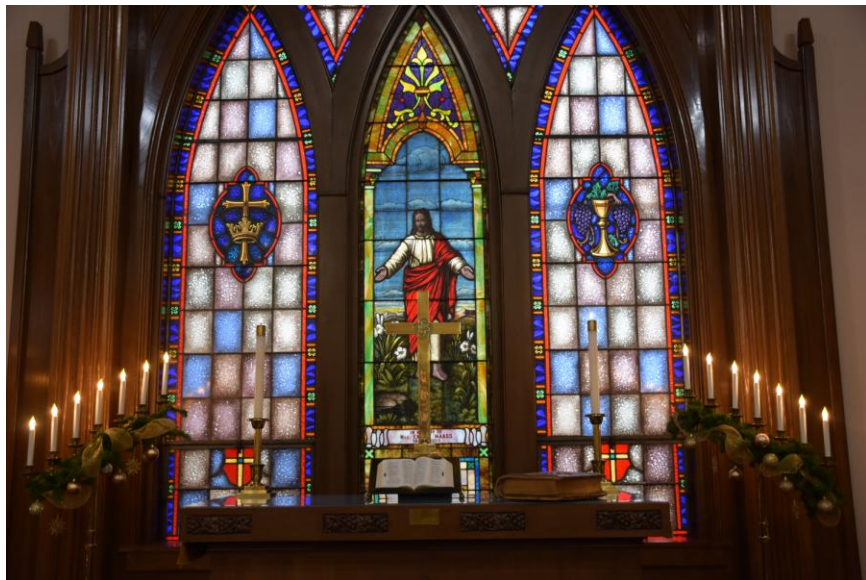


THE KEYS

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



May/June 2024



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God is still speaking.



In a world of sickness and disease, it's always relieving to know there is a remedy for those who are weak in spirit.

Have you been struggling to find joy lately? If so, it is possible that your overall health (physical, emotional, and spiritual) is lacking in energy and strength.

Proverbs 17:22 shares that “a joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”

A cure for those not so enjoyable days? A dose of medicine for a downcast spirit?

Sing a song of joy! Read a book that brings you happiness. Do something special that brings joy to your life.

When your heart is full of joy, it brings that dose of healing and health that your spirit and your body needs.

For those who are experiencing a crushed spirit, maybe from a broken relationship, a bad experience, or a situation in life, seek the God of joy and trust that He will heal that broken spirit.

May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

Pastor Kyle Timmons

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

Reverend Kyle Timmons

Learning What Jesus Really Said

If you're like many, knowing what the Bible really says about things can be difficult. There are many people who teach good things, but are they really Biblical? Here is an interesting lesson titled, "*5 things Jesus did NOT say:*"

1. Follow your heart. Jesus didn't say that; He said, "Follow Me." If your heart is in line with Jesus and His teachings, then follow it, but be careful to discern what is your heart is and what is Jesus' heart.
2. Be true to yourself. While it is practical advice at times, Jesus taught, "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny himself." Our human nature is sinful and often when we try to be true to ourselves we are not in line with Jesus' spiritual nature.
3. Believe in yourself. Absolutely good advice if you believe everything you want to achieve can be done with the power of Christ. Jesus said, "Believe in Me." When our foundational belief is in Christ, it is easier to navigate our spiritual life.
4. Live your truth. The truths we are being taught each and every day are often lies. Satan wants to deceive us and make us believe things that God despises are actually good for us. Jesus said, "I am the Truth." The only truth comes from Him. If something contradicts Jesus' teachings, it is not of God.
5. As long as you are happy. Jesus wants nothing more than for His children to be happy, but our happiness is not the same as what the world defines. Jesus said, "What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?"

Always remember Jeremiah 17:9, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" Dive into God's Word and study it to be able to recognize His teachings against the false teachings all around.



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD



Thank you to all who financially supported Fusion in order to raise over \$8,000 in 2023 toward the Bed Build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Over 30 beds were assembled at the Schneider family barn a few weeks ago. To learn more about Sleep in Heavenly Peace, go to www.shpbeds.org.



There will not be a May Fusion Event.



Things have been different since Covid. While St. Peter's has done its' best to lower the expenses and stay below budget, there is still a gap between income and expenses. In 2024, we'd like to not only meet our budget, but also finish way ahead.

Typically, we get off to a slow start in the winter months, catch up a little, get further behind in the summer, and struggle to catch up by the end of the year. This year, we are challenging each of you to give early, give regularly, and give generously.

