

# THE KEYS

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



August 2015



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# St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.  
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.

## UPDATES FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL:



We want to inform everyone on some happenings here at St. Peter's.

- New counter tops have been installed on the window/sink side of the kitchen
- Resurfacing of the Parking Lot and parking areas around the Church
- We have received 2 bids on the Accessibility Project and are in the process of getting 2 additional bids -- more information will follow as we secure all the bids.

# Sunday Funday!



Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am

Everyone is Welcome

Please Join Us!

### 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, August 19<sup>th</sup>**.

### 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



### PRAYER CONCERNS



**Warren Wessman** - cancer,  
**Cynthia Gerdez** – (friend of Margret Chesterfield) - cancer  
**Kim Nolte** – (friend of Kim Sherwood) cancer,  
**Nancy Adas** (mother of Marge Myers) – Alzheimer’s,  
**Ione Hebert** (friend of Ethel and Clifford Zimmerman) – chronic back pain  
**Richard & Dorothy Schnell** (father-in-law & mother-in-law of Bruce [Alyce] Heldt) – Alzheimer’s & ALS  
**Emma Lou Lemon** – Stage 4 lung cancer,  
**Christopher Paez** (husband of Jamie Bakhaus Paez) Leukemia  
**Donna Hamilton** (mother of Mark Hamilton) – Stage 3 Ovarian Cancer,  
**Wally Reifsteck** – (former Pastor of St. Peter’s) testing for Parkinson’s, aneurysm, and other health issues,  
**Richard Hengl** complications from surgery,  
and all of God’s children seeking comfort, peace, and love.

## JOYS

The weddings of:

**Chrissy Hamann and Jeremy Pickens** on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Kaleb Frahm and Krystal Meyer** on July 18<sup>th</sup>, and

**Max Toppen and Kelly Lorenz** on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

*Congratulations to the happy couples!*



St. Peter's had another successful Vacation Bible School July 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 10<sup>th</sup>. Donations totaling \$320.46 were received and will be given to for the Kankakee County Humane Foundation.

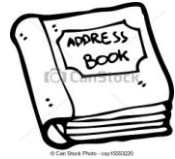
## CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND

### CHURCH ON A REGULAR BASIS

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

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

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



Mrs. Doris Laking  
Homme Home for the Aging  
604 South Webb  
Wittenberg, WI 54499

### CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Mark & Krysta Farina  
PCS 9 Box 1709  
APO, AE 09123-0018

Austin Langlois  
1737 Oxford  
Cheyenne, WY 82001

LCpl Lopez, Jessica R.  
PSC 557 Box 2031  
FPO, AP 96379-2301

**THANK YOU**

A big thank you to my family for being there for me and caring. To the people that sent cards and visited me at Riverside and Miller.



Thanks to the good people from St. Peters that brought food after I was home. It was a big help to me.

Thanks to Pastor Doug for his visits and prayers  
God Bless you all for praying for me.

Gerald Boicken

Dear Members of St. Peter's,

We thank you so much for your kind wishes to us at our 150th anniversary. The flowers you sent added beautifully to the altar during our celebration and they lasted for yet another service.

God's blessings to you,  
The congregation of St. John's UCC  
North Peotone

Thank you all so much for the meal it was delicious!  
Olivia is doing wonderful!

Love,  
Jason, Cortney, Jaycie & Olivia Couwenhoven

Thank you for the cross. It will help me remember my connection to God while away at school.

Connor Claussen

To My Church Family,

Thank you very, very much for the graduation gift. I will look at it every day and remember how lucky I have been for such amazing support systems in my life, St. Peter's being one of them. Thank you again!

Jessica Claussen

## THE PASTOR'S NOTE

**Simple Church** by Anthony B. Robinson Apr 19, 2015

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers . . . Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." - Acts 2: 42, 46 - 47*

*Sometimes church seems to get awfully complex and terribly busy. So many different groups, organizations, activities, projects, and agendas. We end up going in a hundred different directions and a newcomer may feel as if she has wandered into Grand Central Station instead of a church.*

*I have a feeling that this busy—too busy—church may be coming to an end, dying, in our own time. I have a sense that there's a yearning, deep and beyond easy articulation, for something we might call "simple church." Not simplistic. Not silly. But simple. Focused on the few things that matter: faithful teaching, fellowship and prayer, sharing bread together and praising God.*

*There's a way in which our own time is witnessing a breakdown of church as we have known it. But at least sometimes a breakdown can lead to a break-through. A break-through to . . . simple church?*

*For the first disciples there had definitely been a big-time breakdown. Everything went to hell. One betrayed Jesus, another denied him, and all the rest deserted him. Jesus died. But God surprised them. Beyond that time of terrible breakdown, there was an amazing break-through to a new community and a new time.*

*In our own times and experiences of things breaking down, can we glimpse the new church that is breaking through, that is being born among us?*

The church is changing. What will the church look like in a few years, in 20 years? I don't think any of us really knows. I believe though, that God's church will continue; God's new church!

**Pastor Doug**

## AUGUST 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.

## Happy Birthday

### AUGUST BIRTHDAY LIST

*Birthdays are compiled from church membership records. Please inform us of any omissions or corrections.*

Dean Schneider	2	Richard Boicken	19
Shirley Riley	4	Eric Frahm	19
Jessica Frahm	4	Matt Hamann	19
Eric Couwenhoven	7	Harold Voigt	22
Jared Heldt	7	Gavin Reynolds	22
Bob Hoebet	8	Dorothy Kutemeier	23
Larry Ohm	8	Jessie Martin	23
Dennis Granger	9	Nancy Lewke	25
Karen Spangler	11	Russ Koehn	26
Allen Schroeder	11	Brett Buttle	26
Jan Voigt	11	Tyler Williamson	26
Kim Cousin	11	Leisa Rundquist	28
Terry Boicken	13	Paige Sherwood	29
Susan Williamson	15		



## AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>2</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service – Communion celebrated</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Christian Ed</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>10-14</b>		<b>Pastor Doug on vacation</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>12:30</b>	<b>Farmers &amp; Friends</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>27</b>		<b>Pastor Doug serves communion at Vet’s Home</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>

### ECUMENICAL “WORSHIP IN THE PARK” LOOSE OFFERING FOR THE BEV ROBERT’S FUND

A total of **\$401.53** was received for the Bev Robert’s Fund at the “Worship in the Park” service July 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Thank you!



### 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!**





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**Facebook: St. Peters UCC Grant Park**

## **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***