

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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“Jesus said to him, ‘Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’”

Matthew 4:10

Sunday, February 19th, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Kevin Mussman

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“The King of Love” (*Gounod*)

*Call to Worship

Kevin Mussman

Leader: When Jesus was in the wilderness, He was tempted to save Himself.

People: **We often look for the good things for ourselves first,
Before the well-being of others.**

Leader: Jesus was offered salvation if He turned stones to bread; if He accepted wealth and power; if He tested God’s commitment to Him.

People: **In all these things, Jesus remained strong in His
commitment to God.**

Leader: May our commitment be as strong.

People: **May our lives be placed in God’s caring hands throughout
our journey. Amen.**

Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Worship

“We Will Glorify”

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 91

Kevin Mussman

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kyle

Choir Anthem

Children's Sermon

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

*Response

“Poem” (*Fibich*)

“Doxology”

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Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Pastor Kyle

***Song**

“Seek Ye First”

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Sermon

“The Big ‘If’s’”

Pastor Kyle

***Closing Song**

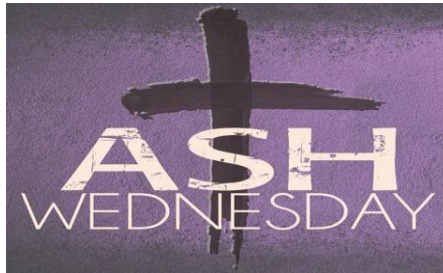
“Softly and Tenderly”

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?” (*Gillard*)



*** Join us for Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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 26th, March 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 this Wednesday 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.

*** The office will be closed tomorrow, February 20th, 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. 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.

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.fmsc.org/about-us/faqs> for more information.

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

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.



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 with your name and number in your party if no one answers) or you may email Pastor Kyle at pastorkyletimmons@live.com or Josh Hamann at hamannentinc@ymail.com – Thank you!