

THE KEYS

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



April 2022



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St. Peter's

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OF CHRIST**

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God is still speaking.



“O God, hear my prayer. Listen to my heart’s cry. For no matter where I am, even when I’m far from home, I will cry out to You for a father’s help. When I’m feeble and overwhelmed by life, guide me into Your glory, where I am safe and sheltered. Lord, You are a paradise of protection to me. You lift me high above the fray. None of my foes can touch me when I’m held firmly in Your wraparound presence!” Psalm 61:1-3 (The Passion Translation)

Each and every day, I’m encountering more and more people in mental distress. Some just dealing with what we’d consider normal day-to-day anxiety, but many others are encountering anxiety, stress, and depression unlike anything they’ve ever experienced.

Are you hurting? Are you stressed? Are you feeble or overwhelmed?

Come and find shelter in the paradise of protection that God offers to you. Step back into the body of Christ and come together with others in fellowship that share in your grief and encourage you in your faith.

Whether you are active or not, know that the cries of your heart are not going unheard by your Heavenly Father. Share your hurt, pain, anxiety, and fears with someone you trust. You don’t have to bear your burdens alone. That is what the Church is for.

I pray you experience God’s wraparound presence in your life today!

Love in Christ,

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

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APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
2ND	11:30 AM	LOUISE SIEVER'S MEMORIAL SERVICE
3RD	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
3RD	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
3RD	11:30 AM- 4:00 PM	FUSION LUNCH AND AXE THROWING
4TH	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
5TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN ED. MEETING
6TH	6:00 PM- 7:30 PM	LENTEN GATHERING (DINNER & STUDY)
6TH	7:30 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
8TH	7:00 PM	BUNCO
10TH	8:45 AM- 10:15 AM	CONFIRMATION PICTURES AND BREAKFAST
10TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
10TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE-CONFIRMATION SUNDAY AND FIRST COMMUNION
13TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
14TH	7:00 PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
15TH	7:00 PM	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
17TH	9:00 AM- 10:00 AM	EASTER BREAKFAST
17TH	10:30 AM	EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE
20TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
23RD	9:00 AM- ?	SPRING CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY
24TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
24TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
26TH	6:30 PM	COUNCIL MEETING
27TH	7:30 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
29TH	5:30 PM- 11:30 PM	RADICAL CHURCH SIMULCAST

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Church Website: www.stpetersgp.org

Facebook: St. Peters UCC Grant Park

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday: 8AM – 11AM

Friday 8AM-12PM

STAFF

Rev Kyle Timmons, Pastor

Jacquelyn Timmons, Office Administrator

Beverly Junker, Financial Secretary

Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director

Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director

Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists

Jake Ewoldt, Custodian

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Youth Advisors

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Connect Leaders

2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

David Lehnert, President

Brian McKinstry, Vice President

Heidi Frahm, Secretary

Larry Voigt, Treasurer

Carrie Langlois, Assistant Treasurer

Lou Ann Hamann, Shirley Koehn, Rhiannon Currier, &

Jim Schneider



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

2021-2022 Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will meet April 10th from 8:45 am to 10:15 am for pictures and breakfast before being confirmed that day.

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.

How to Worship With Us Online

Facebook: Search for our church page by typing in St. Peters UCC Grant Park. Follow our facebook page. Each Sunday (10:30 am during the traditional school year), our live service will be available.

YouTube: Go to www.youtube.com. In the search engine, type St. Peter's Grant Park (choose the one with the Upper Case "S" in the Red Circle). We will post recorded services here as we upload them. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZYV5H_JF-C71se0_kxPl8g

Church Website: Go to www.stpetersgp.org . On the top menu, go to Media, Choose Sermons, and click the one you want to watch.



You are the Body of Christ!

If you haven't been to church in a while....

It's okay – we are ready to have you back.



