



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 21st, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Audrey Lehnert

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“Processional” (*D. Wagner*)

***Call to Worship**

Audrey Lehnert

Leader: When we are lonely and feeling lost...

People: **Jesus calls us and brings us hope and peace.**

Leader: When we are angry and frustrated...

People: **Jesus heals our wounds and soothes our tempers.**

Leader: When we are sorrowful and broken...

People: **Jesus binds up our wounds with His healing love.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One Who cares abundantly for us.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Pastor Kyle

***Opening Hymn**

“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”

#554

Children’s Moment

Pastor Kyle

Adult Choir Anthem

“May You Be Blest” (*McIntyre*)

Recognition of Graduates

Pastor Kyle

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-38

Audrey Lehnert

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“He Leadeth Me” (*Bradbury*)

*Response

“Gloria Patri”

#733

Scripture Reading

Psalms 25

Pastor Kyle

Hymn

“Abide with Me” (*vs. 1, 3, 5*)

#521

Sermon

“An Epidemic of Loneliness”

Pastor Kyle

***Closing Song**

“When We All Get to Heaven”

#525

***Choir Benediction**

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” (*Lutkin*)

***Postlude**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (*Holder*)

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, Roger Sturm, and Jaycie Couwenhoven*

*** We are still in need of lay readers for July and August. A sign up list is on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

***Next week begins the 9:00 a.m. summer worship schedule.

***The office will be closed this Friday, May 26th.

Announcements

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). 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. On June 19th, pizza, cheese, and crackers will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815)-465-6933. Thank you.

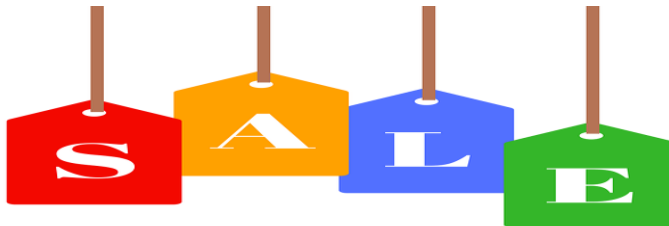
Sleep in Heavenly Peace: (www.shpbeds.org). We have reached our initial goal of \$7,500, but anything we receive will continue to go toward more beds. You can donate by direct cash/check donations to be made to the church. Please put in the memo line/or on the envelope that the donation is towards the “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.

Got Books?-We have an opportunity to make more money for the rummage sale. We have a company that is willing to come and collect books, CD’s, DVD’s, cassette tapes, vinyl records, and video games and pay us 35 cents a pound for them! Please bring all items for the rummage sale for us to try to sell first. If we don’t sell it, it will be passed along to be weighed and earn us more money. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons. Thank you.



Following Church Today

Everyone is invited to join us following our time of worship for a potluck. Forget to bring a dish? That's okay with us; your presence is all that we need. There's always plenty of food!



The rummage sale is almost here! 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/>



Congratulations to all our graduates! Your hard work is noticed and we prayerfully encourage you to continue to reach for the stars! Our graduates from our St. Peter's family include:

8th Grade Graduates

**Megan Cadieux, Ella Hamann, Ian Hamann,
Kaylie Meherg, and Rebecca Timmons**

High School Graduates

Katharina Frahm-Katharina will be attending Kankakee Community College to be an Art Teacher.

Peyton Greenholt-Peyton will be attending Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis to study Medical Imaging.

Alicia Hiland-Alicia will be attending Kankakee Community College this summer. She plans to obtain a degree in Nursing and will continue her education to become a Physician's Assistant to work in a Dermatologist office.

Austin Langlois-Austin will be attending Kankakee Community College to study in the Welding program.

Dylan Marcotte-Dylan will be attending Southern Illinois University of Carbondale to study Dentistry.

Molly Markland-Molly will be attending Illinois State University to study Social Work.

Shelby McKinstry-Shelby will be attending the University of Illinois Chicago to study Criminal Psychology. She is also this year's salutatorian at Grant Park.

Owen Reynolds-Owen will be attending Southern Illinois University of Carbondale to study Aviation Flight and Management.

Kaylee VanSwol

College Graduates

Clayton McKinstry (Spoon River College)-Clayton graduated with an Arts Associate and will be attending Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan to study Education and play baseball.

Kaitlyn McMahan (Olivet Nazarene)- Kaitlyn earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Currently, she is employed as an associate at Under the Carolina Moon in Easley, South Carolina, and lives in Salem, South Carolina.



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 28th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. 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!