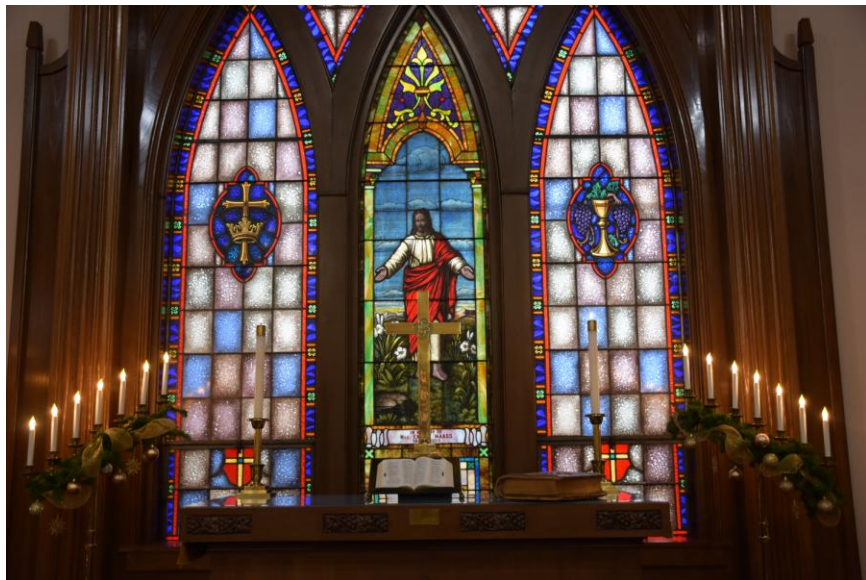


# THE KEYS

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



November/December 2024



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God is still speaking.



Down the stretch we go!

As the 2024 calendar year winds down, it is time for each of us to reflect on two very important parts of our Christian faith.

First, Thanksgiving! What are you thankful for?

Psalm 106:1 reminds us to “Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His love endures forever.”

As you recount the many blessings in your lives – your family, your friends, your homes, your jobs, etc – don’t forget to simply thank God for His perfect goodness and love!

Secondly, it is time to prepare for Christmas.

Sure, Christmas can become so busy that we stress out more about the holidays than we actually enjoy them.

Don’t let that happen this year! Start now by making a plan and then stick to it! Schedule your time for worship, schedule your time to spend with family, and schedule your time for other things in your life.

If you stick to your plan, you’ll be sure to experience the true hope and peace of the holiday season.

May the upcoming holidays be gracious unto you!

*Reverend Kyle J. Timmons*

Reverend Kyle Timmons



As we near the end of our calendar giving year, we are noticeably in the deficit by nearly \$30,000. This quickly depletes our General Fund, and if we aren't careful, these funds will evaporate very soon.

Prayerfully consider end of year giving above and beyond your normal weekly gifts.

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: \$168,312 OFFERING: \$129,466

EXPENSES: \$159,052 DEFICIT \$30,244

\*\*\*REFLECTS JANUARY 1, 2024-OCTOBER 25, 2024

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>6:00 AM-?</b>	<b>TURKEY SUPPER PREP</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM- 12:00 PM</b>	<b>TURKEY SUPPER PREP</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>4:00 PM- 7:00 PM</b>	<b>TURKEY SUPPER</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE (CONFIRMATION)</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>4-H MEETING</b>
<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN ED MEETING</b>
<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>CHURCH LIFE MEETING</b>
<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>DART BALL @ PEOTONE</b>
<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUTS MEETING</b>
<b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 PM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL VS. PEOTONE</b>
<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</b>
<b>17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE (TOTENFEST) (CONFIRMATION)</b>
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL V. MANHATTAN</b>
<b>22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</b>
<b>23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>HANGING OF THE GREENS</b>
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL MID SEASON TOURNAMENT</b>
<b>26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING SERVICE</b>

## DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE (CHILDREN'S PROGRAM)</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>4-H MEETING</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN ED MEETING</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL @ MANHATTAN</b>
<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</b>
<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL @ MONEE</b>
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</b>
<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL V. MONEE</b>
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</b>
<b>22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</b>
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11:00 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</b>
<b>29<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>

**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.

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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**

**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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> of each month (or the Thursday just before the 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Fusion:** Fusion will be helping out with the Turkey Supper for their November event. They will be doing the annual Lock In for December.

**Children's Choir:** Youth choir will now be singing the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.



**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](mailto:stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net) for a copy of the application form.

**Lay Readers:** If you are interested in signing up, please put your name on the lay reader sign up or contact the church office.

**Dart ball:** Dart ball has started back up. We are always looking for more players. If you are interested, please contact Tim Frahm at 872-222-1408.

**Social Hall Rental Policy:** If you are interested in renting the social hall, the cost is \$50 for the rental and \$40 for the custodial fee for members. Non-members would pay \$150 with a \$75 custodial fee.

**COOKIES @ CHRISTMAS Advent Adult Sunday School Class:** Please join us on Sundays at 9 a.m. for an adult Advent Bible Study during the month of December. Feel free to bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share with the group. Coffee will be provided. We will meet December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall.



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, canned chili, hamburger helper, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, dish soap, laundry soap, and toilet paper. 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 as people are regularly going through it. 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](mailto:stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net), [pastorkyletimmons@live.com](mailto: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.

## 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
Kenneth Bonifield	9	Brian 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

## 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

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST**

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

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

### **In Our Thoughts and Prayers:**

Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Heather Phillips, Linda Havely, Taylor Cleary, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Jeff Jones, Pamela Nolan, Jackqueline Dupuis, Sandy Erickson, Ken Erickson, Jack Hiland, Kristopher Meyer, Tim Langlois, Dornita Hamann, Dawn Schroeder, Tim Miller, Anita Bush, Claudia Scott, Natalie Lacer, and Colette Lawrence

## **Totenfest Sunday (November 17<sup>th</sup>)**

Join us as we joyfully remember the baptisms held during the past 12 months at St. Peter's and honor the lives of those who have died.

We will be remembering the baptisms of: Isla Lynn Schneider, Gavin John Karstensen, Mackenzie Kay Radostits, Tyler Christian Radostits, Myles Breckenridge, Evelyn Breckenridge, Eloise Breckenridge, Ian Michael Meyer, and Smith Shaxted.

The saints who have gone on to life eternal: Ethel Zimmerman, Norma Riley, Ken Buchmeier, Robert Purnell, Jr., Noah Hamann, Craig Schneider, Jodi Lee Ruggiero, Patricia Delaney, Brett Love, and Richard Boicken.

## **Totenfest Doves**

This year we will be offering 6-inch die-cut cardstock doves to be purchased for \$1. Doves will be available to be purchased until November 10<sup>th</sup> for people to put the names of loved ones who have passed on to life eternal.

The doves will then be present in the sanctuary during the month of November.

If you aren't able to pick up a dove, but would like to have one made in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office prior to November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will gladly make-up a dove for you.