

# THE KEYS

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



June/July 2016



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## St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.  
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.

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**SUMMER WORSHIP – 9:30 AM**

**A reminder** ...Our Sunday morning Worship Service during the summer begins at **9:30 AM.**



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**YOUNG AT HEART**

The Young at Heart will meet on

**Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00 PM** and

**Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

at the Community Center, Dixie Highway in Grant Park.



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**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, June 15<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**.



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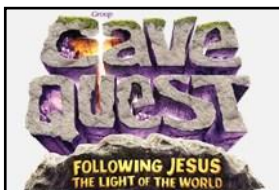
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY!**

**Who:** Children Pre K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**What:** VBS – ***“Cave Quest!”***

**Where:** St. Peter’s United Church of Christ

**When:** **Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> through Fri, July 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 5:30 – 8:00 pm**



## JUNE/JULY MISSION GIVING

**Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM)** – Also known as Basic Support, 71% of our contribution stays in the Illinois Conference to carry out the mission at the Association and Conference level. Included are the support of local church pastors and the local church, helping the church through the search and call process, and providing intervention teams to help

local churches work through times of challenge.

**World Hunger (June)** – Our annual contribution to this organization through our Mission giving helps combat the issue hunger in our country and throughout the world.

**Emmaus Home (July)** - Emmaus Homes has provided services to men and women with developmental disabilities for nearly 115 years. Today, approximately 325 people receive services on Emmaus' two campuses in St. Charles and Marthasville, Missouri, as well as in five counties throughout eastern Missouri. While Emmaus Homes is a Christian ministry, it is committed to serving persons of any or no religious persuasion who have a developmental disability. Emmaus Homes is a private, not-for-profit facility related to the United Church of Christ's Council for Health and Human Service Ministries

### STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

#### (ONE OF THE FIVE FOR FIVE OFFERINGS OF THE UCC)

**\$149.00** was received for the Strengthen the Church Offering.

**Thank you for your donation!**



### OPERATION OPEN DOOR UPDATE (ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT)

**Total Cost of the Project** \$124,259

**Total Amount Received to date** \$ 79,150

**Amount Needed** \$ 45,109



## PRAYER CONCERNS

We encourage you to keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:



**Warren Wessman** - cancer,

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

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

**Richard Schnell** (father-in-law of Bruce [Alyce] Heldt) – Alzheimer’s,

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

**Verne Kochel** (Dawn Schroeder’s dad) – prayers for healing,

**Karen Pickens** (mother-in-law of Chrissy Pickens) Auto accident,

**Janice Petit** – prayers during her treatments,

**Peggy Heusing** – prayers for healing,

**Gary Ekhoﬀ** - prayers for healing following surgery,

**Gene Sievers** - prayers for healing from injuries following an accident,

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

## COOKIES NEEDED!

Are you able to donate cookies for the Illinois Conference Annual Celebration? Donations of your favorite cookies, including sugar free, peanut free, and gluten free are requested for the Annual Celebration, June 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.



**Your cookie donations should be clearly labeled and in disposable containers.**

Pastor Doug and Linda Neidlinger (our IL Conference delegate) will be attending the Celebration and taking the cookies to the event.

Please bring the cookies to the church by 4:00 PM on Wed, Jun 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you for your donations!**

## Something to Ponder

### Stillspeaking Daily Devotional

March 29, 2016

#### **Pious Amnesia** by Lillian Daniel

*"From their earlier plunder they offered sacrifices of seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep for the worship . . . And they agreed that anyone who refused to seek God, the God of Israel, should be killed, no matter who it was, young or old, man or woman." - 2 Chronicles 15:1-15 The Message*

Asa was a powerful ruler who felt badly that his country had not been very faithful, so in a sudden moment of religious remorse he declared a massive religious celebration and demanded attendance. Apparently everyone felt pretty great afterwards. So, suddenly, feeling so close to God and to each other, they did what comes naturally in such situations. They agreed that anyone who did not feel equally passionate about God should be killed.

What?

