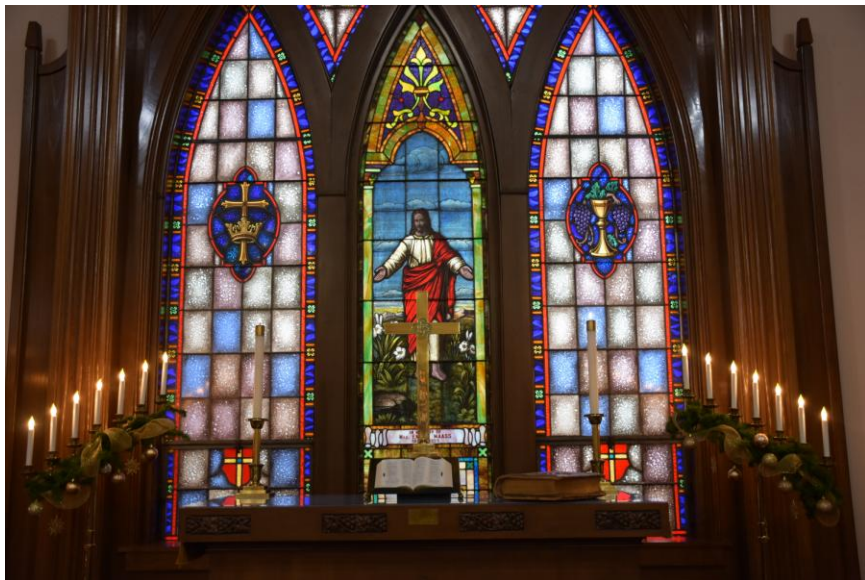


THE KEYS

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



July/August 2023



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God is still speaking.



Did you notice something right away? The dates for this newsletter are for the two month period of July & August.

Beginning this month, we are going to produce our newsletter on an every-other-month basis. If there is important news, schedule changes, etc. they will be found on our church website, our weekly bulletins, or we will send out information via other methods.

Another thing you'll notice is that we are transitioning our automatic EFT giving to one source via Midland States Bank. We will be eliminating current automated giving through Vanco and Tithe.ly and funneling all of the giving to one central location to help with fees and tracking. We greatly appreciate those who give online and via automatic withdrawal as it helps us see a more steady source of income during some of the dry months and when people are on vacation or miss a Sunday. If you'd like to give this way and have not done so before, please contact the church office or check out the letter that will be mailed to you in July.

As you can tell, though it is summer, work still is being done at church and we continue to provide meaningful opportunities to gather, worship, and grow in your faith.

Please take a few minutes and read through your newsletter to stay up-to-date with all our church happenings.

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

Reverend Kyle Timmons

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
2ND	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
3RD	3:00 PM- 9:00 PM	TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER FOR TEACHER BOOK AND SUPPLY DRIVE
3RD	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
5TH	6:30 PM- 7:30 PM	WINE AND THE WORD-PARSONAGE BACK PORCH
8TH	9:00 AM- 12:00 AM	FUSION CAR WASH AT THE FIRE DEPT.
9TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
16TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
19TH	6:30 PM- 7:30 PM	WINE AND THE WORD-PARSONAGE BACK PORCH
20TH	5:00 PM- 8:00 PM	TEACHER/HOMESCHOOL SALE
21ST	9:00 AM- 5:00 PM	TEACHER/HOMESCHOOL SALE
21ST	4:00 PM- 8:00 PM	PANERA BREAD FUNDRAISER FOR TEACHER BOOK AND SUPPLY DRIVE
22ND	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	TEACHER/HOMESCHOOL SALE
26TH	6:30 PM- 7:30 PM	WINE AND THE WORD
30TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1ST	6:30 PM	CHRISTIAN ED MEETING
1ST	7:30 PM	CHURCH LIFE MEETING
2ND	6:30 PM- 7:30 PM	WINE AND THE WORD
6TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
7TH	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
8TH	7:00 PM	ISRAEL TRIP MEETING
9TH	6:30 PM- 7:30 PM	WINE AND THE WORD
13TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
13TH	11:30 AM	FUSION EVENT-LUNCH AFTER CHURCH/KANKAKEE WATER PARK
16TH	6:30 PM- 7:30 PM	WINE AND THE WORD
20TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
20TH	10:30 AM	TURKEY SUPPER MEETING AFTER CHURCH
20TH	2:00 PM- 5:00 PM	WATER BLAST
23RD	6:30 PM- 7:30 PM	WINE AND THE WORD-LAST MEETING
27TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE

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.

