

THE KEYS

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



February 2020



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St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.



Have you been to church lately?

No, this isn't to make anyone feel guilty; however, I'm curious if you've been a part of the exciting things going on here at St. Peter's.

In the last month we've seen three beautiful children be brought before the congregation for baptism. With these baptisms we are reminded of God's grace in all of our lives, from birth til death. We rejoice as we still see young people coming to receive the sacrament of baptism for their children and to enter into covenant with God to raise their children in the Christian faith.

In the last month we've seen many new people come through the doors. Some have come as visitors for the aforementioned baptisms, but many have also come because they've been invited by you. They have shared how welcomed they feel, they've shared that they enjoy seeing a church that is working on supporting community needs, and they've shared that they've enjoyed the style of worship as we're working on blending some of the more traditional music with the contemporary style.

In the last month we've celebrated three new people joining the church council and several newer faces to church committees. New faces mean new ideas and suggestions and hopefully just another spark at jolting some life back into this local body of Christ.

So, what's in store for February? You'll notice that there is a 3rd Sunday (9 am) Christian Education opportunity, Thursday evening (7 pm) Bible Studies continue, a new season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26th), a time of food and fellowship on February 16th after church, and as always, wonderful services full of the sacraments, children and adult choirs sharing their musical talents, Sunday School classes for all ages, and hopefully encouraging and meaningful sermons.

See you in church!

Pastor Kyle

YOU'RE INVITED

Church Spaghetti Luncheon - Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, February 16th for lunch following the worship service. The Christian Education Team will be providing a spaghetti (and meatball) dinner with garlic bread, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost is on a donation basis.

3rd Sunday Adult Christian Education (Feb. 16th, 9 am) -

Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly discussion group. February's topic is "Worship Wars." You won't want to miss this great discussion about some of the conflicts people have within worship (ex: Contemporary v. Traditional music).

Ash Wednesday Service (February 26th - 7 pm) - All are welcome to join us for the imposition of ashes, holy communion, and a brief service marking the beginning of Lent.

Lent Midweek Meals & Services (March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 1st) - A light dinner will be served beginning at 6 pm each Wednesday during Lent followed by a service which will include hymn-sings and informal teaching-style discussions led by Pastor Kyle.

Holy Week Schedule:

Sunday, April 5th - Palm Sunday (10:30 worship)

Thursday, April 9th - Maundy Thursday (7 pm)

Friday, April 10th - Good Friday (TBA, but plan on 6 pm with a meal at 7 - more details to follow)

Sunday, April 12th - Easter Service (Contemporary) - 8 am
Easter Breakfast - 9 am
Easter Service (Traditional) - 10:30am

"A Season of Lent - 2020" Devotionals written by Pastor Kyle will be available beginning February 23rd at church. If you would like a copy emailed or mailed to you, please contact the church office.

YOU'RE INVITED FOR COFFEE BEFORE WORSHIP!

Don't forget the coffee bar in the Sunday school entrance area each Sunday morning from 9:00 am – 10:15 am. You're invited to have a cup of coffee and some yummy treats/cookies. Donations are always welcome and proceeds will go to the Board of Christian Education Fund.

**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

February Fusion Event: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us in February for our next youth gathering. Stay tuned for date and details.

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.

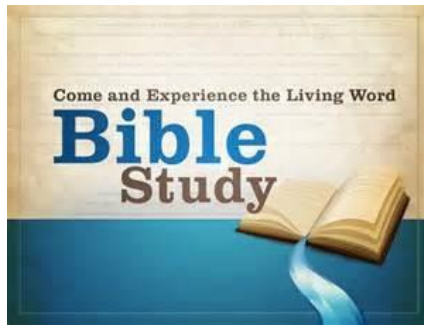
There's a Connect Class for YOUth!

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.

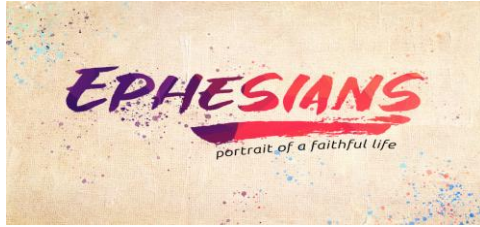
This will be a relaxing environment with friends where you can discuss current topics, issues relating to real life, and just enjoy growing in your faith in a different way.

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth



3rd Sundays (9 am) – All Adults Invited

Join us on February 16th in the sanctuary as we examine the topic of **Worship Wars!** As we enter a new year we should all take time to review how we invest for our futures and also give appropriately to God and the church.



