

THE KEYS

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



March 2022



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St. Peter's

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OF CHRIST**

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God is still speaking.



“One thing I have asked of the Lord that I will seek after: That I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.”
(Psalm 27:4)

Where have all the King David’s gone?

David’s number one priority in life was his relationship with God. His heart and soul longed to be in the tabernacle seeking the beauty of God, though he was in the wilderness seeking refuge from those who sought to kill him.

Oh, how David longed to be in the House of Worship and spend the rest of his life in worship.

Again, I ask, “Where have all the King David’s gone?”

As we once again approach Ash Wednesday, Lent, and the Easter Season, I pray that God would raise you up to long to be in His presence. I pray that hearts would desire to be in His presence and not the presence of the world and its’ spiritual emptiness. I pray that hearts would crave the presence of spiritual community and would crave worship.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness! He will provide.

Love in Christ,

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

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MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1ST	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN ED. MEETING
2ND	7:00 PM	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
6TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
6TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
6TH	11:30 AM	FUSION GATHERING
7TH	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
9TH	6:00 PM- 7:30 PM	LENTEN GATHERING (DINNER & STUDY)
9TH	7:30 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
13TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
13TH	9:00 AM	CONFIRMATION CLASS DURING SS
13TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
16TH	6:00 PM- 7:30 PM	LENTEN GATHERING (DINNER & STUDY)
16TH	7:30 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
20TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
20TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
20TH	3:00 PM	CRAZY DOU'S WALK SEND OFF AT CVS
22ND	6:30 PM	COUNCIL MEETING
23RD	6:00 PM- 7:30 PM	LENTEN GATHERING (DINNER & STUDY)
23RD	7:30 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
27TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
27TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
27TH	11:30 AM	CONFIRMATION CLASS
30TH	6:00 PM- 7:30 PM	LENTEN GATHERING (DINNER & STUDY)
30TH	7:30 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL

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Church Website: www.stpetersgpp.org

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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday: 8AM – 11AM

Friday 8AM-12PM

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Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director

Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director

Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists

Jake Ewoldt, Custodian

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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, &

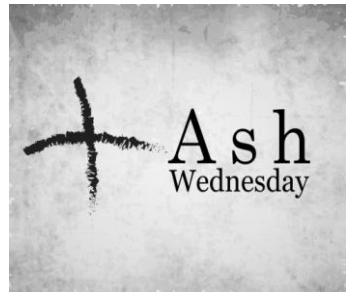
Jim Schneider



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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Join us for communion and the imposition of ashes on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7 pm.



If you are homebound for whatever reason and would like to receive communion and/or ashes, please contact the church office at (815) 465-6191 and we will schedule a time to come to your residence.



Soup, Song, and Scripture Lenten Gatherings

This Lent (March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th), you are invited to join us for an informal Lenten meal and time of worship in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall.

We will meet from 6-7:30 pm each Wednesday and you can grab something to eat and join us around the table as we fellowship and grow in our faith.

*Hot dogs, PB & J sandwich supplies (to make your own PB&J), chips/pretzels/crackers, cookies/desserts, bread, and beverages will also be available for children/youth who may not enjoy soup.

Would you and your family/or another couple be interested in providing the soup and dessert for one of the Wednesdays listed above? If so, please contact the church office to sign up.



Celebrating Baptism

On Sunday, February 6th, 2022, we celebrated the baptism of Henry “Hank” Scott Toppen.

Hank is the son of Max & Kelly Toppen.

His sponsors were Sam Toppen and Bailey Boiken.

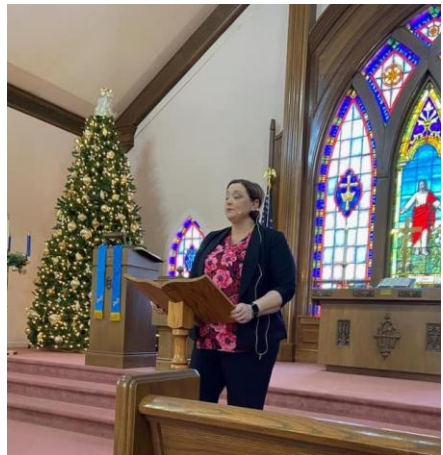
May God’s blessings be upon Hank!

“Strengthen My Hands”

Dawn Broers, Executive Director of Fortitude, spoke with the St. Peter congregation on February 20th as part of the morning worship service.

Her message was from the book of Nehemiah and titled, “Strengthen My Hands.”

St. Peter’s continues to prayerfully, financially, and voluntarily support Fortitude’s Mission. To find out more information about their ministry, you can check out their facebook page at Fortitude Community Outreach.



2021-2022 Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will meet March 13th during the Sunday School hour and the 27th after church at 11:30 am.

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.

