

# THE KEYS

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



November 2015



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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 6th. 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup>**.



**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.



**CHURCH LIFE ADULT (OVER 21 YEARS OLD)**  
**GAME NIGHT – SATURDAY, NOV 21<sup>ST</sup>**



**When:** Saturday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM

**Where:** Dave & Dawn Schroeder's, 4 Lake Metonga Trail, Grant Park

Bring an appetizer/snack, a beverage of choice, and be ready to have fun!

Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by the Sunday school entrance so we know how many to expect!

**SERVING LUNCH AT THE SALVATION ARMY –**  
**FRIDAY, NOV 20<sup>TH</sup>**



**(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 20<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

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY – BUGSY MALONE**

When: Fri 11/06, 7:00 pm;

Sat 11/07, 7:00 pm;

Sun 11/08, 2:00 pm

Adult Tickets \$6.00

Where: Hamann Center

Student Tickets \$4.00

**ALL CHURCH BAND**



Do you or have you played a musical instrument? Are you interested in sharing your talent by playing in the instrumental group Kelly Toppen (Lorenz) is organizing to play during church services throughout the year?

If so, please contact Kelly at: Phone – (815) 791-8140 or email – [klorenz@millikin.edu](mailto:klorenz@millikin.edu).

The first gig is “Christmas in the Village” on Sat, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **2015– 2016 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

As of October 28th the standings are:

Grant Park is 27 & 21

Matteson is 25 & 23

Peotone is 22 & 20

And Manhattan is 16 and 26



## **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 **\$115.00.**

### **MISSION BOARD PROJECT**

Thanks to your donations, the Mission Committee received/made **6 Clean-up Buckets, 11 School kits, and 5 Hygiene kits** for Church World Service

(CWS). Some of the buckets/kits were been made with items purchased using the \$250 grant we received. \$40 has also been received, which will help with purchasing items or help with the cost of shipping the buckets/kits to those in need. We thank Audrey and Daren Lehnert for taking the buckets and kits to the Eastern Association meeting last Sat, October 31<sup>st</sup>.



## **CHARLIE BROWN/THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS**

We will receive donations for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets and the Charlie Brown Christmas Fund through Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 plan to make at least 5 baskets of food and give Target gift cards to each child in the families.



We are suggesting the following items for the Food Basket donations:

**Nov 1 Pasta and Sauce, Rice, Mac & Cheese**

**Nov 8 – Canned Soups and Canned Veggies**

**Nov 15 – 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!



## **THANK YOU NOTES**

I want to thank everyone who signed my birthday card and also those who sent individual cards. Your thoughtful consideration was greatly appreciated.

Clarence Heldt and Family



## THE PASTOR'S NOTE



September, 2015 was the month of my sabbatical. I thank you for the giving me the opportunity to take my sabbatical. It was a time of learning, relaxation, and, something I hadn't planned when I first thought about my sabbatical, a time for Sue and me to spend time together after our wedding.

The sabbatical was from September 1 – 30. It was a 4,500 mile road trip that began by heading to the Lacrosse, WI area. We spent a few days there visiting the places I know from living in the area and visiting many times. This was the area where my dad grew up.

From LaCrosse, we traveled to regions of the country neither of had visited. We first stopped in Preston, MN for a few days, visiting sights in the surrounding area. Sue and I like the history revealed in cemeteries. We visited 15 cemeteries in the first six days of our travels. The grave stones told many interesting stories.

Our next stop was Hot Springs, SD followed by Driggs, ID. The days spent in these two places afforded us time to visit many sights including: Wind Cave National Park, Custer National Park, Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park, and the Grand Tetons. We were both amazed by the vastness of these areas and the opportunities to see wildlife “up close and personal.”

We returned to this area to repack. We then traveled to Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer, MI. There we spent the days walking, reading, and relaxing. During this time I completed a 12 hour DVD course entitled, “Great Figures of the New Testament,” by Professor Amy-Jill Levine. I read *The Shack* by William Paul Young and *If Grace is True* by Philip Gulley & James Mulholland.

Sabbatical was a time for me to learn, renew, and become refreshed. I return from sabbatical ready to continue forward, together, on the path where God is leading us. I learned many things while on sabbatical, things that can help us in the life of our church as well as in my personal life. I thank Rev. Timothy Rhodes for his leadership in my absence and the leadership of all of you during my time away.

***Blessings, Pastor Doug***

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

Mrs. Louise Sievers  
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Mr. Clarence Heldt  
Heritage Woods Rm 191  
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Momence, IL 60954



Mrs. Doris Laking  
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IN THE MILITARY**

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**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***

## 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,

**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,

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

**Steve Jones** (son of Betty Jones) prayers for recovery after surgery,

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



## NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	8:45 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Totenfest/Communion
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
3	7:00 pm	CE
4	5:30 pm	Brownie Troop 71518
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart GP at Peotone
6	8:00 am	Turkey Supper Work Day
	7:00 pm	Middle School Play
7	4:00- 8:00	ST. PETER’S TURKEY SUPPER
	7:00 pm	Middle School Play





**NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED**

8	8:45 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Congregational Meeting and Vote
11	5:30 pm	Brownie Troop 71518
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart GP at Manhattan
12	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop 70915
13	7:00 pm	High School Jazz Concert
15	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Budget Meeting
16	1:00 pm	Grant Park Seniors
18	12:30 pm	Farmers & Friends
	5:30 pm	Brownie Troop 71518
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart Peotone at GP
19		Pastor Doug serves communion at Vets Home
20	11:00 am	Leave for Salvation Army
21	9:00 am	Missions pack Thanksgiving Baskets
	6:30 pm	Game Night at Dave & Dawn Schroeder's
22	8:45 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
24	7:00 pm	Church Council
25	7:00 pm	THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP
		COMMUNION
26		HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!!
29	8:45 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Decorate Church for Christmas
		Ella Kutz Baptism

## 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
Kurt Reichel	5	Hank Isbell	20
Kole Stadt	9	Seth Hamann	23
Gordon Schneider	9	Brian Morris	24
Roger Sturm	10	Jill Shafer	24
Christian Benson	11	Kennedy Marcotte	25
Tyler Claussen	12	Andy Dillman	27
Kathy Ekhoﬀ	14	Gigi Schneider	28
Elaine Frahm	15	Warren Wessman	28
Hayden Lehnert	16	Nick Hamann	28
Marion Duensing	16	Chris Claussen	29
		Joshua Lorenz	29

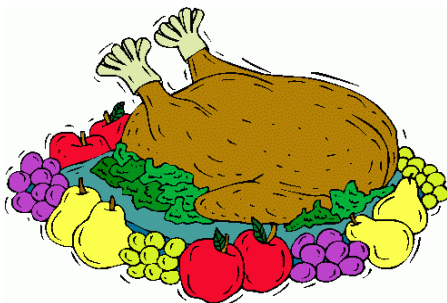
## HAVE YOU HEARD??

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](mailto:jennifermussman@gmail.com). Thank you.



Please Join us for St. Peter's UCC Annual



**TURKEY SUPPER**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**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**

**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, Jim Hamann, Bruce Heldt, Pam Lawrence**



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