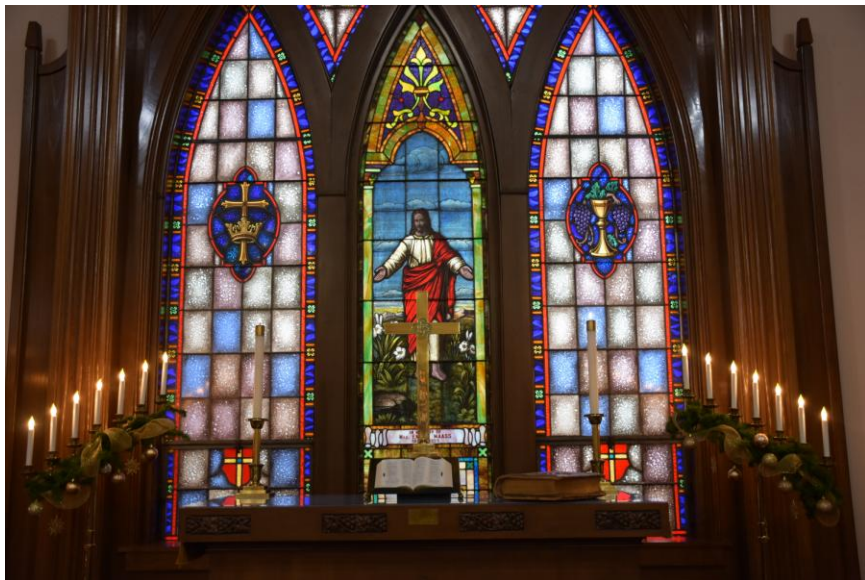


THE KEYS

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



February 2023



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St. Peter's

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God is still speaking.



Are you feeling it?

The movement and presence of the Holy Spirit is a unique form of the Trinity and God's gift to each of us who believe in the resurrection of the Son and confess Him as Savior.

The presence of the Holy Spirit has been felt in January here at St. Peter's by many. The singing of the children/youth choir, the adult choir's anthem "My Tribute," strong attendance at Sunday school for our children and adults, a large group of youth at the monthly Fusion gathering, powerful (cough, I hope) messages, and wonderful fellowship at our Potato Bar. These are just some of the ways the Spirit is moving upon our congregation at this time.

As we continue to move towards Ash Wednesday and our Lenten season, I pray that we will all continue to be faithful and obedient to God in our lives, faithful to the church family, and continue to look for opportunities for spiritual growth.

While I believe the Spirit is always upon God's children, it is also obvious that in order to bear witness to its' power and movement, you have to be actively seeking and allowing it to work in your life.

May the Holy Spirit be evident in your life, give you guidance and peace, and allow you to be used to glorify Him.

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1ST	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
1ST	8:00 PM	DARTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES
5TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
5TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
6TH	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
7TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN ED MEETING
8TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
8TH	8:00 PM	DARTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
12TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
12TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
12TH	11:30 AM	"SOUP"ER BOWL OF CARING
15TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
15TH	8:00 PM	DARTBALL ALL STAR GAME/ANNUAL MEETING @ MONEE
19TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
19TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
22ND	7:00 PM	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
26TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
26TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
28TH	7:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING

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.

stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net
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
Jayne Frahm, Financial Secretary
Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director
Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director
Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists
Laura Foushi, Custodian
Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Youth Advisors
Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Connect Sunday School Leaders

2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

Brian McKinstry, President
Rhiannon Currier, Vice President
Shirley Koehn, Secretary
Larry Voigt, Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Lou Ann Hamann, Ken Bonifield, Larry Hamann, & Jim Schneider



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

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.

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.*

Services in February:

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| 02/05 | “Love Calls for Commitment” |
| 02/12 | “Love is Audacious” |
| 02/19 | “Love Drives Out Fear” |
| 02/22 | Ash Wednesday Service (7 pm) |
| 02/26 | “Face to Face with the Devil” |

*Sunday School classes for Pre-K thru 5th Grade meet upstairs

*Middle School/High School meet in the basement

*Adult Class is in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall (basement)

Announcements

Announcement Deadlines for Bulletins & Newsletters: 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 (or the Friday just before the 25th if it falls on the weekend). Lastly, if you'd like something included on the church facebook or webpage, please let the church office or Pastor Kyle know. Thank you.

