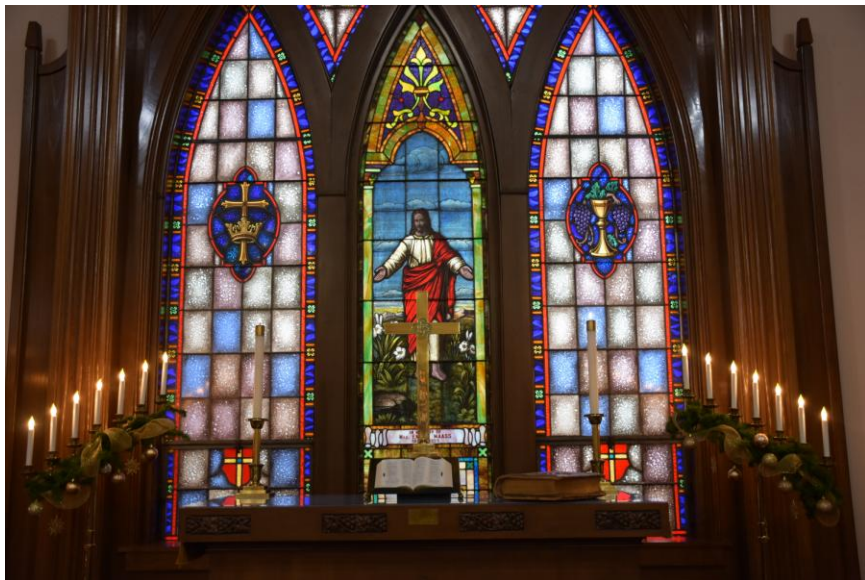


# THE KEYS

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



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**September/October 2023**

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God is still speaking.



Once again, summer just flew by. Harvest season is right around the corner, the kids are back in school, football (yippee) is back, and the Cubs are preparing for a final push towards the post-season!

Fall is the time in which many people return to a routine after summer recess. What we choose to fill our schedules with in September and October will most likely dictate the activities that set our course for the next several months leading to next summer.

This is a great time to intentionally decide to put activities of the Christian faith into our schedules. They say, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."

At St. Peter's, we have many opportunities for you to grow in your faith and be a part of God's kingdom here on earth. From participating in Christian Education programs, to worship services, to fellowship events and more, there are many opportunities for you and your families to come together as the body of Christ.

Please plan now to attend Sunday School, worship, and special events. If you mark them in your calendars now and commit to attending, then be strong and unwavering by not allowing other worldly and outside events take away from your spiritual commitments.

We have a faithful God Who promises never to abandon us; therefore, let us do our best to be faithful to Him. Please take a few minutes and read through your newsletter to stay up-to-date with all our church happenings.

*Reverend Kyle J. Timmons*

Reverend Kyle Timmons

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>4-H MEETING</b>
<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN ED MEETING</b>
<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL @ MANHATTAN</b>
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM- 3:00 PM</b>	<b>GP FEST VENDOR/CRAFT SALE</b>
<b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE (OUTDOOR SERVICE)</b>
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL V. MANHATTAN</b>
<b>17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL (RALLY DAY)</b>
<b>17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL @ MONEE</b>
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:40 AM</b>	<b>YOUTH CHOIR BEGINS PRACTICE</b>
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL V. MONEE</b>

### ONLINE Worship Services Update:

Beginning Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, our ONLINE Worship services will not be live. Instead, each Sunday a Scripture, prayer, sermon and occasionally special music will be offered (Pre-Recorded usually from the week before).

If you're looking for weekly announcements and other pertinent information, we ask that you download a copy of our weekly bulletin, or newsletter, from our website at [www.stpetersgpn.org](http://www.stpetersgpn.org)

## **OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>10:30 PM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE (WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY)</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>4-H MEETING</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN ED MEETING</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL @ PEOTONE</b>
<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL V. PEOTONE</b>
<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL @ MANHATTAN</b>
<b>22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL V. MANHATTAN</b>
<b>29<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</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.

**stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net**  
**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**  
**Jayne Frahm, 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**

**2023 CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Brian McKinstry, President**  
**Rhiannon Currier, Vice President**  
**Shirley Koehn, Secretary**  
**Larry Voigt, Treasurer**  
**Erin Hamann, Assistant Treasurer**  
**Ken Bonifield, Larry Hamann, Lou Ann Hamann, & Jim Schneider**



***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.*

### Services in September and October:

09/03	“The Yoke’s on You!”
09/10	“Let’s Boogie: Make a Joyful Noise” (Outdoor Worship)
09/17	“David – The Goliath Slayer”
09/24	Special Message from Larry Ohm
10/01	“That We May All Be One”
10/08	“What Do I Have to Offer – Part I”
10/15	“What Do I Have to Offer – Part II”
10/22	“What Do I Have to Offer – Part III”
10/29	“What Do I Have to Offer – Part IV”

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> of each month (or the Thursday 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.

**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.

**2023 Young at Heart Meetings:** The United Methodist Church of Grant Park would like to invite you to their Young at Heart meetings every third Monday of the month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grant Park Community Center. In September, salads will be served. In October, there will be a potluck. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815)-465-6933. Thank you.

**Holy Land 2025 Trip:** On August 8th, we had our introductory meeting for our 2025 Holy Land Trip. If you missed it, there is still plenty of time to consider traveling with us. Contact Pastor Kyle for more information.

**Teacher Book and Supply Drive:** Thank you to all who have supported our teachers through the Donate While You Dine opportunities. We earned \$380 for the second Culver's night, earning a total of \$1,125.16 for the Donate While You Dine Nights! Thank you also to all who donated money and items for our teachers. We were able to help 19 teachers and raise about \$2,000. The teachers greatly appreciate your love and support through the donations.

**Dart ball:** Dart ball will begin on September 6<sup>th</sup>. They are in desperate need of players, so if you are interested in joining the team, please contact Tim Frahm at (872) 222-1408.

**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 a music related expense (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](mailto:stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net) for a copy of the application form.





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 dish detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and tissues. They can be placed in the baskets 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. 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 group of 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 is a way 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 to 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).



## **Students in Grades 6-12**

**Fusion Events** (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders) - Check out photos from our recent events by going to our Fusion page on our church website or facebook link.

**Fusion Car Wash:** Thank you to all who came out to support the youth car wash fundraiser.

Several Fusion members and friends attended the Splash Valley Aquatic Park in August to cool down from the summer heat.

Fusion will be teaming together with Christian Ed to decorate a float for the GP Fest on September 9<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to ride the float through the parade.



In October, the youth are gathering for a hayride/bonfire. Hot dogs and s'mores will be provided.

**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.

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.

## **Church Roof Update**



A special thank-you to Chris Karstensen and crew, along with many from our church family who helped remove the old shingles from the east side of the church roof. The new tin roof and other work was also finished during August. It's been a project long in the making, but we are grateful that it is now complete!

## **We had a Water “BLAST”**



Christian Education helped cool the summer down on August 20<sup>th</sup> with a family fun day called Water Blast. Over twenty children, a few older youth, and several adults enjoyed the day despite very warm temperatures. Water melon, fresh veggies, cookies, brownies, cold treats, beverages, and more were provided by members of the committee. There were four different bouncy areas, volleyball, water games, a sand play area, and a kiddie pool for the children to enjoy.

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST**

These birthdays are compiled from church membership records. Please call our attention to any omissions or corrections.

Avery St. Peter	1	Katheryn Hickey-Scott	18
Mark Marcotte	2	Nicole Hiland	18
Troy Reynolds	3	Betty Wolfe	19
Greg Hamann	5	Jerry Loitz	19
Mitchell Hiland	6	Alicia Hiland	20
Ella Hamann	7	Grace Toppen	21
Kaylyn Engleking	9	Jaden Ewoldt	22
Zoe Gawlinski	9	Jean Schroeder	23
Neal Currier	11	Colleen Goers	26
Ralph Kutemeier	12	David Lehnert	26
Rebecca Schriefer	12	Jaimie Schneider	26
Kora Schneider	13	Braxton Schneider	27
Larry Voigt	15	Kelly Hunter	27
Tracy Zuniga	16	Shannon Meherg	28
Zackary Hamann	16	Gavin Karstensen	30
Debbie Dennis	18	Patty Dulin	30