Thursday Evenings (7 pm) – 7 Week Study

Everyone is welcome to join our study of the book of Ephesians. We will meet in the church kitchen and have light snacks and beverages available!

Classes will be one hour in length and the final three classes are February 6th, 13th, and 20th.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2020 Offering envelopes can be picked up outside the church office.

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>



How many pennies does it take?

Do you know how many pennies it takes to fill a wheel barrow? I've been told 50,000. Let's see if it's true. In January, let's see how much loose change we can find to fill the wheel barrow. Pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, or more. The wheel barrow will be located in the hallway by the church office. Just a fun FUNdraiser idea I read about. Let's see how much we can raise at St Peter's.



Sound Technician

It's not as hard as it "sounds" (pun intended). We are looking for individuals who would be willing to sit and monitor the sound system on Sunday mornings during worship. It can be one individual or several who would like to rotate taking turns. Please notify the church office if you'd like to learn more about serving in this capacity.

Power Point Specialist

We are looking for individual(s) who would be willing to operate the power point slides on Sundays when we utilize this feature.

You will be trained and informed how to operate the slides during the service and you will not need to design the presentations as they will be done for you in advance. Please notify the church office if you'd like to learn more about serving in this capacity.

Miss a Service? Can't Make it on Sunday?

Did something come up and you can't make it to church on Sunday morning? Not feeling well and you want to still join in worship?



We have the solution! Join us on facebook live during the normal service time. While we'd prefer you to be in church we know that life provides many obstacles and we want to give you a chance to stay in touch with the weekly announcements, worship music, time of prayer and sermons.

All you need is a facebook page! From there, search for our church page (St. Peters UCC Grant Park, @StPetersGrantPark) and "like the page."

Click on the "Posts" tab and a post with the current service should begin a minute or two before the service. Occasionally, we have technical difficulty, so be patient with us.

If you aren't on at the time of the service, that is okay as well. You can go to the church facebook page at any time and scroll through the posts to watch the previously recorded services.

If you experience difficulty, please contact the church during the week and explain your problems and we'll do our best to help out.

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!



FEBRUARY MISSION GIVING

CONSECRA (formerly known as Bensenville Home Society and Lifelink)

CONSECRA is a United Church of Christ related organization that began in 1895. Consercra's purpose is to develop and manage ecologically and financially sustainable affordable housing that strengthens communities.

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!

Joys

The baptism of Piper Pauline Pickens, daughter of Jeremy and Christine Pickens. Piper was baptized on January 19th. Her godparents are Ben and Anna Albright and Kole Stadt.

The baptism of Jonathan Michael Frahm. Jonathan is the son of Kaleb and Krystal Frahm. He was baptized on January 26th. His godparents are Jessa Stevens and Troy Schultz.

Joys

The birth of Emmaline Gail Ekhoﬀ . Child of Kyle and Christina Ekhoﬀ. Emmaline was born on December 2, 2019. Her Gotcha Day was January 3, 2020. Her grandparents are Mark and Kathy Ekhoﬀ.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Nancy Sturm – prayers for healing,

Karla Lehnert – prayers for healing,

Louise Sievers – prayers for healing,

Carter Fortin – prayers for healing

Pauline Mitchell – prayers for healing,

Austin Delaney (Great Grandson of Clifford & Ethel Zimmerman)
– prayers for healing,

Nancy Lewke –prayers for healing.

Delores and James Caton – prayers for healing,

The family of Janet Mitchel (Jan Voigt’s mother) – prayers for
peace,

The family of Helen Timmons (PK’s grandma) – prayers for
peace,

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
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Lowell, IN 46356

Mrs. Louise Sievers
Riverside Senior Life
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Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Minnie Pfingsten
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Hudson, IL 61748

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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Tom Wieghaus	1	Jill Claussen	16
Kristine Koehn	2	Sarah Senesac	16
Max Markland	3	Jacob Dickson	18
Dornita Hamann	5	John Loitz	19
Will Schneider	5	Nancy Marcotte	19
Krysta Farina	9	Caleb Benson	22
Dan Holm	9	Adam Jacobson	24
Rebecca Timmons	9	Connor Claussen	26
Max Currier	14	Steven Lawrence	28
Mike Dillman	14	Daren Lehnert	28
Kevin Mussman	15	Bella Rodriguez	28

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Communion
5	6:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
	8:00 pm	Dart Championship Game
6	7:00 pm	Ephesians Bible Study
9	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Dart Ladies Night
12	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
		Dart All Star game at Peotone
13	7:00 pm	Ephesians Bible Study
16	9:00 am	Sunday School / Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
19	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
20	7:00 pm	Ephesians Bible Study
23	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
25	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
26	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service

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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***