Well, it wasn't the first time that religious fervor got disconnected from its true base, which is love. It wouldn't be the last time either. In a fit of self-righteousness, the same people who had drifted from God had the nerve to put out a death sentence on anyone else that had drifted from God.

And by the way, how would they judge such a thing? Did they take attendance at the big religious spectacle from the day before and kill anyone who was truant? I'm all for regular worship attendance, but this seems a bit extreme.

Why is this even in the Bible? Perhaps to remind us what jerks we can be when we think we are being religious. Worked up and courageous in a crowd, they pointed their fingers at others, but really, they were pointing their fingers at themselves.

Sometimes, a genuine experience of God becomes a pious amnesia. The newly inspired forget what they were like before. Nobody wants an invitation with a death sentence attached.

## JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAY LIST



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

### JUNE

Mabel Phebus	1	Randy Schneider	13
Madelyn Dickson	3	Jaron Jacobson	14
Tim Markland	3	Natalie Lacer	14
Julie Wade	4	David Schroeder	15
Dave Dillman	5	Michelle Graf	16
Judy Lange	6	Rita Morris	17
Ryan Dulin	7	Emily Wieghaus	19
Pauline Mitchell	7	Dylan Marcotte	20
Jacob Stadt	8	Linda Schneider	21
Ione Engleking	9	Debbie Mussman	22
Julia Hammerlund	9	Denise Wessman	22
Lonnie Martens	9	Josh Hamann	23
Karl Hamann	11	Vic Frahm	24
William Lewke	11	Lexi Hamann	26
Mike Flynn	12		
Stephanie Loitz	13		
Judy Schneider	13		

### JULY

Michelle Claussen	1	Scott Dillman	15
Garry Junker	1	Earl Kuetemeyer	20
Kimberly Lorenz	2	Mardele Engleking	23
Kaleb Frahm	3	Ashton Loitz	23
Andrew Graf	3	Wendy Markland	23
Andrew Buttle	5	Jessica Lopez	24
Chris Benson	7	Keli Flynn	25
Dana Dickson	8	Kaitlyn McMahan	25
Patrick Hayes	9	Julia Flynn	26
Eleanor Tyson	9	Heather Erickson	27
Craig Schneider	10	Andrea Kuhn	27
Janet Locke	11	Doris Laking	27
Jamie Paez	11	Erin McMahan	27
Brad Dulin	12	Eugene Sievers	28
Richard Marek	12	Adam Ekhoﬀ	29
Tracey Claussen	14	Mark Lawrence	29
		Carol Hoebet	30

**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  
Humme Home for the Aging  
604 S Webb  
Whittenberg, WI 54499

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS SERVING  
IN THE MILITARY**

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

Austin Langlois  
3320 Randy Road  
Cheyenne, WY 82001

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

**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!***



**THANK YOU!**

Thanks to my church family for the many cards and best wishes for my 90th birthday. I sure appreciated them.



Catherine Hamann

## THE PASTOR'S NOTE

### Do You Really Have To Ask? By Kenneth L. Samuel

*"When Jesus saw him and knew how long he had been ill, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?" - John 5:6*

*Is it just me, or do you also find yourself irritated when people ask questions with apparently obvious answers?*

*You eat up all the food on your plate—leaving not one morsel, and someone asks you, "Was it good?" (You want to answer, "It was revolting. That's why I ate it all.")*

*It's 102 degrees Fahrenheit outside, and someone walks up and asks you, "Is it hot enough for you?" (You want to answer, "Not at all. I was hoping for at least 120 degrees today.")*

*You're laid up in the hospital on a gurney with a cast on your leg, an IV in your arm, a brace around your neck and someone asks: "Do you feel ok?" (You want to answer, "Aside from this cast, this neck brace, this IV and this hospital, I'm feeling just fine.")*

*Jesus asked a lame man at the Pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem if he wanted to get well. The answer seems so obvious that Jesus should not have had to even ask.*

*And yet questions—even questions with apparently obvious answers, have the uncanny ability to clear away assumptions.*

*We should never assume that every sick person wants to be healed or that every unemployed person wants a job or that every single person wants to be in a relationship.*

*Questions allow people to speak directly for themselves.*

*It's much easier to pose questions than it is to really listen and respect the answers given. God makes no assumptions. God asks questions and waits for answers.*

Those seemingly “silly” questions can irritate us. However, there might be a clue in the question as to how the person is doing or feeling. What is God asking of us today? God is waiting!

