

THE KEYS

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



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St. Peter's

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OF CHRIST**

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God is still speaking.



When's the last time you heard someone say to you, "I love you?"
When's the last time you've sincerely shared that sentiment with someone else?

The phrase doesn't have to be reserved for romantic feelings between husband and wife, or for a relational feeling between parent and child, sibling and sibling, or some other close relation.

Saying and hearing "I love you" is important for everyone as it provides emotional feelings of acceptance and value.

It may seem awkward to share Godly love to one another by saying "I love you," but I believe that it is appropriate and acceptable to pass on God's love to one another by sharing that love through verbal means.

As we celebrate the world's day of love "Valentine's Day," this month, let us be bold enough and brave enough to tell one another that we love them and that God loves them.

And remember, God is love and "He loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

God loves you and so do I!

May God's love be a source of your confidence,

Kyle J. Timmons

Pastor Kyle Timmons

Men's Meat & Potato Dinner



**Friday, February 12th – 5:30 PM
(Dinner at 6 pm)**

***RSVP's need to be made by Feb. 7th @ 5 pm
Call church office or email pastorkyletimmons@live.com**

Cost is \$15 adult or \$10 (16 & under)

*****Due to Covid-safety regulations, a limited amount of
seating will be available.**

**If you don't want to come in person, you may pre-order a
carry-out dinner for yourself/spouse/family.**

(Limited dinners available)

**Includes pulled pork & beef brisket, herb roasted potatoes,
coleslaw, roll, dessert & drink.**

You may also choose to BYOB if you desire.

Updated Worship Service Info

*After a brief pause in our in-person worship, we will resume our 9 am (masks mandatory the entire time) and 10:30 am (masks strongly encouraged the entire time) services beginning the first Sunday of December.

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) Communion elements can be picked up by each individual prior to the service at one of the tables in the sanctuary.
- (3) 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.

Masks need to be worn 100-percent of the time during the 9 am service.

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. 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.

Confirmation

Confirmation dates for February are February 7th & 21st. Additionally, students are strongly encouraged to attend Sunday School classes at 9 am, the Ash Wednesday service (Feb. 17th – 7 pm), and either the February 23rd council meeting or the March 23rd council meeting.



The 2021 offering envelopes are available in the south entryway.

If you would like envelopes, but have not had them in the past, please let us know and we will provide you with your own.



Students in Grades 6-12

Stay tuned for some fun options this spring and summer to share in Youth Ministry! Information will be available in March's Newsletter.

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 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>

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!



ASH WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AT 7 PM. COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED.

IF YOU DESIRE TO RECEIVE ASHES ON YOUR FOREHEAD OR BACK OF YOUR HAND, WE WILL HAVE A COVID-SAFE OPPORTUNITY. IF YOU DO NOT DESIRE ASHES, THAT IS COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDABLE.

WE WILL CONTINUE MIDWEEK (WEDNESDAY – 7 PM) SERVICES THROUGH LENT WITH THE SINGING OF OUR FAVORITE HYMNS FOLLOWED EACH WEEK BY AN INFORMAL BIBLE LESSON AND DISCUSSION.

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.

FEBRUARY MISSION GIVING

Our February missions' money will be distributed to CUE Theological Seminaries. The United Church of Christ is in proud partnership with Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries (CUE). These seminaries equip leaders for Christian ministry. Our offerings support theological education for individuals attending one of these three seminaries.

*Recently, your Missions' Team supported:

- *A local family needing home repair work
- *St. Luke's UCC Food Pantry
- *Fortitude Homeless Shelter
- *Harbor House Domestic Abuse Shelter/Support
- *Lady needing financial help after heart transplant.
- *Several local families in need of food.

What's Your Mission: Check out the updated webpage to see ways you can be involved. <https://stpetersgp.org/2816-2/>

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, 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, Mason Beseke, Sherrie Hruby, Austin Delaney, Linda Havelly, Ken Erickson, Ralph Kutemeier, Jerry Regnier, Paul Loverin.

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

Mildred Katz
PO Box 215
Grant Park, IL 60940

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

Rev Frank Hoss
601 Lutz Road
Bloomington, IL 61704

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Tom Wieghaus	1	Sara Senesac	16
Ryken Schneider	2	Jacob Dickson	18
Max Markland	3	Nancy Marcotte	19
Dornita Hamann	5	Dalton DeBold	25
Will Schneider	5	Dustin DeBold	25
Dan Holm	9	William DeBold	26
Krysta Farina	9	Levi Pickens	27
Rebecca Timmons	9	Darren Lehnert	28
Max Currier	14	Steve Lawrence	28
Jill Claussen	16		

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
2ND	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM MEETING
7TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)
	11:30 AM	CONFIRMATION CLASS (TIL 1:30 PM)
12TH	5:30 PM	MEN'S MEAT & POTATO DINNER
14TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
17TH	7:00 PM	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)
21ST	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	11:30 AM	CONFIRMATION CLASS (TIL 1:30 PM)
23RD	7:00 PM	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
24TH	7:00 PM	MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE
28TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE



A special thanks to all who decorated for the Advent and Christmas season here at St. Peter's. We appreciate the donations of flowers which decorated the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services.

We are truly blessed to have a beautiful sanctuary and church facility.



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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 Bornemann & Kole Stadt - Youth Advisors

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann – Connect Leaders

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL (CHANGES 02/01/21)

Russ Koehn, President

Max Toppen, Vice President

Kelly Schneider, Secretary

Michelle Claussen, Treasurer,

Karen Ekhoft, 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***