If you haven't given in a while, we prayerfully ask you to consider start again. If you have been giving the same amount for the past 5-10 years (or longer), please consider increasing your giving. If you've been consistently giving, we thank you and ask for your continued support. While you are always welcome to give in the church offering or drop/mail your checks to the church, there are also ways to set up your giving electronically. This helps us keep a constant flow of income even when you're away for a while.

If you'd like more information, or help setting up online giving, please contact the church office and we'll put you in touch with our financial secretary. Thanks in advance – YOUR church family.

BUDGET: \$34,119 EXPENSES: \$37,172 OFFERING: \$27,638
***REFLECTS JANUARY 1, 2024-APRIL 26, 2024

Quarterly Statements: Your quarterly giving statements are available for pick up outside on the counter outside the sanctuary.

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1ST	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
3RD	4:30 PM- 6:00 PM	GIRL SCOUTS
5TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
5TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
6TH	3:00PM- 10:00 PM	TEXAS ROADHOUSE TEACHER SUPPLY DRIVE FUNDRAISER
6TH	6:30 PM	4-H MEETING
7TH	6:30 PM	CHRISTIAN ED MEETING
7TH	7:30 PM	CHURCH LIFE MEETING
8TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
10TH	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	GIRL SCOUT MEETING
10TH	7:00 PM	BUNCO
12TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
12TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
15TH	6:30 PM	BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
17TH	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	GIRL SCOUT MEETING
19TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
19TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
24TH	4:00 PM- 6:00 PM	GIRL SCOUT MEETING
26TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
28TH	7:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING
31ST	4:30 PM- 6:30 PM	GIRL SCOUTS

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.

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
2ND	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
3RD	6:30 PM	4-H MEETING
4TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN ED MEETING
7TH	4:30 PM- 6:00 PM	GIRL SCOUT MEETING
9TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
10TH- 12TH	8:00 AM- 11:00 AM	RUMMAGE SALE SET UP
13TH	5:00 PM- 8:00 PM	RUMMAGE SALE
14TH	9:00 AM- 5:00 PM	RUMMAGE SALE
15TH	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	RUMMAGE SALE
16TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
19TH	5:00 PM- 8:00 PM	CULVER'S TEACHER NIGHT FUNDRAISER
21ST	4:30 PM- 6:00 PM	GIRL SCOUT MEETING
23RD	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
25TH	7:00 AM	COUNCIL MEETING
28TH	4:30 PM- 6:00 PM	GIRL SCOUT MEETING
30TH	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE

***The second Sundays in June, July, and August will be outdoor worship in the church courtyard (weather permitting). Bring a chair and enjoy the Lord's creation.

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Facebook: St. Peters UCC Grant Park
Office Hours: Monday–Thursday: 8AM–11AM
Friday 8AM-12PM

STAFF

Rev Kyle Timmons, Pastor
Jacquelyn Timmons, Office Administrator
Debbie Mussman, Financial Secretary
Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director
Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director
Shari Ohm, Ann Smith, & Rebecca Timmons, Organists
Laura Foushi, Custodian
Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Youth Advisors

2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

Jim Schneider, President
Lou Ann Hamann, Vice President
Shirley Koehn, Secretary
Erin Hamann, Treasurer
Audrey Lehnert, Assistant Treasurer
Ken Bonifield, Neal Currier, Larry Hamann, & Justin Langlois



***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.

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.

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.

College Students: Please contact the church office if you have a student attending college. We would like to compile a list with their addresses. Thank you.

Girl Scouts: Did you know that our local Girl Scouts meet at the church on Friday afternoons? If you have a daughter that would like to be part of their group, please contact the church office for more information.

Beverly Junker Youth Music Scholarship: St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park is committed to encouraging and financially supporting students as they enhance their skills and love of music/fine arts activities. The Beverly Junker Scholarship may be used to attend a music camp, musical lessons, or toward fees associated with music related expenses (i.e. instrument, etc.). Scholarships up to \$150 will be awarded based on availability and submission guidelines, and will be available to students entering grades 4-12.

Students must be currently studying music in some capacity. Students will complete a scholarship application and submit it to St. Peter's UCC for consideration. Students should be a member of St. Peter's, but not necessary. Consideration towards St. Peter's members will be a priority, along with students who attend worship and youth activities. Students may earn the scholarship a maximum of two times. To apply, contact stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net for a copy of the application form.

Graduation information: Are you or do you know a student who is graduating this year? Please contact the church office with the name of your preschooler, kindergartener, 8th grader, high schooler, or college graduate with some information about their achievements and/or future plans.