Blessings,  
**Pastor Doug**





**JUNE**  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<u>5</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Worship Service/Communion</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>Christian Education Meeting</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>12:30 pm</u>	<u>Farmers and Friends</u>
<u>17-18</u>		<u>Illinois Conference Annual Celebration</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>12:00-3:00 pm</u>	<u>Young at Heart</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>2:00 pm</u>	<u>Pastor offers communion at Vets Home</u>
<u>24,25</u>	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>The Little Mermaid ( play at Hamann Center)</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>2:00 pm</u>	<u>The Little Mermaid (play at Hamann Center)</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>Church Council Meeting</u>

**JULY**  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<u>3</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Worship Service/Communion</u>
<u>4</u>		<u>Happy Fourth of July!!</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>
<u>11-15</u>	<u>5:30-8:00 pm</u>	<u>Vacation Bible School</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>12:00 pm</u>	<u>Salvation Army</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>1:00-3:00 pm</u>	<u>Young at Heart</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>12:30 pm</u>	<u>Farmers &amp; Friends</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>	<u>Worship In The Park</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>Church Council Meeting</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>2:00 pm</u>	<u>Pastor offers communion at Vet Home</u>
<u>31</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>



## ST. PETER'S 2016 GRADUATES



### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATES

*Madelyn Dickson*  
*Sydne Fritz*  
*Hadleigh Loitz*

*Madison Meherg*  
*Alex Rodriguez*

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

*Tanner Barrera* Tanner will be attending Rose Hulman Institute of Technology.

*Andrew Buttle* –

*Lucas Castelli* - Lucas will be attending Naperville North Center College majoring in Psychology and English.

*Sam Hamann* - Sam will be attending Universal Technical Institute majoring in Diesel Mechanics.

*Zackary Hamann* – Zack will be attending Grandview University majoring in nursing and playing football and running track.

*Patrick Hayes* – Patrick will be attending a Junior College.

*Nathan Kuhn*

*Kody Reichel*

*Josh Schroeder* – Josh will be attending KCC for 2 years going on to the University of Illinois majoring in Biomed and Engineering.

*Sarah Senesac*

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

*Jessica Frahm*– Jessica graduated from Eastern Illinois University and Lake View College of Nursing. She hopes to be employed at a local hospital in the Grant Park area.

*Tyler Jones* – Tyler graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science in Crop and Social Science.

*Stacey Lorenz* –Stacey graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Animal Industry Management.

*Kole Stadt* – Kole graduated from Western Illinois school of Agriculture. He is teaching at Prairie Central High School in Livingston County.

*Kelly Wade* –Kelly graduated from Paul Mitchell School of Hair Design and passed the State Board Exam for Cosmetology.

## Father's Day Carnations

The Missions Board is selling carnations for Father's Day Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 12<sup>th</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 \_\_\_\_\_

## SERVING LUNCH AT THE SALVATION ARMY –

FRIDAY, JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:00 PM

You can volunteer in two ways:

\* **Donate cookies, brownies or bar cookie** - please deliver them to the church by 10:30 am on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board by the Sunday school entrance.

\* **Serve lunch** - meet at the Salvation Army at 11:30 AM



# **ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**Church Website: www.stpetersgp.org**

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

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

## **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 Joni Reynolds, Youth Advisors**

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Karen Brunello, President**

**Sandy Erickson, Vice President**

**Vicki Gawlinski, Secretary**

**Dave Schroeder, Treasurer,**

**Kaleb Frahm, Assistant Treasurer**

**Kathy Ekhoﬀ, Jim Hamann,**

**Bruce Heldt, Pam Lawrence**



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