

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



310 North Meadow Street (Grant Park, IL 60940)

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.

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“All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Sunday, January 15th, 2023

* - In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.

Welcome & Announcements

Heidi Frahm

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Wonderful Words of Life” (*Smith*)

*Call to Worship

Heidi Frahm

Leader: Rejoice, people of God: this is our day of worship!

People: **Let us join together to lift up the Name of our Lord. Let us sing our praises and let us glorify the Most High.**

Leader: We are called, as the family of God, to enter into His presence, to celebrate in the temple of God, and to bring a sacrifice of praise.

People: **So, we are here! We open our hearts and our minds to hear from God. May our worship be pleasing to Him.**

*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Kyle

*Song of Worship

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#96

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Heidi Frahm

Children’s Sermon

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“My Soul is a-Thirst for God” (*Gaul*)

*Response

“Doxology”

#34

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kyle

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:19-25

Song

“I Believe in Jesus”

#675

Sermon

“Why? Why? Why? Why Going to Church is Important”

***Closing Song**

“You Call Us, Lord” (*vs. 1, 2, & 4*)

#583

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Postlude in B-flat” (*Simper*)



We at St. Peter's are praying for:

*Gene Sievers, Carter Fortin, Brian Koop, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary,
Joy Currier, Heather Phillips, Mary Ann Price, Keith Myers, Marge Myers,
Sandy Erickson, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Delores Schimmin,
Megan Breckenridge, Neal Currier, Russ Koehn, Pamela Nolan,
Alexis Verhulst, Bucky Burrell, Delores Hartman,
and the family of Harry Baker Jr.*

**The office will be closed Monday, January 16th, for the holiday.

Announcements

Adult Study Hour (Sundays @ 9 am): Join us during the 9 a.m. Christian Education Hour in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall located in the church basement. In January, we will continue to explore the topic of **“How to Read the Bible.”** Missed a Sunday? It’s okay. Jump in any time. Last week’s lesson & notes are available on our church webpage under Christian Education.

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): No broken bones!!!! Success! Over 20 students went ice skating last week and we have photos to prove it! Check them out online by going to our FB page or church website. On February 5th, the youth will have lunch after service and then go to Sky Zone in Schererville, IN, from 1-3 p.m. They will be back by 4:30 p.m. For more details, visit our Facebook page or go to our church website at www.stpetersgp.org, (Under Ministries Section). You can also contact Josh (815) 693-5341 or Neal (815) 549-5911.

Fusion Lunch Sign-Up: There is a sign-up list sheet on the back table in the sanctuary for individuals, or families, to provide lunch for the Fusion Youth Group each month. You may sign up to cover a month by bringing lunch and serving it, by providing it and letting them serve it, or providing a monetary donation to offset the cost of the lunch.

Josh Hamann, or Neal Currier, will be in touch with you prior to the month that you sign up for to confirm the date (which is normally the 1st Sunday of the month). On average, there are nearly 20 students and leaders to feed.

Fusion truly appreciates your support as this allows them to keep the gatherings free for the students and the overall cost of their monthly gatherings at a lower amount.

The Beecher Food Pantry: is asking for shampoo, dish soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, fruit, jello, pudding, tomato products, mayo, salad dressing, cream of mushroom soup, stuffing mix, hamburger helper mixes, and cereal.

Call to the 2023 Congregational Meeting: The 2023 Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship this Sunday, January 22nd (back-up date is January 29th). We are still accepting nominations for council members. If you'd like to be considered, or if you'd like to nominate someone, please contact a current member of the Council and let them know.

Potato Bar Fellowship Luncheon: It will be held immediately after the congregational meeting on this Sunday. Baked Potatoes and toppings will be provided. Feel free to bring a dessert or a dish to share, or simply just join us downstairs for a time of food and fellowship.

2023 "SOUP"er Bowl of Caring Luncheon: It will be held on Sunday, February 12th, following our worship service. All donations given will go towards a local food pantry/ministry.

What is the SOUPer Bowl of Caring? It's a fun, creative way to encourage our youth to make their own soups at home and bring them to church on Sunday to share with the congregation. Each youth is to make a crock-pot or large pot of their favorite soup. Then, they will serve someone else's soup so that no one knows who made which soup.

Everyone is invited to try samples of as many soups as they want. They will then vote for their favorites. The winning youth will win an award. Adults are encouraged to bring their best chili to serve as well. A vote will be taken for the winner. Stay, fellowship with one another, and enjoy raising money for a local food pantry/ministry.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Members of several Grant Park churches, in support of the Fusion Youth Group at St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park, are raising funds and hands-on support to provide beds and bedding to children without them so that they don't have to sleep on floors.

The missions' project the area churches will be supporting is called Sleep in Heavenly Peace (www.shpbeds.org). The ministry is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

To purchase and assemble 30 beds (at a minimum), an amount of \$7,500 needs to be raised. Once the minimal goal is raised, the beds will be ordered and a date/location will be set for assembly by anyone in the area who is willing to help.

There are several options to donate to the fund:

Direct cash/check donations may be made to the church. Please put in the memo line/or on the envelope that the donation is towards Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project.

You may give online by going to www.stpetersgp.org/give and choose the "Give to: Sleep in Heavenly Peace" category.

All donations are tax deductible.

Stay tuned to the Grant Park facebook page and St. Peter's website for updates on amounts raised, upcoming assembling date/location, and more.

On behalf of the Fusion Youth, we appreciate your support.