Adult Sunday Morning Group: Join us on Sunday mornings during the 9 am Christian Education Hour as we fellowship with one another in God's Word. The group meets in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall located in the basement of the church. We just began our study on the Book of Acts this morning. Did you miss it? It's okay. Jump in any time. Last week's lesson & notes are available on our church webpage under Christian Education.

2023 "SOUP"er Bowl of Caring Luncheon: It will be held on Sunday, February 12th, following our worship service. All donations given will go towards a local food pantry/ministry.

What is the SOUPer Bowl of Caring? It's a fun, creative way to encourage our youth to make their own soups at home and bring them to church on Sunday to share with the congregation. Each youth is to make a crock-pot or large pot of their favorite soup. Then, they will serve someone else's soup so that no one knows who made which soup. Everyone is invited to try samples of as many soups as they want. They will then vote for their favorites. The winning youth will win an award.

***Adults are encouraged to bring their best chili to serve as well. A vote will be taken for the winner.

Stay, fellowship with one another, and enjoy raising money for a local food pantry/ministry.

Funeral Planning & Information Form: Most of us don't want to talk about dying; however, like taxes, it is inevitable. While many individuals pre-plan their funeral arrangements with a funeral home, cemetery, and/or attorney, we believe it could also be a relief for your loved ones if your plans for the service were also on file. This saves them from the stress of planning it themselves. We have Funeral Information Forms available at the church office or they are located on the church website at <https://stpetersgp.org/funeral-pre-planning/> Feel free to pick up or print a copy and fill it out. You may want to leave it with your family in a known location at your home and/or leave a copy with the church office to keep on file. It's never a bad idea to be prepared in life or in death. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Zion UCC in Dyer, IN: Zion UCC will be hosting their annual homemade pork sausage sale. They are taking pre-orders (please contact Becki at (219)-384-0794) or you can buy 5 lb packages for \$25/package. Order deadline is February 8th. Sausage pick up will be Sunday, February 19th, from 12 p.m.-3 p.m.. The Women's Guild will be holding a bake sale during the sausage pick up. Hope to see you there!

Feed My Starving Children: Members of Zion Lutheran Church of Grant Park have scheduled a 'servant project' with Feed My Starving Children (Aurora, IL). We wish to invite our closest neighbors to join us for a food packing event! Join us on Monday, April 10, 2023, @ 4:30-6:15 pm to go to Aurora, IL, to 'pack meals' for those in need of food. Carpooling will be established among those attending--departure will be 3 pm that day from Zion's (GP) parking lot. Children (age 7 and older), youth, and adults are all encouraged to participate. A 3:1 student to adult ratio is recommended. Call Zion, GP's church office at 815-465-6011 to place yourself on the volunteer list. Check out <https://www.fmsc.org/about-us/faqs> for more information.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Members of several Grant Park churches, in support of the Fusion Youth Group at St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park, are raising funds and hands-on support to provide beds and bedding to children without them so that they don't have to sleep on floors.

The missions' project the area churches will be supporting is called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" (www.shpbeds.org). The ministry is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

To purchase and assemble 30 beds (at a minimum), an amount of \$7,500 needs to be raised (\$250 per bed). Once the minimal goal is raised, the beds will be ordered and a date/location will be set for assembly by anyone in the area who is willing to help.

There are several options to donate to the fund:

Direct cash/check donations may be made to the church. Please put in the memo line/or on the envelope that the donation is towards "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" Project.

You may give online by going to www.stpetersgp.org/give and choose the "Give to: Sleep in Heavenly Peace" category.

All donations are tax deductible.

Stay tuned to the Grant Park facebook page and St. Peter's website for updates on amounts raised, upcoming assembling date/location, and more.

On behalf of the Fusion Youth, we appreciate your support.



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 any non food items. They can be placed in the baskets 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 to ask for help to 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 Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders) - Check out photos from our recent lock-in by going to our Fusion page on our church website or facebook link.



