

# THE KEYS

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



April 2015



815-465-6191

## St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.  
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday Service** – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Holy Communion will be served

**Prayer Vigil** – April 2<sup>nd</sup> (following Maundy Thursday Service) from 8:00 to 11:00 PM and April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 AM.

There **will not** be a sign-up sheet for prayer times.

**Good Friday Service** – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

**Easter Sunday Service** – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM,

Holy Communion will be served

## **YOU'RE INVITED FOR COFFEE BEFORE WORSHIP!**

Don't forget the coffee bar in the Sunday school entrance area each Sunday morning from 9:00 am – 10:15 am. You're invited to have a cup of coffee before worship.

Proceeds will go to the Board of Christian Education.



## GRANT PARK SENIORS MEETING

The Grant Park Seniors will meet on **Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 PM** at the Community Center, Dixie Highway in Grant Park.



## FARMERS AND FRIENDS

Farmers and Friends, a support group for men whose spouses have died, will meet at the USA Restaurant in Grant Park at **12:30 pm on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**.



## NOTES FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL:

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the following:

- Moving forward with the Accessibility Project: the Village Code Officer measured and is in touch with Revere Properties to determine if this project will meet “code” requirements. Many factors go into this other than making the southwest entry stairway narrower. We will keep you up-to-date as we receive information from them. This will determine the cost of the project as far as construction costs.
- We will be “filming” our Church Record books and putting the pages on a “flash drive” and DVD’s. Dennis Granger will be doing this in the near future. This will preserve the older books with very fragile pages and give us another copy of all the Church Records.
- Baccalaureate will be held here at St. Peter’s on May 20<sup>th</sup> with a reception following in the Lange Fellowship Hall.
- The Property and Maintenance Committee has several projects planned. These will all be done by members of the Committee and our cost will be for the materials only:
  - Replacing the outdoor hand rail on the southeast corner of the building
  - Power washing of the Parsonage porch and painting and sealing as weather permits
  - Replacing the kitchen countertop on the west side where it has become loose from behind the sink areas
  - Replacing attic insulation over the Christian Ed. Addition. The old insulation was severely damaged from previous leaking of the roof area.
- We recently installed 2 new bathroom toilets that were leaking water.

## CHURCH COUNCIL



Front Row: Bev Junker, Kathy Ekhoﬀ, Pam Lawrence, Karen Brunello  
Back Row: Josh Hamann, Jim Hamann, Bruce Heldt, Ed Bush, Dave Schroeder

## MISSION PROJECTS

Supply lists for CHURCH WORLD SERVICE Cleanup Buckets are with the MISSION Board display in the hallway outside the sanctuary. There you will find lists for school kits and hygiene kits which will also be accepted. This mission project will run April 12 – 30.

**A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board by the Sunday school entrance.**



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

The total received for One Great Hour of Sharing this year is \$480.00.  
Thank you for your contributions!



## APRIL MISSION GIVING

### Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM) –

Also known as Basic Support, our contributions support God’s mission in Illinois, nationally, and globally. 71% of our contribution stays in Illinois to carry out the mission of the Illinois Conference.



### CONSECRA (formerly known as Bensenville Home Society and Lifelink)

CONSECRA is a United Church of Christ related organization that began in 1895. Consercra’s purpose is to develop and manage ecologically and financially sustainable affordable housing that strengthens communities.



### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Warren Wessman** - cancer,

**Kim Nolte** – (Friend of Kim Sherwood) cancer,

**Cynthia Gerdez** – (Friend of Margret Chesterfield) – cancer,

**Ione Hebert** (Friend of Ethel and Clifford Zimmerman) – chronic back pain

**Nancy Adas** (Mother of Marge Myers) – Alzheimer’s,

**Richard Schnell, & Dorothy Schnell** (Father-in-Law & Mother-in-Law of Bruce [Alyce] Heldt) Alzheimer’s & ALS,

**Emma Lou Lemon** – Stage 4 lung cancer,

**Donna Hamilton** (Mother of Mark Hamilton) Stage 3 Ovarian Cancer,

**Christopher Paez** (Husband of Jamie Bakhaus Paez) Leukemia,

**Verne Kochel** (Father of Dawn Schroeder) heart issues

**Cheryl Heldt** (Widow of Byron Heldt) recovering from auto accident

**Steve Jones** (Son of Betty Jones) – cancer of the kidney surgery

**Evelyn Crocker** (Mother of Shirley Loverin) – Pneumonia

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





## JOYS

Congratulations to Kristina Renee Pilbeam.

Camden Michael Szelag was born to Kristina Renee on Mar 19, 2015. Camden weighs 8 pounds 4 ounces and is 21 and ½ inches long. Grandparents are Mike and Tammy Reaman.

## THANK YOU

I'd like to thank everyone for the lovely Birthday cards. Thanks to my family for the lovely dinner they had for the party. Thank you to Connie for the beautiful roses.



