

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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**“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for
You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me”**

Psalms 23:4, NIV

Sunday, March 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

“I Do Believe” (*Wilson*)

*Call to Worship

Kevin Mussman

Leader: Search us, O God, and know our hearts; Try us and know our thoughts.

People: **See where there is darkness and sin, and lead us in the ways that lead to abundant life.**

Leader: Lead us, O God, into ways of holiness, righteousness, and true Godly obedience.

People: **Guide our paths unto Your holy ways.**

Leader: Strengthen us, O God, and give us boldness to do Your work.

People: **With the gift of the Holy Spirit, we believe that we have Your power to do great things. May we serve You in word and deed.**

*Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Worship

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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Scripture Reading

Exodus 4:1-17

Kevin Mussman

Children’s Moment

Choir Anthem

“Be Still and Know” (*Chapman*)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kyle

***Song**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

#264

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“In Paradisium” (*Dubois*)

*Response

“Doxology”

#34

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Pastor Kyle

Sermon

“Things to Search For: The Rod and the Staff”

Pastor Kyle

***Closing Song**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

#501

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Gavotte” (*J.S. Bach*)

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, Pamela Nolan, Alexis Verhulst,
Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Bucky Burrell, Delores Hartman, Ann Wessman,
Patricia Regnier, the family of Richard Lorenz, and the family of Becky
Contreras*

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 at any time. Last week's lesson & notes are available on our church webpage under Christian Education.

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): For April's event, all are invited to St. John's (IN) Shrine of Christ's Passion walk. We will meet there at 1 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. 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.

Craft/Vendor Fair and Easter Egg Hunt: First United Methodist Church located on 111 W. Fourth St. in Momence is having their annual craft/vendor fair and egg hunt on Saturday, April 1st, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The egg hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m. rain or shine. For more information, please contact Marilyn at (815) 592-0043.

Bunco Night: We will be having a Bunco night on March 31st at 7 p.m. Please RSVP to the church no later than March 30th. Cost is \$5/person or \$20 a table. As always, if you have a card table to loan for the event, please include that in your reservation.

The Beecher Food Pantry: is asking for any non-food items. Donations may 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). 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 parking lot. Children (age 7 and older), youth, and adults are all encouraged to participate. 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 "Sleep In Heavenly Peace" Bed Delivery Opportunity: An opportunity for up to 20 students from Fusion to go on a special delivery of beds for children in need is present. On Saturday, March 25th, we will meet at the church at 8:45 a.m. and carpool to Olivet Nazarene University to meet with the Sleep in Heavenly Peace team. We will deliver numerous beds around the Kankakee area from 10 a.m. until noon. When we are finished, we will go to lunch and return approximately around 2 p.m. We are in need of some adults who may be interested in going and a few pick-up trucks if possible. This will allow more beds to be delivered more efficiently. If you are able to drive your truck, please let Josh Hamann or Neal Currier know. Two waivers must be signed and both are available on our church website <https://stpetersgp.org/online-christian-education-teens-copy/>

Notes of Interest

*** We are still in need of lay readers for 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 22nd and 29th.

*** We are in need of the following for our Maundy Thursday Service: an acolyte, three or four children/youth to help with the processional entry of service elements, four Scripture readers (contact the office for the Scripture), and one adult willing to “act out” foot washing with Pastor Kyle. If you are interested in doing any of the above, please contact the church office.

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). We are the in home stretch of meeting this goal. Once the \$7,500 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. You can donate by direct cash/check donations to 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.



Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser:

Who doesn't enjoy homemade cinnamon rolls?

The Fusion youth group will be selling them by the half dozen for \$10. Please fill out this pre-order sheet below before April 2nd. Enclose payment when turning in your order sheet to the office. We will give you a call the following week when they are ready. All proceeds will go to Sleep In Heavenly Peace. Thank you for your support!

Name_____

Phone Number _____

6 Cinnamon Rolls Qty_____ Total_____