

THE KEYS

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
GRANT PARK, IL



April 2020



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310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.



If you are like me you may be struggling to remember what day of the week it is and trying to figure out if life is ever going to go back to a sense of normalcy.

March was a long month and a trying month for many.

While I am an optimistic person by nature and while I believe that these things will pass soon enough, I'm also a realistic person who tries to use the wisdom of our leaders and medical experts along with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to learn how I can serve the people of God during this pandemic.

Each day is full of new adventure and new opportunities, but we have to seek them in different locations and with our health safety in mind (and the safety of others).

While we wait and see what tomorrow holds, I want to encourage each of you to feel free to call or email if you are struggling emotionally, spiritually, financially. We are in this together and as the Church of Jesus Christ, we are called to not only be a light to the world around us but to share together with those in need.

Yes, I look forward to our old routines and the day when we can all worship together in person again; however, until that happens I'll continue to look forward to each day (whether sheltered in place or wherever I am) because I realize today is a gift from God.

Stay health & full of God's holiness.

Kyle J. Timmons

Pastor Kyle Timmons

Worship Schedule Update

Palm Sunday Worship (April 5th) – Canceled
Maundy Thursday (April 9th) – Canceled
Good Friday (April 10th) – Canceled
Easter Services (April 12th) – Canceled

*Please note: While the services are canceled in person, worship opportunities will be available by a few different venues:

How to Worship With Us Online

Facebook: Search for our church page by typing in St. Peters UCC Grant Park. Click on Videos and a list of our videos will appear. We will try to have each day's service posted on or before our normal time that we would have had it (10:30 Sunday mornings, 7 pm evening, etc.)

YouTube: Go to www.youtube.com. In the search engine type Pastor Kyle Timmons and search (you may need to scroll through to find), or the more direct way is to put in the following <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV5nYMleHefrhCB4v4qHd4Q>

Church Website: (FYI – It's fresh! It's New! Check it out – new content will be added as we continue to develop the site, but now you can access the most recent services. Go to www.stpetersgrantpark.org or www.stpetersgp.org On the top menu go to Media, Choose Sermons, and click the one you want to watch.

Calling All Students for Confirmation

Do you have a student who will be entering 7th Grade in the Fall of 2020 or an older student who has not been confirmed? Please contact the church office to provide the student's name and contact information as we prepare a list for those who will go through the class beginning this September.



Students in Grades 6-12

Fusion Summer Trip: Are any of your students interested in going on a trip this summer? Let Pastor Kyle know before the early part of January!

Currently, the plan is to leave the morning of July 8th. We will do a half day of service work in Ohio. We will then spend one day at Cedar Point Amusement Park and one day at a Water Park before returning on July 11th. Cost will depend on how many students plan on going, but remember, there is always plenty of time to do fundraising projects.

There's a Connect Class for YOUTH!

It's not Sunday School, I promise! However, on Sunday mornings there will be two different CONNECT classes for our youth.

Classes will be split between 6th – 8th and 9th – 12th grade.

This will be a relaxing environment with friends where you can discuss current topics, issues relating to real life, and just enjoy growing in your faith in a different way.

Electronic (EFT) Giving

Are you interested in learning more about setting up your giving to St. Peter's electronically? No more need to worry about checks, offering envelopes, etc. Let Pastor Kyle know if you'd be interested to give electronically and we'll help you set it up. This is a GREAT way to make sure you are giving on a regular basis (even if you miss church due to illness, vacation, weather).

Want to Give, but forgot your cash/check?

In addition to EFT giving (see that announcement) there is another avenue that you can plug into your phone right now and its safe and protected. You can provide a credit card number or a bank account and set it up to give as frequently as you desire. Feel free to share the web address with others. <https://tithe.ly/give?c=696160>

Save the Date! **September 20th, 2020**

St. Peter's is celebrating 150 years of ministry. Stay tuned for information in regards to our special celebration and please keep the day open to join us!



Monthly Church Council Minutes

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the previous month's council minutes, please contact the church office. An e-mail copy can be sent or we can supply a printed version. Thanks!



