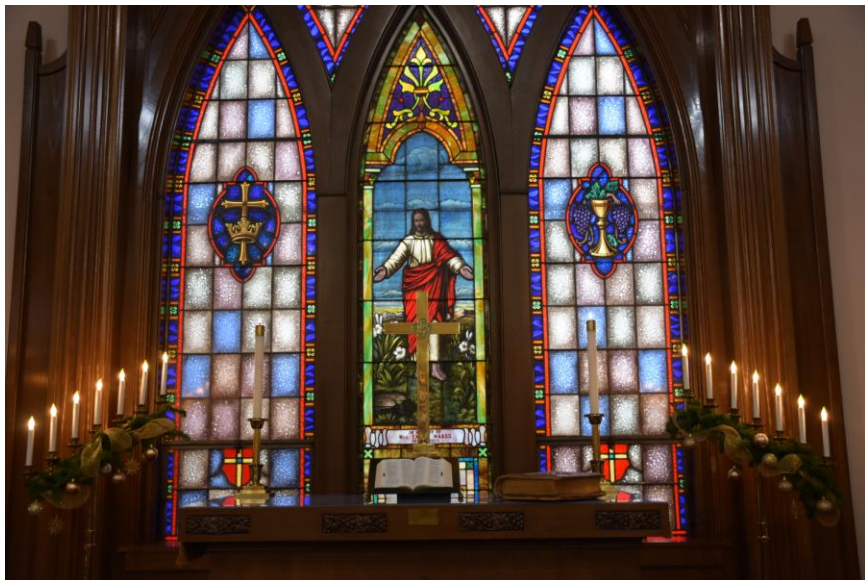


THE KEYS

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



June 2023



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God is still speaking.



Nothing says summer time like baseball, lemonade, and...lower church attendance. Vacations, camping, trips to the beach are all expected and hopefully well enjoyed.

While we understand that summer time is traditionally a time for relaxation and taking time off of the normal routines of life, we'd strongly encourage you not to take time off from your faith practice of worshiping with one another.

When I first began my post-military ministry in 2004, I heard someone say, "We don't do Sunday School in the summer as it's vacation time." That "tradition" has been the norm for all the churches I have served, but there was also one person who made an intriguing comment: "God doesn't take vacations from us." Thankfully, that's the truth.

With all this said, your challenge for this summer is to remain as active as you can with your church through fellowship, continue to support your church financially, and don't fall out of the habit of being faithful to your Christian vows.

So, enjoy your summer. Wear sunscreen when needed, stay hydrated, don't forget your bug spray, and make wonderful memories.

See you in church (9 a.m. during the summer).

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
4TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
4TH	11:00 AM	KANKAKEE STATE PARK COOKOUT
5TH	8 AM- 11 AM	RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF, SET UP, AND PRICING
5TH	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
6TH	8 AM- 11 AM	RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF, SET UP, AND PRICING
6TH	6:30 PM	CHRISTIAN ED MEETING
7TH	8 AM- 11 AM	RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF, SET UP, AND PRICING
7TH	6:30 PM	WINE & THE WORD
8TH	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	RUMMAGE SALE
9TH	9:00 PM- 5:00 PM	RUMMAGE SALE
10TH	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	RUMMAGE SALE
11TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
14TH	6:30 PM	WINE & THE WORD
18TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
21ST	6:30 AM	WINE & THE WORD
25TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
27TH	7:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING
28TH	5 PM- 8 PM	CULVER'S FUNDRAISER FOR TEACHER BOOK & SUPPLY DRIVE
28TH	6:30 AM	WINE & THE WORD

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



***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 June:

06/04	“Just Love: Understanding Patience”
06/11	“Just Love: Understanding God’s Plans”
06/18	“Just Love: Understanding Sin & Judgment”
06/25	“Just Love: Understanding True Pride”

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. On June 19th, pizza, cheese, and crackers will be served. 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.

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 75 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 front of the sanctuary to drop your change in (noisy offering). Want to help another way? We have two dine in to donate events! Culver’s will be on June 28th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Texas Roadhouse’s will be on July 3rd. For the Texas Roadhouse event, **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!

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). Our first gathering will be June 7th, and we will meet every Wednesday until August 23rd. 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!



Got Books?-We have an opportunity to make more money for the rummage sale. We have a company that is willing to come and collect books, CD's, DVD's, cassette tapes, vinyl records, and video games and pay us 35 cents a pound for them! Please bring all items **next week** for the rummage sale for us to try to sell first. If we don't sell it, it will be passed along to be weighed and earn us more money. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons. Thank you.



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 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 events by going to our Fusion page on our church website or facebook link.

May Fair Oaks visit:

On May 7th, the youth went to Fair Oaks Farm to visit and have ice cream.



In June, they will be going to the Kankakee State Park for a cookout. All are welcome.

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.

JUNE BIRTHDAY LIST

These birthdays are compiled from church membership records. Please call our attention to 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
Ryan Dulin	7	Michelle Graf	16
Jake Stadt	8	Rita Morris	17
Ione Engleking	9	Rebecca Schneider	19
Julia Hammerlund	9	Rhiannon Currier	19
James Crocker III	10	Dylan Marcotte	20
Karl Hamann	11	Debbie Mussman	22
Bill Lewke	11	Josh Hamann	23
Justin Langlois	12	Lexi Hamann	26
Summer Mussman	12	Brianne Karstensen	29
Judy Schneider	13	David Koehn	30

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gene Sievers, 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, Roger Sturm, Brian Koop, Delores Schimmin, Megan Breckenridge, Pamela Nolan, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Craig Schneider, Delores Thiessen, Jaycie Couwenhoven, 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



Want to get rid of the stuff you don't want? Our annual rummage sale is next week. This year, we are only having ONE rummage sale. We are going to have it June 8th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., June 9th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and June 10th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. As always, we need help setting up tables June 4th after church service, sorting and pricing items June 5th through June 7th, and volunteers to help work the sale. A sign-up sheet is located on the back table in the sanctuary. Donated items may be dropped off June 4th (right after church) and June 5th through June 7th between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. or by appointment. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office at 815-465-6191. Thank you!