The Missions' Team at St. Peter's would like to encourage everyone to be involved in serving Jesus. **There are several ways you can actively and financially support local and church missions' projects:**

BEECHER FOOD PANTRY

The Beecher Food Pantry housed at St. Luke's is in *desperate* need of our support. They are asking for donations of baked beans, canned potatoes, pasta (spaghetti, egg noodles, and mostocolli), tuna, canned chicken, jello (regular and sugar free), tomato soup, canned pasta, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and body wash. Donations can be placed in the basket located in the entrance of the courtyard doors. Thank you.

ST. PETER'S UCC BLESSING BOX

Don't forget that we have a "Blessings' Box" outside the courtyard church entrance. Feel free to donate to it as you can. *Several area youth often check it out to see if there are snacks and other families have relied on it over the years.

Mission's Support Available

Are you, or someone you know, in need of financial assistance or support? Perhaps assistance in paying a bill? Food assistance? Help with a mission trip? If you'd like a request form, please email stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net, pastorkyletimmons@live.com, call us at (815) 465-6191, or check out our forms on our church website. Forms are to be submitted to the Mission's Team.



Supporting St. Peter's

The congregation of St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park has always been a generous people.

We continue to thank God for those who prayerfully and financially support St. Peter's UCC and its' ministries.

We want to make sure that our church continues to grow and is around for a much longer time. Therefore, we kindly ask you to prayerfully consider giving financially on a consistent basis.

Here are some ways you can honor God with the support of your local church, in addition to the traditional mode of giving your gifts via the weekly offering plates:

Electronic (EFT) Giving

Contact the church office, or Bev Junker, and ask to help get set up with an EFT (electronic transfer) from your bank account. You can have your gifts taken out weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, etc. and you always have access to changing the amount or canceling at any time.

This is a GREAT way to make sure you are giving on a regular basis (even if you miss church due to illness, vacation, or weather).

Website Giving

In addition to EFT giving, there is another avenue that you can plug into your phone right now that is 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>



Students in Grades 6-12

Fusion April Event: On April 3rd from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm, the youth group will eat lunch and then go axe throwing in Kankakee. More details will be available on our Fusion Youth Facebook page or by going to our church website at www.stpetersgp.org, (Under Ministries Section).

Financial gifts may be given at any time through your offerings or dropped off at the church office. Please be sure to note that your gift(s) are for Fusion Youth Group so that the money is allocated appropriately.



Youth Support

Fusion gathered in March to make Chicken and Noodle soup, cookies, and more to serve to the homeless at Fortitude in Kankakee.



A special thank-you goes to all those who donated supplies to help make the food.

Do you have a student in grades 6-12 or know of a student who may benefit from a Christ-centered program? Contact us for more information about our Fusion Youth Group and stay updated on future meetings, events, and ways to get involved.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StPetersUccYouthGroup or Search Fusion Youth Fellowship.

APRIL BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Alan Bakhaus	3	Ethel Zimmerman	14
Todd Sherwood	3	Justin Schriefer	16
Ellen Toppen	5	Shirley Loverin	17
Bucky Burrell	6	David Dickson	18
Madison Meherg	6	Shelby McKinstry	18
Michael Hammerlund	6	Laura Erickson	18
Ron Claussen	6	Bill Dennis	19
Connie Schneider	7	Nancy Sturm	19
Megan Cadieux	7	Lucas Schneider	20
Tim Frahm	7	Ryleigh Schneider	20
Janice Bonifield	8	Marge Myers	20
Joni Reynolds	8	Austin Langlois	25
Mary Toppen	10	Katharina Frahm	25
Dawn Schroeder	11	James Schneider	26
Richard Dulin	11	Jennifer Radostits	27
Jeffrey Hammerlund	13	Marge Johnson	29
		Nathan Kuhn	29

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, Melissa Mort, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke, Marge Myers, Heather Phillips, Austin Delaney, Linda Havely, Taylor Cleary, Nancy Lewke, Joy Currier, Richie Rodriguez, Donna Dorrough, Mary Ann Price, and the family of Cheyenne Jones

