

THE KEYS

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



November 2014



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St. Peter's

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.

A REMINDER

Sunday, Nov 2nd Daylight Saving Time ends.

Turn your clocks *Back* -
(Fall Back) one hour



TURKEY SUPPER WORK DAY!!

The Turkey Supper Committee is asking for your help on Friday November 7th. 8:00 am until ????. Come for whatever time you can!!



HANGING OF THE GREENS



We will have the “Hanging of the Greens” (the decorating of the church building and sanctuary for Christmas) during worship on Sunday, November 30th. Members of the Worship Committee will have the decorations ready so the decorations simply have to be put up.

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, November 19th**.



YOU'RE INVITED FOR COFFEE BEFORE WORSHIP!

Shari Ohm and her helpers host a coffee bar in the Sunday school entrance area each Sunday morning from 9:00 am – 10:15 am. You're invited have a cup of coffee before worship. Proceeds will go to the Board of Christian Education.



THANK YOU NOTES

Clarence Heldt and family would like to thank everyone for the birthday card sent to Clarence.

Thank you for all of the cards and good wishes for my 90th birthday.
Doris Laking



SERVING LUNCH AT THE SALVATION ARMY – FRIDAY, NOV 14TH

(Note that we now serve on Fridays. The Salvation Army no longer serves lunch on Saturdays)

You can volunteer in two ways:

- * **Donate cookies, brownies or a bar cookie** - please deliver them to the church by 10:30 am on the 14th. 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



MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY – WAGON WHEELS WEST

When: Fri 11/14, 7:00 pm;
Sat 11/15, 7:00 pm;
Sun 11/16, 2:00 pm

Where: Hamann Center

Cost: \$6.00 Adults, \$4.00 Students



2014 – 2015 MONEE REGION DARTBALL RESULTS

Our Dartball team participates in the local UCC Church League competition.

The teams participating this season are:

St. Paul's UCC, Manhattan; St. John's Faith UCC, Matteson;

Immanuel UCC, Peotone; and St. Peter's UCC, Grant Park

St. Peter's is currently in first place!



NOVEMBER 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.

Neighbors in Need (NIN)

The total offering received for NIN was **\$185.00.**

HAVE YOU HEARD??

Many times you, the members and friends of St. Peter's United Church of Christ learn of events, illnesses, and deaths before we do in the office. Please contact us with the information.

Jen Mussman is keeping us informed by posting information about events in the life of our church on the church's Facebook page. If you're on Facebook, find us and "friend" us; St. Peter's UCC Grant Park. Jen is asking that Committee Chairpersons or members or anyone having information about events at the church to email her the information at

jennifermussman@gmail.com. Thank you.



THE PASTOR'S NOTE

A Helpful Guide to Becoming Unbusy

By Joshua Becker – May 2014



From The Pastor's Pen

“Those who are wise won’t be busy, and those who are too busy can’t be wise.” — Lin Yutang

“‘Busy’ has become the new ‘Fine’.” As in, when you ask somebody how they were doing, they used to answer, “Fine.” But nowadays, everybody answers, “Busy.” Seemingly, busy has become the default state for too many of our lives.

But is the state of busy really improving our lives? Certainly not. Statistics indicate 75% of parents are too busy to read to their children at night. There is a rising number of children being placed in day cares and after-school activities. Americans are having a hard time finding opportunity for vacations these days. 33% of Americans are living with extreme stress daily. And nearly 50% of Americans say they regularly lie awake at night because of stress. This is a problem. We have become too busy. But it doesn’t have to be this way. Busy is not inevitable. Each of us can take intentional steps to unbusy our lives.

Consider this Helpful Guide to Becoming Unbusy:

1. Realize that being busy is a choice. *It is a decision we make. We are never forced into a lifestyle of busyness. The first, and most important, step to becoming less busy is to simply realize that our schedules are determined by us. We do have a choice in the matter. We don’t have to live busy lives.*

2. Stop the glorification of busy. *Busy, in and of itself, is not a badge of honor. In fact, directed at the wrong pursuits, it is actually a limiting factor to our full potential. It is okay to not be busy. Repeat this with me: It is okay to not be busy.*

3. Appreciate and schedule rest. *One of the reasons many of us keep busy schedules is we fail to recognize the value of rest. But rest is beneficial to our bodies, our minds, and our souls. Set aside one day per week for rest and family. Intentionally schedule it on your calendar. Then, guard it at all costs.*

4. Revisit your priorities. *Become more intentional with your priorities and pursuits in life. Determine again what are the*

most significant contributions you can offer this world. And schedule your time around those first. Busyness is, at its core, about misplaced priorities.

