

THE KEYS

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



June/July 2015



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St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.

SUMMER WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

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



GRANT PARK SENIORS MEETING

The Grant Park Seniors will meet on
Monday, June 15th from 12:00 – 3:00 PM and
Monday, July 20th 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, June 17th**
and **Wednesday, July 15th**.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY!

Who: Children Pre K through 5th Grade
What: VBS – “*Everest!*”
Where: St. Peter’s United Church of Christ
When: Monday, July 6th through Fri, July 10th 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



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BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY OUR FUSION YOUTH GROUP

Thank you Fusion Youth Group for sponsoring this event! 33 people volunteered to give blood.

27 of those 33 people were able to donate.



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

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

\$155.00 was received for the Strengthen the Church Offering.

Thank you for your donation!



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,

The family and friends of **Geraldine Hamann**,

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



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

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND

CHURCH ON A REGULAR BASIS

Mrs. Louise Sievers
891 Exeter Turn
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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
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Wittenberg, WI 54499

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

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

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





THE PASTOR'S NOTE

Sometimes Spirits Need Shelters

By Maren C. Tirabassi April 17, 2015

"Do not quench the Spirit." - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-20

Ellie adapted and adjusted to limitations caused by aging, redefining loss as opportunity.

"I can't stay at home - how exciting to meet new folks in the assisted living facility. My children live in other states – isn't Skype awesome? My pastor retired, but the interim (when plied with pumpkin bread) has amazing stories. My part-time job requires more vision than I have, but I can volunteer. When Fickle, my Jack Russell terrier, died, I found the perfect volunteer job walking dogs and cleaning small animal cages at the SPCA."

For five years Ellie was settled. She avoided bingo and gossip at Plymouth Grove, but the new pastor was acceptable, and Ellie was indispensable at the SPCA. She was a model of "Thessalonian" life that Paul commends—never idle, full of contagious joy, prayerful and thankful. Then the "quencher" happened. Ellie lost the use of her legs and suddenly discovered how much of her life was based on mobility.

Then the SPCA director asked Ellie if she would be willing to sit on a small chair inside four of the shelter cages where new dogs were so timid and traumatized that they were virtually non-adoptable. Not walk. Just sit. For an hour visit with each one, Ellie sits and talks and scratches ears, if the dog is willing to approach her. Four hours a day, six days a week, she, in the words of Paul's letter, "encourages the fainthearted, helps the weak, is patient with all of them."

I have learned through life that we can look at the changes in our lives as challenges or as opportunities. I hope that, as I mature, I can see life as Ellie does, full opportunities!

Blessings,

Pastor Doug

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2	7:00 pm	Christian Ed
5-6		Illinois Conference Annual Celebration in East Peoria
7	9:30 am	Worship Service/Communion
14	9:30 am	Worship Service
15	12:00 pm	Grant Park Seniors
17	12:30 pm	Farmers and Friends
21	9:30 am	Worship Service
23	7:00 pm	Church Council
25		Pastor Doug at Veterans Home
26-27		General Synod Cleveland Ohio
28	9:30 am	Worship Service

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4		HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
5	9:30 am	Worship Service – Communion celebrated
6-10	5:30-8:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
12	9:30 am	Worship Service
15	12:30	Farmers & Friends
17	11:00 am	Salvation Army
	6:00 pm	Frahm/ Meyer Wedding Rehearsal
18	3:00 am	Frahm/Meyer Wedding
19	9:30 am	Worship Service
20	1:00 pm	Grant Park Seniors
23		Pastor Doug at Veterans Home
24	6:00 pm	Toppen/Lorenz Wedding rehearsal
25	3:00 pm	Toppen/Lorenz Wedding
26	10:30 am	WORSHIP IN THE PARK – Grant Park Fire Department Chicken fry
28	7:00 pm	Church Council

ST. PETER'S 2015 GRADUATES



8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Seth Hamann

Hayden Lehnert

Will Schneider

Katie Hamilton

Maxwell Markland

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Connor Claussen Connor will be attending Rose Hulman Institute of Technology majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Alysn Fritz –

Noah Hamann – Noah will be attending UTI for Diesel Mechanics

Jaron Jacobson Jaron will be attending KCC on the Electrical Technology Program.

Kyle Jacobson Kyle will be attending Judson University majoring in Business.

AJ Kaack- Undecided at this time.

Austin Kaack – Undecided at this time.

Madison Langlois – Will be attending KCC then transferring to ISU majoring in Education.

Kaleb Lehnert Kaleb will be attending KCC

Morgan Wimberly

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Jessica Claussen – Jessica graduated from Millikin University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Therapy. She is planning on attending the Art Institute of Chicago to receive a Master's Degree in Art Therapy.

Kaleb Frahm – Kaleb graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Eastern Illinois University.

Lukus Hamann – Lukus graduated from the Fire Academy at ONU. His future plans are to attend Paramedic School.

Father's Day Carnations

The Missions Board is selling carnations for Father's Day Sunday May 31st through Sunday, June 14th. 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 17TH

You can volunteer in two ways:

* **Donate cookies, brownies or bar cookie** - please deliver them to the church by 10:30 am on the 17th.

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. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, PEOTONE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

St. John's UCC, Peotone is celebrating their 150th anniversary on Sunday, Jun 14th. An Open House/Music Interlude begins at 1:00 PM, followed by a Special Worship service at 2:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend. Our Church Council is sending flowers on behalf of our church, in honor of this special occasion. A letter of congratulations is available at the back of the sanctuary for those wishing to sign it.

The invitation we received is asking that people RSVP to Laurel Baker (708 565-0157), if they plan to attend.



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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***