

THE KEYS

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



September 2019



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St. Peter's

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OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940





I can't believe summer is almost over. Pumpkin spice "everything" is already making the shelves of the local stores, Halloween costumes and candy are out, and a count-down to Christmas has already begun.

Why are we in such a rush?

As I get older I wonder why we are always in a hurry? Where do we have to go and why do we have to get there so fast? There is going to be a time that we all wish we could just "pause" time and enjoy each and every moment while we still have them.

Scripture teaches us a lot about patience.

In Paul's description of the fruits of the spirit, he lists patience among love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness.

Learning to be patient is a fruit of God's spirit. If we want to show God's character through our Christian living, we must learn to be patient. Not just with one another, but with every aspect of our lives.

So, take time today to just bask in the moment. Enjoy each God-given opportunity to be a blessing to someone in your life. Don't be in a hurry to get to nowhere fast.

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

Kyle J. Timmons

Pastor Kyle Timmons

Adult Christian Education Opportunities



Rally-Day Celebration

The 2019 Sunday School Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 15th.

Sunday School will begin at 9 am with a game of bingo, a bike-a-thon after worship and lunch.

In lieu of monetary donations towards the bike-a-thon, you are encouraged to bring food/snack donations to help fill the blessings box.

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.

2019 Dartball Season to Begin Soon

Dartball season will begin soon and anyone interested in playing is asked to contact Daren Lehnert (815) 465-6646 or Roger Sturm (815) 466-0253.



A practice night will be held on August 31st at 7 pm for anyone who would like to give it a try. First game will be September 7th and all regular season games begin at 8 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship!



*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 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.

Work Day (to replace ceiling tiles) – Sept. 14th

Many hands make quick work. Looking for individuals to help change out ceiling tiles, cover up desks and equipments with drop clothes, dust behind and vacuum up messes, and haul broken tiles out to the dumpster! If you are free, join us Saturday, September 14th at 8 am. We hope to be done by noon.



Students in Grades 6-12

Fusion Youth Group Opportunities

Bring your friends and join us on Sunday, September 15th as we visit the Manteno Veteran's Home. Stay tune for exact details of time and how we will travel there. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Kyle know so we can have enough transportation.

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!

August Review

Thank you to the students and adults who attended the August 25th Fusion gathering. Max Markland enjoyed the cards that were made for him. We enjoyed a battle of Apples-to-Apples, a short spiritual discussion, and Casey's Pizza! Hope to see you in September.

New Curtains!

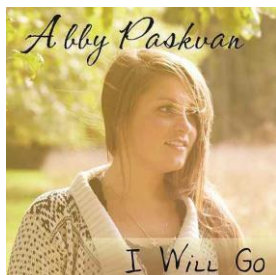
A special thanks to LuAnn Hamann, Anita Bush and Bev Junker for arranging for the new window blinds and treatments!



A special thank-you to One Shop Stop Blinds as the new window treatments were installed in August!

Memorial money was used to help spruce up the window!

Special Concert at St. Peter's



Everyone is invited to join us for worship on Sunday, September 8th (9 am) to hear the musical gifts of Abby Paskvan.

Abby is a professional Southern Gospel singer who has performed in many venues such as performing the National Anthem at Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians, Toledo

Mud Hens games, many county fairs, and more.

Abby is a regular performer at the Christmas in the Smokies in Pigeon Forge, TN and also has performed at Dollywood, Gatlinburg Gathering, and a Carnival Cruise to Alaska. In 2016, Abby was invited to sing the National Anthem at the Republican National Convention.

In 2009 she released her first CD and in 2013 was named top ten "Christian Country Female Artist of the Year."

The concert will be during our 9 am worship service and is FREE (though a love offering will be received).

To find out more about Abby you can view her website at www.abbypaskvan.com.

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).



SEPTEMBER 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.



Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ Outdoor Ministry Century Club

You are invited to be part of a dream. The dream is to have available capital improvement funds for our two Outdoor Ministry sites – Pilgrim Park and Tower Hill.

Individuals, families, or organizations who commit to contributing \$100 or more each calendar year become members of one of the two Century Clubs. Two committees – one representing Pilgrim Park and the other Tower Hill – work in cooperation with the Outdoor Ministry System to determine how Century Club funds will be spent for capital improvements at each location. Century Club funds assure that well-kept facilities will be available for years to come.



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, September 16th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Community Center, Dixie Highway in Grant Park. Salads 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,

Summer Emilia Mussman – prayers for healthy and continual growth,

Max Markland – prayers for healing,

Gloria Frakes – prayers for healing & recovery

Austin Delaney (Great Grandson of Clifford & Ethel Zimmerman) – prayers for healing,

The family and friends of Stanley Schneider, Doris Laking, and Allen Schroeder – prayers for peace,

and all of God's children seeking comfort, peace, and love.

ADULT CHOIR

Adult choir practices will begin again on September 11th at 7:00 PM.

Interested? Come and join us!!



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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

These birthdays are compiled from the church membership records.

Please call to our attention any omissions or corrections.

Avery St Peter	1	Zackary Hamann	16
Kyle Wieghaus	2	Debbie Dennis	18
Chad Benson	3	Jerry Loitz	19
Troy Reynolds	3	Betty Wolfe	19
Greg Hamann	5	Jaden Ewoldt	22
Ella Hamann	7	Charley Isbell	22
Kyle Ekhooff	8	Jean Schroeder	23
Zoe Gawlinski	9	David Lehnert	26
Michaelyn Benson	10	Kody Reichel	27
Neal Currier	11	Braxton Schneider	27
Ralph Kutemeier	12	Shannon Meherg	28
Rebecca Schriefer	12	Caiden Benson	29
Larry Voigt	15	Patty Dulin	30

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	9:00 am	Worship Service/Communion
3	7:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting
4	8:00 pm	Dartball at Manhattan
6-8		Grant Park Oktober Fest
7	8:00 pm	Dartball
8	9:00 am	Worship Service
		Abby Paskuan performs during worship
11	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	Dartball -Manhattan at Grant Park
15	9:00 am	Sunday School RALLY DAY
		Bike-a thon after worship
16	1:00	Young at Heart
18	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	Dartball - Grant Park at Peotone
22	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Neil Currier Preaching
24	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
25	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	Dartball - Peotone at Grant Park
28		Frahm Baby Shower
29	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service

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

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STAFF

Rev Kyle Timmons, Pastor

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Beverly Junker, Financial Secretary

Ann Smith, Senior 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***