

THE KEYS

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



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St. Peter's

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God is still speaking.



“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Habits can be good or bad.

As I’ve been considering my own spiritual habits and looking for ways to encourage others to form Godly habits, I was reminded of this Scripture from the book of Hebrews.

Understandably, Covid has taken many Christians out of the habit of attending worship services. Others were out of the habit before Covid as other priorities have taken the place of our faith promises to God and the Church.

Part of being the Church means that we come together consistently for several purposes. First, we are called to come to the House of the Lord to offer Him our praise and thanksgiving. Secondly, in attending worship we help “stir up one another to love and good works.” Joining together also helps encourage one another in many different ways.

When a piece of the Church is missing (you), it is a possibility that someone is missing their opportunity to be encouraged.

Without U we are just a CHRCH – we need U to make us a healthy Church!

Hope to see you soon,

Kyle J. Timmons

Pastor Kyle Timmons

JUNE BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Madelyn Dickson	3	Randy Schneider	13
Tim Markland	3	Stephanie Loitz	13
Julie Wade	4	Natalie Lacer	14
Judy Lange	6	David Schroeder	15
Pauline Mitchell	7	Michelle Graf	16
Ryan Dulin	7	Rita Morris	17
Ione Engleking	9	Rebecca Schneider	19
Julia Hammerlund	9	Rhiannon Currier	19
Karl Hamann	11	Dylan Marcotte	20
William Lewke	11	Debbie Mussman	22
Justin Langlois	12	Josh Hamann	23
Summer Mussman	12	Lexi Hamann	26
Judy Schneider	13	David Koehn	30

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1ST	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
2ND	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING
6TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
10TH- 12TH	9AM-5PM	ST. PETER'S UCC GRANT PARK COMMUNITY SALES
13TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
20TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
23RD	6-8 PM	ICE-CREAM AT GP COMMUNITY CENTER
27TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	12-6 PM	FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED (TENTATIVE)
29TH	7:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING

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Facebook: St. Peters UCC Grant Park

Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Peg McCraw, Custodian

Jessica Bornemann & Kole Stadt - Youth Advisors

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann – Connect Leaders

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

Max Toppen, President

Brian McKinstry, Vice President

Heidi Frahm, Secretary

Michelle Claussen, Treasurer,

Karen Ekhoﬀ, Assistant Treasurer

Rhiannon Currier, Larry Voigt, Carrie Langlois, & David Lehnert



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

Upcoming Events!!!



YOU earned it! All of YOU!

In celebration of St. Peter's UCC & Zion Lutheran raising over \$10,000 in support of the Fortitude Homeless Shelter, we are offering FREE Ice Cream.

Location: Grant Park Community Center

When: Wednesday, June 23rd

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Dawn Broers, founder and executive director of Fortitude, will be present to answer any questions about the Homeless Center and to provide more information.

Donations towards the Homeless Shelter will be accepted during that evening.

Outside Garage Sale

Want another opportunity to purge? Well, here's your chance! On June 10th, 11th, and 12th, the church will be selling places in the church yard for \$10 each person. You can come, set up your stuff, and sell from 9am to 5pm those days. You keep your profit and bring your own tables. The \$10 donations will go to the rummage sale profit to be spent at a later date. All payments must be made in the form of a check made out to St. Peter's UCC. If you have any questions and/or are interested in participating, please contact Jackie at 815-466-4048.



Vacation Bible School – “Love Thy Neighbor” (July 17th & 18th)

We're trying something different for Vacation Bible School this year!

VBS will be on Saturday, July 17th, from 4pm to 7 pm in the church lawn (weather permitting).

Children of all ages are invited to join us for a Bible lesson, crafts, games, music, and more from 4 pm – 6 pm.

At 6 pm, there will be a cookout for the kids and their families.

Each child and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, July 18th, at 9 am for our worship service where they will receive a special VBS gift and will provide a special song during our service.

What's Going on at St. Peter's?



Baptism of Kaylee VanSwol on April 25th. Welcome, Kaylee, to our church family.

The 2021 Confirmation class was confirmed on April 25th.

Congratulations to Max Currier, Ryder Greenholt, Lexi Hamann, Mitchell Hiland, Kennedy Marcotte, Kaylee VanSwol & Emily Voigt!



Nearly half of the Grant Park High School graduating class joined us for the 2021 Baccalaureate service held here at St. Peter's on May 19th!



Graduation Invite

The Timmons' family would like to invite all of you to celebrate Nick's graduation with a party on June 27 from 2pm to 5pm. It will be held outside in the church yard/parking lot (weather permitting). We hope you all can stop by and have a piece of cake with us!



