

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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Sunday, April 23rd, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Evelyn Bond

Ringing of the Bell & Prelude “O Jesus, My Savior” (*Wilson*)

***Call to Worship**

Evelyn Bond

Leader: Everyone, come! You who are thirsty, come.
You who are struggling to make ends meet, come.
You who squander all you have, come.
You who are longing to share with others, come.

People: **We are here! In the presence of the Holy.**
God draws near to us and gives renewing water.
God enters in and offers us strength when we are weary.
God is teaching us again how to live as a community.
God is helping us to be a new people grounded in promise.

Leader: Everyone, come! Come and know the renewing love of God.

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Evelyn Bond

Leader: God’s steadfast love is everlasting, and His faithfulness endures to all generations. Trusting in the mercy of God, we acknowledge the sin and brokenness in us and around us.

People: **Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust Your abundance. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that You provide enough for all. We abuse Your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as You have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By Your grace, forgive us; through Your love, renew us; and in Your Spirit, lead us, so that we may live and serve You in the newness of life. Amen.**

Opening Hymn “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” #382

Children’s Choir Anthem “When It Rains, Look for the Rainbow” (*Gray*)

Children’s Moment

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 86:1-17

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “A Quiet Thought” (*James*)

*Response “Doxology” #34

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:15-35

Hymn “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (*vs. 1-3*) #393

Sermon “Modern Family Values: Offering Forgiveness”

***Closing Song** “The Gift of Love” #397

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “Song of Praise” (*Hughes*)

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, Katheryn Hickey-Scott,
Bucky Burrell, Delores Hartman, Ann Wessman, Craig Schneider,
Patricia Regnier, Corky Schreiner, Jaycie Couwenhoven,
and the family of Arlene Armstrong*

Notes of Interest

*** We are in need of lay readers for July and 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.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting: There will be a brief congregational meeting next Sunday, April 30th, following worship service.

Zion UCC (Dyer, IN) Installation Service: There will be an installation service for Pastor Tom Norwalk next Sunday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. at Zion UCC in Dyer, Indiana. Everyone is invited to attend. If you desire to stay for dinner in the fellowship hall, kindly RSVP to dyerzionucc@gmail.com or (219) 365-5288.

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 following worship service, depart to go to the farm, and return about 5 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 corn, cereal, dish soap, canned fruit, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hamburger helper, paper towels, toilet paper, canned tomatoes, french style green beans, baking mixes, ketchup, canned tuna, and pancake mix. Donations may be dropped off in the baskets located by the courtyard entrance. Thank you.

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.



We are excited to announce that registration for the 2023 summer camp season at [Pilgrim Park](#) and [Tower Hill](#) is now underway! We hope to share information about the many camp offerings for various age groups, including Spirit Camp, which is geared towards campers in grades 3-10. Our UCC camp provides an opportunity for campers of all ages to encounter God in a truly, special way.

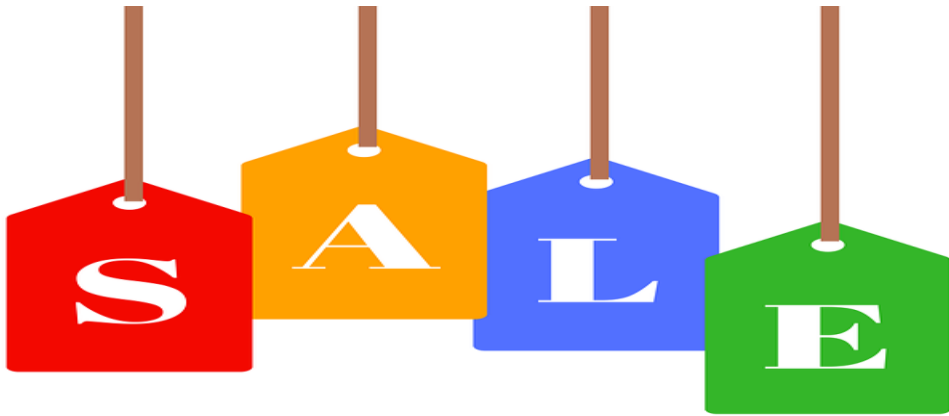
Thank you,

Colleen, Diane, and Sara

Spirit Camp Directors

Direct link to sign up for camps:

<https://outdoorministries.campbrainregistration.com/>



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 June 8th, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., June 9th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and June 10th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. As always, we need help setting tables up June 4th after church service, sorting and pricing items Monday June 5th through Thursday, June 8th, and volunteers to help work the sale. Donated items can be dropped off June 4th (following church) through June 7th between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. or by appointment. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office. Thank you!

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