### **In Our Thoughts and Prayers:**

Gene Sievers, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Keith Myers, Marge Myers, Heather Phillips, Linda Havely, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Richie Rodriguez, Ione Engleking, Dorothy Kutemeier, Mary Ann Price, Judy Schneider, Sandy Erickson, Roger Sturm, Brian Koop, Delores Schimmin, Megan Breckenridge, Pamela Nolan, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Craig Schneider, Delores Thiessen, Jaycie Couwenhoven, Bill Riley, Larry Erickson, Dorothy Siebenaller, Larry Ohm, Shearlene Bartman, and Ann Wessman

### **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

## 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	Marvin Bredemeier	24
Lucas Castelli	9	Sam Toppen	25
Nixon Marcotte	11	Ethan Schneider	27
Lisa Reichel	12	Tom Barrera	27
Mark Schneider	14	Holly Wade	28
William Reichel	14	Jeff Mussman	28
Kaylie Meherg	17	Larry Hamann	28
Max Toppen	17	Sheryl Wieghaus	28
Lisa Rogers	20	Steve Radostits	28
		Chris Mussman	31

Congratulations to Kevin and Jaimie Schneider on the birth of their baby! Isla L. Schneider was born on August 4<sup>th</sup>, weighing 7 lbs 5 oz, and measuring 20 inches long.

Congratulations to Alex & Jess Fugate on the arrival of Reinhard Alexandre Fugate. Reinhard was born on August 1<sup>st</sup> and weighed 6 lbs 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Tom & Karri Barrera are the grandparents and Gary & Karen Ekhoﬀ are the great-grandparents.

# Pilgrim Park

What a wonderful time to be able to complete your Christmas projects, all while enjoying the peaceful scenery of Pilgrim Park. Come join us for fun, great food and fellowship! We will provide sewing and cutting tables and irons and ironing boards. You will need to bring your own supplies, projects, materials, extension cord, machines and whatever else you need to have a successful and productive time. You may also want to bring some snacks and beverages. (There are no vending machines onsite.)

Included: 3 nights lodging, bedding and towels, 8 meals and lots of time to quilt....quilt..... and quilt! Plan to arrive between 3 and 5 p.m. Thursday, December 7, and heading for home by 11 a.m. Sunday, December 10.

Sleeping rooms consist of 6 rooms with private bathrooms (tub/shower combo) each room having 3 double beds; 2 rooms with private bathrooms (tub/shower combo) each having 2 double beds and 1 twin bed; and 2 handicap accessible rooms with private bathrooms (shower) each having 1 double bed and 1 twin bed. Please note if you require a handicap accessible room.

***Roommates will be assigned unless noted on registration.***

Private Rooms: \$375.00     Double/Triple Rooms: \$275.00 per person

**Registration Deadline: November 25, 2023**

**Space is limited to 10 sleeping rooms, so register early!**

**Preferred way to register is online:**

**<https://outdoorministries.campbrainregistration.com/>**

## **Turkey Supper and Raffle**

It's that time of year again to be planning for the annual Turkey Supper and raffle. November 4<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it, so we need to start planning now. For the Turkey Supper to be a success, we need "many hands to make light work."

We are in need of about 30 workers Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, after church. Groceries need to be carried in, sweet potatoes need prepared, tables need to be set up/buckets for peeling potatoes, coffee pots and lemonade coolers need washed, the serving room needs set up for coffee, drinks, etc., bread needs to be cut for dressing, the kitchen needs to be cleaned and organized, the dessert room and seating rooms need to be set up, sausage needs to be fried, and cardboard needs to be put on the kitchen and lounge floors.

As always, we need about 50 turkey roasters and about 50 desserts (9X12 dishes).

We are in need of about 30 workers on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:30 a.m. Come and go as you can. There will be a lot of food preparation. We also need about 10 turkey carvers for Saturday morning, November 5<sup>th</sup>, along with as many workers as possible to finish the food prep. We need many servers, people in the pie room, return foods and dishwashers, carry outs, and kitchen workers during the event.

We are also in need of raffle basket items. This has become a huge money maker for us in recent years. We like to raise some money to buy some more big ticket items, along with some baskets.

If you can help with anything, please contact Josh Hamann or the church office. We greatly appreciate it. Thank you.



**Shhh!!!! It's a Surprise**



**Please join us for the October 15<sup>th</sup> service to celebrate  
Judy Schneider's retirement from playing the organ.  
There will be a time of fellowship with refreshments following  
the service.**

**Hope to see you there!**