

THE KEYS

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



May 2015



815-465-6191

St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.

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, May 18th** 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, May 20th**.



SERVING LUNCH AT THE SALVATION ARMY – FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

You can volunteer in two ways:

* **Donate cupcakes** - please deliver them to the church by 10:30 am on the 15th.

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



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MISSION PROJECTS

Thank you to those who donated to the CHURCH WORLD SERVICE Cleanup Bucket project. We received 5 clean up buckets, 1 hygiene kit, and 1 school kit.



MAY 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.



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

READING CHANGES LIVES

"We can eradicate illiteracy by working together locally, nationally and globally."

Cleveland Metropolitan School District Recommended School Supplies List

Crayons (24 packs)

Rulers – 12 inches

Pencils (packs of 10 each) – No.2

Glue Sticks/Paste

Eraser (2-pack)

Folders – with pockets with (3) tabs in the middle

Colored Pencils (packs) 12 pack

Notebook Paper – college and /or wide ruled

Notebooks, Spiral – 150 sheet

Pens (packs of 10 each) – blue, black and red ink

Markers - broad line 10 pack

Hand Sanitizer – travel size

Composition Book



JOYS

CONGRATULATIONS JASON COUWENHOVEN AND COURTNEY WILSON!

Olivia Dawn Couwenhoven was born to Courtney and Jason on Friday, April 10th. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Congratulations Jason and Courtney!



CONCERNS

The family and friends of **Norman Eckhoff** (Father of David and Jerry Eckhoff).

The family and friends of **Evelyn Crocker** (Mother of Shirley Loverin)

The family and friends of **Ronald Kutemeier** (Brother of Ralph Kutemeier).

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

[ILLINOIS CONFERENCE UCC OUTDOOR MINISTRIES CAMP](#)



Grandparents & Me Camp (ages 4+)

Cost: 1st
\$159.00
Adult:
1st Child:
Child: \$73.00
Additional
\$66.00 **Four**



Adult:
Additional
\$106.00
\$90.00 2nd
Each
Child:
(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 Fooockle

For additional information and registration go to www.il-odm.org

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.

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

Presented By _____

Number Ordered x \$4.00 _____



**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. Geraldine Hamann
Riverside Senior Life
85 East Burn Rd, Apt. 5
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Mrs. Doris Laking
Homme Home for the Aging
604 S Webb St.
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

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!



THE PASTOR'S NOTE

INTENSITY IN THE PEW by Matt Fitzgerald [Apr 13, 2015]



"Enter God's gates with thanksgiving." - Psalm 100:4

When I was a child church evoked two emotions: boredom and awe. The two were not distributed in equal measure. Large swaths of seemingly endless boredom punctuated by the occasional instant of awe. The awe came on rarely, once or twice a year. It came down from on high while I stared at an altar candle during an organ solo, or caught the sunlight streaming through Jesus' face in the stained glass. So I kept my head up, bored but hopeful.

One Sunday morning the residents from a neighborhood group home came to worship. There were about ten guys, each developmentally disabled. They looked like the seven dwarves from Disney's "Sleeping Beauty." Long beards, flannel shirts and clean-pressed jeans marching in unison toward a pew.

In front me of were two elderly, boring church members. I sat behind them every week and barely noticed. If anything interesting was going to happen in church it would be between me and God. One of them gestured at our bearded guests and whispered loudly, "What are they doing here?" I sat up, immediately anxious. How could anyone be so mean?

The man sitting next to him turned and whispered back, even louder, as if he were explaining a simple math problem to a stupid child, "What are they doing here? They're going to church." His grumpy neighbor's head snapped back. What a zinger! I felt like cheering. Who knew such intensity was available right there in the pews? Awesome! I turned my eyes from heaven, toward the people all around me.

May we be open to the awesome work of God!

Pastor Doug

**MAY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



3	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service/Communion
5	7:00 pm	Christian Ed
6	5:30 pm	Brownie Troop #71518
	7:00 pm	Sr. Choir
10	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service/ Mothers Day
13	7:00 pm	Senior Choir
15	11:00 am	Salvation Army
17	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Sunday School / Graduate Recognition
18	1:00-3:00	Grant Park Seniors
20	12:30 pm	Farmers and Friends
	5:30 pm	Brownie Troop #71518
	7:00 pm	High School Baccalaureate
22	7:00 pm	High School Graduation
23	1:00 pm	Eckhoff Baptism
24	9:30 am	SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS
25		Memorial Day Office Closed
26	7:00 pm	Church Council
27	3:00-8:00pm	Fusion Blood Drive
28	7:00 pm	Eight Grade Promotion



MAY BIRTHDAY LIST

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

LaDonna Swanson	1	Sandi Heldt	16
Rich Heldt	2	Jon Schneider	16
Kimberly Sherwood	4	Paul Loverin	19
Catherine Hamann	4	Daniel Erickson	20
Megan Pilbeam	4	Mary Cirks	23
Sam Hamann	4	Shirley Voigt	23
Cynthia Jacobson	6	Jerry Lorenz	23
Erin Williamson	7	David Heusing	25
Joe Ekhoﬀ	8	Minnie Pﬂingsten	26
Tammy Reaman	10	Sandy Erickson	27
Amy Schneider	11	Jarret Schneider	28
Tom Morris	12	Kyle Jacobson	28
Suzy Bird	12	Jamie Clausing	29
Mark Ekhoﬀ	12	Sharon Dillman	30
Kate Reichel	12	Ken Heldt	30
Marcia Langlois	14	Trisha Meherg	30
Missy Benson	14		
Pam Lawrence	15		

WE NEED A DIRECTOR OR CO DIRECTORS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Board of Christian Education is seeking a Director or Co Directors for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS). The dates for VBS are Monday, Jul 6th through Friday, Jul 10th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. VBS will be held at our church. If you're interested on serving as a Director or Co Director, please contact Rachel Lewke at 815.954.3420. Thank you!



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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***