

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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**“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are Mine.”
Isaiah 43:1b**

Sunday, February 12th, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Karen Brunello

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“They’ll Know We Are Christians” (*Leatherman*)

*Call to Worship

(based on Isaiah 43; Psalm 29)

Karen Brunello

Leader: Our God is a God of power and strength!

People: **God has created each of us with tender care.**

Leader: Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

People: **God walks with each of us every step of the way.**

Leader: Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

People: **God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.**

Leader: Our God calls us each by name.

People: **God calls each of us to unite in worship together!**

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God of glory and majesty, You have called us each by name. We pray this morning for the courage and the strength to answer Your call. As we open our ears to hear Your Word today, open also our hearts, that we may experience a renewed spirit and know that we are loved by You. Inspire us in our time of worship, that we may bear witness to our identity as Your children. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

*Song of Worship

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

#72

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 4-5, 10-13

Karen Brunello

Receiving of New Members

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kyle

Children's Choir Anthem “Jesus Loves” (*Powell*)

Children's Sermon

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Andante Cantabile” (*Koschat*)

*Response “Doxology” #34

Scripture Reading Mark 10:35-52

***Song** “Thy Word” #664

Sermon “Love Stories: A Super Way to Love” Pastor Kyle

***Closing Song** “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” #406

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us” (*Routley*)

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 Sharri Palacios

Notes of Interest

*** We are in need of one more council person for a three year term. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact the church office or a current council person.

*** We are looking for two greeters for the Ash Wednesday Service. If you are interested in serving, please contact the church office.

*** We are still in need of lay readers for February 19th and 26th, March 5th and 19th, April 9th (Easter), 16th, 23rd, and 30th. If you are willing to do any of the above dates, please sign up on the lay reader sign up sheet on the back table in the sanctuary.

*** Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 22nd at 7 p.m..

*** Please join us for Soup, Supper, and Scripture on the following Wednesday nights during Lent at 6 p.m.: March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

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. We are studying the Book of Acts. Did you miss it? It's okay. Jump in any time. Last week's lesson & notes are available on our church webpage under Christian Education.

The Beecher Food Pantry: is asking for any non-food items. Donations can be dropped off in the baskets located by the courtyard entrance. Thank you.

2023 "SOUP"er Bowl of Caring Luncheon: It will be held today, following our worship service. All donations given will go towards our Sleep-in-Heavenly Peace fundraiser.

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.

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): For March's event, the youth will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 4th, at 5:30 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.

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 p.m. 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 p.m. 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.

Fusion Lunch Sign-Up: There is a sign-up list sheet on the back table in the sanctuary for individuals, families, friends, groups, (however you want to do it), 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 25 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.

Congratulations: The Dart Ball team won the championship game against Peotone! If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Tim Frahm.

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.



Fusion Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner

Want a break from cooking? On Saturday, March 4th at 5:30 p.m., the Fusion Youth Group at St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park will host a spaghetti dinner to raise financial support for their missions' project with "Sleep in Heavenly Peace".

Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Homemade spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread, salad, desserts, and drinks will be served for a donation to support the fundraiser.

Following the dinner, around 6:45 p.m., everyone is invited to continue upstairs for a short presentation about "Sleep in Heavenly Peace", the Fusion Youth Program, and an opportunity to play "Family Feud" in the sanctuary!

A 50-50 drawing will also take place.

To learn more about Sleep in Heavenly Peace, check out their website at <https://shpbeds.org/>

If you plan on attending, please RSVP no later than Thursday, March 2nd, so that we have a rough idea of how many to plan for? You may call the church office at 815-465-6191 (leave a message if no one answers with your name and number in your party). Or, you may email pastorkyletimmons@live.com or Josh Hamann at hamanntinc@gmail.com – Thank you!