Mildred Katz

## ILLINOIS CONFERENCE UCC OUTDOOR MINISTRIES CAMP

### Grandparents & Me Camp (ages 4+)

Cost: 1st Adult: \$159.00 Additional Adult: \$106.00

1st Child: \$90.00 2nd Child: \$73.00 Each Additional Child: \$66.00

**Four (4) Camps are offered this year:**

**225 Grandparents and Me** - June 15-17 Tower Hill

Directors- William Grice, Janet Thompson

**230 Grandparents and Me** - June 18-20 Tower Hill

Directors- William Grice, Janet Thompson

**105 Grandparents and Me** - June 28-30 Pilgrim Park

Directors- Gary and Susan Stillwell

**165 Grandparents and Me** - July 23-25 Pilgrim Park

Directors- Karen Karczewski, Lorri Foockle

For additional information and registration go to [www.il-odm.org](http://www.il-odm.org)

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND**

**CHURCH ON A REGULAR BASIS**

Mrs. Louise Sievers  
891 Exeter Turn  
Unit C2  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Mr. Clarence Heldt  
Heritage Woods Rm 191  
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Manteno, IL 60950

Mrs. Pauline Mitchell  
84 N. Franklin St.  
Momence, IL 60954

Mrs. Geraldine Hamann  
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85 East Burn Rd, Apt. 5  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Mrs. Doris Laking  
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## THE PASTOR'S NOTE

**Fore Give by Matt Laney November 2, 2014**



Then Peter said to Jesus, "How often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy times seven. - *Matthew 18:21-35*

*What could be truer than this: forgiveness is hard. And yet, if we don't practice forgiveness, we miss the whole point of the gospel. Yep, you joined a religion that makes the hardest thing the central thing. Next time, read the fine print.*

*Forgiveness is tough because no one deserves it. That's why it's called forgiveness, because it's given before it's deserved or asked for. Waiting for someone to be worthy of forgiveness is like waiting for a frog to become a prince. And we have to forgive the "undeserving" a lot. Like every day. Seventy times seven.*

*Forgiveness is often so challenging we can only do it by the grace of God, mindful of how much God has forgiven us. Jesus said we should pray for God to "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Maybe it's a reciprocal thing but I think the order is important. Before there is any mention of the sins done to us, we must first consider the sins God has suffered because of us. Apparently, those who recognize their need for God's forgiveness are in the best position to forgive others.*

*So if you ever struggle to forgive someone who has wronged you, spend a little more time on your knees seeking God's forgiveness. Like every day. Seventy times seven.*

In this Easter season, let us focus on forgiveness. As Matt writes, it's what we signed up for. Forgiveness is the whole point of the gospel and what Jesus taught us.

***Happy Easter!***

**Pastor Doug**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL SPAGHETTI**

**EXTRAVAGANZA** We are inviting our energetic Sunday School Students accompanied by their parents and/or grandparents to the First Annual Spaghetti Extravaganza on **April 26, 2015** following Worship. Lunch will be provided along with a fun activity for our students, parents, and/or grandparents to work on together!



We will be making prayer boxes!!! This is a great way for the students, parents, and/or grandparents to work together in the house of God!

**Please join us on April 26, 2015 in Fellowship Hall following worship for our Spaghetti Extravaganza!**

Any questions can be directed to Jen Mussman 815-953-3894 or [jennifermussman@gmail.com](mailto:jennifermussman@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to this exciting and stimulating event!

Sincerely,

Shirley Koehn, Jen Mussman and Bev Junker

**HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?**

Has your house address, email address, or phone number changed?



**Please contact the Church Office to advise us of the change!**



## APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<b>1</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday (Communion)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Worship Service</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Worship Service</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Christian Ed</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>Brownie Troop #71518</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Adult Class</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Farmers and Friends</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Beecher Manor Worship Service</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Farmer's &amp; Friends</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Adult Class</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Nor' Eastern Music &amp; Arts Festival</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Grant Park Seniors</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>11:30 pm</b>	<b>Clergy Cluster at St. Peter's</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Brownie Troop #71518</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Adult Class</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday School Spaghetti Extravaganza</b>



# Happy Birthday

## APRIL BIRTHDAY LIST

These birthdays are compiled from church membership records.

Please call to our attention any omissions or corrections

Steven Jones	1	Ethel Zimmerman	14
Alan Bakhaus	2	Shirley Loverin	17
Jordan Hamann	3	Gina Martin	17
Ron Claussen	6	David Dickson	18
Michael Hammerlund	6	Laura Erickson	18
Madison Meherg	6	Peggy Heusing	18
Morgan Wimberly	6	Shelby McKinstry	18
Connie Schneider	7	Bill Dennis	19
Janice Bonifield	8	Nancy Sturm	19
Joni Reynolds	8	Gerald Boicken	20
Bonnie Hamann	10	Marge Myers	20
Bradly Burrell	11	Clint Wimberly	24
Dawn Schroeder	11	Jennifer Mussman	27
Jeffrey Hammerlund	12	Nathan Kuhn	29
Vicki Kuhn	13		
Caden Clausing	14		

## *Mother's Day Carnations*



The Missions Board is selling carnations for Mother's Day Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The cost of each carnation is \$4.00. Proceeds from the sale support our Good Samaritan Fund.

**IN HONOR OF** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY OF** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENTED BY** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER ORDERED BY \$4.00** \_\_\_\_\_

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**STAFF**

**Rev. Doug Zimmerman, Pastor**

**Marcia Langlois, Office Administrator**

**Beverly Junker, Financial Secretary**

**Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director**

**Kathy Ekhoﬀ, Junior Choir Director**

**Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists**

**Christine Garbaciak, Custodian**

**Elizabeth Rodriguez and Sharon Buchler, Youth Advisors**

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Beverly Junker, President**

**Karen Brunello Vice President**

**Kathy Ekhoﬀ, Secretary**

**Josh Hamann, Treasurer; Dave Schroeder, Assistant Treasurer**

**Ed Bush, Pam Lawrence Jim Hamann, Bruce Heldt**



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