

THE KEYS

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



August 2021



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St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

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God is still speaking.



“As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:4-5, ESV).

Currently, Neal Currier and I are sharing a series on Sunday mornings about health. The foundational question has been: “How’s Your Health?” The series has examined the areas of physical and spiritual health and will conclude with a message on mental health. Finishing on the second Sunday of August, we will be studying about the health of our overall souls.

Preparing and maintaining a healthy body is part of the process of building the temple of Christ. We are, as it says in 1 Peter 2, “building up a spiritual house with the goal of being a holy priesthood.”

Some of us may have physically strong bodily homes, and that is important; however, our spiritual house is crumbling at the foundation. The walls are cracking and the materials used to keep our spiritual homes from falling are made of the wrong materials.

We need to start with the strong foundation of God’s Word. By this, I do not mean that we simply say we believe in the Bible, but rather we read it, study it, and apply it to every aspect of our life.

Are you in the Word daily? Weekly? Not at all? There is no better time than now to start strengthening your spiritual house.

Join us EVERY Sunday as we do our best to help you strengthen your spiritual house.

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

AUGUST BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Jessica Bornemann	4	Anna Timmons	21
Jacquelyn Timmons	4	Evelyn Bond	22
Shirley Riley	4	Gavin Reynolds	22
Bob Hoevet	8	Dorothy Kutemeier	23
Larry Ohm	8	Nancy Lewke	25
Dennis Granger	9	Barbara Fanning	26
Jan Voigt	11	Patrick Koehn	26
Karen Spangler	11	Russ Koehn	26
Susan Williamson	15	Tyler Williamson	26
Nicholas Timmons	17	Chase Bornemann	27
Eric Frahm	19	Kelly Schneider	27
Matt Hamann	19	Paige Sherwood	29
Richard Boicken	19		

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1ST	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE W/COMMUNION
	10:00 AM	FELLOWSHIP HOUR (BUSH'S ANNIVERSARY)
2ND	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
3RD	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING
8TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
15TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
22ND	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
23RD	7:00 PM	WORSHIP/CHURCH LIFE MEETING
24TH	7:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING
29TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE

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Church Website: www.stpetersgp.org

Facebook: St. Peters UCC Grant Park

**Church Office Hours: Monday–Thursday: 8:00AM – 11:00AM
Friday 8:00AM-NOON**

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

Peg McCraw, Custodian

Jessica Bornemann & Kole Stadt, Youth Advisors

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Connect Leaders

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

Max Toppen, President

Brian McKinstry, Vice President

Heidi Frahm, Secretary

Michelle Claussen, Treasurer

Karen Ekhoﬀ, Assistant Treasurer

Rhiannon Currier, Larry Voigt, Carrie Langlois, & David Lehnert



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

What's Going on at St. Peter's?

Vacation Bible School 2021 Photos





Save the following dates for upcoming events and celebrations:

- **September 12th** (TBA) – Community Worship Service at Community Center as part of Oktoberfest weekend.
- **September 19th** (9:00 am) – Rally Day for Sunday School followed by worship at 10:30am.
- **October 3rd** – 150th Anniversary Sunday with Luncheon. Details soon.
- **November 6th** – Turkey Supper Day. Details soon.



Students in Grades 6-12

2021-2022 Confirmation Class

Do you have a student entering 7th or 8th grade (or older) who is ready for Confirmation? If so, please contact the church office and let us know that he/she is going to be participating in this year's class.

A letter will be going out soon to the families that we are aware of that have students in the appropriate age category.

Confirmation class will begin in the middle of September.

Contact Information Update

If you have not contacted the church office to update your contact information, please do so. We would like to have as up-to-date information as possible for church newsletters and special letters sent out to the congregation throughout the year. If you have not already, Jackie will be calling/emailing to do so. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Electronic (EFT) Giving

Are you interested in learning more about setting up your giving to St. Peter's electronically? No more worrying about checks, offering envelopes, etc. Let Pastor Kyle know if you'd be interested in giving 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 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>

SPECIAL INVITATION!



Ed & Anita Bush cordially invite you to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a special time of fellowship on Sunday, August 1st following the 9 am worship service in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall.



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 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.

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.

Bathroom Project in Khun Yuam, Thailand



In 2015, several American believers, including Donn Schroeder, stood in a village of nearly 7,000 in Khun Yuam, Thailand, located in the mountains.

