

THE KEYS

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



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If you've listened to any of my recent sermons in person or online you may have noticed that I keep mentioning a particular author as someone's books I've been reading a lot of.

David Platt, a 40-year old pastor in Atlanta, GA is a refreshing breath of air among pastors in an American culture that focuses more on a prosperity gospel than truly adhering to God's Word.

In the current book I am reading, *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream*, Platt encourages pastors and church members what the true definition of being a follower of Christ should look like.

I have witnessed so many clergy, in our denomination and others, try to change the gospel to fit our desires, agenda, and culture. It is scary. The Word of God wasn't written for the Americans, it was written for a lost world of hurting and lonely people.

Is following Jesus really an easy thing to do? It seems like it among many people I know. Throw a cross necklace on around your neck, show up to church one Sunday a week (or twice a month), make sure you give an offering here and there and boom...you must be a Christian.

Well, Platt reminds us that it isn't that easy.

I encourage (and challenge you) to pick up a copy of this book (or others of his) and read it, pray about it, and then come and tell me what you think.

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

Kyle J. Timmons

Pastor Kyle Timmons

Adult Christian Education Opportunities



Four Week Parenting Class

Parents, grand-parents, God-parents, spiritual parents....you are all invited to join Pastor Kyle for a four week learning opportunity on parenting during the four Sundays in October.

We will plan to meet at 9 am in the conference room as we share with one another tips on parenting and raising children and youth in this generation.

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.



Here are some dates to save



BUNCO FEST

Food! Fun! Fellowship! Prizes! St. Peter's UCC Grant Park, IL Friday, October 18th at 7:00 pm Call St. Peter's to reserve a table for \$20 for 4 people. 1-815-465-6191. Give your name and phone number. Pay on October 18th. The money will be used for missions of the church.

Trunk-or-Treat

We're going to try something a little different (smile). For those who would like to hand out candy and goodies for Halloween, we will be hosting Trunk-or-Treat on October 31st (4 to 7 pm) during the Community observance.

This will allow those who live outside of the village an opportunity to hand out goodies as well.

There will be a "prize" for the best decorated vehicle in the parking lot, and prizes for the local children (costume-related). More information will be available in the October newsletter.

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).



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 meetings for our Youth Group in October. 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!

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.

New ceiling tiles!

A special thanks to all those who showed up on September 14th to help work on the updating of the ceiling tiles in the hallway and upstairs rooms. We still have a little way to go but there is already a huge improvement.



Thank You

Thank you for the birthday cards and get well cards after my fall. They were very much appreciated!

Mary Cirks

Our family would like to thank our dear friends and members of St. Peter's for their prayers, love, and all the kindnesses; especially, while Stan was in Hospice and couldn't come to church.

Judy Schneider and Family

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).



OCTOBER MISSION GIVING

Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM) –

Also known as Basic Support, our contributions support God's mission in the Illinois Conference, nationally, and globally. 71% of our contribution stays in Illinois to carry out the mission of the Illinois Conference. Part of that mission is the support of local church pastors and the local churches, helping local churches during the search and call process, and providing intervention teams to help local churches work through times of challenge.

We contribute \$1,008.33 each month to OCWM through our budget.

Neighbors in Need (NIN)

NIN is an annual special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects

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!



YOUNG AT HEART

The Grant Park Seniors will be meeting on Monday, October 21st from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Community Center, Dixie Highway in Grant Park. Potluck 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,
Nancy Lewke –prayers for healing.
and all of God's children seeking comfort, peace, and love.

Birth Announcements



Congratulations to Joe & Jaclyn Ekhoﬀ on the birth of Dean Ace Ekhoﬀ. Dean is the first grandson of Mark and Kathy Ekhoﬀ. Dean was born on September 17th and was 7lbs, 10 oz. and 20 inches long

Congratulations to Max and Kelly Toppen on the birth of Grace Marie Toppen. Grace is also the granddaughter of Tim and Mary Toppen and Jerry and Kim Lorenz. Grace was born on September 21st and was 7 lbs, 3 oz and was 19 inches long.