Baccalaureate Service: The Grant Park High School Baccalaureate service will be held at St. Peter's UCC on Wednesday, May 15th, at 6:30 p.m.

Graduation: The Grant Park high school graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, May 17th, and the Grant Park 8th grade graduation ceremony will be held on May 21st.

Graduation Sunday: Graduates will be honored on May 19th during the worship service.

Lay Readers: We are in need of lay readers beginning June 2nd. If you are interested in signing up, please put your name on the lay reader sign up or contact the church office.



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 seeking shampoo, conditioner, body wash, dish soap, laundry soap, mayo, ketchup, mustard, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, and spam. Thank you for your continued support.

ST. PETER'S UCC BLESSING BOX

Don't forget that we have a "Blessings' Box" outside the courtyard church entrance. We could use some items to fill it up. 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.

MAY BIRTHDAY LIST

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

LaDonna Swanson	1	Sandi Heldt	16
Richard Heldt	2	Tyler Couwenhoven	16
Kim Sherwood	4	Theo Mussman	17
Luke O’Nions	4	Paul Loverin	19
Megan Breckenridge	4	Daniel Erickson	20
Samuel Hamann	4	Gianni Sanchez	20
Cindy Jacobson	6	Jerry Lorenz	23
Erin Williamson	7	Richard Rodriguez	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
Pam Lawrence	15	Trisha Meherg	30

Congratulations to Mark, Krysta, and Wren Farina on the birth of Harper Farina on Tuesday, March 19th, weighing 7 lbs 4 oz and 19” long.

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

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	Dave Schroeder	15
Ryan Dulin	7	Michelle Graf	16
Jake Stadt	8	Rita Morris	17
Eloise Breckenridge	9	Richie Rodriguez	18
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:

Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Heather Phillips, Linda Havely, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Roger Sturm, Delores Schimmin, Jeff Jones, Pamela Nolan, Dean Lorhbach, Jacqueline Dupuis, Sandy Erickson, Ken Erickson, Jack Hiland, Kristopher Meyer, Don Claussen, Tim Langlois, Dornita Hamann, Dawn Schroeder, Tim Miller, the family of Ann Wessman, the family of Ken Buchmeier, the family of Craig Schneider, and the family of Noah Hamann

***If you would like Dornita's address, it is:

Dornita Hamann
355 E. Erie Street
Room #2236
Chicago, IL 60611

Rummage Sale



Want to get rid of the stuff you don't want? Our annual rummage sale is Thursday, June 13th, 5p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, June 14th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, June 15th, 9 a.m. to noon. This is your one shot to get rid of stuff. As always, we need help setting up tables, sorting/pricing items, and volunteers to help work the sale. A sign-up sheet will be located on the back table in the sanctuary closer to the sale. Donated items may be dropped off the week of the sale (the earlier, the better). We will also be selling parking spots if you want to come and sell your own items (farmer's market and vendor). If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office at 815-465-6191. Thank you!

Bunco Night

We will be having a Bunco Night on Friday, May 10th, starting at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 a person and all proceeds will go to the Bev Junker Music Scholarship. If you are willing to donate a raffle basket, have a card table you can bring, or just want to come and enjoy a night of fun, please contact the church office at (815) 465-6191 by May 8th.

Teacher Book and Supply Drive

We are doing another Teacher Book and Supply Drive. Opportunities to help raise money for this are through Dine in and Donate events. Texas Roadhouse is May 6th from 3 p.m.- 10 p.m. (Must provide flier or picture of the flier). Culver's will be on June 19th and July 10th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (no flier necessary). Depending on donations, each teacher should receive roughly \$100 in items for their classrooms. If you know a teacher who is interested in participating, please have them reach out to the church office for a form.

Teacher/Homeschool sale

Mark your calendars as St. Peter's UCC will be having their Second Annual Teacher/Homeschool sale on Thursday, July 18th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, July 19th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, July 20th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring anything that you would use in the classroom as teaching supplies, curriculum, books, etc. and sell them. If you are interested in a table or two or have any questions, please contact Jacquelyn Timmons at (815) 465-6191 (church office) or text (567) 249-5141. Tables will be provided and the event is inside the church building. This is at no cost, but if you wish to make a donation, all proceeds will benefit our Teacher Book and Supply Drive. Tables are on a first come, first serve basis. St. Peter's UCC is located at 310 N. Meadow St., Grant Park, IL, 60940. A Facebook event will be created, along with some fliers. Please share this event on social media and anywhere else to get the word out.