The Christians prayed that soon a place of worship would be built and now, that prayer has been answered.

Recently, the doors and windows of the church have been paid off, but now, a restroom project is underway.

To be completed, the church needs \$2,500, which the Mission's Team here at St. Peter's has agreed to supporting in its' entirety by the end of this summer.

Currently, we need just under \$2,000 to complete this project. Would you pray and consider making a special financial gift of any amount towards supporting this Christian ministry in Thailand?

Checks can be made out to St. Peter's UCC and put in the Memo Line: Thailand Restroom Project.

Wait...Why am I getting this newsletter?

Many of you already receive the newsletter on a regular basis; however, for the majority of you, you probably haven't received a mailed hard copy in quite some time.

If you are receiving this in the mail, we still consider you a part of our church family (whether active, non-active, living far away, or whatever your situation may be).

We want to let you know what has been going on at St. Peter's and provide you with other information in regards to our church.

If you do not wish to receive the newsletters in the future, please let us know by emailing stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net or by leaving a message at the church (815) 465-6191.



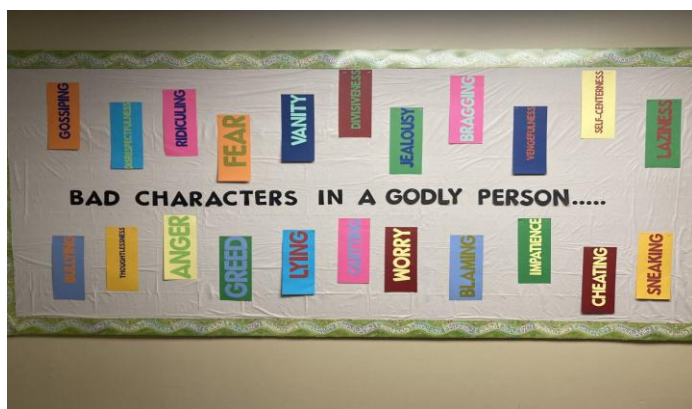
You are the Body of Christ!

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

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

Christian Education Opportunities

Bad Characters of a Godly Person – We will meet on Sunday mornings from 9 am – 10 am in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall. Coffee (and maybe treats) will be provided. All are welcome to join us at any time as we explore characteristic traits of a faithful Christian. Our first Sunday will be September 19th.



Thank you Michelle Claussen for making us this bulletin board.

Man-to-Man Group – Faith, Fellowship, Food, and maybe Football. ALL men are welcome to join us on Mondays at 7 pm beginning September 20th. We will discuss some books (don't worry, you don't have to buy/read the book if you don't want to) written by Retired LTG William G. Boykin, former Commander of the U.S. Army Special Forces. There will be great fellowship, plenty of food, and if you want to stay and watch football with us that evening you may do so as well. Currently the plan is to meet in the church basement, but stay tuned for any changes just in case.

Virtual Bible Study with Pastor Kyle – Aren't able to join us for a weekly Bible Study, but would still like to receive additional spiritual nourishment? Sign-up for a virtual Bible Study by Pastor Kyle. Email pastorkyletimmons@live.com if you'd like to receive a weekly reading schedule, discussion questions, and other spiritual emails. These will begin in Mid-September.

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 (9am 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.

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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, Melissa Mort,
Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke,
Austin Delaney, Linda Havely, Taylor Cleary, Nancy
Lewke, Dennis Balgemann, Joy Currier, Cheyenne Jones,
and Donna Dorrough

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

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Beginning August 2nd, St. Peter's UCC will have new
office hours for the Office Manager.

Monday – Thursdays (8-11 am)
Fridays (8 am-12 pm)



Are you a handyperson? Or, simply willing to do a task or two around the church?

We are in need of everyone's help to accomplish tasks big and small in and around the church grounds.

A list will be on the bulletin board near the church office soon, or you can contact the church office for a list and description of things that need to be done.



St. Peter's is looking for someone (or more) to voluntarily lead our Fusion Youth Ministry as Kole Stadt and Jessica Bornemann have recently announced that they are stepping down.

Fusion is for students in grades 6-12. Leaders will be asked to plan and lead missions projects, monthly gatherings and events, or plan unique and fellowship style events for our youth. To learn more, please see Pastor Kyle.