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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, Shari Ohm, & Rebecca Timmons, Organists

Laura Foushi, Custodian

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Youth Advisors

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Connect Sunday School Leaders

2023 CHURCH COUNCIL

Brian McKinstry, President

Rhiannon Currier, Vice President

Shirley Koehn, Secretary

Larry Voigt, Treasurer

Erin Hamann, Assistant Treasurer

Ken Bonifield, Larry Hamann, Lou Ann Hamann, & Jim Schneider

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***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 July and August:

07/02	“Still We Rise”
07/09	“Summer Baggage: Pleasing People”
07/16	“Summer Baggage: Jealousy & Comparison”
07/23	Sermon by Neal Currier
07/30	“Summer Baggage: A Critical/Judgmental Spirit”
08/06	“Summer Baggage: Guilt, Regret, and Shame”
08/13	“Summer Baggage: Indulgence”
08/20	“Summer Baggage: Pride”
08/27	“Summer Baggage: Control”

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 a.m., to be included in the bulletin for that week. Newsletter items need to be submitted prior to the 25th of each month (or the Thursday 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.

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.

2023 Young at Heart Meetings: The United Methodist Church of Grant Park would like to invite you to their Young at Heart meetings every third Monday of the month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grant Park Community Center. In July, there will be an indoor picnic. In August, there is no meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815)-465-6933. Thank you.

We are still in need of lay readers for July and August. If you are willing to do any of those dates, please sign up on the lay reader sign up sheet on the back table in the sanctuary.

Holy Land 2025 Trip: Pastor Kyle is eager to lead another trip to the Holy Land. Are you interested? Have you ever considered the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus? Not sure, but want to learn more? Join us for an informative meeting and discussion about a trip in 2025. The meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8th, @ 7 pm in the church conference room. Interested, but unable to attend the meeting? Let Pastor Kyle know and he'll provide information as plans begin to unfold.

Teacher Book and Supply Drive: Last year, we had a great supply drive for the kids at Grant Park Schools. They still have leftovers! This year, we are going to do a Teacher Book and Supply drive. It will run similarly to the school supply drive, but with a few changes. We are hoping to help around 30 local teachers to get books and some other supplies for their classrooms that they would normally pay out of pocket for. Teachers have a "wish list" that will be posted or you can donate directly and we can buy the items for you. We also have a jar in the back of the sanctuary to drop your change in (noisy offering). Want to help another way? We have two dine in to donate events! Texas Roadhouse will be on July 3rd (donating 10% of profits) and Panera Bread will be on July 21st from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (donating 40% of profits. For these events, **you will need to show the flier or show your phone with a picture of the flier in order for us to get credit for that meal.** If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at 815-466-4048 or text 567-249-5141. Thank you!

Vendor Sale: The church will be having a vendor sale during the GP festival this year. We are looking for home based vendors (Tupperware, etc.) and crafters who are interested in selling their items on Friday, September 8th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, September 9th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 per table and set up will be Thursday, September 7th. Please contact the church office at 815-465-6191 if interested.

Wine & the Word (Wednesdays this Summer): Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesdays at the side porch of the Parsonage as we fellowship with one another, share time in God's Word, and have a time of prayer. **KIDS ARE WELCOME** to come and play in the side yard (weather permitting). If the weather is bad, we'll meet in the church basement. You may bring an adult beverage (or two) to enjoy; otherwise we will have ice water & lemonade available each week. We will also have some wine to share for those who would like a glass. Feel free to bring a snack to share if you want (not necessary). Please bring a chair (in case we run out). We will gather at 6:30 p.m., begin our time of devotion at 7 p.m., and be done around 7:30 p.m. (you may stay longer if you desire). We will meet every Wednesday until August 23rd (except for July 12th) As always, invite a neighbor or friend as this will be a casual time of gathering and a great time to meet and learn more about one another.



Teacher/Homeschool Curriculum Sale: Know a teacher who would like to sell or purchase classroom items? Let them know we will be hosting a Teacher/Homeschool sale! Only curriculum and teaching items and supplies will be sold at this sale. The sale will be Thursday, July 20th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, July 21st from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, July 22nd, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Food will be available to the sellers at the sale on a donation basis. The cost is \$10 a table and all proceeds will benefit our Teacher Book and Supply Drive. Please contact the church office at 815-465-6191 between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Monday through Friday to reserve your spot!



