

# THE KEYS

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



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God is still speaking.



Peace be with you!

I don't know what it is about hearing those words that makes it so special, but the sharing of God's peace is one of the greatest gifts we, as Christians, possess.

Four simple words that Christ greeted the apostles with following His resurrection still resonate in today's world full of turmoil, anxiousness, and busyness.

The Hebrew greeting "shalom" is all too common in Jewish life. In fact, if you are privy enough to ever experience middle eastern societies, you'll become well familiar with this greeting among most people.

Why is the concept of peace so valued in today's world?

Most people journey through life searching for something more than what they have in life. Many have earthly riches, companions, and lives comparable to those around them; however, they still desire something more.

Peace is a state of tranquility that many are searching for. Experiencing the peace and presence of God is what people need the most.

You need it! I need it! The world needs it!

May God's peace be with you each moment of your life!

*Reverend Kyle J. Timmons*

Reverend Kyle Timmons

## Learning What Jesus Really Said

If you're like many, knowing what the Bible really says about things can be difficult. There are many people who teach good things, but are they really Biblical? Here is an interesting lesson titled, "**5 things Jesus did NOT say:**"

1. Follow your heart. Jesus didn't say that; He said, "Follow Me." If your heart is in line with Jesus and His teachings, then follow it, but be careful to discern what is your heart is and what is Jesus' heart.
2. Be true to yourself. While it is practical advice at times, Jesus taught, "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny himself." Our human nature is sinful and often when we try to be true to ourselves we are not in line with Jesus' spiritual nature.
3. Believe in yourself. Absolutely good advice if you believe everything you want to achieve can be done with the power of Christ. Jesus said, "Believe in Me." When our foundational belief is in Christ, it is easier to navigate our spiritual life.
4. Live your truth. The truths we are being taught each and every day are often lies. Satan wants to deceive us and make us believe things that God despises are actually good for us. Jesus said, "I am the Truth." The only truth comes from Him. If something contradicts Jesus' teachings, it is not of God.
5. As long as you are happy. Jesus wants nothing more than for His children to be happy, but our happiness is not the same as what the world defines. Jesus said, "What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?"

Always remember Jeremiah 17:9, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" Dive into God's Word and study it to be able to recognize His teachings against the false teachings all around.



Things have been different since Covid. While St. Peter's has done its' best to lower the expenses and stay below budget, there is still a gap between income and expenses. In 2024, we'd like to not only meet our budget, but also finish way ahead.

Typically, we get off to a slow start in the winter months, catch up a little, get further behind in the summer, and struggle to catch up by the end of the year. This year, we are challenging each of you to give early, give regularly, and give generously.

If you haven't given in a while, we prayerfully ask you to consider start again. If you have been giving the same amount for the past 5-10 years (or longer), please consider increasing your giving. If you've been consistently giving, we thank you and ask for your continued support. While you are always welcome to give in the church offering or drop/mail your checks to the church, there are also ways to set up your giving electronically. This helps us keep a constant flow of income even when you're away for a while.

If you'd like more information, or help setting up online giving, please contact the church office and we'll put you in touch with our financial secretary. Thanks in advance – YOUR church family.

BUDGET: \$133,641 EXPENSES: \$129,525  
OFFERING: \$103,279 DEFICIT \$26,246  
\*\*\*REFLECTS JANUARY 1, 2024-AUGUST 27, 2024

## SEPTEMBER 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>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>4-H MEETING</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN ED MEETING</b>
<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>CHURCH LIFE MEETING</b>
<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>TURKEY SUPPER MEETING</b>
<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL @ MONEE</b>
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</b>
<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL (RALLY DAY)</b>
<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>COOKOUT/BIKE-A-THON</b>
<b>18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL V. MONEE</b>
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</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 @ PEOTONE</b>
<b>27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</b>
<b>28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 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.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN ED MEETING</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL V. PEOTONE</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>BUNCO</b>
<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>?</b>	<b>FUSION BONFIRE/HAYRIDE</b>
<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL @ MANHATTAN</b>
<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</b>
<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>?</b>	<b>WEDDING REHEARSAL</b>
<b>12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>TOLAN WEDDING</b>
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL V. MANHATTAN</b>
<b>18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</b>
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL @ MONEE</b>
<b>25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>4:30 PM- 6:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUT MEETING</b>
<b>27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
<b>27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11:30 AM- ?</b>	<b>TURKEY SUPPER SET UP</b>
<b>28<sup>TH</sup>- 31<sup>ST</sup></b>		<b>TURKEY SUPPER SET UP</b>
<b>30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>
<b>30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>DART BALL V MONEE</b>

