They help make this city a vibrant place for people to come. - Jessica Waytenick



**Around the Circles**

**Filiae Pacis Circle**

LouDella Bernauer was hostess to twelve members on September 12th at Hauberg Center. Devotions on Labor Day were read by President Deb Holmes. The Circle will be in charge of hospitality for the Guild for 2005 - 2006. Committee chairs named are: Devotions - Marie Timmer; Historian - Corinne Paaske; Social - LouDella Bernauer, Georgette Fullerlove, Roma Nessler, and Kathy Manthey; Sunshine - Linda Porter. Members will donate toiletries for neighborhood mission and a coffeecake for Rev. Joan Sulser's reception on October 23rd. The next meeting is Monday, October 3rd at 7 pm at church with Tri Mu Circle as guests.

Vieno Martensen,  
Secretary



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**Martha Rolf Circle**

Nine members were present for the September meeting at Carol Atkins' home. The circle voted to give \$25 to Bea Anderson for new advent candles. There was a discussion about selling Christmas wreaths. Joann has inquired if Sue Thompson will be able to get good ones this year with the drought. She's still waiting to hear. If we can get good ones, we'll sell them. It was agreed to shower the pantry with toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and toilet paper. Each member will purchase items. The circle's job for the year is taking care of the dish towels. Judy Hanson will provide the coffee cake from the circle for the coffee hour when Joan Sulser is here on Oct. 23. The Oct. hostess is Virginia Milligan.

Virginia Milligan,  
Secretary

**Tri Mu Circle**

Eight members of Tri Mu Circle met at the home of Betty Nessler for the September meeting. Betty led devotions "The Power of Listening" by Carol Babbo. Tri Mu will be responsible for the November Thank Offering as well as decorating the church this year for Thanksgiving. Jan Gray will represent Tri Mu Circle at the November 6th cabinet meeting. The circle received a letter from Nora requesting help re-stocking shelves of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and toilet paper. The October meeting is a joint meeting hosted by Filiae Pacis Circle at the church on October 3rd at 7 p.m.

Emilie Braughton,  
Secretary

**Crop Walk**

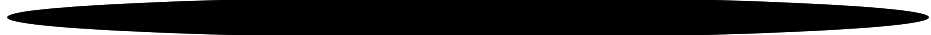
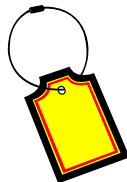
On Sunday, October 9, our Jr./Sr. High youth will be walking to feed the hungry by participating in the Crop Walk. They will be asking for your donations, taking a special offering in church, and your generosity would be appreciated. The walk will start at Memorial Christian Church downtown Rock Island at 2 p.m. After the walk, we will meet at the home of Deb and Mark Holmes for refreshments. Youth from other UCC Churches will be joining us. Thanks to Deb and Mark for their hospitality.



**Rake Up the Bargains**

The Purchased at the Parsonage Sale will be October 21-22 from 9 am-2 pm. Please bring your items to the north stairwell by the weekend before so everything can be sorted and priced. Household items sell really well. Our sales have been so successful in the past because of all the great donations from you!

Rummage Sale  
Committee



Altar Guild Schedule

October

- 2. Corinne Paaske
- 9. Pat Ward
- 16. Vieno Martensen
- 23. Bea Anderson
- 30. Donna Boyle

October Flowers

October 2—In honor of our daughters' birthdays from the Bernauer Family; In honor of our 32nd wedding anniversary from Bob & Linda Porter

October 16—In memory of Robert Kinnan by Robert & Virginia Milligan

October 23—In memory by Harvey Martensen by the family.

October Greeters

- 02 Diane & Darlene McCarthy
  - 09 Bob & Marge Murphy
  - 16 Carol Steele
  - 23 Ruby Jecks
  - 30 Louise Stice
- Greeters should be in place*

Church Staff Members

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3. Alexis Kinnan
- 6. Virginia Schreiner
- 7. Douglas Hansen  
Karol Oelschlaeger
- 9. Herbert Doden
- 10. Caleb Nesseler  
Alma Slieter  
Katherine Ballard
- 11. David Sederquist
- 12. Connie Donnelly  
Glen Bote
- 13. Matthew Holmes
- 14. Velma Talberg
- 15. Kevin Stevens
- 16. Sharon Frank  
Susan Johnson
- 17. Jason Clark  
Garrett Feldhahn  
Linda Nesseler
- 18. Lucille Bauck  
Pauline Hartung
- 19. Susan Thompson
- 20. Jean Doden  
Kelly Buckner  
Leroy Swale  
Violet Watkins
- 21. Jessica Waytenick  
Amanda Masengarb
- 22. Rick Armstrong
- 25. Judy Hansen  
Florence Harl
- 26. Brenda Schroeder  
Paul Sulser  
Justin Donnelly
- 27. Elcna Anderson
- 31. Lisa Wymer  
Dale Day



We would like to express our appreciation to Rev. Swartz for his participation in services for our father, Philip Colgan, on August 16th. We felt comfort in your words and your presence. We would also like to thank the Women's Guild for a wonderful luncheon after the service. We appreciate you letting us bring our friends and family to share our time of need.

Carly, Christy and Andy Colgan

Thanks so very much for having the Church of Peace open for Rock Island Preservation Society's Tour Yesterday: Church and Neighborhood. Only because of cooperative folks like you the RIPS is able to put on quality events like the church and neighborhood tour. The parishioners' cooperation was greatly appreciated as well. Again, thanks for having your church open.

Jaen Sturgis, Tour Chair

Thank you to Rev. Michael and Mary O. for their visits, and to everyone for their cards, well wishes, and prayers during my recovery.

Ruth Sederquist

Robert and Linda Porter are proud new grandparents of Riley Devlin Porter, born September 27th. To welcome him at home are his parents, Travis and Amber, and his big sister Paige. Congratulations!

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