5. Own fewer possessions. *The things we own take up far more time and mental energy than we realize. They need to be cleaned, organized, and maintained. And the more we own, the more time is required. Own less stuff. And find more time because of it.*

6. Cultivate space in your daily routine. *Take time for lunch. Find space in your morning to sit quietly before starting your day. Invest in solitude, meditation, or yoga. Find opportunity for breaks at work in between projects. Begin right away cultivating little moments of space and margin in your otherwise busy day.*

7. Find freedom in the word, “no.” *Seneca wrote, “Everybody agrees that no one pursuit can be successfully followed by a man who is preoccupied with many things.” Recognize the inherent value in the word “no.” Learning to say “no” to less important commitments opens your life to pursue the most important.*

Busy does not need to define you. Unbusy is possible. It’s okay to be happy with a calm life. And doesn’t that sound wonderful right about now?

Wise words to remember as we approach the holiday season. ,
Take time for yourself and remember what truly is important and what the holiday season celebrates.

Pastor Doug



CHARLIE BROWN/THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

We will receive donations for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets and the Charlie Brown Christmas Fund through Nov 16th. The Charlie Brown Christmas Fund provides a \$50.00 Target gift card for each child of local families who need help with expenses during the Christmas season.



This year we are sponsoring 4 families with a total of 13 children as well as two individuals.

We are asking for the following Food Basket donations:

Nov 2 – Pasta and Sauce, Rice, Mac & Cheese

Nov 9 – Canned Soups and Canned Veggies

Nov 16 – Peanut Butter and Jelly, Paper products, Personal hygiene products



Donations for the Charlie Brown Christmas Fund and for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets may be placed in the container at the back of the church. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's UCC.

Thanks for your help and for helping others!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Our Sunday school youth will be packing Operation Christmas Child boxes on Nov 21st.

Ways you can Help:

1. Monetary offerings to cover the cost of shipping a box (\$7.00 per box)
2. Monetary offerings to be used to purchase items for the box
3. Donations of small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, etc for boys or girls ages 1-4, 5-9, 10 – 14

Ideas of what you can get at the \$1 store to donate (*a printed list is available on the Sunday school bulletin board*):

jump rope | note pads | hand puppets | kazoo | tooth brush & toothpaste | colored pencils | t-shirts | pencil sharpener | wash clothes | pony tail holders | flash lights with batteries | playing cards | necklaces | crayons | stamp set with ink pads | beach balls | socks | t-shirts | memo books | miniature footballs | bar soap | bracelets and rings | toothbrush covers | combs | hair clips | jolly ranchers

Thanks in advance for your donation



CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND
CHURCH ON A REGULAR BASIS

Mrs. Louise Sievers
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Mr. Clarence Heldt
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Manteno, IL 60950

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Momence, IL 60954

Mrs. Geraldine Hamann
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CONCERNS

Three church families recently experienced the loss of a family member. Please keep them in your prayers:

The family and friends of **Wally Reichert** (Renae Hamilton's father)

The family and friends of **Antionette Phelps** (Nancy Sturm's mother)

The family and friends of **Donald Hamann** (Geraldine Hamann's son)





