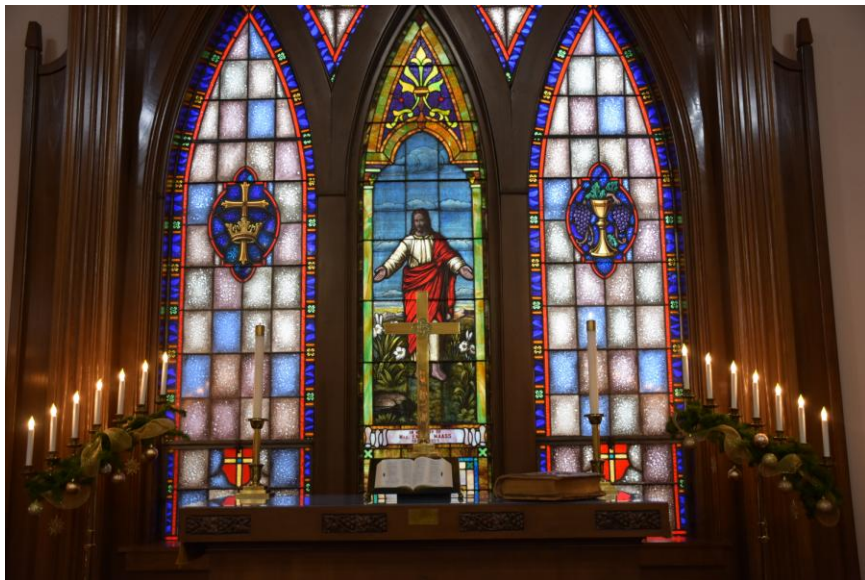


THE KEYS

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



November/December 2023



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God is still speaking.



The holidays are coming!

The final two months of the calendar year kick-off in early November with our 101st Annual Turkey Supper.

We have baptisms, Totenfest, Thanksgiving Eve service, the children's Christmas Program, and Christmas Eve services.

There's a lot going on here at St. Peter's, but we're missing many of you! St. Peter's is a CHURCH family and many of our family members have fallen out of the habit coming to regular worship.

We just want you all to know that we MISS YOU! No judgment, no guilt-trip, no hard feelings; however, our plea is that you'd start returning and become more active in the worship and ministry of YOUR church.

Scripture stresses the importance of being a part of a worship community. It is good for your soul and good for the souls of everyone around you when you are present in serving Christ and others.

Therefore, with the holidays quickly approaching, please prayerfully challenge yourself to become more active and involved.

We love you!

Sincerely,
Your church family

Reverend Kyle J. Timmons

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1ST	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
1ST	7:30 PM	DART BALL @ MONEE
3RD	8:00 AM-?	TURKEY SUPPER PREP
4TH	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	TURKEY SUPPER PREP
4TH	4:00 PM- 7:00 PM	TURKEY SUPPER
5TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
5TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (NO COMMUNION)
6TH	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
7TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN ED MEETING
8TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
8TH	7:30 PM	DART BALL V. MONEE
12TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
12TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
15TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
15TH	7:30 PM	DART BALL @ PEOTONE
18TH	6:00 PM- 10:00 PM	EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
19TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
19TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
19TH	1:30 PM	DART BALL MID SEASON TOURNAMENT
22ND	7:00 PM	THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
24TH - 25TH		HANGING OF THE GREENS
26TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
26TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP (TOTENFEST) (COMMUNION)
28TH	7:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING
29TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
29TH	7:30 PM	DART BALL V. PEOTONE

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.

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
3RD	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
3RD	10:30 PM	WORSHIP SERVICE
4TH	7:00 PM	4-H MEETING
5TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN ED MEETING
6TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
6TH	7:30 PM	DART BALL @ MANHATTAN
10TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
10TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
13TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
13TH	7:30 PM	DART BALL V. MANHATTAN
17TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
17TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM)
20TH	7:00 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
20TH	7:30 PM	DART BALL @ MONEE
24TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
24TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
24TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
24TH	11:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
26TH	7:00 PM	COUNCIL MEETING
31TH	9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
31ST	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE

ONLINE Worship Services Update:

Our ONLINE Worship services are no longer live. Instead, each Sunday, a Scripture, prayer, sermon, and occasionally special music will be offered (Pre-Recorded usually from the week before).

If you're looking for weekly announcements and other pertinent information, we ask that you download a copy of our weekly bulletin, or newsletter, from our website at www.stpetersgp.org

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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

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

2023 CHURCH COUNCIL

Brian McKinstry, President

Rhiannon Currier, Vice President

Shirley Koehn, Secretary

Larry Voigt, Treasurer

Erin Hamann, Assistant Treasurer

Ken Bonifield, Larry Hamann, Lou Ann Hamann, & 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.

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.

