

# THE KEYS

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



October 2022



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# St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

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God is still speaking.



One of Jesus' declarations about who He is can be found in John 6:35. "Then Jesus DECLARED, 'I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.'"

Are you hungry? I'm not talking about physical hunger, rather, are you hungry for spiritual growth? Are you seeking God's will in your life? Are you searching for hope in a world clouded with sin and false security?

Then come to the One Who satisfies.

On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be sharing in World Communion Sunday with Christians all around the world.

We will have several stations of different breads and wines from around the world (and grape juice for those who prefer).

Sharing of different breads for different peoples is a simple reminder that Jesus is the Bread of Life for anyone, and everyone, who comes to Him.

I invite you. Come! Taste and see that the Lord is good and that He satisfies your soul.

***\*If you are unable to join us and would like to receive communion at home that weekend, please contact the church office and let us know.***

Love in Christ,

*Reverend Kyle J. Timmons*

Reverend Kyle Timmons

## OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>RUMMAGE SALE COMMITTEE MEETING</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>4-H MEETING</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN ED. MEETING</b>
<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>DARTBALL @ PEOTONE</b>
<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>TURKEY SUPPER MEETING</b>
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>DARTBALL V. PEOTONE</b>
<b>14<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>BUNCO</b>
<b>16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>DARTBALL @ MANHATTAN</b>
<b>23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>DARTBALL VS MANHATTAN</b>
<b>30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>TURKEY SUPPER PREP (PLEASE SIGN UP)</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.

**stpetersgpp@sbcglobal.net**

**Church Website: www.stpetersgpp.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**

**Beverly Junker, Financial Secretary**

**Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director**

**Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director**

**Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists**

**Jake Ewoldt, 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](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.*

### Sermons this October:

- 10/02 “Declarations of the Table” (I Cor. 11:23-32)
- 10/09 “Dinner with Levi-Saying Yes to Others” (Luke 5:27-32)
- 10/16 “Dinner with the Masses-No Excuses Allowed”  
(Luke 9:10-17)
- 10/23 “Dinner with Mary & Martha-Learning to Balance Life”  
(Luke 10:38-42)
- 10/30 “Dinner with the Pharisees- Eating with Your Enemies”  
(Luke 11:37-53)



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 baked beans, canned potatoes, pasta (spaghetti, egg noodles, mostocolli), tuna, canned chicken, jello (regular and sugar free), tomato soup, canned pasta, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and body wash. 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. It is starting to become bare. 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.



## **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, or Bev Junker, and 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 October Event:** On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the youth will gather for a bonfire/hayride with s'mores and hot dogs. More details will be available on our Fusion Youth Facebook page or by going to our church website at [www.stpeterssgp.org](http://www.stpeterssgp.org), (Under Ministries Section). You can also contact Josh (815) 693-5341 or Neal (815) 549-5911.

## **Fusion Float Wins 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at GP Fest Parade**

Thank you to everyone who provided candy, supplies, time, and resources to help prepare the float for the parade. The evening was beautiful and throngs of people enjoyed the candy and beach balls.



**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.



## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LIST**

These birthdays are compiled from church membership records.

Please call our attention to any omissions or corrections.

Olivia O’Nions	1	Kristine Mulderink	21
Heidi Frahm	2	Ron Hamann	21
Gwyneth Stadt	3	Gail Hamann	22
Keith Myers	4	Clover Schneider	23
Jessica Dykstra	8	Michael Williamson	23
Lucas Castelli	9	Marvin Bredemeier	24
Nixon Marcotte	11	Sam Toppen	25
Lisa Reichel	12	Ethan Schneider	27
Beverly Junker	14	Tom Barrera	27
Mark Schneider	14	Holly Wade	28
William Reichel	14	Jeffrey Mussman	28
Kaylie Meherg	17	Larry Hamann	28
Max Toppen	17	Sheryl Wieg Haus	28
Lisa Rogers	20	Stephen Radostits	28
		Chris Mussman	31

### **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 Havely, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Richie Rodriguez, Dorothy Kutemeier, Mary Ann Price, Judy Schneider, Sandy Erickson, Brian Koop, Delores Schimmin, Bev Junker, Megan Breckenridge, Neal Currier, Jeff & Jill Miller (& baby), and the family of Marvin Ekhoﬀ

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

**Minnie Pfingsten**  
703 N. East Street  
Hudson, IL 61748

**Rev Frank Hoss**  
601 Lutz Road  
Bloomington, IL 61704

# Announcements

**Rummage Sale:** Thank you to all who donated, helped, and worked the sale. We were able to profit a total of \$836.17. We will have a Rummage Sale Committee Meeting October 2<sup>nd</sup> after church.

