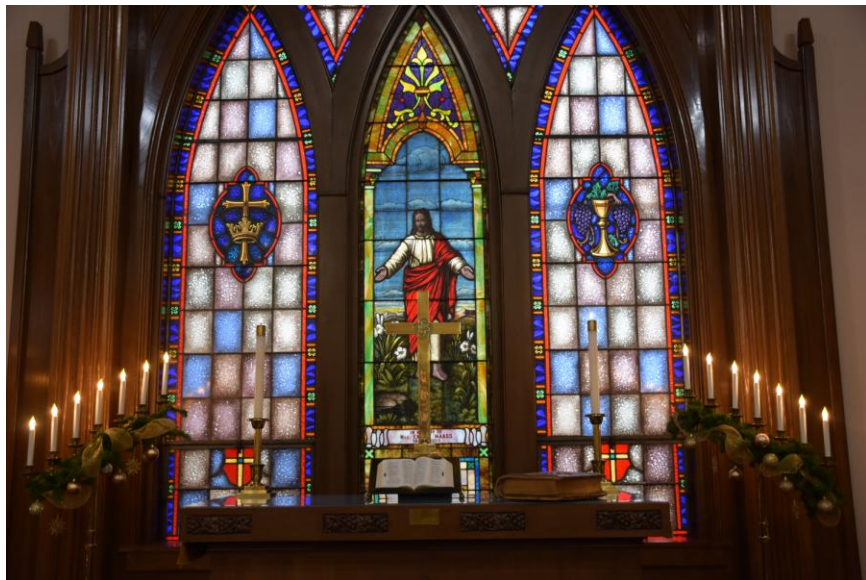


THE KEYS

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

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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)

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

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

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

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 . 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.

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 1st 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 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, 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 Havelly, 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 17th)

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 10th 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 10th. We will gladly make-up a dove for you.