

THE KEYS

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



November 2022



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St. Peter's

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OF CHRIST**

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God is still speaking.



Seasons change. That's nothing new for anyone who has been around for any period of time. However, sometimes, new seasons of our lives come without us being prepared.

Tragedies happen. Concerning health changes happen. Death happens.

Usually, these events come at the most unexpected time of our lives and we are left to journey into a new season of life unprepared.

Preparing for the unexpected is an important part of life. Financial experts will acknowledge it, militaries will train for it, and pastors should encourage it.

But where do we get what we need to prepare for the changes in our seasons of life?

A very popular Psalm reminds us where we need to get our help from.

“I lift my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—He Who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, He Who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you—He is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, not the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.” (Psalm 121)

Love in Christ,

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1 ST	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN ED MEETING
2 ND	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
2 ND	8:00 PM	DARTBALL @ MONEE
3 RD	7:00 PM	MISSION'S TEAM MEETING
4 TH	8AM-?	TURKEY SUPPER PREP
5 TH	4:00 PM- 8:00 PM	TURKEY SUPPER
6 TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
6 TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
7 TH	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
9 TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
9 TH	8:00 PM	DARTBALL V. MONEE
11 TH	6:00 PM	WINE & CANVAS EVENT
13 TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
13 TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (TOTENFEST)
16 TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
16 TH	8:00 PM	DARTBALL @ PEOTONE
19 TH	3:00 PM	GAITHER VOCAL BAND
20 TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
20 TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
23 RD	7:00 PM	THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
27 TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
27 TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
30 TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
30 TH	8:00 PM	DARTBALL VS PEOTONE

***Don't forget to set your clocks back November 5th.

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
Financial Secretary
Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director
Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director
Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists
Laura Foushi, Custodian
Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Youth Advisors
Neal Currier & Josh Hamann, Connect Sunday School 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

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***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.

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.

Sermons this November:

- 11/06 Special Guest Speaker: Jeff McDaniel
- 11/13 “We the Kingdom” (Totenfest Sunday)
- 11/20 “The Upside Down”
- 11/23 “Overflowing with Goodness” (Thanksgiving Eve Service)
- 11/27 “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” (1st Sunday of Advent)



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 canned carrots, spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce, creamed corn, canned pasta, hearty soups, pancake mix, syrup, shampoo, conditioner, dish soap, laundry detergent, and paper towels. 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 to 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 November Event: On November 5th, the youth will gather to serve at the Turkey Supper meal. 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.



Fusion 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. Thank you to all who have donated. It's greatly appreciated.

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Ashlee Ekhoﬀ	1	Hayden Lehnert	16
Robert Chesterfield	1	Marion Duensing	16
Kathy Sievers	2	James Hamann	17
Jennie Hamann	3	Jayne Frahm	17
Karri Barrera	3	Molly Markland	17
Norma Lehnert	3	Dan Schneider	20
Greg Engleking	4	Hadleigh Loitz	20
Bruce Heldt	5	Jeff Schneider	21
Kim Couwenhoven	5	Hailey Langlois	23
Kyle Timmons	8	Seth Hamann	23
Gordon Schneider	9	Brian Morris	24
Kenneth Bonifield	9	Jill Shafer	24
Kole Stadt	9	Jonathan Frahm	24
Jade Cadieux	10	Kennedy Marcotte	25
Roger Sturm	10	Gigi Schneider	28
Tyler Claussen	12	Nickolas Hamann	28
Kathy Ekhoﬀ	14	Chris Claussen	29
Elaine Frahm	15	Joshua Lorenz	29
Gary Ekhoﬀ	16	Krystal Frahm	29

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, Melissa Mort, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke, Keith Myers, Marge Myers, Heather Phillips, Austin Delaney, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Richie Rodriguez, Dorothy Kutemeier, Mary Ann Price, Judy Schneider, Sandy Erickson, Brian Koop, Delores Schimmin, Megan Breckenridge, Neal Currier, Tom Barrera, Alexis Verhulst, the Verhulst family, Jeff & Jill Miller (& baby), the family of Bev Junker, the family of Ryan Krupianik, and the family of Peggy Dauphin

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

Minnie Pﬂingsten
703 N. East Street
Hudson, IL 61748

Rev Frank Hoss
601 Lutz Road
Bloomington, IL 61704

Announcements

The Church Blessing Box: If you have items that can be placed in the box (that won't perish in the heat, etc.), please feel free to fill the box up or bring the items to the church office and we'll stock as needed.

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.

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 (or the Friday 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.

Wine and Canvas Night



Friday, November 11th – 6 PM

To make reservations to attend our Wine and Canvas evening hosted by Grant Park's art teacher, Jennifer Capizzano, contact the church office at 815-465-6191.

Cost is \$40 a person and includes hors d'oeuvres (i.e. snacks), wine, canvas, and supplies.

Gaither Vocal Band Concert



The Gaither Vocal Band is coming to Olivet on **November 19th at 6 pm**. We have three tickets left for \$26 each. If you are interested in going, please stop by the church office to let Jackie know.



We have many upcoming events.
Please make sure to mark your calendars.

November 5th Turkey Supper @ 4 pm
11th Wine & Canvas Night @ 6:00 pm
19th Gaither Vocal Band Concert @ Olivet

Fusion (Youth Group)

Fusion is igniting the lives of young people here at St. Peter's and our local communities through event gatherings, meals, fundraisers, and more!

We are extremely thankful to all who have helped with our recent endeavors through financial support, hands on support, meal support, and prayer.

Here are some more ways you can help us ignite our program:

Sponsor or Serve a lunch/meal to Fusion when needed

Again, we thank you for your support and look forward to bringing the hope and love of Jesus Christ to our community.

**Please join us for St. Peter's UCC
100th Annual Turkey Supper
Saturday, November 5th
4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
St. Peter's United Church of Christ
310 North Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois
(815) 465-6191**

Adults	\$17.00
Kids 6-12 years	\$10.00
Under 6 years	FREE
All <u>COLD</u> carry outs	\$17.00

***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, fruit salad, and dessert.

Many themed raffle baskets!!!

An Opportunity to Serve

Opportunities to minister to others come in many forms. Larry and I see offering snacks to the children of the Sunday School, the staff, the parents of the children, and all who enjoy the fellowship of kindred spirits is a sort of ministry. We are delighted to mingle with those who join us in the Lange Fellowship Hall at approximately 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. Indeed, we would love to see you. We do, however, sometimes need to be away and would greatly appreciate being able to arrange, in advance, people to take our place. We pray that you, too, would see this as an opportunity to minister to others. We provide paper products, hot chocolate, and coffee. We'll happily show you where the items are stored. We've been serving a homemade or purchased treat and fruit. Numbers vary from fewer than 10 to approximately 20. Of course, we always hope for more people. All donations benefit Fusion Youth. Please see us at church or phone 815-953-6530. Thank you.

REMINDER: For those of you who may need physical assistance using steps to go up/down in the church – we have an elevator (LIFT).

Directions are posted inside and outside of the lift doors – if you need assistance operating it, please don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers or anyone around.