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 corn, cereal, dish soap, canned fruit, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hamburger helper, paper towels, toilet paper, canned tomatoes, french style green beans, baking mixes, ketchup, canned tuna, and pancake mix. 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 is a way 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).



Students in Grades 6-12

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders) - Check out photos from our recent events by going to our Fusion page on our church website or facebook link.

Fusion Cook-Out @ State Park:

Nearly 40 people (children – adults) attended our State Park Fusion Picnic in June. The weather was amazing, the food was delicious, and the company was the best!

Students played volleyball and wiffle ball, enjoyed lunch, went hiking, enjoyed the river water fall, and more.



More photos can be found on the church website. Thank you to everyone who donated items, attended, and was a part of our wonderful day.

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.

Support Fusion – CAR WASH



FUSION CAR WASH

July 8, 2023

9am-Noon

Grant Park Fire Station

12624 IL-1

Grant Park, IL 60940

August Fusion Event: Splash Valley August 13th (Stay tuned for more details)



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.

WATER BLAST

Sunday, August 20th - 2 to 5 PM

Everyone is welcome to join us for a family fun event on Sunday, August 20th, at St. Peter's UCC (310 N. Meadow Street) in Grant Park, IL.

There will be a dunk tank to raise money for local missions' projects (on a donation basis), a large sand pit area for children to play in, an inflatable Lumberjack Axe Throwing Game, a Water Inflatable castle/slide, an inflatable volleyball/jousting ring, a dry inflatable for kids to play in, a bags (aka corn hole) area, an outdoor volleyball area, and more.

The inflatables are FREE for everyone.

Hungry? Pick up a pulled pork sandwich or meal (with chips, a dessert, and a beverage). Cost to be determined prior to the event for food purchases.



JULY BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Garry Junker	1	Tracey Claussen Wydra	14
Jean Rundquist	1	Connie Schrage	15
Michelle Claussen	1	Nancy Eckhoff	16
Peyton Greenholt	1	Nick St. Peter	16
Kimberly Lorenz	2	Ashton Loitz	23
Haley Hamann	3	Mardele Engleking	23
Kaleb Frahm	3	Wendy Markland	23
Carlie Langlois	4	Isabelle Currier	24
David Greenholt	4	Kaitlyn McMahan	25
Ryder Greenholt	4	Livienne Schneider	25
Kevin Schneider	6	Andrea Kuhn	27
Melissa Benson	7	Erin McMahan	27
Dana Dickson	8	Heather Erickson	27
Craig Schneider	10	Eugene Sievers	28
Jamie Paez	11	Mark Lawrence	29
Brooke St. Peter	12		

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gene Sievers, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Keith Myers, Marge Myers, Heather Phillips, Linda Havely, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Richie Rodriguez, Ione Engleking, Dorothy Kutemeier, Mary Ann Price, Judy Schneider, Sandy Erickson, Roger Sturm, Brian Koop, Delores Schimmin, Megan Breckenridge, Pamela Nolan, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Craig Schneider, Delores Thiessen, Jaycie Couwenhoven, Larry Ohm and Ann Wessman

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

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Hudson, IL 61748

Rev Frank Hoss
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Bloomington, IL 61704

AUGUST BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Linda Ault	2	Matt Hamann	19
Jacquelyn Timmons	4	Richard Boicken	19
Jessica Bornemann	4	Anna Timmons	21
Shirley Riley	4	Evelyn Bond	22
Claudia Scott	6	Gavin Reynolds	22
Jared Heldt	7	Dorothy Kutemeier	23
Bob Hoevet	8	Barbara Fanning	26
Larry Ohm	8	Patrick Koehn	26
Dennis Granger	9	Russell Koehn	26
Jan Voigt	11	Tyler Williamson	26
Karen Spangler	11	Chase Bornemann	27
Susan Williamson	15	Kelly Schneider	27
Nicholas Timmons	17	Paige Sherwood	29
Eric Frahm	19		

***Congratulations to Mitchell and Megan Breckenridge on the birth of Eloise Patricia Breckenridge on June 9th, 2023! She was born at 5:49 am and was 7 lbs 6 oz. Eloise's grandparents are Mike and Tammy Reaman.