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES

College student addresses (email and regular mail) are needed so we can keep in contact with them by sending our newsletter, *The Keys*, and other information about events at the church. **NEW** and **OLD** addresses are needed to update our records. Please call the church office. Leave a message if you are calling after hours. Thank you



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.



Village of Grant Park Survey

The village of GP is seeking your input with a local survey in regards to the advantages of GP to potential residents, developers, and businesses considering in investing in GP. You don't have to be a resident to do the survey. www.surveymonkey.com/r/GHPKLM7

World Communion Recognition & Celebration

Next Sunday, along with churches worldwide, we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday. During the service Pastor Kyle will be sharing about Christians in different countries while presenting different breads from around the world. As part of our remembrance of the Lord's Supper we will be able to share in these breads as we pray for believers in other countries and join them in spirit as we remember the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LIST

These birthdays are compiled from church membership records.

Please call to our attention any omissions or corrections



Louise Sievers	1	Andrew Hamann	19
Olivia O'Nions	1	Lisa Rogers	20
Heidi Frahm	2	Ron Hamann	21
Gwyneth Stadt	3	Karl Schneider	21
Keaton Lacer	7	Clover Schneider	23
Lucas Castelli	9	Marvin Bredemeier	24
Karl Reichel	10	Roberta Ferris	25
Nixon Marcotte	11	Tom Barrera	27
Lisa Reichel	12	Ethan Schneider	27
Beverly Junker	14	Larry Hamann	28
Mark Schneider	14	Jeffrey Mussman	28
William Reichel	14	Holly Wade	28
Kaylie Meherg	17	Sheryl Wieghaus	28
Michael Loitz	17	Christopher Mussman	31

MEAN GREEN GOES PINK

Grant Park High School Volleyball teams and Beverly K. Roberts Cancer Foundation would like to announce the Mean Green Goes Pink annual Volleyball game to be held on Friday, October 25th, 2019 at 5:30 pm with Donovan – doors open at 4:30pm. There will be T-shirt sales, basket raffles, 50/50 raffle, silent auction items. Raffle ticket sales for 2 ^{1/2} hogs with basic processing and 1/4 of beef ,and a Travel Voucher for \$1,200 to be used for a vacation of your choice, no expiration date. Tickets are \$20 each. Basket raffle donations can be dropped off at Grant Park High School beginning October 25th, 2019. Admission will be \$1.00 for all those wearing a 2019 mean green shirt and 3.00 for anyone wearing pink. All proceeds will be given to the Beverly K. Roberts Cancer Foundation to help folks of Grant Park area who are battling all kinds of cancer. Bev was a 1967 graduate of GPHS, enjoyed sporting events and lost her battle with breast cancer in 2007. Come out and see super volleyball games and help support this worthwhile cause that has been helping folks of the Grant Park area in 2008.

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.



OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	7:00 am	Christian Education Meeting
2	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	Dartball at Matteson
6	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service/Communion
9	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	Dartball -Matteson at Grant Park
13	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
16	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	Dartball - Grant Park at Manhattan
18	7:00 pm	BUNCO NIGHT
20	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
21	1:00	Young at Heart
22	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
23	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	Dartball - Manhattan at Grant Park
27	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Turkey Supper Work-Day
30	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	Dartball - Peotone at Grant Park
31	4:00-7:00 pm	Trunk or Treat

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



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STAFF

Rev Kyle Timmons, Pastor

Marcia Langlois, Office Administrator

Beverly Junker, Financial Secretary

Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director

Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director

Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists

Peg McCraw, Custodian

Jessica Frahm & Kole Stadt - Youth Advisors

Jennifer Radsotits & Samantha Greenholt – Connect Leaders

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

Garry Junker, President

Russ Koehn, Vice President

Kelly Schneider, Secretary

Susan Williamson, Treasurer,

Ron Hamann, Assistant Treasurer

Evelyn Bond, Michelle Claussen, Karen Ekhoft & Max Toppen



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