PRAYER CONCERNS

Warren Wessman - cancer,

Tim Langlois – (Son of Marcia Langlois) cancer,

Sue – (Friend of Wally and Tonita Reifsteck) cancer,

Kim Nolte – (Friend of Kim Sherwood) cancer,

Jean Halloway (friend of Ethel & Clifford Zimmerman) – cancer,

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

Allison Kijewski - (Granddaughter of Gene & Marilyn

Rademacher) heart surgery

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

Judy Decker (Sister-in-Law of Betty Jones) - Cancer,

Emily Spitzig – Car accident,

Matt Schaff (Friend of Larry & Shari Ohm) Cancer,

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

Delores Shimmin (Mother of Rhonda McKinstry) – Recovery,

Richard Schnell (Father-in-Law of Bruce [Alyce] Heldt) – Alzheimer’s,

Dorothy Schnell (Mother-in-Law of Bruce [Alyce] Heldt) – ALS,

Jan Locke - Complications from hip surgery,

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

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

JOYS

The birth of **Olivia Marie O’Nions**, born on October 1st. Olivia is the new daughter of Nick and Hollie (Dulin) O’Nions. She is the granddaughter of Rich and Patty Dulin and great grand daughter of Dean and Judy Schneider.

The birth of **Stetson Lee Rogers** son of Terry and Lisa (Dennis) Rogers. Stetson was born on October 17th. He is the grandson of Bob and Debbie Dennis and great grandson of Vic and Elaine Frahm.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
3-7		Pastor Doug gone to St.Louis
4	7:00 pm	Christian Ed
5	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart GP at Peotone
7	8:00 am	Turkey Supper Work Day
8	4:00- 8:00	ST. PETER'S TURKEY SUPPER
9	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
12	5:30 pm	Brownie Troop 71518
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart GP at Manhattan
13	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop 70915
14	11:00 am	Salvation Army
	7:00 pm	Wagon Wheels Drama Club
15	7:00 pm	Wagon Wheels Drama Club
16	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Wagon Wheels Drama Club
17	1:00 pm	Grant Park Seniors
19	12:30 pm	Farmers & Friends
	5:30 pm	Brownie Troop 71518
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart Matteson at GP
22	9:00 am	Missions pack Thanksgiving Baskets
23	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
25	7:00 pm	Church Council
26	7:00 pm	THANKSGIVING WORSHIP/COMMUNION
27		HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!!
29	3:00 pm	Stadt Wedding
30	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service

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

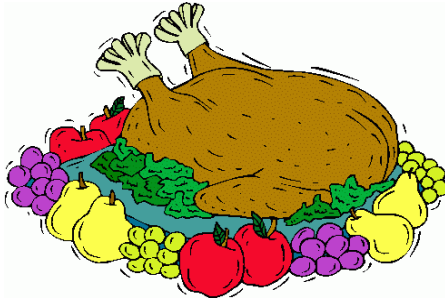
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

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

Ashlee Ekhoﬀ	1	Gary Ekhoﬀ	16
Kathy Sievers	2	Tanner Barrera	16
Norma Lehnert	3	Jayne Frahm	17
Karri Barrera	3	Jim Hamann	17
Jennie Hamann	3	Molly Markland	17
Greg Engleking	4	Al Stanbro	18
Bruce Heldt	5	Emily Marek	18
Jeff Hamann	5	Dan Schneider	20
Kim Couwenhoven	5	Hadleigh Loitz	20
Brett Lehnert	5	Hank Isbell	20
Kurt Reichel	5	Seth Hamann	23
Geraldine Hamann	6	Brian Morris	24
Gordon Schneider	9	Jill Shafer	24
Kole Stadt	9	Kennedy Marcotte	25
Roger Sturm	10	Andy Dillman	27
Christian Benson	11	Jessica Ackley	27
Tyler Claussen	12	Warren Wessman	28
Kathy Ekhoﬀ	14	Nick Hamann	28
Elaine Frahm	15	Chris Claussen	29
Hayden Lehnert	16	Joshua Lorenz	29
Marion Duensing	16		



Please Join us for St. Peter's UCC Annual



TURKEY SUPPER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

4:00 – 8:00 PM

ADULTS - \$10.00
KIDS 6-12 YEARS - \$6.00
UNDER 6 YEARS - FREE
ALL CARRYOUTS - \$10.00

**Join us for our all-you-can- eat supper of:
Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sweet
Potatoes, Corn, Rolls , Cranberries, and Fruit Salad**

Many themed baskets will be raffled!!!!

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STAFF

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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

Kevin Mussman, President

Bev Junker, Vice President

Kathy Ekhoﬀ, Secretary

Josh Hamann, Treasurer; Dave Schroeder, Assistant Treasurer

Ed Bush, Pam Lawrence Trisha Meherg, Roger Sturm



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