

THE KEYS

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



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St. Peter's

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OF CHRIST**

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God is still speaking.



“For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.” (Proverbs 2:6). “Then you will understand what is right and just and fair – every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.” (Proverbs 2:9-10).

I’m guilty! I often think I am wise (by my own standards). It’s easy to look at the world around me and think, “geesh, there are a lot of stupid people out there.” It’s a sinful, judgmental behavior that many of us are guilty of.

We think we are wise(r) than those around us, but not because we are grounded in the truth and principles of God’s wisdom; rather, on what we think is right, normal, and acceptable.

As Christians, we need to seek real, heavenly wisdom; a wisdom that comes only from the Lord. We need to seek a wisdom that is truly right, just, and fair. Not so that we can look at ourselves better than others around us, but so that we can guide, instruct, and model true Christian living to our children and the world around us.

True wisdom comes from the mouth of the Lord. His words are recorded in the pages of our Bibles. Dig in! Study! Search! Find wisdom!

Love in Christ,

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

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MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1ST	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
1ST	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
2ND	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
3RD	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN ED. MEETING
4TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
8TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
8TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
11TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
12TH	7:00 PM	MISSION'S TEAM MEETING
15TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
15TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
15TH	12:30 AM- 5:00 PM	FUSION/ALL CHURCH COOKOUT AT KANKAKEE STATE PARK (WEATHER PERMITTING)
18TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
22ND	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
22ND	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE-GRADUATE SUNDAY
25TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
29TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE

***May 30 through June 5-Pastor Kyle will be on vacation. Please contact the church office if you need anything.

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.

stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net

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

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.

Did you see who made it to church Easter? “Chirp” the rooster helped with the Children’s sermon. Thank you to the Voigt family for putting our attendance over 200 for the service with our special guest!





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 May Event: On May 15th, from 12:30 am to 5:00 pm, everyone is invited to the Fusion cookout at the Kankakee State Park. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet by May 8th if you plan on attending. 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 April for lunch and axe throwing.

Over 25 students attended the afternoon event.

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.

MAY BIRTHDAY LIST

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

LaDonna Swanson	1	Pam Lawrence	15
Richard Heldt	2	Sandi Heldt	16
Kimberly Sherwood	4	Tyler Couwenhoven	16
Luke O’Nions	4	Theo Mussman	17
Samuel Hamann	4	Paul Loverin	19
Cynthia Jacobson	6	Daniel Erickson	20
Erin Williamson	7	Jerry Lorenz	23
Tammy Reaman	10	David Heusing	25
Amy Schneider	11	Minnie Pfingsten	26
James Crocker	11	Tim Toppen	26
Mark Ekhoﬀ	12	Sandy Erickson	27
Tom Morris	12	Kyle Jacobson	28
Marcia Langlois	14	Ken Heldt	30
		Trisha Meherg	30



A VERY special birthday wish to Minnie Pfingsten who will be turning 102 years young on May 26th.

Happy Birthday Minnie!

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 Havelly, Taylor Cleary, the family of Nancy Lewke, Joy Currier, Richie Rodriguez, Donna Dorrough, Mary Ann Price, Matt & Brittany Hamann, and Sandy Erickson

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

Minnie Pfingsten
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 next month. Please keep this in mind as you are cleaning out your things to get rid of. We will be doing the first 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 and Fortitude. They are located on the back two tables in the sanctuary. Thank you for your generous support of these two wonderful programs.

Weeding/yard cleanup: We are looking for an individual (or a few) to sign up for the month to keep up with the weeding and clean up of the church and parsonage lots. We have one spot left! If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet located on the back table in the sanctuary. Thank you.

Graduate Sunday: Graduate Sunday will be held on May 22nd. Please contact the office if you have a high school or college student graduating. We would like to have a write up for the bulletin on future plans for your high school student and what degree and future plans your college student has. Please submit these no later than May 18th. Thank you.

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)

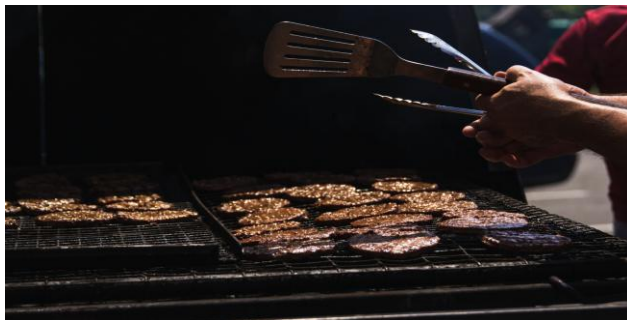
Honey Bun donuts, Hostess cakes, Little Debbie cakes, hershey's small size chocolate candy bars

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).

Midweek Lenten Gatherings: Soup, Scripture, and a Song



A special thank you to all who provided meal items, set-up/clean-up, and attended our Wednesday Midweek Lenten meals and discussions. We had a great turnout each week.



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 and/or very gently used (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. All money and clothing items donated need to be turned in to the church no later than July 31st. The first week of August, we will take those funds to buy the supplies. On August 7th, 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!

Our 2022 Confirmation Class



Isabell Brooker is the daughter of Chris Brooker & Jamie Brooker. Isabell celebrated her baptism with her parents, Josh Hamann, and Ashley Clousing as her sponsors. Isabell has two brothers, Cody and Zane, and is the granddaughter of Jerry and Paula Nuss (deceased), Randy and Carlotta Brooker, Sheri Brooker, and Jacquelyn Myers (deceased). Isabell's memory verse is I John 4:18a: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."

