

THE KEYS

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



November 2019



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St. Peter's

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OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940





The Season of Thanksgiving is upon us! Yes, we should always be grateful and express our thanks to our Almighty God; however, it is obvious that many need this Holiday to remind us to be thankful.

A few weeks ago we looked at the passage from God's Word about the ten lepers – where one returns to thank God for being healed while the other nine don't.

Where are/were the other nine? In today's church culture I often wonder the same thing. Where are the "other nine?" Without being judgmental I pray for the other nine.

The "other nine" may be forced to work on a given Sunday, home ill or grieving the loss of a loved one, stuck due to no transportation, busy with one of life's many meetings or events.

The "other nine" are just as important as the one who returned and gave thanks! If not, God wouldn't have been concerned about their whereabouts.

We are concerned as well. Not in a judgmental way, but in a way that cares about your spiritual condition. When we ask you where you've been or say that we've missed you, it's not because we're judging, it's because we genuinely care.

We pray and hope to see you in church each Sunday, this Thanksgiving, and as often as you are able!

Happy Thanksgiving and may God dwell richly in you!

May you be blessed with God's love and grace!

Kyle J. Timmons

Pastor Kyle Timmons

Adult Christian Education Opportunities



Raising Our Youth Class

Thank-you to all who participated in October's "Raising Our Youth" Class on Sundays. I pray that the information we shared with each other will help all of us bring our children up in the Lord!

There's a Connect Class for YOUTH!

It's not Sunday School, I promise!

However, on Sunday mornings there will be two different CONNECT classes for our youth.

Grades 6-8 will meet in the church basement room on the north side of the building and Grades 9-12 will meet in the newly remodeled room on the south side of the church basement (don't worry, we'll have signs to direct you).

This will be a relaxing environment with friends where you can discuss current topics, issues relating to real life, and just enjoy growing in your faith in a different way.

2019 (Children & Youth) Christmas Program

This year's Christmas Program will be held during worship on December 8th. Rehearsals will be November 24th, December 1st & during S.S. on December 8th. Stay tuned for times and more info.



Here are some dates to save

Totenfest

On November 3, 2019, we will celebrate the lives of those who are now with us in spirit, as they have gone to their eternal home. We invite your family members to join us for Communion Worship and a Time of Remembrance at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We will also recognize and celebrate those who were baptized this year.

A Night of Worship

Save the Date! We will be having an evening of worship on Sunday, November 24th at 7 pm at St. Peter's.

This will be a casual evening with a variety of music and prayer that will give us an opportunity to praise God and thank him during the week of Thanksgiving.

If you are interested in providing special music (solo, duet, instrumental piece, sharing a poem or prayer of worship, etc.) please let Pastor Kyle know.

A combination of hymns and contemporary worship songs will help balance everyone's preferences (smile).

A REMINDER



Sunday, Nov 3rd Daylight Saving Time ends. Turn your clocks *Back* - (Fall Back) one hour



Sound Technician

It's not as hard as it "sounds" (pun intended). We are looking for individuals who would be willing to sit and monitor the sound system on Sunday mornings during worship. It can be one individual or several who would like to rotate taking turns. Please notify the church office if you'd like to learn more about serving in this capacity.

Power Point Specialist

We are looking for individual(s) who would be willing to operate the power point slides on Sundays when we utilize this feature.

You will be trained and informed how to operate the slides during the service and you will not need to design the presentations as they will be done for you in advance. Please notify the church office if you'd like to learn more about serving in this capacity.



Students in Grades 6-12

Fusion Youth Group Opportunities

Stay tuned to weekly bulletin announcements and texts in regards to upcoming events. If you have any ideas for events, missions, or projects to do, please let Jessica Frahm, Kole Stadt, or Pastor Kyle know.

Are you in a sport? Music Program? Theatre?

If you participate in after school activities or events, please let Pastor Kyle know and provide him with a schedule. He'd love to come & support YOUth!

TURKEY SUPPER WORK DAY!!

The Turkey Supper Committee is asking for your help on Fri, Nov 1st from 8:00 AM until ????. Come for whatever time you can to help peel potatoes and help with other jobs! Extra help is also needed on Sunday, October 27th to help lay cardboard and cut bread. (Bring an electric knife.) They are also in need of people to roast turkeys, bake pies and desserts. Cool whip containers are needed as are raffle basket donations. Sign up sheets for the 2nd will be posted in the Sunday School entry.



Miss a Service? Can't Make it on Sunday?

Did something come up and you can't make it to church on Sunday morning? Not feeling well and you want to still join in worship?



We have the solution! Join us on facebook live during the normal service time. While we'd prefer you to be in church we know that life provides many obstacles and we want to give you a chance to stay in touch with the weekly announcements, worship music, time of prayer and sermons.

All you need is a facebook page! From there, search for our church page (St. Peters UCC Grant Park, @StPetersGrantPark) and "like the page."

Click on the "Posts" tab and a post with the current service should begin a minute or two before the service. Occasionally, we have technical difficulty, so be patient with us.

If you aren't on at the time of the service, that is okay as well. You can go to the church facebook page at any time and scroll through the posts to watch the previously recorded services.