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

Minnie Pﬂingsten
703 N. East Street
Hudson, IL 61748

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

Rev Frank Hoss
601 Lutz Road
Bloomington, IL 61704

Announcements

Worship Opportunities: We are looking for lay readers and ushers. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Rummage Sale: Rummage Sale season will be upon us soon. Please keep this in mind as you are cleaning out your things to get rid of. We will be doing the first sale starting Thursday, June 16th, from 5 pm to 8 pm, Friday, June 17th, from 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, June 18th, from 9am to noon. We will need help setting tables up on June 12th after church, sorting and pricing items Monday through Thursday, and volunteers to help work the sale. Would you rather “purchase” a parking spot and sell your stuff? We will be doing that too. Each parking spot is a minimum donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at (815) 466-4048 or text (567) 249-5141. Thank you.

Bunco: Bunco will be held Friday, April 8th, at 7 pm. There’s still time to sign up! Tables of four people will be \$5 a person (\$20 a table). You can bring your own dice or three will be provided for you. Drinks and snacks will also be provided, along with raffle items. Tickets will be 6 for \$5. We will play four rounds with prizes awarded for each round. Please call the church office to reserve a table at 815-465-6191. All reservations need to be done before April 7th. Thank you!

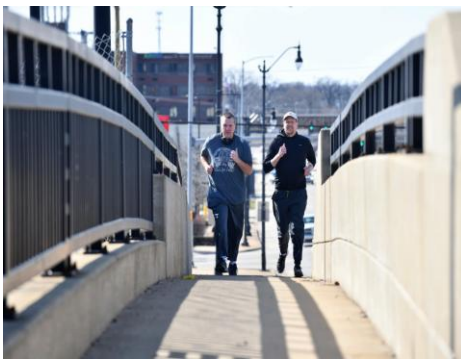
Specially marked envelopes: Envelopes have been made for Fusion and Fortitude. They are located on the back two tables in the sanctuary. Thank you for your generous support of these two wonderful programs.

Weeding/yard cleanup: We are looking for an individual (or a few) to sign up for the month to keep up with the weeding and clean up of the church and parsonage lots. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet located on the back table in the sanctuary. Thank you.

Church Clean Up Day: Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join us for a spring church clean up day on April 23 from 9am-?

Announcements: Just a friendly reminder that announcements for church related functions need to be submitted to the office by Thursday 10 am to be included in the bulletin for that week. Newsletter items need to be submitted prior to the 25th of each month. Lastly, if you'd like something included on the church facebook or webpage, please let the church office or Pastor Kyle know. Thank you.

Miles for a Mission Update



Pastor Cory Estby of Zion Lutheran and Pastor Kyle Timmons of St. Peter's UCC teamed up to walk, jog, and run the 20-miles between The Fort's future location in Kankakee, IL to St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park, IL on Sunday, March 20th, 2022.

The two set a goal of raising \$5,000 towards the capital campaign for the new facility scheduled to open in October of 2022. The amount raised was over \$8,500!

For photos, articles, and more information, please visit the church website at <https://stpetersgp.org/miles-for-a-mission/>

The Missions Team would like to help out the Manteno's Veterans Home by donating some items they need/like. If you are able to donate any of these items, it would be much appreciated. They are looking for:

Vogel Popcorn-All in One (carried in bulk size 8 oz bags- 36 in a case; can be purchased at GFS)

Coke, Pepsi, Rootbeer, Orange Pop, coffee (to make in big pots)

Hawaiian Punch (gallon size), Country Time Lemonade (large powder can)

Disposable coffee cups with lids and sturdy paper plates (for cookouts)

Honey Bun donuts, Hostess cakes, Little Debbie cakes

Hershey's small size chocolate candy bars

Microwave popcorn

Chocolate and vanilla pudding snack packs

Individual packages of cookies (Oreo's, Chips Ahoy, Nutter Butter, etc.).

If you would like to donate any of these items, you may bring them to the church and drop them off in the office or the conference room – please let us know they are for the Veteran's Home. Thank you!