



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 14th, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Russ Koehn

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” (*arr. Shrader*)

***Call to Worship**

Based on Matthew 6:25-27

Russ Koehn

Written by Katherine Hawker (Liturgies Outside)

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

People: **May our hearts be open to trust Him.**

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course, yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

People: **May our hearts be open to trust Him.**

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility, yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

People: **May our hands be open to serve God.**

***Prayer of Invocation**

Pastor Kyle

***Opening Hymn**

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

#442

Children’s Choir Anthem

“I am a Promise” (*Gaither*)

Children’s Moment

*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, Roger Sturm, and Jaycie Couwenhoven*

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 a.m.): Next Sunday (May 21st) is our final study in the Book of Acts. Everyone is invited to attend. Check out our summer gathering time in the next announcement...

Wine & the Word (Wednesdays this Summer): Everyone is invited to join us Wednesday nights on the side porch of the parsonage as we fellowship with one another, share time in God's Word, and have a time of prayer. KIDS ARE WELCOME to come and play in the side yard (weather permitting). If the weather is bad, we'll meet in the church basement. You may bring an adult beverage (or two) to enjoy; otherwise we will have ice water & lemonade available each week. We will also have some wine to share for those who would like a glass. Feel free to bring a snack to share if you want (not necessary). Please bring a chair (in case we run out). We will gather at 6:30 p.m., begin our time of devotion at 7 p.m., and be done around 7:30 p.m. (you may stay longer if you desire). Our first gathering will be June 7th, and we will meet every Wednesday through August 23rd. As always, invite a neighbor or friend as this will be a casual time of gathering and a great time to meet and learn more about one another.

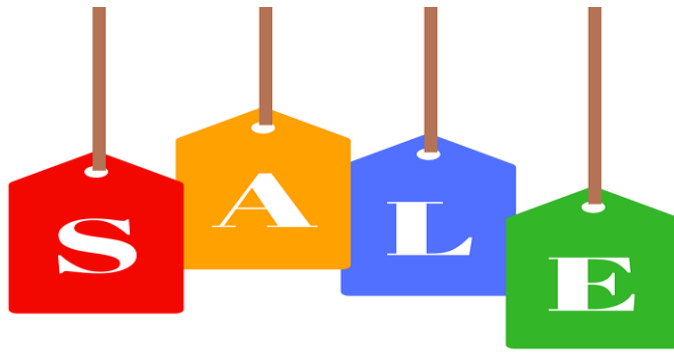
Fusion Lunch Sign-Up: There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the sanctuary for individuals, families, friends, groups, (however you want to do it), to provide lunch for the Fusion Youth Group each month. Josh Hamann or Neal Currier will be in touch with you prior to the month that you sign up 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.

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): On June 4th, Fusion will be going to the Kankakee State Park for a cookout style picnic. All are welcome. We would love to see a big turnout from our congregation for this event. Sign up sheets are available on the back tables if you plan on coming and/or if you are willing to donate some items. 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.

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

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 the “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.



The rummage sale is soon approaching. 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 no later than this Wednesday 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.

God of the Women **To the Tune of ("Be Thou My Vision")**

God of the women who answered Your call,
Trusting Your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —
Give us their courage to live in Your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking, "Who smiled at my birth?" —
In Jesus' dying, You show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt Your Spirit on Pentecost Day —
May we so gladly proclaim You today.

Tune: Traditional Irish melody ("Be Thou My Vision") (MIDI)

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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. We have also put a jar up front in the sanctuary for you to drop your change (noisy offering) which will also go to this drive. Want to help another way? We have a Culver’s and Texas Roadhouse dine in to donate night set up. Culver’s will be on June 14th from 5 pm to 8 pm. Texas Roadhouse will be on July 3rd. (You MUST take a flier with you or show the flier from your phone for us to get credit for this one). If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at 815-466-4048 or text 567-249-5141. Thank you!