If you experience difficulty, please contact the church during the week and explain your problems and we'll do our best to help out.

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 its 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>

Electronic (EFT) Giving

Are you interested in learning more about setting up your giving to St. Peter's electronically? No more need to worry about checks, offering envelopes, etc. Let Pastor Kyle know if you'd be interested to give 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).



NOVEMBER MISSION GIVING

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry at St. Luke's UCC in Beecher is currently providing food for 20-25 families on average.

If you are looking for suggestions...canned fruit, sugar free items, canned pasta, paper products, and personal products like toothpaste, deodorant, and shampoo are always needed. The pantry will be open on from 9:00-11:00, on the second Saturday of each month. Your donations are always appreciated! Thank You!

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

November is designated Stewardship Month in the life of the church. Would you prayerfully consider what you are giving in your weekly tithes/offerings and ask God if you are able to increase your giving in 2020?

YOUNG AT HEART

The Grant Park Seniors will be meeting on Monday, November 18th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Community Center, Dixie Highway in Grant Park. Desserts will be served.



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!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Ann Smith – prayers for healing,
Louise Sievers – prayers for healing,
Pauline Mitchell – prayers for healing,
Max Markland – prayers for healing,
Austin Delaney (Great Grandson of Clifford & Ethel Zimmerman) – prayers for healing,
Chrissy Lewis (friend of Pastor Kyle) – prayers for healing,
The family of Donald Barrie – prayers for peace,
Justo Gonzalez (Il. Conf. Interim Minister) – prayers for healing,
Nancy Lewke –prayers for healing.
and all of God's children seeking comfort, peace, and love.

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

Mrs. Mabel Phebus
19101 State Line Rd
Lowell, IN 46356

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

Minnie Pfingsten
703 N East Street
Hudson, IL 61748

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

Faith, Food & Football - Throughout the NFL season we will have several gatherings at the Parsonage for those who want to tune into the Monday Night Game of the Week and enjoy fellowship, faith discussion and yummy food. . Bring a beverage(s) of your choice and a snack/dessert to share if you choose. Everyone is welcome.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST



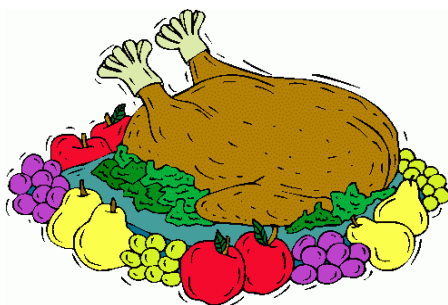
These birthdays are compiled from church membership records. Please call to our attention any omissions or corrections

Ashlee Ekhoﬀ	1	Gary Ekhoﬀ	16
Kathy Sievers	2	Tanner Barrera	16
Norma Lehnert	3	Jayne Frahm	17
Karri Barrera	3	Jim Hamann	17
Jennie Hamann	3	Molly Markland	17
Greg Engleking	4	Al Stanbro	18
Bruce Heldt	5	Emily Marek	18
Jeff Hamann	5	Dan Schneider	20
Kim Couwenhoven	5	Hadleigh Loitz	20
Kyle Timmons	8	Hank Isbell	20
Kole Stadt	9	Seth Hamann	23
Gordon Schneider	9	Brian Morris	24
Roger Sturm	10	Jill Shafer	24
Christian Benson	11	Kennedy Marcotte	25
Tyler Claussen	12	Andy Dillman	27
Kathy Ekhoﬀ	14	Gigi Schneider	28
Elaine Frahm	15	Nick Hamann	28
Hayden Lehnert	16	Joshua Lorenz	29
Marion Duensing	16	Chris Claussen	29

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	8:00 am	Turkey Supper Work Day
2	4:00- 8:00	ST. PETER'S TURKEY SUPPER
3	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Totenfest/ Communion
5	7:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting
6	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
		Dart Peotone at GP
10	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
13	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
		Dart GP at Matteson
17	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
18	1:00-3:00	Young at Heart desserts served
20	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
		Dart Matteson at GP
	1:30 pm	Mid-season dart tournament at Peotone atrium
21	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship/Communion
24	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	7:00 pm	A Night of Worship
26	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
27	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
28		HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!!

Please Join us for St. Peter's UCC Annual



TURKEY SUPPER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

4:00 – 8:00 PM

ADULTS - \$12.00

KIDS 6-12 YEARS - \$7.00

UNDER 5 YEARS - FREE

ALL CARRYOUTS - \$12.00

*Please note: Carryout orders will be cold
and need to be reheated.

**Join us for our all-you-can- eat supper of Turkey,
Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sweet Potatoes,
Corn, Rolls, Cranberries, and Fruit Salad and
desserts**

Many themed baskets to be raffled!!!!

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STAFF

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Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director

Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists

Peg McCraw, Custodian

Jessica Frahm & Kole Stadt - Youth Advisors

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann – Connect Leaders

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

Garry Junker, President

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Kelly Schneider, Secretary

Susan Williamson, Treasurer,

Ron Hamann, Assistant Treasurer

Evelyn Bond, Michelle Claussen, Karen Ekhoﬀ & Max Toppen



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