

THE KEYS

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



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God is still speaking.



I've had enough! Have you?

Personally, I love the winter months and the beauty of snow; however, after the last two months of winter, I am eager for the snow to melt and the temperatures to rise.

Spring...you may gladly return and stay for a while.

The prophet Isaiah once wrote, "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Isaiah is reminding us that God's word gives true life. When God's word is read, shared, and applied, it does not return empty. God's Word changes lives.

As Christians, it is important for us to be devoted to the reading of the Bible and to sharing with others the Truth found within its pages. In doing so, lives will be changed. Yours and others!

May the warmth of God's love warm your souls,

Kyle J. Timmons

Pastor Kyle Timmons

Updated Worship Service Info

*After a brief pause in our in-person worship, we will resume our 9 am (masks mandatory the entire time) and 10:30 am (masks strongly encouraged the entire time) services beginning the first Sunday of December.

Communion: We will be participating in the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of the month with a few guidelines in place for your protection.

- (1) A disposable cup, with lid, will be provided with a piece of bread/cracker. These will be prepared in advance by someone who has had their temperature checked, is wearing gloves, and wearing a mask.
- (2) Communion elements can be picked up by each individual prior to the service at one of the tables in the sanctuary.
- (3) If you do not feel comfortable participating, we completely understand.

Mask Requirements: We are still requiring individuals to wear a mask when entering and exiting the building. Also, anytime you are walking around, a mask needs to be worn.

Masks need to be worn 100-percent of the time during the 9 am service.

We know that wearing a mask can feel uncomfortable, but so does wearing pants – and trust me, we all want Pastor Kyle to wear his pants each week.

Remember, this is about showing kindness and respect to others who are vulnerable. Worship is about glorifying God and serving others – not our own “feelings” and “opinions.”

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 (10:30 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.

Confirmation

Important Confirmation classes and dates upcoming:

- March 7th: Class after church.
- March 21st: Class after church.
- March 23rd: Attend Council Meeting if you didn't in February.
- April 1st: Maundy Thursday service (7 pm)
- April 2nd: Good Friday service (7 pm)
- April 4th: Easter services (8 am, 9 am, 10:30 am)
- April 18th: Class after church (Confirmation pictures taken)
- April 25th: Confirmation Sunday (10:30 am)
- May 2nd: 1st Communion (10:30 am service)



Students in Grades 6-12

Stay tuned for some fun options this spring and summer to share in Youth Ministry!

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).

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 and it's 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. Thanks!

FOOD PANTRY

The Beecher Food Pantry 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. Luke's United Church of Christ Carryout Chili Supper

St. Luke's UCC in Beecher will be holding a Take-out only chili supper and basket raffle on Saturday, March 13th, from 4 pm to 7:30 pm.

Enjoy homemade chili, along with homemade bread, tossed salad, and a homemade dessert for \$8.00.

St. Luke is located at 725 Penfield Street across from the Post Office in downtown Beecher. If you have any questions, you may call them at 708-946-6688.

MARCH MISSION GIVING

Our March missions' money will be distributed to the UCC One Great Hour of Sharing. This is a special offering of the UCC involving assistance in disasters, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. Programs include health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, and more.

*Recently, your Missions' Team supported:

- *A local family needing home repair work
- *St. Luke's UCC Food Pantry
- *Fortitude Homeless Shelter
- *Harbor House Domestic Abuse Shelter/Support
- *Lady needing financial help after heart transplant
- *Several local families in need of food

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?

Request forms can be requested from the church office and submitted to the Mission's Team.

If you'd like a form, please email stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net, pastorkyletimmons@live.com , call us at (815) 465-6191, or check out our forms on our church website.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Prayers for healing:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, James Caton, Delores Caton, Melissa Mort, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke, Sherrie Hruby, Austin Delaney, Linda Havelly, Ken Erickson, Sandy Erickson, Jerry Regnier, Taylor Cleary, Craig Schneider, Lyle Lehnert, and the families of Lauren Delaney and William Erickson.