APRIL MISSION GIVING

Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ Outdoor Ministry Century Club

You are invited to be part of a dream. The dream is to have available capital improvement funds for our two Outdoor Ministry sites – Pilgrim Park and Tower Hill. Individuals, families, or organizations who commit to contributing \$100 or more each calendar year become members of one of the two Century Clubs. Two committees – one representing Pilgrim Park and the other Tower Hill – work in cooperation with the Outdoor Ministry System to determine how Century Club funds will be spent for capital improvements at each location. Century Club funds assure that well-kept facilities will be available for years to come.

FOOD PANTRY

Beecher Food Pantry Assistance Needed:

The Beecher Food Pantry is in desperate need of our support. They are asking for donations of non-expired foods, hygiene products, and other items such as paper towels, detergent, kitchen soap, etc. If you are able to assist, donations can be placed in the basket located in the entrance of the courtyard doors.

The pantry will be open on from 9:00-11:00, on the second Saturday of each month.

Rummage Sale

Even though we are still in the winter season, spring will be here soon and you know what that means...Spring Cleaning! We would love to have another rummage sale, so please save your items. Anyone interested in helping out with planning, setting up, etc. is to contact Jackie Timmons at (815) 466-4048 or text (567) 249-5141. Thank you for all your support last time and we hope to have the same success this time.

Thank you,
Jackie

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Carter Fortin – prayers for healing,
Austin Delaney (Great Grandson of Clifford & Ethel Zimmerman)
– prayers for healing,
Nancy Sturm – prayers for healing,
Ethan Toth (newborn grandson of Russ & Shirley Koehn's
friends) – prayers for healing
Shirley Koop (sister of Bev Junker) –prayers for healing,
Mason Beseke – prayers for healing
Karla Lehnert – prayers for healing,
Stephen Radostits – prayers for healing,
Mary Cirks – prayers for healing,
Nancy Lewke –prayers for healing.
Melissa Mort – prayers for healing,
Tom Barrera – prayers for healing
Delores and James Caton – prayers for healing,
and all of God's children seeking comfort, peace, and love.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND
CHURCH ON A REGULAR BASIS

Mrs. Mabel Phebus
19101 State Line Rd
Lowell, IN 46356

Mrs. Louise Sievers
Riverside Senior Life
85 Burns Road
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Minnie Pflingsten
703 N East Street
Hudson, IL 61748

Pauline Mitchell
Bickford Sr. Living
100 Jones Drive
Room 227
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Mary Cirks
717 Long Oak Rd.
Manteno, IL 60950

“TENTATIVE”

Mother's Day Carnations

The Missions Board is selling carnations for Mother's Day Sunday April 19th through Sunday, May 3rd. The cost of each carnation is \$4.00. Proceeds from the sale support our Good Samaritan Fund.



IN HONOR OF _____
IN MEMORY OF _____
PRESENTED BY _____
NUMBER ORDERED BY \$4.00 _____

APRIL BIRTHDAY LIST

These birthdays are compiled from church membership records.
Please call to our attention any omissions or corrections

Shelly Lehnert	2	Ethel Zimmerman	14
Alan Bakhaus	3	Shirley Loverin	17
Michael Hammerlund	6	Shelby McKinstry	18
Ron Claussen	6	David Dickson	18
Madison Meherg	6	Laura Erickson	18
Connie Schneider	7	Bill Dennis	19
Joni Reynolds	8	Nancy Sturm	19
Dawn Schroeder	11	Marge Myers	20
Bradly Burrell	11	Madison Langlois	22
Jeffrey Hammerlund	13	Nathan Kuhn	29
Vicki Kuhn	13		

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APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7	7:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting
12	8:00 am	Contemporary Easter Celebration
	10:30 AM	Easter Service
19	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
22	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
26	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
28	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting

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Church Website: www.stpetersgp.org

Facebook: St. Peters UCC Grant Park

Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

STAFF

Rev Kyle Timmons, Pastor

Marcia Langlois, Office Administrator

Beverly Junker, Financial Secretary

Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director

Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director

Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists

Peg McCraw, Custodian

Jessica Frahm & Kole Stadt - Youth Advisors

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann – Connect Leaders

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL

Russ Koehn, President

Max Toppen, Vice President

Kelly Schneider, Secretary

Michelle Claussen, Treasurer,

Karen Ekhoﬀ, Assistant Treasurer

Heidi Frahm, Garry Junker, Carrie Langlois & David Lehnert



***No Matter Who You Are or Where you Are on Life's Journey,
You Are Welcome Here***