

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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“He is not here; He has risen!”

Luke 24:6a, NIV

Sunday, April 9th, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Rhiannon Currier

Ringin' of the Bell

Prelude

“The Strife is O’er” (*Simone*)

*Call to Worship

Rhiannon Currier

Leader: The stone was gone, so Mary assumed that Christ had been taken away.

People: **The tomb was empty, so Peter assumed that Christ had been taken away.**

Leader: The angels had come, so Mary assumed that Christ had been taken away.

People: **The linens were discarded, so Peter assumed that Christ had been taken away.**

Leader: And yet....

People: **Christ was risen. Christ was alive. Christ was in their midst.**

Leader: They saw the Living Christ.

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Jesus, Messiah, with our voices, we sing songs of praise as we celebrate Your arrival into Jerusalem. While we do not fully know or understand all that You are about to endure and do for us out of Your great love, we know that Your passion has brought You to this time and place. May the gift of the Holy Spirit reside with us and in us, in order that all that we say and do will bring glory to Your Name. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

#288

Children's Moment

Adult Choir Anthem “Hallelujah Sing With Glory” (*Besig*)

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Kyle

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table
Blessing of the Bread and Cup
Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory “Now the Green Blade Riseth” (*French Carol*)
*Response “Doxology” #34

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12

Hymn “Christ Arose” #294

Sermon “He is Not Here!” Pastor Kyle

***Closing Song** “He Lives” #302

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “Thine Is the Glory” (*Handel*)

*The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Eleanor Tyson.

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 & 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, Craig Schneider, Patricia Regnier, the family of Arlene Armstrong, and the family of Eleanor Tyson

Notes of Interest

*** We are in need of lay readers for April 16th and 30th and May through August. 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.

*** The office will closed Monday, April 10th.

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 have reached our initial goal of \$7,500, but anything we receive will continue to go towards more beds. 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.

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): On May 7th, the youth will be going to Fair Oaks Farm. They will have lunch, depart to go to the farm, and return about 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. 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.

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.

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 April 17th, they will be having a potluck. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815)-465-6933. Thank you.



Spring is in the air! Before we know it, the rummage sale will be upon us. Please keep this in mind as you are cleaning things out to get rid of. We will only be doing the one sale this year, so take advantage of this time to purge. We are going to have it sometime in June, but dates haven't been finalized yet. As always, we need help setting tables up before the sale, sorting and pricing items Monday through Thursday, and volunteers to help work the sale. Donated items can be dropped off the week of the sale. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Easter Lillies



Given by Jeremy & Chrissy Pickens for Auntie Alice

Given by Jeremy & Chrissy Pickens for Jackie Pickens

Given by Jeremy & Chrissy Pickens for Jim Crocker

Given by Jeremy & Chrissy Pickens for Ferris & Lyda Crocker

Given by Jeremy & Chrissy Pickens for Stanley & Adelaide Piper

Given by Neal, Rhiannon, Max, & Izzy Currier for Randall Currier

Given by Neal, Rhiannon, Max, & Izzy Currier for Marvin & Irene Foreman
(Rhiannon's grandparents)

Given by Jamie Brooker & Josh Hamann for Jean Seitz

Given by Jamie Brooker & Josh Hamann for June Hamann

Given by Jamie Brooker & Josh Hamann for Paula Huss

Given by the McKinstry family for Robert Shimmin
& Floyd McKinstry

Given by Jean & Leisa Rundquist for Ron & Mary Lou Rundquist

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In Honor of

Given by Jeremy & Chrissy Pickens for Kevin & Karen Pickens

Given by Jeremy & Chrissy Pickens for Isaac, Ian, Levi, & Piper

Given by Isaac, Ian, Levi, and Piper for Uncle Bob & Auntie Gail

Given by Jamie Brooker & Josh Hamann for Jackie Myers