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

Mrs. Louise Sievers
Riverside Senior Life
85 Burns Road
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Minnie Pﬂingsten
703 N East Street
Hudson, IL 61748

Mildred Katz
PO Box 215
Grant Park, IL 60940

Pauline Mitchell
Bickford Sr. Living
100 Jones Drive
Room 227
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Rev Frank Hoss
601 Lutz Road
Bloomington, IL 61704

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Josh Schroeder	1 st		
Tom Swanson	1 st	Lyle Lehnert	17 th
Judy Schneider	3 rd	Emily Voigt	18 th
Sawyer Loitz	3 rd	Shari Ohm	18 th
Cade Lacer	8 th	Jeff Lawrence	22 nd
Krissy DeBold	10 th	Karen Brunello	22 nd
LouAnn Hamann	11 th	Ken Erickson	22 nd
Bill Riley	13 th	Anita Bush	24 th
Tracy Langlois	15 th	Scott Spangler	25 th
Elizabeth Voigt	16 th	Ann Smith	29 th
Kelly Wade	16 th	Stacey Lorenz	31 st



WE NEED YOUR SMILING FACES! IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY HAD YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO DONE OUR NEXT (AND POSSIBLY FINAL DATE) IS FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH. TIME SLOTS WILL BE FROM 2 TO 8 PM.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR APPOINTMENT.

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1ST	7:00 PM	4-H BUILDING USE
2ND	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM MTG
3RD	7:00 PM	MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE
7TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)
	11:30 AM	CONFIRMATION CLASS (TIL 1:30 PM)
10TH	7:00 PM	MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE
14TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
17TH	7:00 PM	MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE
19TH	2-8 PM	CHURCH PHOTO SESSIONS
21ST	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	11:30 AM	CONFIRMATION CLASS (TIL 1:30 PM)
23RD	7:00 PM	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
24TH	7:00 PM	MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE
28TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
31ST	7:00 PM	MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

*Please note: Larry & Shari Ohm host a coffee/hot chocolate & treat hour each Sunday around 9:30 am in the Clyde E. Lange Fellowship Hall. Feel free to stop down, grab a treat, and fellowship before the 10:30 service.

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Church Website: www.stpetersgp.org

Facebook: St. Peters UCC Grant Park

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

STAFF

Rev Kyle Timmons, Pastor

Marcia Langlois, 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***

EASTER LILY ORDERS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE AN EASTER LILY/ LILIES TO ADORN OUR SANCTUARY ON EASTER MORNING, PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW. PLEASE PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR DELIVER TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH.

COST IS \$10 PER PLANT.

YOUR NAME: _____

HOW MANY: _____ TOTAL COST: _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAVE A NOTE FOR THE BULLETIN THAT SUNDAY IN HONOR /MEMORY OF A SPECIAL SOMEONE?

IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE WHAT INFORMATION YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE:

DIRECTIONS AFTER THE SERVICE:

_____ I WILL TAKE HOME WITH ME AFTER THE SERVICE

_____ PLEASE GIVE/SHARE WITH SOMEONE IN COMMUNITY OR A SHUT-IN.

ST. PETER'S UCC – GRANT PARK DIRECTORY

We are trying to update our church contact records for members, non-members, and consistent visitors.

Would you please fill out the information below and either put it in the offering plate or church office? Thank you!

*If you do not want your address and/or phone number printed in the directory, please check the box below:

_____ Do not list my phone number

_____ Do not list my address

Name(s): _____
(Please print your name(s) as you want them to appear).

*Information in this section is for church records only:

If married, anniversary date:

Individual #1: Name & Date of Birth:

Individual #2: Name and Date of Birth:

Please list the names and DOB of any children in your family:

Address & Mailing Address:

Phone Number(s) (Home and/or cell):

Email Address(es):