Megan Cadieux is the daughter of Thomas & Paula Cadieux. She was baptized on June 14th, 2009, at St. John's UCC in Peotone. Megan has one sister, Jade Cadieux. Her grandparents are Jim & Cheryl Ingerson, Frances Hohenberger, and Randy Cadieux. Her Godparents are Mary Ann Price and Michael Price. Megan's memory verse is Matthew 17:20: "Truly, I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Tyler Couwenhoven is the son of Eric and Melissa Couwenhoven. He was baptized on July 26th, 2009, at St. Peter's by the Reverend Doug Zimmerman. He was born in Lancaster, California. Tyler has a sister, Kristina Nichols. His grandparents are Sandra Franks-Shea, James Franks, Kimberly Couwenhoven, and Dan Couwenhoven. His great-grandparents were Gerald and Jackie Boicken. Tyler's Godparents are Christine Franks and Nicholas Scivally. Tyler's memory verse is Matthew 17:20: "Truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

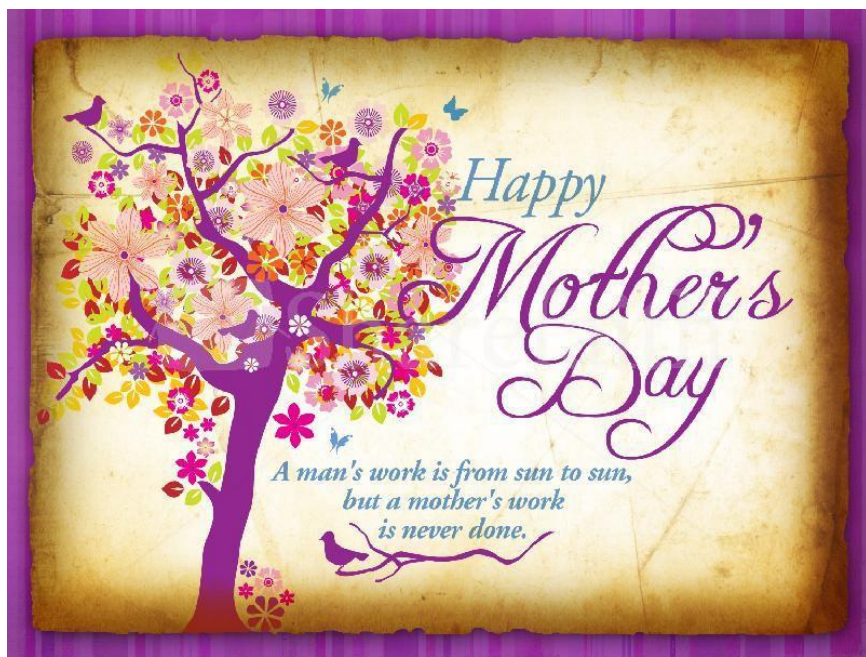
Ella Hamann is the daughter of Nickolas and Jennifer Hamann. She was baptized at St. Peter's on December 20th, 2009. Ella has two brothers, Zack and Seth, and a sister, Lexi. She also has a part-time sister/exchange student, Lara Salvi, from Italy. Ella's grandparents are William Pugh (deceased), Debbie Pugh, and Greg & Lou Ann Hamann. Her Godparents are Zack Hamann and Barbara Hack. Ella's memory verse is Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ Who gives me strength."

Ian Hamann is the son of Josh Hamann and Christine (Jeremy) Pickens. Ian was baptized on April 19th, 2009, at St. Peter's. Ian has three siblings, Isaac Hamann, Levi Pickens, and Piper Pickens. His grandparents are Greg and Lou Ann Hamann, Susan Crocker, and the late James Crocker. Ian's Godparents are Mike and Tanya King. Ian's memory verse is John 15:16: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in My Name, the Father will give you."

Kaylie Meherg is the daughter of Shannon and Trisha Meherg. She was baptized on December 14th, 2008, at St. Peter's. Kaylie has one sister, Madison Meherg. Her grandparents are Ronald and Jill Claussen, the late Billy Meherg, and Neal and Debbie Ryan. Kaylie's Godparents are Tyler Claussen, Jordan Potempa, and Chris and Michelle Claussen. Kaylie's memory verse is Deuteronomy 31:6: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."

Anna Timmons is the daughter of Kyle and Jacquelyn Timmons. She celebrated her baptism and confirmation together. Anna's siblings are Nicholas Timmons and Rebecca Timmons. Her grandparents are Norma Gladieux, John Gladieux (deceased), Susan Timmons, and Donald Timmons. Her great-grandparents were the late Norman and Constance Ponivas, Donald Timmons, Helen Timmons, and George and Odelia Kastner. Anna's Godparents are Jacquelyn Timmons, Nicholas Timmons, and Rebecca Timmons. Anna's memory verse is Psalm 56:4: "In God, Whose word I praise – in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

Rebecca Timmons is the daughter of Kyle and Jacquelyn Timmons. She was baptized on August 4th, 2018, at the Turnow's Pond in Curtice, Ohio. Rebecca's siblings are Nicholas Timmons and Anna Timmons. Her grandparents are Norma Gladieux, John Gladieux (deceased), Susan Timmons, and Donald Timmons. Her great-grandparents were the late Norman and Constance Ponivas, Donald Timmons, Helen Timmons, and George and Odelia Kastner. Rebecca's Godparents are Bill & Kerry Foster. Rebecca's memory verse is Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."



The church will be selling carnations in honor and memory of the special women in your life. Please fill out the information below (along with your \$5 donation) and return to the office before May 4th.

In honor of _____ Qty_____

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