

# THE KEYS

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



**November 2017**



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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 5<sup>th</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 3rd. 8:00 am until ????

Come for whatever time you can to help peel potatoes and help with other jobs! They are also in need of cool whip containers and raffle basket donations 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 the second half of worship. Worship will begin with communion on Sunday, December 3rd. 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 15<sup>th</sup>**.



### **YOUNG AT HEART**

The Grant Park Seniors will be meeting on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00pm for a potluck at the Community Center, Dixie Highway in Grant Park.



### **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.



**SERVING LUNCH AT THE SALVATION ARMY –  
FRIDAY, NOV 17<sup>TH</sup>**



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 18<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

**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 **\$202.00**. Thank you for your generous offering

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

The family and friends of David Eckhoff who passed away on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The family and friends of Jeffrey Schneider who passed away on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**DISASTER MINISTRY OF THE UCC**

**OF THE UCC** – We will continue to collect money to send to the areas of this country experiencing disasters – fire, flooding, hurricane/tornado. We have placed the 'collection jar' at the back of the sanctuary for any wishing to help out at this time– the projection is 5-6 years before all restorations will be completed. This year we have sent 7 buckets and 11 school kits and one hygiene kit.

## *From the Pastor*

There are so many things happening this month that there hardly seems time to prepare for one before the next event is upon us!

I'm not complaining! Activity is a sign of life!

First up in the month of November is the Annual Turkey Supper (Nov. 4)! You all know what a day that is! It's a time to come together to accomplish all the tasks that it takes to provide a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner! There are turkey bakers and pie makers and dishwashers and carry outs and baskets! But more than all of these (as great as they are!) is the fellowship that happens between us when we work together to accomplish a common goal!

**Then the time changes – we “Fall Back” and get an extra hour of sleep –** which we will need following the Turkey Supper!

Then there is Totenfest or Memorial Sunday (Nov. 5) when we remember those who have entered their Eternal Life with God since last November 1. We get to see the babies who have been baptized once again as we honor their Baptisms as well.

And then is Veteran's Day and we will remember our Veterans on November 12!

November 5 & 12 from noon until 2 we will have pictures taken for the Temporary Pictorial Directory to help the new pastor identify folks in the congregation and be able to contact them with the correct email address and cell phone or land line numbers!

Thank you, Dennis! If you would like to have a “Mantle” picture, please speak to Dennis that day and make arrangements with him.

The Shepherds meet and the Budget Committee meets to put together the 2018 Budget, we serve at the Salvation Army in Kankakee during the week of the 12<sup>th</sup>. And the Thanksgiving Eve Service is at 7pm on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The 23<sup>rd</sup> is Thanksgiving Day and I hope you all have a grand celebration and feast!

The Search Committee is meeting very regularly to prepare the church profile and it is a daunting task as there are several new parts to address with lots of essay questions!

The Confirmation Class is in full swing now and they are leading the liturgy each Sunday morning and are serving as acolytes as well.

We have an incredible number of blessings for which we give thanks daily! The most precious blessing is that of knowing the love of God that surrounds us and flows through us and draws us together as the Body of Christ!

If you have been blessed this year by St. Peter's UCC family, please take a moment and offer God a prayer for that blessing and then let's show the world just how thankful we can be!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Jan

p.s. a reminder for those who are writing meditations for the Advent Daily Devotional, they are due 11/15.

## Holiday Loss and Grief Group

We will begin a **Holiday Loss and Grief Group** on Monday evenings starting November 13.



A daytime group will meet at 1pm each Monday through December 18. An evening group will meet at 7pm each Monday through December 18.

Meeting dates are: November 13, 20, 27; December 4, 11, 18

We will explore ways to move through the holy seasons with grace and faith, and even a few tears. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

**Peggy Heusing** – thanksgiving for being home,

**Gene Sievers** – prayers for healing for a broken hip

**Dean Schneider** - prayers for healing during treatment

**Pauline Mitchell** -prayers for healing,

**Ron Rundquist** – prayers for comfort,

**Mercia Fiore** - Marcia Langlois sister) prayers for comfort,

A prayer request for **Pete & his wife** – cancer,

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



## THANK YOU

I would like to thank the committee that makes a meal for the family after a surgery!! Thank you Nancy Sturm for the delicious beef stew! It was wonderful! Thank you to Bev Junker for the jello salad and cream puffs, they were also delicious! I would have never known they were sugar free!! Pastor Jan, the bread you made, was also a delicious addition to our meal. I was a very thoughtful gesture and was so appreciated!! I would like to get on this list, so I can also make a meal for someone when they come home from the hospital.