**The Church Blessing Box:** The blessing box is getting empty. 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.

**Specially marked envelopes:** Envelopes have been made for Fusion. They are located on the back tables of the sanctuary. Feel free to use those or mail in your donations. Thank you for your support of this wonderful program.

**Bunco Night:** Bunco night will be October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP no later than October 9<sup>th</sup>. This month we will be adding an extra "flavor" to the night. For those who want, dress up in your favorite team's shirt, hat, or jersey and declare your fandom. Best dressed table wins a special prize. We are also in need of card tables.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> of each month (or the Friday 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.

## Wine and Canvas Night



**Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – 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 \$50 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 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.** We have a limited amount of 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.

- October    2<sup>nd</sup> World Communion Sunday worship service  
              14<sup>th</sup> Bunco @ 7pm  
              30<sup>th</sup> Turkey Supper Prep after church  
November 5<sup>th</sup> Turkey Supper @ 4 pm  
              11<sup>th</sup> Wine & Canvas Night @ 6:00 pm  
              19<sup>th</sup> Gaither Vocal Band Concert @ Olivet



## Porkchop Dinner

Saturday, October 15th

4:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$15.00

Carry-outs only from the Church basement includes:

2 pork chops, 2 sides, roll, & homemade dessert

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## **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.

## **Bundles of Joy**

Congratulations to Kaleb & Krystal Frahm on the birth of Max Henry Frahm on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Congratulations to Mark & Krista Farina on the birth of Wren Farina on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. She weighed 7 lbs 8 oz and was 20" long.

Congratulations to Chase & Jessica Bornemann on the birth of Wyatt John Bornemann Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:15 pm. He weighed 8 lbs 5 oz and was 21 inches long.

# 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Supper

For 100 years, our faithful congregation has hosted an annual Turkey Supper. It could not have gone on this long without everyone coming together to help. This year, we want to celebrate this accomplishment, but we need your help.

We need people to cook the turkeys. While this is a need every year, it would be extremely helpful to have our sign-up sheet filled now so we are able to plan better. \*\*Please mark your names on your roaster if you are bringing and leaving it. This helps us tremendously to make sure you get your roaster back in a timely manner.

We need desserts. Please sign up on the sheet and tell us what you plan on bringing.

We NEED workers. We start October 30<sup>th</sup> and work until after the Supper is over. Whether you can help for an hour, all week, or help during the Supper, you are needed! If a lot of us do a little bit, it will help those working all week enormously.

We need raffle baskets. The goal this year is 100 baskets for 100 years. We would like to try something a little different. We still want people to do the baskets. If you don't normally do a basket or have no interest in doing a basket, we ask that you consider making a donation toward the purchase of an item or basket. We would like to buy some more expensive prizes this year, so a donation would be greatly appreciated. \*\*\*Please make sure to designate your donation specifically to the raffle basket purchases so it is allocated appropriately.

If you are interested in helping in any way with the Turkey Supper, please sign up on the sign-up sheets and/or contact Shirley Koehn at (708) 254-2694. If you are interested in joining the Turkey Supper Committee, the next meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Thank you!

## 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.



Members of the UCC Eastern Association are invited to join the Fall Meeting via Zoom on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Reverend Dr. Stephanie Perdew, Transitional Associate Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference, will be the preacher for worship.

If you'd like to attend via Zoom, please contact our church office at (815) 465-6191 for the link/invitation. Registration is required.

Also, the Eastern Association needs members of local churches to fill vacancies on the EA Council and EA Committee on Ministry. They also are in need of delegates for General Synod in 2023 & 2025. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Reverend Eric Quinney-Burnard at [qubrnard704@gmail.com](mailto:qubrnard704@gmail.com).