

THE KEYS

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



June 2022



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St. Peter's

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God is still speaking.



Another senseless tragedy!

I wonder how many times in my ministry I have had to address these sickening tragedies in our country (and world) and, worse yet, how many more times in the future will I have to address such events.

This past month, we have endured more senseless crimes close to home in Chicago, a mass shooting/hate crime at a grocery store in Buffalo, NY, and now another horrific school shooting, this time in Uvalde, TX.

Unfortunately, the ugly truth is as the old saying goes, “not the first and won’t be the last.” From generation to generation, society to society, culture to culture, ugly tragedies happen.

I know people are tired of hearing “thoughts and prayers” as our response to such news events. We want changes and we need a brighter future for everyone.

This won’t happen without God. God is our refuge and strength (Psalm 46). God is our light and salvation (Psalm 27:1). God is our source of peace and comfort (John 14:27).

While we most definitely need to be working towards change and hope for a better tomorrow, we must still turn to God in our thoughts, prayers, and answers if there is going to be hope for tomorrow.

Love in Christ,

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
5TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (NO COMMUNION)
5TH	12:00 PM	FUSION LUNCH/"THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION"
6TH	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
7TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN ED. MEETING
12TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
12TH	10:30 AM	RUMMAGE SALE SET UP/DROP OFF ITEMS (AFTER CHURCH)
13TH- 15TH	8:00 AM- 11:00 AM	RUMMAGE SALE ITEM DROP OFF/SET UP
16TH	5:00 PM- 8:00 PM	RUMMAGE SALE
17TH	9:00 AM- 5:00 PM	RUMMAGE SALE
18TH	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	RUMMAGE SALE
19TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
26TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (OUTDOORS) - TAILGATE
28TH	7:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING

***May 30 through June 5: Pastor Kyle will be on vacation. Please contact the church office or Jackie Timmons if you need anything. The office will be closed Friday, June 3rd.

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.

stpetersgpp@sbcglobal.net

Church Website: www.stpetersgpp.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 June Event: On June 5th, the youth will have lunch in the fellowship hall at noon and then go to “The Shrine of Christ’s Passion” in St. John, IN. 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.

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.



Youth Support



Fusion gathered in May for lunch and fun at the Kankakee State Park.

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.

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

Summer Fun Day



TBD

12:00 – 2:00 – Spiderman
&
4:00 – 6:00 – Rapunzel

*Registration will fill up quickly so please submit your forms and return them to St. Peter's UCC

(PO Box 220, Grant Park, IL) or email
pastorkyletimmons@live.com



Join for one, or both, of our Summer Fun events. Meet the character (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).

Or 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.

JUNE BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Madelyn Dickson	3	Judy Schneider	13
Tim Markland	3	Randy Schneider	13
Julie Wade	4	Stephanie Loitz	13
Judy Lange	6	Natalie Lacer	14
Ryan Dulin	7	David Schroeder	15
Jake Stadt	8	Michelle Graf	16
Ione Engleking	9	Rita Morris	17
Julia Hammerlund	9	Rebecca Schneider	19
James Crocker III	10	Rhiannon Currier	19
Karl Hamann	11	Dylan Marcotte	20
Bill Lewke	11	Debbie Mussman	22
Justin Langlois	12	Josh Hamann	23
Summer Mussman	12	Lexi Hamann	26
		David Koehn	30

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 Havely, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Richie Rodriguez, Donna Dorrough, Dorothy Kutemeier, Mary Ann Price, Matt & Brittany Hamann, Judy Schneider, Tanner Barrera, Sandy Erickson, Delores Schimmin, and the family of Jim Ingerson (father of Paula Cadieux and uncle of Nicole Hiland)

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 first Rummage Sale is this month. We are in desperate need of workers to run the sale so please let the office know if you can help. We will be doing the sale starting Thursday, June 16th, from 5 pm to 8 pm, Friday, June 17th, from 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, June 18th, from 9am to noon. We will need help setting tables up on June 12th after church, sorting and pricing items Monday through Thursday, and volunteers to help work the sale. Would you rather “purchase” a parking spot and sell your stuff? We will be doing that too. Each parking spot is a minimum donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at (815) 466-4048 or text (567) 249-5141. Thank you.

Specially marked envelopes: Envelopes have been made for Fusion, Fortitude, and the Capital Projects Fund. They are located on the back tables of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support of these two wonderful programs and for the church parking lot.

Hope in the Midst of Suffering & Grief: We will be forming a small group to discuss grief and suffering this summer. If you are interested in participating, or know someone who may be, please have them contact the St. Peter’s UCC office at (815) 465-6191 or Pastor Kyle at pastorkyletimmons@live.com by June 10th.

Each participant will receive a book titled “Tears and Tossings” by Sarah Walton and we will use this book to help navigate our time together. Once we have a list of interested individuals, we will determine the best days and times to meet.

If you are struggling or dealing with emotional or spiritual suffering and grief, this is geared for you.

There is no cost to participate!

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.

The Missions Team: The Mission's Team would like to help out the Manteno's Veterans Home by donating some items they need/like. If you are able to donate any of these items, it would be much appreciated. They are looking for:

Vogel Popcorn-All in One (carried in bulk size 8 oz bags- 36 in a case; can be purchased at GFS)

Coke, Pepsi, Rootbeer, Orange Pop, coffee (to make in big pots)

Hawaiian Punch (gallon size), Country Time Lemonade (large powder can)

Disposable coffee cups with lids and sturdy paper plates (for cookouts)

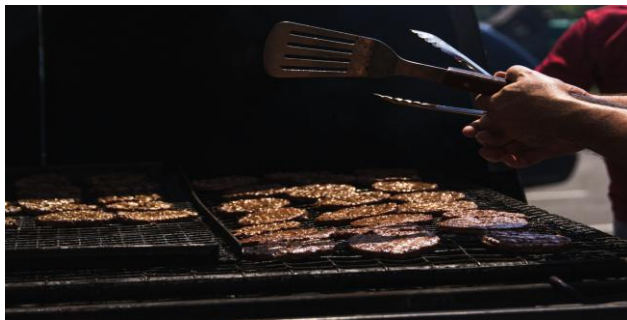
Honey Bun donuts, Hostess cakes, Little Debbie cakes, Hershey's small size chocolate candy bars

Microwave popcorn

Chocolate and vanilla pudding snack packs

Individual packages of cookies (Oreo's, Chips Ahoy, Nutter Butter, etc.).

If you would like to donate any of these items, you may bring them to the church and drop them off in the office or the conference room – please let us know they are for the Veteran's Home. Thank you!



4th Sunday Tailgate Worship Services

Join us on the 4th Sunday of our summer months as we worship "Tailgate Style." (June 26th, July 24th, 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, cornhole, 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.



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).



PK and members of St. Peter's,

Thank you for hosting the Baccalaureate service for the Class of 2022 May 18th. It was a very nice service and reception--please thank all those that helped coordinate and put that together. As a parent and GP #6 school board member, I sincerely appreciate the efforts, support, and love for our children and community that you and our congregation always extends to others--it is truly a blessing.

Thank you,
Vicki



Back to School Supply Drive

We are organizing 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 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). All money and clothing 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, contact Jackie Timmons at (815) 466-4048 or text (567) 249-5141. Thank you!



The church will be selling carnations in honor and memory of the special men in your life. Please fill out the information below (along with your \$5 donation) and return to the office before June 8th.

In honor of _____ Qty_____

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Submitted By _____