

St. Peter's UCC, Ferguson, MO

Celebrating 175 years

“Peter is your name; and on this Rock I will build my Church”

July 16th, 1843: organized as “The German Evangelical Congregation of St. Louis, Missouri.”

St. Peter's United Church of Christ is celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2018. We cherish our roots of German immigrants in 1843, meeting in Benton school on 6th street in the city of St. Louis, in search of a home and freedom in this “new” land. Those ancestors grew into a diverse community of open-minded Christians worshipping in a beautiful sanctuary in Ferguson, Missouri.

175 years saw us through church building campaigns, integration of women into the church councils, transition to English (first English service June 14, 1908), assisting foundations of hospital, school, a children's home, a cemetery. The more recent years grew from this heritage, an open and affirming church, welcoming all and facilitating understanding in a diverse community.

Our congregation worshipped in two locations within St. Louis City. Our third and current location is on Stein Road in Ferguson. The buildings provide a place for people to gather, learn and plan how to carry out mission. Each chapel was lovingly constructed, polished and cared for—and that great care transfers into great mission with great pastors and leaders to keep us focused and inspired: Wall, Riess, Baltzer, Nollau, Roeder, Roos, Thiele, Goetsch, Klick, Hackmann, Rasche, Hoefler, Dausman, Meyer, Ressler, McWilliams, Main, Peaco, Chandler, Pruitt—to name a few!



Although we have come a long way since 1843, caring for people has always been at the heart of St. Peter's members. From orphans of the cholera epidemic in 1849, care for the sick and injured, to support of missionaries in India and Honduras and our new community outreach center, we continue that mission.

In this 175th anniversary year, we celebrate with a sermon series highlighting the life of St. Peter (seen through our stained-glass windows), a spiritual retreat on June 9th (at Eden Seminary), a pot luck luncheon with St. Peter's Trivia game on July 8th, monthly challenges to get everyone considering what it takes to persevere for 175 years, a rally day community picnic on September 9th and a Homecoming banquet on October 14th. All are welcome, please give us a call to come and help us celebrate, 314-521-5694.

For those who came before, we thank you and fondly honor your dedication and work to provide us a foundation for miracles. You taught us to see the church as Jesus Christ sees it. For those who worship with us now or who are praying for us, we thank you and bless you. You are the church. And for those who will be the future of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, anything is possible!

The 175th anniversary committee of St. Peter's Church in Ferguson