February SkyZone: On February 5th, the youth will have lunch after worship service and then go to Sky Zone in Schererville, IN, from 1-3 p.m. They will be back by 4:30 p.m. 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). You can also contact Josh (815) 693-5341 or Neal (815) 549-5911.

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.

Fusion (Youth Group)

Fusion is igniting the lives of young people here at St. Peter's and our local communities through event gatherings, meals, fundraisers, and more!

We are extremely thankful to all who have helped with our recent endeavors through financial support, hands on support, meal support, and prayer.

Here are some more ways you can help us ignite our program:

Sponsor or Serve a lunch/meal to Fusion when needed

There is a sign-up list sheet on the back table in the sanctuary for individuals, families, friends, groups, (however you want to do it) to provide lunch for the Fusion Youth Group each month. You may sign up to cover a month by bringing lunch and serving it, by providing it and letting them serve it, or providing a monetary donation to offset the cost of the lunch. Josh Hamann or Neal Currier will be in touch with you prior to the month that you sign up for to confirm the date (which is normally the 1st Sunday of the month). On average, there are nearly 20 students and leaders to feed. Fusion truly appreciates your support as this allows them to keep the gatherings free for the students and the overall cost of their monthly gatherings at a lower amount.

Fusion 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Tom Wieghaus	1	Denise Bettenhausen	17
Kristine Rausch	2	Carol Kulczyk	18
Ryken Schneider	2	Jacob Dickson	18
Maxwell Markland	3	Kathy Buttle	18
Dornita Hamann	5	Nancy Marcotte	19
Will Schneider	5	Adam Jacobson	24
Zayden Schneider	8	Dalton DeBold	25
Krysta Farina	9	Dustin DeBold	25
Rebecca Timmons	9	Harper St. Peter	26
John Lewke	13	Kyle Heldt	26
Max Currier	14	William DeBold	26
Kevin Mussman	15	Benjamin Hastings	27
Jill Claussen	16	Levi Pickens	27
Sara Senesac	16	Daren Lehnert	28
		Steve Lawrence	28

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gene Sievers, Melissa Mort, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke, Keith Myers, Marge Myers, Heather Phillips, Austin Delaney, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Richie Rodriguez, Dorothy Kutemeier, Mary Ann Price, Judy Schneider, Sandy Erickson, Brian Koop, Delores Schimmin, Megan Breckenridge, Neal Currier, Alexis Verhulst, Bucky Burrell, Russ Koehn, Pamela Nolan, Delores Hartman, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Patricia Regnier, and the family of Harry Baker, Jr

Congratulations to Livienne Jolynn Schneider on her baptism! Livienne is the daughter of Jeff & Becky Crivokapich. Her grandparents are Jeff (deceased) & Barb Schneider, and Bob & Teresa Crivokapich. Sponsoring Livienne's baptism are Jon and Jamie Gilbert.

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

Minnie Pfingsten
703 N. East Street
Hudson, IL 61748

Rev Frank Hoss
601 Lutz Road
Bloomington, IL 61704

An Opportunity to Serve

Opportunities to minister to others come in many forms. Larry and I see offering snacks to the children of the Sunday School, the staff, the parents of the children, and all who enjoy the fellowship of kindred spirits is a sort of ministry. We are delighted to mingle with those who join us in the Lange Fellowship Hall at approximately 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. Indeed, we would love to see you. We do, however, sometimes need to be away and would greatly appreciate being able to arrange, in advance, people to take our place. We pray that you, too, would see this as an opportunity to minister to others. We provide paper products, hot chocolate, and coffee. We'll happily show you where the items are stored. We've been serving a homemade or purchased treat and fruit. Numbers vary from fewer than 10 to approximately 20. Of course, we always hope for more people. All donations benefit Fusion Youth. Please see us at church or phone 815-953-6530. Thank you.

REMINDER: For those of you who may need physical assistance using steps to go up/down in the church – we have an elevator (LIFT).

Directions are posted inside and outside of the lift doors – if you need assistance operating it, please don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers or anyone around.