

THE KEYS

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



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OF CHRIST

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Summer is pretty much over and Fall is right around the corner.

For those who love raking leaves, cool evening bonfires, and pumpkin flavored everything, it's probably right up your alley.

As one season comes to an end and another season begins, have you considered what season of life you are in the midst of?

Many of you take the summer months off from worshipping together at your local church for a variety of reasons. Some enjoy camping, others vacation, some spending time at the Lake, and others just get out of the habit of in-person attendance.

May I encourage you to consider taking this new season (of Fall) and make a commitment to being as active as you can within your local church family once again?

Whether we are meeting outdoors, indoors, or on-line it is important for each of us to be maintaining spiritual health practices. Your presence may just be the face that someone else needs to bring a smile to their lives. Your presence definitely is the face that God wants to come and worship Him!

I'd love to see you in church as often as you can – We will be meeting at 9 am the first Sunday of September and then return to our 10:30 am worship time after that.

Hope to see you soon!

Love God! Love one another!

Kyle J. Timmons

Pastor Kyle Timmons

Updated Worship Service Info

- The last Sunday of 9 am worship will be September 6th.
- Beginning September 13th we will worship at 10:30 am.

Location: Outside (weather permitting). Otherwise, please note we will move indoors. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets.

Please reserve parking spaces nearest the grass area for those who wish to remain in their vehicles.

Communion: We will be participating in the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of the month with a few guidelines in place for your protection.

- (1) A disposable cup, with lid, will be provided with a piece of bread/cracker. These will be prepared in advance by someone who has had their temperature checked, is wearing gloves, and wearing a mask.
- (2) The same with the "cup" with grape juice/wine.
- (3) Communion elements can be picked up by each individual prior to the service at one of the tables in the parking lot (or in the sanctuary if we are indoors).
- (4) If you do not feel comfortable participating we totally understand.

Mask Requirements: We are still requiring individuals to wear a mask when entering and exiting the building. Also, anytime you are walking around, a mask needs to be worn. We know that wearing a mask can feel uncomfortable, but so does wearing pants – and trust me, we all want Pastor Kyle to wear his pants each week.

Remember, this is about showing kindness and respect to others who are vulnerable. Worship is about glorifying God and serving others – not our own "feelings" and "opinions."

How to Worship With Us Online

Facebook: Search for our church page by typing in St. Peters UCC Grant Park. Click on Videos and a list of our videos will appear. We will try to have each day's service posted on or before our normal time that we would have had it (10:30 Sunday mornings, 7 pm evening, etc.)

YouTube: Go to www.youtube.com. In the search engine type Pastor Kyle Timmons and search (you may need to scroll through to find), or the more direct way is to put in the following <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV5nYMleHefrhcB4v4qHd4Q>

Church Website: (FYI – It's fresh! It's New! Check it out – new content will be added as we continue to develop the site, but now you can access the most recent services. Go to www.stpetersgrantpark.org or www.stpetersgp.org On the top menu go to Media, Choose Sermons, and click the one you want to watch.

Calling All Students for Confirmation

Do you have a student who will be entering 7th or 8th Grade in the Fall of 2020 or an older student who has not been confirmed? Please contact the church office to provide the student's name and contact information as we prepare a list for those who will go through the class beginning this September. We will have an initial meeting after church on September 13th for students and at least one parent.

Canceled: 150th Anniversary. We're hoping to make our 151st anniversary even better!



Students in Grades 6-12

A special thanks to Jessica Frahm, Jan Voigt and the 14 students for a wonderful taco, nacho and movie night in June. Watching everyone fellowship with one another was refreshing.

Christian Education (aka Sunday School):

As we continue to monitor Covid-19 and its impact on meeting indoors, the CE team has decided to ppd. the beginning of Sunday morning classes until October. This is our target date, but things may change.

In the meantime – please take the opportunity to go to our church webpage where there will be online lessons for different age groups available.

Lessons will be available by the second week of September.

<https://stpetersgp.org/christian-education/>

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).

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>

Concealed/Carry Class Opportunity

We are going to be holding a concealed/carry class here at the church later this summer (or early Fall). The class requires 16 hours of class/shooting time.

The goal is to break the class down to a one eight-hour session on a Saturday and then two to three midweek (Wednesday?) classes of 2-3 hours.

The class will cost \$125 a person and is limited to the first 14 people to sign-up.

Please call the church office at (815) 465-6191 or email pastorkyletimmons@live.com if you're interested in registering.

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!

SEPTEMBER MISSION GIVING

Our September missions' money will be given towards disaster relief for those impacted by storms.

*Recently, your Missions' Team supported:

- *The Fortitude Homeless shelter program - \$500
- *St. Luke's UCC Food Pantry - \$200
- *Mother/Daughter in Need - \$203.76
- *GP residents impacted by recent storm - \$180.00
- *Cash for Cans (Cancer Fundraiser) - \$200.00

What's Your Mission: Check out the updated webpage to see ways you can be involved. <https://stpetersgp.org/2816-2/>

FOOD PANTRY

The Beecher Food Pantry is in desperate need of our support. They are asking for donations of non-expired foods, hygiene products, and other items such as paper towels, detergent, kitchen soap, etc. If you are able to assist, donations can be placed in the basket located in the entrance of the courtyard doors.

The pantry will be open on from 9:00-11:00, on the second Saturday of each month.

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?

Request forms can be requested from the church office and submitted to the Mission's Team.

If you'd like a form, please email stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net, pastorkyletimmons@live.com, call us at (815) 465-6191 or check out our forms on our church website.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Prayers for healing:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, James Caton, Delores Caton, Melissa Mort, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Ed Bush, Mason Beseke, Sherrie Hruby, Austin Delaney, and Linda Havelly.

Sharing in Joy:

Heidi and Tim Frahm are 1st-time grandparents. Dawson Ellis Pettit was born on August 20th, 2020 at 8 lbs, 15.7 oz and 21.75 inches long in El Paso, Texas!

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

Mrs. Louise Sievers
 Riverside Senior Life
 85 Burns Road
 Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Minnie Pffingsten
 703 N East Street
 Hudson, IL 61748

Mary Cirks
 717 Long Oak Rd.
 Manteno, IL 60950

Mildred Katz
 P O Box 215
 Grant Park, IL 60940

Pauline Mitchell
 Bickford Sr. Living
 100 Jones Drive
 Room 227
 Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Rev Frank Hoss
 308 Spring Circle
 Urbana, IL 61802

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

These birthdays are compiled from the church membership records.

Please call to our attention any omissions or corrections.

SEPTEMBER

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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
1ST	7 PM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM MEETING
6TH	9 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)
13TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
20TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE/TOPPEN BAPTISM
22ND	7 PM	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
27TH	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann – Connect Leaders

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL

Russ Koehn, President

Max Toppen, Vice President

Kelly Schneider, Secretary

Michelle Claussen, Treasurer,

Karen Ekhoﬀ, Assistant Treasurer

Heidi Frahm, Garry Junker, Carrie Langlois & David Lehnert



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

