

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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**“For God chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy
and blameless in His sight.”**

Ephesians 1:4, NIV

Sunday, February 26th, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“There Is a Fountain” (*arr. DeCou*)

*Call to Worship

Leader: Hear the word of God: “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

People: **We choose holiness and reject futile thinking.**

Leader: We look today at life and turn our eyes from the vanities around us.

People: **We desire to be holy, for the Lord is holy.**

Leader: We affirm that we belong to Christ.

People: **We crave His wisdom and His ways.**

*Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Worship

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

#319

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:1-12

Song of Response

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

#378

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kyle

Children’s Sermon

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

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

*Response “Doxology” #34

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:3-14 Pastor Kyle

***Song** “The Old Rugged Cross” (*vs 1, 2, & 4*) #260

Sermon “Things to Search For” Pastor Kyle

***Closing Song** “Rock of Ages” #384

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “Finale in C Major” (*Purcell*)

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,
and Patricia Regnier*

Notes of Interest

*** We are still in need of lay readers for 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.

*** 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.

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.

2023 Young at Heart Meetings: The United Methodist Church of Grant Park would like to invite you to their Young at Heart meetings every third Monday of the month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grant Park Community Center. On March 20th, they will be serving salads. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815-465-6933). Thank you.

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

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? This 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!