

# THE KEYS

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



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815-465-6191

## St. Peter's

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OF CHRIST

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Are you being Polarized?

Defined, polarization is the process of driving people to concentrate into two opposing positions on important issues.

In this process we have lost the middle ground, lost the ability to compromise, and abandoned core values simply because we say “it’s the times we are living in.”

We need to find middle ground, because it is at that location where we find issues vital to our existence and mission, the things which make our mission worthy of our efforts of value to the world and God’s kingdom.

When we are pushed to leave the sidelines we often find ourselves afraid and unable to care for anyone but ourselves.

Unfortunately, our political discourse leads us to name calling, partisan fighting and just plain craziness.

We need to remember God’s word instructs us to be unified.

As we enter into a political season, watch carefully for ways that the media is trying to polarize you and I. Be aware of God’s call and what His Word says about such things.

Let us all find middle ground where we can live in harmony with God’s people and be the Church God wants us to be.

Love God! Love one another!

*Kyle J. Timmons*

Pastor Kyle Timmons

# Updated Worship Service Info

**Return Date (part 2):** Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Service Time:** 9 am only.

**Location:** Outside (weather permitting). Otherwise, please note we will move indoors. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets.

Please reserve parking spaces nearest the grass area for those who wish to remain in their vehicles.

**Communion:** We will be participating in the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of the month with a few guidelines in place for your protection.

- (1) A disposable cup, with lid, will be provided with a piece of bread/cracker. These will be prepared in advance by someone who has had their temperature checked, is wearing gloves, and wearing a mask.
- (2) The same with the "cup" with grape juice/wine.
- (3) Individuals will be allowed to come forward during the service to pick-up their own bread & cup and return it to their seat.
- (4) Please remember that masks are required when not seated in your pew.
- (5) If you are unable to come forward, an usher with a mask/gloves will bring you the prepared elements.
- (6) If you do not feel comfortable participating we totally understand.

**Mask Requirements:** We are still requiring individuals to wear a mask when entering and exiting the building. Also, anytime you are walking around, a mask needs to be worn. We know that wearing a mask can feel uncomfortable, but so does wearing pants – and trust me, we all want Pastor Kyle to wear his pants each week.

Remember, this is about showing kindness and respect to others who are vulnerable. Worship is about glorifying God and serving others – not our own “feelings” and “opinions.”

## 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](http://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/UCV5nYMIeHefrhcB4v4qHd4Q>

**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](http://www.stpetersgrantpark.org) or [www.stpetersgp.org](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> 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. We will have an initial meeting after church on September 13<sup>th</sup> for students and at least one parent.

**Canceled: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We're hoping to make our 151<sup>st</sup> anniversary even better!**



**Students in Grades 6-12**

A special thanks to Jessica Frahm, Jan Voigt and the 14 students for a wonderful taco, nacho and movie night in June. Watching everyone fellowship with one another was refreshing.

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**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>

**Concealed/Carry Class Opportunity**

We are going to be holding a concealed/carry class here at the church later this summer (or early Fall). The class requires 16 hours of class/shooting time.

The goal is to break the class down to a one eight-hour session on a Saturday and then two to three midweek (Wednesday?) classes of 2-3 hours.

The class will cost \$125 a person and is limited to the first 14 people to sign-up.

Please call the church office at (815) 465-6191 or email [pastorkyletimmons@live.com](mailto:pastorkyletimmons@live.com) if you're interested in registering.

### **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!

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### **AUGUST MISSION GIVING**

Money for Masks: August's Missions' money will go towards purchasing material for masks to help the Grant Park School District provide cloth masks for students and teachers.

### **FOOD PANTRY**

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.

## **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?

Request forms can be requested from the church office and submitted to the Mission's Team.

If you'd like a form, please email [stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net), [pastorkyletimmons@live.com](mailto:pastorkyletimmons@live.com) , call us at (815) 465-6191 or check out our forms on our church website.

## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers:**

### **Prayers for healing:**

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, James Caton, Delores Caton, Melissa Mort, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Ed Bush, Mason Beseke, Sherrie Hrubby, Austin Delaney.

### **Prayers for peace/comfort:**

The family of Mabel Phebus.

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

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

**Minnie Pfingsten**  
703 N East Street  
Hudson, IL 61748

**Mary Cirks**  
717 Long Oak Rd.  
Manteno, IL 60950

**Mildred Katz**  
P O Box 215  
Grant Park, IL 60940

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

**Rev Frank Hoss**  
308 Spring Circle  
Urbana, IL 61802

## AUGUST BIRTHDAY LIST

These birthdays are compiled from the church membership records.

**Please call to our attention any omissions or corrections.**

<u>August</u>			
Jackie Timmons	4	Anna Timmons	21
Shirley Riley	4	Evelyn Bond	22
Jessica Frahm	4	Gavin Reynolds	22
Bob Hoevet	8	Harold Voigt	22
Larry Ohm	8	Dorothy Kutemeier	23
Dennis Granger	9	Nancy Lewke	25
Jan Voigt	11	Russ Koehn	26
Susan Williamson	15	Tyler Williamson	26
Nick Timmons	17	Paige Sherwood	29
Eric Frahm	19		
Richard Boicken	19		
Matt Hamann	19		

## AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM MEETING</b>
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>



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**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***

