



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, May 7th, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Kelly Schneider

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“Trust in Him” (*Schubert*)

*Call to Worship

Kelly Schneider

Leader: We, who are many, have come this morning for many different reasons. Perhaps you have come in search of change.

People: **We strive to be obedient followers of our Lord; however, we get distracted by the busyness of life.**

Leader: Our God is gracious and understands, yet still desires us to be faithful to Him and set His ways before the ways of the world.

People: **We need God’s forgiveness and patience. It is not easy and we confess that we need His guidance to lead us into a changed life.**

Leader: Let us keep on trying. Let us keep on seeking Him in all we do. Let us never become unfaithful.

People: **May Christ open our hearts and minds that we may truly give our whole selves to Him and give Him all the glory.**

*Prayer of Invocation

*Opening Hymn

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

#405

Children’s Moment

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kyle

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Kelly Schneider

Adult Choir Anthem“At the Table of the Lord” (*Martin*)**Service of Communion****Worshipping God with our Offerings**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Quietly Rest” (*Bach*)

*Response

“Gloria Patri”

#733

Scripture Reading

Romans 12

Pastor Kyle

Sermon

“Do You Need Change?”

Pastor Kyle

***Closing Song**“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (*v. 1-5*)

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Benediction**Postlude**“In Hoc Signo” (*Nordman*)**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,
Ann Wessman, Jaycie Couwenhoven, the family of Patricia Regnier, the
family of Ann Marie (Kuetemeyer) Lattz, the family of Delores Hartman, and
the family of Cynthia (Whorall) Carmen*

Announcements

*** We are still in need of lay readers for July and August. If you are willing to do any of those dates, please sign up on the lay reader sign up sheet on the back table in the sanctuary.

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.

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): Today, the youth are eating lunch and then heading over to Fair Oaks Farm for a tour and ice cream. They plan to depart at 12:15 p.m. and come back around 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.

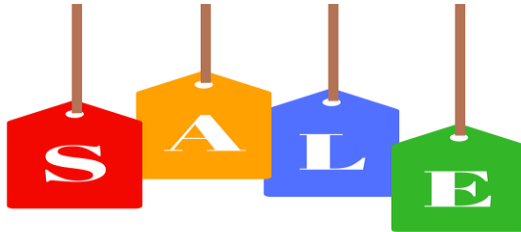
The Beecher Food Pantry: is asking for corn, cereal, dish soap, canned fruit, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hamburger helper, paper towels, toilet paper, canned tomatoes, french style green beans, baking mixes, ketchup, canned tuna, and pancake mix. Donations may be dropped off in the baskets located by the courtyard entrance. Thank you.

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 May 15th, desserts will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815)-465-6933. Thank you.

Teacher Book and Supply Drive: Last year, we had a great Supply Drive for the kids at Grant Park Schools. They still have leftovers! This year, we are going to do a Teacher Book and Supply Drive. It will run similarly to the school supply drive, but with a few changes. We are hoping to help about 75 local teachers to get books and some other supplies for their classrooms that they would normally pay out of pocket for. Teachers have a “wish list” that will be posted or you can donate directly and we can buy the items for you. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at 815-466-4048 or text 567-249-5141. Thank you!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

“Sleep in Heavenly Peace” (www.shpbeds.org). We have reached our initial goal of \$7,500, but anything we receive will continue to go toward 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. 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.



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



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/>



Sunday, May 21st

Bring your favorite (aka best) dish(es) to share for our potluck style luncheon on Sunday, May 21st, immediately following worship. Everyone is encouraged to stay for a time of food and fellowship! You may even bring a copy of your recipes to share with others as many people often ask “Who made this?” and “May I have the recipe?”



Are you or do you know a student who is graduating this year? Please contact the church office with the name of your preschooler, 8th grader, high school, or college graduate with some information about their achievements and future plans. Graduates will be honored on May 21st during the worship service.