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 non-expired foods, hygiene products, and other items such as paper towels, detergent, kitchen soap, etc. on a regular basis. 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.

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 to help 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 March Event: Join us after church on Sunday, March 6th, as we prepare a meal for Fortitude Homeless Shelter in Kankakee and gather for our monthly event. 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).

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 entertained nearly 20 youth on Sunday, February 6th, for tacos & a movie. The youth met after church and played games, enjoyed lunch and fellowship, and then watched *Ghostbusters: Afterlife*.

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Joshua Schroeder	1	Kelly Wade	16
Norma Riley	1	Emily Voigt	18
Tom Swanson	2	Shari Ohm	18
Judy Schneider	3	Jeffrey Lawrence	22
Sawyer Loitz	3	Karen Brunello	22
Cade Lacer	8	Ken Erickson	22
Krissy DeBold	10	Lisa Mussman	22
Lou Ann Hamann	11	Anita Bush	24
Bill Riley	13	Scott Spangler	25
Tracy Langlois	15	Ann Smith	29
Elizabeth Voigt	16	Ken Johnson	31
		Stacey Rincker	31

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, Melissa Mort, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke, Marge Myers, Heather Phillips, Austin Delaney, Linda Havely, Taylor Cleary, Nancy Lewke, Joy Currier, Richie Rodriguez, Cheyenne Jones, and Donna Dorrough, Mary Ann Price, and the family of Celeste Sluis

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

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Hudson, IL 61748

Pauline Mitchell
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Rev Frank Hoss
601 Lutz Road
Bloomington, IL 61704

Announcements and Thank You's

Worship Opportunities: We are looking for lay readers and ushers. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Rummage Sale: Rummage Sale season will be upon us soon. Please keep this in mind as you are cleaning out your things to get rid of. We will be doing sales in June (community sale weekend) and September (Oktoberfest weekend). Would you rather “purchase” a parking spot and sell your stuff? We will be doing that too. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at 815-466-4048 or text 567-249-5141. Thank you.

Bunco: Bunco will be held Friday, April 8th, at 7 pm. Tables of four people will be \$5 a person (\$20 a table). You can bring your own dice or three will be provided for you. Drinks and snacks will also be provided, along with raffle items. Tickets will be 6 for \$5. We will play four rounds with prizes awarded for each round. Please call the church office to reserve a table at 815-465-6191. All reservations need to be done before April 7th. Thank you!

Thank You! The Timmons Family would like to express their gratitude for the generous Christmas gifts given to them both by the church and individually. We are extremely blessed to be a part of such a caring congregation.

Thank you so very much. The last year has been a very difficult and trying time for me. Knowing my St. Peter's family was sending thoughts, prayers, cards, and now memorials for my brother, Dennis Balgemann, has been very comforting. Thank you so very much. Marcia Langlois

Christian Education Opportunity

SECRET CHURCH



Want to do something Radical?

Join us on Friday, April 29th, at 5:30 pm to attend Radical Church's simulcast for a 6-hour Radical experience.

More than 50,000 participants around the world will be pouring themselves into this intense study of God's Word and examination of how God created us.

Topics will include gender, sexuality, artificial intelligence, race, justice, genomics, and the Metaverse.

Life seems complicated these days, fragmented even. And everyone has an opinion. But what does the Bible say about all of these issues? About YOU? About ME? About the 7 billion people that fill every street, town, campus, village, apartment, and neighborhood?

Cost is \$35.00 person (includes snacks/drinks throughout the evening, course study guide, and the live simulcast here at St. Peter's). RSVP's must be made by March 31st for us to receive this price. Contact the church office if you want to be RADICAL.

Pastor Cory's & Pastor Kyle's Walk Update:

Due to the most recent snow storm and extreme winter conditions, the walk scheduled for February 18th has been changed.

On Sunday, March 20th, the two will embark on a 20 mile walk, jog, run, crawl that begins at CVS Pharmacy on Washington Street in Kankakee (the location of where the new center (The Fort) will be. They will walk to St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park.

The two will take turns combining for the 20 miles on foot in what they call "Miles for a Mission."

A "send-off" will take place beginning at 3:00 pm as the two will depart at 3:20 pm (on 3/20), make their way to St. Paul church in Kankakee (current location of Fortitude) for a 3:33 pm prayer, and then continue on their way.

The two are encouraging everyone to support the Homeless Center prayerfully, financially, and by volunteering at the Shelter once a month. Training is provided!

To help meet the goal of \$5,000, please make your financial gifts by the end of March and give to Zion Lutheran Church, St. Peter's UCC Church, or Fortitude in honor of the Crazy Duo's Walk.

<http://app.donorview.com/l06Rn> - Or you may use this direct link.

Your financial gifts will be designated toward the Capital Campaign for building "The Fort."

***In case of extreme or unsafe weather conditions, the walk will be changed to another date.**