Services in November and December:

11/05	“God’s Word: Gobble it up!”
11/12	“Searching for Wise People”
11/19	“What Will God Say to You?”
11/22	Thanksgiving Eve Worship (7 pm)
11/26	“Are You a Sheep or a Goat?”
12/03	“The Best Gift is on its’ Way!”
12/10	“The Best Gift is the Most Powerful!”
12/17	Children’s Christmas Program
12/24	“The Best Gift is Amazing!”
12/24 (7pm)	“The Gift Has Arrived”
12/24 (11pm)	“The Gift Has Arrived”
12/31	No service

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.

2023 Young at Heart Meetings: The United Methodist Church of Grant Park would like to invite you to their Young at Heart meetings every third Monday of the month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grant Park Community Center. In November, they will have pizza and dessert. In December, they will have their Christmas luncheon. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815)-465-6933. Thank you.

Holy Land 2025 Trip: Due to recent conflicts in the Israel-Palestinian area, we have postponed this trip until further notice.

Dart ball: Dart ball is still looking for players. If interested, please contact Tim Frahm at (872) 222-1408.

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 a music related expense (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.

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.

Turkey Supper and Raffle: The preparations have begun! We can always use extra help. Please contact the office or Josh Hamann for more information. Please have raffle items in asap if you haven't turned them already. Thank you!

Euchre Tournament: On Saturday, November 18th, we will have a Euchre Tournament here at the church. We will begin at 6 p.m. and it will last until about 10 p.m. Contact the church office if you are interested in playing. We are also in need of decks of cards (used or new). Please note these will not be returned.



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 dish soap, paper towels, laundry soap, toothpaste, shampoo, pasta noodles (all kinds), tuna, cereal, hearty soups, beef stew, and ketchup. They can be placed in the baskets 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 group of 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 is a way 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).



Students in Grades 6-12

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders) - Check out photos from our recent events by going to our Fusion page on our church website or facebook link.

GP Fest Float: Thank you to all who donated candy and helped decorate the float. We got first place!



Nearly 25 students attended our Fall bonfire and Hayride held at Greg & Lou Ann Hamann's.



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.

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.



On Sunday, October 15, it was so heartwarming to see so many family and friends at church to help me celebrate my retirement of 65 years of playing the organ for my beloved St. Peter's Church family and friends. Their kind words made me feel so appreciated. Thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to make the day so very special. My hope for the future is that the music at St. Peter's may always be important and special.

My love and thanks to all!

Judy Schneider

I want to thank council and the congregation for the gifts during Pastor Appreciation month. You have made me feel special! I am truly honored to be serving wonderful congregation.

Pastor Kyle

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Ashlee Ekhoﬀ	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	Henry Toppen	23
Gordon Schneider	9	Seth Hamann	23
Ken Boniﬂeld	9	Brain Morris	24
Kole Stadt	9	Jill Shafer	24
Jade Cadieux	10	Jonathan Frahm	24
Roger Sturm	10	Kennedy Marcotte	25
Tyler Claussen	12	Gigi Schneider	28
Kathy Ekhoﬀ	14	Nickolas Hamann	28
Elaine Frahm	15	Chris Claussen	29
Gary Ekhoﬀ	16	Joshua Lorenz	29
Hayden Lehnert	16	Krystal Frahm	29

Congratulations to Steve and Jennifer Radostits on the birth of their twins! Tyler and Mackenzie were born on September 20, 2023. Tyler weighed 6 lbs and was 18 inches long. Mackenzie weighed 4 lbs 3 oz and was 17 inches long.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Justin Schriefer III	1	Mike Reaman	15
Robert Dennis	1	Wesley Schneider	15
Theo O’Nions	1	Peggy Weybright	17
Isaac Hamann	2	Russ Reynolds	17
Kaleb Lehnert	3	Audrey Lehnert	18
Owen Reynolds	3	Greg Schneider	21
Ella Schriefer	5	Noah Hamann	23
Chris Karstensen	7	Ed Bush	24
Josie Boicken	8	Jerry Ekhoﬀ	24
Brian McKinstry	9	Mitch Breckenridge	24
Jim Overbeek	9	Connie Granger	25
Evelynn Breckenridge	11	Erin Hamann	25
Hollie O’Nions	12	Tamera Hayes	27
Keaton Lacer	14	Gabe Toppen	29
Lukus Hamann	14	Clayton McKinstry	30
		Lori Burrell	31

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Gene Sievers, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Keith Myers, Marge Myers, Heather Phillips, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Richie Rodriguez, Ione Engleking, Dorothy Kutemeier, Mary Ann Price, Judy Schneider, Sandy Erickson, Roger Sturm, Delores Schimmin, Jeff Jones, Pamela Nolan, Kathryn Hickey-Scott, Craig Schneider, Delores Thiessen, Bill Riley, Larry Erickson, Shearlene Bartman, Dean Lorbach, Peggy Weybright, Jackqueline Dupuis, Tom Kastner, Margaret Kastner, Kim Woolley, Ann Wessman, Eleanor Radostits, and the family of Mark Bond

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