

THE KEYS

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



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St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

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God is still speaking.



“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

(The Declaration of Independence, July 4th, 1776).

Celebrating Independence Day has always been a fun tradition. From the parades to family gatherings, baseball games, cookouts, and fireworks, marking our country’s freedom is important and truly worth celebrating.

As a Christian, we can find similarities in celebrating our country’s freedom to that of our own Christian freedom.

Like our country’s freedom, we have freedom in Christ. Christ came to set us free from the burdens and condemnation of sin.

Another similarity is that we are reminded of how we are to be united. We call ourselves the “United” States of America and while that is up for debate the last decade or so, one of country’s boasting facts is that we are all united under the Stars & Stripes.

As Christians, we also can find unity in celebrating our spiritual freedoms. Children of God, from all backgrounds, are united together as Christ’s body!

As we take time to share in our country’s freedoms this 4th of July, take a few moments to remind yourself of your spiritual freedoms you have as well and celebrate Christ’s love for you!

Love in Christ,

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

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JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
3RD	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
5TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN ED. MEETING
10TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
10TH	10:30 AM- 4:00 PM	FUSION LUNCH AND SPLASH VALLEY EVENT (AFTER CHURCH)
11TH	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
17TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
24TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (OUTDOORS) - TAILGATE
26TH	7:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING
30TH	10:00 AM- 3:00 PM	FUSION CAR WASH FUNDRAISER
31ST	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
31ST	9:00 AM	LAST DAY TO TURN IN SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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

Beverly Junker, Financial Secretary

Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director

Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director

Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists

Jake Ewoldt, Custodian

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Youth Advisors

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Connect Leaders

2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

David Lehnert, President

Brian McKinstry, Vice President

Heidi Frahm, Secretary

Larry Voigt, Treasurer

Carrie Langlois, Assistant Treasurer

Lou Ann Hamann, Shirley Koehn, Rhiannon Currier, &

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.

YouTube: Go to www.youtube.com. In the search engine, type St. Peter's Grant Park (choose the one with the Upper Case "S" in the Red Circle). We will post recorded services here as we upload them. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZYV5H_JF-C71se0_kxPl8g

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.*



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 baked beans, canned potatoes, pasta (spaghetti, egg noodles, and mostoccoli), tuna, canned chicken, jello (regular and sugar free), tomato soup, canned pasta, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and body wash. Donations can be placed in the basket 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, or Bev Junker, and 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 July Events: On July 10th, the youth will have lunch in the fellowship hall after church and then go to Splash Valley Waterpark in Kankakee. They will also be hosting a Car Wash Fundraiser on July 30th from 10 am to 3 pm. 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.



Youth Support

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.

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 gathered in June for lunch and went to “The Shrine of Christ’s Passion” in St. John, IN. A special thank you to Russ & Shirley Koehn for providing lunch for our leaders and youth.

*Fusion would also like to show appreciation to all those who stopped by the church Rummage Sale and picked up snacks from the Snack Table. Thank you to Larry and Shari Ohm for providing the goodies. Donations totaled \$92.00

Summer Fun Day



September 11th

2:00 pm –4:00 pm

Spiderman & Rapunzel

*Registration will fill up quickly, so please submit your forms to St. Peter's UCC (PO Box 220, Grant



Park, IL) or email pastorkyletimmons@live.com

Join us to meet one or both of your favorite characters (and get a picture with them), enjoy an activity with that character (TBD), make a craft, have some food, and hear a Bible lesson expressing how valuable you are to God!

Event is open for 6th graders and below and must have a parent/guardian present.

Cost is \$15 a child (\$10 for each additional child in your household). ****Don't let money be an issue**, if you can't afford the full amount, please let us know – the cost is to help offset the cost of the characters, crafts, and food. We are not trying to make a profit.

More details will be provided about activities, food, etc. at stpeters.org (go to Events, Summer Fun Day).

Please submit the following information to the church office, email pastorkyletimmons@live.com, or mail to the church: Name(s) of children, ages, parent/guardian information (i.e. name, address, email, and phone number), food allergy, and payment.

