

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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**“Bring the whole tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test me in this, “says the Lord Almighty,”
Malachi 3:10a**

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Brian McKinstry

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Theme from ‘Finlandia’” (*Sibelius*)

*Call to Worship

Brian McKinstry

Leader: The grace of God be with you.

People: **May His grace be with you as well.**

Leader: His grace covers over all things.

People: **It gives us strength in times of affliction, joy despite poverty, and hope in times of distress.**

Leader: May His grace remind us to be generous with others.

People: **Let us bear the quality of being kind, plentiful, abundant, lavish, not selfish, willing to share, and generous in spirit.**

Leader: Come now, let us worship this God of grace.

People: **He is the very definition of generosity and He calls us each to be generous as well.**

*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Kyle

*Song of Worship

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#68

Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:6-12

Brian McKinstry

Children’s Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kyle

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Offertory on ‘Bethany’” (*arr. Mason*)

*Response “Doxology” #34

Adult Choir Anthem

“My Tribute” (*Crouch*)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:19-24

Song

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #72

Sermon

“Why? Why? Why? Why Giving to God is Important”

*Closing Song

“At the Cross” (*vs 1,3, & 4*) #258

*Benediction

*Postlude

“The Whole Armor of God” (*Paxton*)



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, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Bucky Burrell, Delores Hartman, Patricia Regnier, and the family of Harry Baker Jr.

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. Beginning next Sunday, we will be studying the Book of Acts. 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): 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 any non-food items.

Potato Bar Fellowship Luncheon: It will be held immediately following today's congregational meeting. 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.

Zion CCC in Dyer, IN: Zion UCC will be hosting their annual homemade pork sausage sale. They are taking pre-orders (please contact Becki at (219)-384-0794) or you can buy 5 lb packages for \$25/package. Order deadline is February 8th. Sausage pick up will be Sunday, February 19th, from 12 p.m.-3 p.m.. The Women’s Guild will be holding a bake sale during the sausage pick up. Hope to see you there!

Feed My Starving Children: Members of Zion Lutheran Church of Grant Park have scheduled a 'servant project' with Feed My Starving Children (Aurora, IL). We wish to invite our closest neighbors to join us for a food packing event! Join us on Monday, April 10, 2023 @ 4:30-6:15 pm to go to Aurora, IL, to 'pack meals' for those in need of food. Carpooling will be established among those attending--departure will be 3 pm that day from Zion's (GP) parking lot. Children (age 7 and older), youth, and adults are all encouraged to participate. A 3:1 student to adult ratio is recommended. Call Zion, GP's church office at 815-465-6011 to place yourself on the volunteer list. Check out <https://www.fmssc.org/about-us/faqs> for more information.

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 (\$250 per bed). 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.