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**Friday 8AM-12PM**

**STAFF**

**Rev Kyle Timmons, Pastor**  
**Jacquelyn Timmons, Office Administrator**  
**Debbie Mussman, 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**

**2024 CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Jim Schneider, President**  
**Lou Ann Hamann, Vice President**  
**Shirley Koehn, Secretary**  
**Erin Hamann, Treasurer**  
**Audrey Lehnert, Assistant Treasurer**  
**Ken Bonifield, Neal Currier, Larry Hamann, & Justin Langlois**



***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.

**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.*



# 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.

**Girl Scouts:** Did you know that our local Girl Scouts meet at the church on Friday afternoons? If you have a daughter that would like to be part of their group, please contact the church office for more information.

**Fusion:** Fusion is looking for donated candy for the lighted parade. Please contact Josh or Neal if interested in donating. They are also looking for people to help and ride the float during the parade as many kids will be on other floats. On October 5, the annual bonfire/hayride will be held for Fusion (rain date October 4). Thank you.

**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 music related expenses (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.

**Lay Readers:** If you are interested in signing up, please put your name on the lay reader sign up or contact the church office.

**Rally Day:** Rally day will be September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have a cookout and a bike-a-thon following church.

**Dart ball:** Dart ball will be starting back up on September 11<sup>th</sup>. There may be a practice before that. We are always looking for more players. If you are interested, please contact Tim Frahm at 872-222-1408.

**Bunco:** Save the date! Bunco will be held October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.



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 seeking shampoo, cereal, creamed corn, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit, pasta noodles, chunky soup, canned chili, and beef stew. Thank you for your continued support.

### **ST. PETER'S UCC BLESSING BOX**

Don't forget that we have a "Blessings' Box" outside the courtyard church entrance. We could use some items to fill it up as people are regularly going through it. 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.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Avery St. Peter	1	Nicole Hiland	18
Mark Marcotte	2	Betty Wolfe	19
Troy Reynolds	3	Jerry Loitz	19
Greg Hamann	5	Alicia Hiland	20
Mitchell Hiland	6	Mackenzie Radostits	20
Ella Hamann	7	Tyler Radostits	20
Kaylyn Engleking	9	Grace Toppen	21
Zoe Gawlinski	9	Jaden Ewoldt	22
Neal Currier	11	Jean Schroeder	23
Ralph Kutemeier	12	Colleen Goers	26
Rebecca Schriefer	12	David Lehnert	26
Kora Schneider	13	Jaimie Schneider	26
Larry Voigt	15	Braxton Schneider	27
Tracy Zuniga	16	Kelly Hunter	27
Zackary Hamann	16	Brayden Szelag	28
Wyatt Bornemann	17	Shannon Meherg	28
Debbie Dennis	18	Gavin Karstensen	30
Katheryn Hickey-Scott	18	Patty Dulin	30

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

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

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Heather Phillips, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Roger Sturm, Delores Schimmin, Jeff Jones, Pamela Nolan, Jackqueline Dupuis, Sandy Erickson, Ken Erickson, Jack Hiland, Kristopher Meyer, Tim Langlois, Dornita Hamann, Dawn Schroeder, Tim Miller, Anita Bush, Claudia Scott, Colette Lawrence, the family of Joy Currier, and the family of Jodi Ruggiero

# Turkey Supper

The Turkey Supper is fast approaching and we need your help. We need people willing to roast turkeys, make desserts, and work before, during, and afterwards.

We also need raffle basket/prize donations. We are looking to get some bigger ticket/popular items such as a black stone griddle, an American Girl doll, lottery tickets, 24 inch animal Squishmallow (such as a hedgehog or sloth), Bath & Body Works items, etc. Gift cards from Honeybaked Ham, Chick-Fil-A, USA Restaurant, Casey's, Starbuck's, and Texas Roadhouse are always a hit too. This has been such a great fundraiser for the church so we greatly appreciate all the hard work and money that is put into the Turkey Supper. Please let Jackie Timmons know if you are getting any of the above items so we don't have doubles.

If you are interested in doing any of these things or more, please sign up on the appropriate sheets outside the sanctuary. Thank you for all the help and support you provide each year to make the Turkey Supper successful!

# Totenfest Doves

Totenfest will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

This year we will be offering 6-inch die-cut cardstock doves to be purchased for \$1. Doves will be available to be purchased beginning in October for people to put the names of loved ones who have passed on to life eternal.

The doves will then be present in the sanctuary during the month of November.

If you aren't able to pick up a dove but would like to have one made in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office prior to November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will gladly make-up a dove for you.