Students in Grades 6-12

June 12th (5 pm) – surprise event. Also, a few other summer events are being scheduled. Come June 12th to find out what they are!

LITTLE BLESSINGS

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Luke Robert O’Nions. He was born on May 4, 2021, at St. Mary’s Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs 4 oz, and was 21.25 inches long. The proud parents are Nick and Hollie O’Nions. The grandparents are Richard and Patty Dulin, the late Robert O’Nions, and great-grandmother Judy Schneider.

Contact Information Update

If you have not contacted the church office to update your contact information, please do so. We would like to have as up-to-date information as possible for church newsletters and special letters sent out to the congregation throughout the year. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you soon.



We are very proud of all our students and the outstanding work they continue to do inside and outside of the classroom.

Congratulations to Paige Sherwood on being named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2021 at Grant Park High School.

Also, congratulations to Clayton McKinstry on being named the Salutatorian of the Class of 2021 at Grant Park High School.

In addition to Paige Sherwood and Clayton McKinstry, we would also like to recognize our other high school graduates from the Class of 2021: Micaelyn Benson, Ryan Dulin, Jaden Ewoldt, Troy Reynolds, and Nicholas Timmons.

Do you have or know a student that has something worth deserving a “shout out?” If so, please contact the church office and we’ll make sure to include it in our next edition.

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 in giving 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).

Honoring Our 2021 Graduates

High School

Micaelyn Benson- Micaelyn is undecided on a college, but will be studying either Nursing or Veterinary Science. Micaelyn played Softball, Volleyball, and Basketball in high school. She was named All-Area and Offensive Player of the Year her Sophomore year for Basketball. She was also on the Honor Roll.

Ryan Blane Dulin- Ryan will be attending Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, IL. He will continue to play golf on a scholarship there. Ryan is undecided and will be taking general studies.

Jaden Ewoldt- Jaden will be attending Illinois State University to study Elementary Education to become a teacher. Throughout high school she participated in Student Council, NHS, volunteered, and was Vice President of the class of 2021.

Clayton McKinstry- Clayton will be attending Spoon River College. He received an academic scholarship and has signed to play baseball there. He will be studying Agricultural Business. Clayton is the salutatorian of his class and has received the John Locke Memorial Scholarship, 4-H Scholarship, and the Ethan Allen and Caroline H. Johnson Scholarship Trust. He also achieved All-Conference and All-Area in Basketball and Soccer, along with being the River Valley Conference Scholar Athlete of the year winner.

Troy Reynolds- Troy will be attending Southern Illinois University where he will be studying Aviation and Management. He received the Academic of Excellence Scholarship from SIU and the Illinois Principal Award. Troy played Baseball for two years, did Bass Fishing for three years, and played Soccer and Basketball for four years. He also received his private pilot license in February 2021.

Paige Sherwood- Paige will be attending Bradley University's School of Nursing in Peoria, IL. She hopes to be a pediatric nurse. Paige is the Valedictorian of her class and has received Bradley University's Presidential Excellence Scholarship for four years and the James R. Hollander Memorial Scholarship. Paige is an Illinois State Scholar and has four year perfect attendance.

Nicholas Timmons- Nick will be attending Berea College in Berea, KY. He has signed on to play baseball there. Nick will be studying sports management and is undecided on his second degree. In 2019, Nick graduated from Terra State Community College with his Associate's in History. He was on Dean's List there and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. During Nick's four years of high school, he was a member of NHS, ran Cross Country for two years, played Basketball for three years, and played Baseball for four years.

College

Joshua Schroeder- Josh graduated from the University of Illinois in Chicago with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He graduated with Honors. He will be continuing his career at VanDrunen FutureCeuticles, Inc. as an Associate Analytical Chemist.



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 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.

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.

June's Ministry Partners

The St. Peter's missions' team partners up with community and world ministries throughout the year. June's financial support will be given to the Strengthen the Church offering of the United Church of Christ.

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

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?

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.

Wait...Why am I getting this newsletter?

Many of you already receive the newsletter on a regular basis; however, for the majority of you, you probably haven't received a mailed hard copy in quite some time.

If you are receiving this in the mail, we still consider you a part of our church family (whether active, non-active, living far away, or whatever your situation may be).

We want to let you know what has been going on at St. Peter's and provide you with other information in regards to our church.

If you do not wish to receive the newsletters in the future, please let us know by emailing stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net or leaving a message at the church (815) 465-6191.

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 (10:30am 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.

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 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>

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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, Melissa Mort, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke, Austin Delaney, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Craig Schneider, Nancy Lewke, Dennis Balgemann, Joy Currier, and the family of Lisa Dejonge.

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