Thank you again,  
Kathy Sievers

St Peters United Church of Christ

Thank you to all who participated in your event. Your donation is appreciated by our fur-babies.

Thank you again,  
River Valley Animal Rescue

Dear, dear church family,

Thank you, thank you, for your precious prayers, visits, cards and delicious food. It means so much to know that you care. We love you and thank you.

The Schneider Family

Dear St. Peters,

I would like to thank all who attended the wake and funeral, sent flowers, food, cards and prayers for David.

Nancy Eckhoff

## **A Blessing Box**

Do you know what our Blessing Box is? Ask one of the Confirmation Students and they will tell you: Izzy, Sawyer, Wes, or Zoe.

## **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!**

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND**

**CHURCH ON A REGULAR BASIS**

Mrs. Louise Sievers  
Riverside Senior Life  
85 Burns Road  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Mrs. Doris Laking  
Humme Home for the Aging  
604 S Webb  
Whittenberg, WI 54499

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

1	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
		Dart - Grant Park at Matteson
3	8:00 am	Turkey Supper Work Day
4	4:00- 8:00	ST. PETER'S TURKEY SUPPER
5	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Totenfest/ Communion
	12:00	Confirmation Class
	12:00-2:00	Pictures
7	7:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting
8	5:30 pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
		Dart GP at Manhattan
12	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	12:00-2:00	Pictures
13	1:00-3:00	Young at Heart
	1:00 & 7:00	Holiday Loss and Grief Group
14	10:00	Shepherd Meeting
15	12:30	Farmers and Friends
	6:30pm	Budget Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
		Dart Peotone at Grant Park
17	11:30 am	Serve Lunch at Salvation Army
19	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	12:00	Confirmation Class

	1:30 pm	Mid-season dart tournament at Peotone atrium
20	1:00 & 7:00	Holiday Loss and Grief Group
22	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship/Communion
23		<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!!</b>
26	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Hangings of the Greens
27	1:00 & 7:00	Holiday Loss and Grief Group
28	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
29	5:30 pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
		Dart - Matteson at Grant Park

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

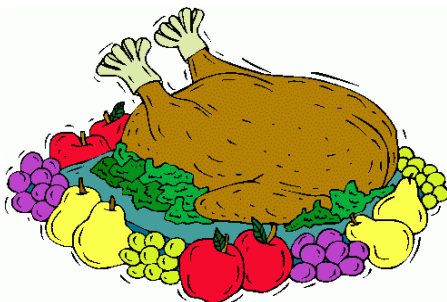
These birthdays are compiled from church membership records. Please call to our attention any omissions or corrections



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	Nick Hamann	28
Hayden Lehnert	16	Joshua Lorenz	29
Marion Duensing	16	Chris Claussen	29



Please Join us for St. Peter's UCC Annual



**TURKEY SUPPER**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:00 – 8:00 PM**

**ADULTS - \$10.00**

**KIDS 6-12 YEARS - \$6.00**

**UNDER 5 YEARS - FREE**

**ALL CARRYOUTS - \$10.00**

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

**Many themed baskets to be raffled!!!!**

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

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

**STAFF**

**Rev. Jan Johnson, Interim 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**

**Peg McCraw, Custodian**

**Rhiannon Currier & Rhonda McKinstry Youth Advisors**

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Sandy Erickson, President**

**Evelyn Bond Vice President**

**Vicki Gawlinski, Secretary**

**Kaleb Frahm, Treasurer,**

**Susan Williamson, Assistant Treasurer**

**Karen Brunello, Jim Hamann,**

**Ron Hamann & Bruce Heldt**



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