JULY BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Garry Junker	1	Brooke St Peter	12
Jean Rundquist	1	Tracey Claussen	14
Michelle Claussen	1	Connie Schrage	15
Peyton Greenholt	1	Nancy Eckhoff	16
Kimberly Lorenz	2	Nick St Peter	16
Haley Hamann	3	Ashton Loitz	23
Kaleb Frahm	3	Mardele Engleking	23
Charlie Langlois	4	Wendy Markland	23
David Greenholt	4	Isabelle Currier	24
Ryder Greenholt	4	Kaitlyn McMahan	25
Melissa Benson	7	Andrea Kuhn	27
Dana Dickson	8	Erin McMahan	27
Eleanor Tyson	9	Heather Erickson	27
Craig Schneider	10	Eugene Sievers	28
Jamie Paez	11	Mark Lawrence	29

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, 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, Donna Dorrrough, Dorothy Kutemeier, Mary Ann Price, Matt & Brittany Hamann, Judy Schneider, Tanner Barrera, Sandy Erickson, and Delores Schimmin

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

Minnie Pﬂingsten
703 N. East Street
Hudson, IL 61748

Rev Frank Hoss
601 Lutz Road
Bloomington, IL 61704

Announcements

Worship Opportunities: We are looking for lay readers and ushers. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Rummage Sale: The Rummage Sale was a huge success! Thank you to all who sorted and priced items, and volunteered to help work the sale. We couldn't have done it without you. We raised over \$1,200. If you weren't able to drop off your items for this sale, we will be having another one the weekend of Oktoberfest (September 15th-17th). Thank you again for your support!

Specially marked envelopes: Envelopes have been made for Fusion and Fortitude. They are located on the back tables of the sanctuary. Feel free to use those or mail in your donations. Thank you for your support of these two wonderful programs.

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. Lastly, if you'd like something included on the church facebook or webpage, please let the church office or Pastor Kyle know. Thank you.



4th Sunday Tailgate Worship Services

Join us on the 4th Sunday of our summer months as we worship "Tailgate Style." (July 24th and August 28th)

Pull up your vehicle in the parking lot and sit in the back, in the front, or even bring your lawn chairs, blankets, bails of straw, or buckets. We don't care, but we're going to worship outdoors in the church yard adjacent to the parking lot.

Services begin at 9 am!

Bring a grill if you'd like (or you can use one of the provided ones), table settings, snacks, and your own beverages (smile - we won't check your coolers). We will have cold water and lemonade available. Additionally, we will be serving up hotdogs, burgers, and brats!

There will be activities for young ones, corn-hole, and other fun things to do. Or, simply sit around and fellowship with your family and friends. Stay as little, or as long, as you'd like.

Events are weather permitting - in case of inclement weather, worship will be indoors.



Dear Church Friends,

I would like to sincerely thank the wonderful staff and people of St. Peter's Church for the cards, prayers, and good wishes I received during my recent back surgery and recovery. Thank you, also, for the cards and kindness for the loss of my sister, Nancy Lewke. It is all so appreciated. I couldn't have done it without my wonderful children and church family. Blessings to you all!

Sincerely,
Judy Schneider

Church family,

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and money following the passing of my beloved wife, Nancy. It was all greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Bill Lewke



Back to School Supply Drive

We have organized a “Back to School Supply Drive” for the elementary kids (Preschool-5th grade) here in Grant Park. With prices still going up, it’s harder for families to afford the things their children need for school. This drive not only helps our GP families, but helps the teachers who buy some supplies out of their pockets so the children have what they need.

We need your help! We would like to gather supplies and raise funds to be able to purchase school items the kids need. If you want to purchase some items yourself, we are also looking for brand new or like new (no stains or signs of wear) clothes to wear to school. The kids will also need t-shirts for painting, new socks and new shoes for gym, and durable backpacks (some big enough to fit chrome books for the older kids). We are also in need of huge quantities of pencils (packs of 6, 20, and 24), glue sticks, and dry erase markers (black or black fine tip). All money, clothing, and supply items donated need to be turned in to the church no later than July 31st. We will then take those funds to buy the supplies. On August 14th, we will organize all the supplies on tables for families to come pick up for free. We will need help distributing the items out on the tables and serving the families that come in to get them. Any donation for this is truly appreciated. For more information or a list of the supplies needed, contact Jackie Timmons at (815) 466-4048 or text (567) 249-5141. Thank you!



Car Wash (Sponsored by Fusion)

Stop by the church on Saturday, July 30th, from 10 am to 3 pm and have your car washed by our youth! All donations go towards to Fusion Youth Program.

*Rain Date is Sunday, July 31st.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StPetersUccYouthGroup
or Search Fusion Youth Fellowship.



The UCC outdoor ministries have several camps and retreat opportunities for children, youth, adults, and families. Check out their website at www.outdoorministries.org to learn more.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in attending a camp or retreat, please let the church know. The Christian Education Team has scholarships available to help offset the cost(s).