

# THE KEYS

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



October 2014



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# St. Peter's

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

310 N. Meadow St.  
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY- OCT 5, 2014

The eleven members of our Confirmation class will be confirmed on Sunday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> during our worship service. The Confirmands will share their personal Statements of Faith, receive the Rite of Confirmation, and take Holy Communion.



Please join us for this special service.

The Confirmands are:

**Caleb Benson** Caleb's parents are Chris & Melissa Benson.

**Seth Hamann** Seth's parents are Nick and Jennifer Hamann.

**Alex Hamilton & Katie Hamilton** Alex and Katie's parents are Mark and Renae Hamilton.

**Austin Jacobson** Austin's parents are Tod and Jean Jacobson.

**Hayden Lehnert** Hayden's parents are David and Shelly Lehnert.

**Maxwell Markland** Max's parents are Tim and Wendy Markland.

**Kaitlyn McMahan** Kaitlyn's parents are Karla Lehnert and Dale McMahan.

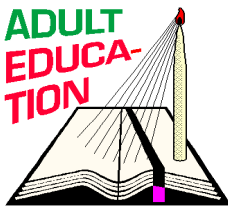
**Alyssa Rodriguez** Alyssa's parents are John and Elizabeth Rodriguez.

**Will Schneider** Will's parents are Greg and Amy Schneider.

**Sam Toppen** Sam's parents are Tim and Mary Toppen.

## THE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

The Adult Education class will begin Sunday, Oct 19 at 9:00 am in the Conference Room by the Church Office. We will decide what we will be studying at the first class. Bring your ideas and your Bible. Coffee will be served.



### GRANT PARK SENIORS MEETING

The Grant Park Seniors will meet on **Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** 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, October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Pastor Doug will be on vacation so will not be able to attend.

### CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS FUND AND THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

This year, the Mission Committee is asking for cash donations and food items to help provide food for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets for area families in need. Mission Committee members will purchase additional items needed for the baskets with the donations received. We plan to sponsor five or six families.



We will receive donations for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets and the Charlie Brown Christmas Fund Oct 26<sup>th</sup> through Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. The Charlie Brown Christmas Fund provides a \$50.00 Target gift card for each child of local families receiving the Thanksgiving baskets to help with expenses during the Christmas season. They also receive a \$25.00 gift certificate for meat at Berkots.



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!

## OCTOBER 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. We contribute \$916.67 each month to OCWM through our budget.

### Neighbors in Need (NIN)

NIN is an annual special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM).



Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. We have budgeted \$200.00 for this year's donation.

## SUNDAY FUNDAY BIKE-A-THON AND ICE BUCKET RESULTS

Thanks to your generosity, donations received from the Rally Day Bike-a-Thon totaled **\$130.00**. Donations received at the Sunday Funday Luncheon totaled **\$69.02**. This money will help with future Sunday school projects.

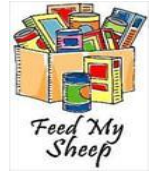


Ice Bucket Challenges by Josh Hamann, the Mussmans and Pastor Doug totaled **\$550.00**. These donations support our budget.

**Thank you!**

## FOOD PANTRY

For the months of Oct and Nov, food pantry donations will be given to the Mission Committee to help fill the Thanksgiving Baskets the Committee gives to local families. We are accepting donations of all non-perishable food items, paper products, and personal hygiene items.



Donations received in Sep and to date:

	<u>Monetary</u>	<u>Pounds of Items</u>
Sep	\$ 0.00	0 pounds
Year-to-Date	\$ 0.00	122 pounds

## PRAYER CONCERNS



**Warren Wessman** - Cancer,

**Sue** – Cancer (Friend of Wally & Tonita Reifsteck)

**Kim Nolte** – Cancer (Friend of Kim Sherwood)

**Jean Halloway** Cancer (Friend of Ethel & Clifford Zimmerman)

**Cynthia Gerdez** – Cancer (Friend of Margaret Chesterfield)

**Tim Langlois** – Cancer (Son of Marcia Langlois)

**Allison Kijewski** – heart surgery (Granddaughter of Gene & Marilynn Rademacher) **Emily Spitzig** – Car accident

**Judy Decker** (Sister-in-law of Betty Jones) Cancer

**Ione Hebert** – Chronic Back Pain (Friend of Ethel & Clifford Zimmerman)

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

**Nancy Adas** (Mother of Marge Myers) Alzheimers,

**Delores Shimmin** (Mother of Rhonda McKinstry) Recovery and all of God's children seeking comfort, peace, and love.

## Concerns

The family and friends of **Bill Posey** .

The family and friends of **Wally Reichert**.

The family and friends of **Antionette Phelps**.-



## THE PASTOR'S NOTE

**Hot Air** by John Edgerton – August 28, 2014

*"Then Bildad the Shuhite answered: 'How long will you say these things, and the words of your mouth be a great wind? Does God pervert justice?'" - Job 8:1-10*

*I grew up in Chicago, so I know the difference between stuffed pizza and deep dish. I know that when the Cubs play the Sox, the safest sartorial choice is a Bears jersey (54, natch). I know that when ordering a hot dog, the only acceptable reason to request ketchup is a concomitant purchase of fries.*

*And I also know that calling Chicago "The Windy City" is not a comment on the weather. It's a comment on all the hot air that comes out of the mouths of our windbag politicians. They talk and talk, saying almost nothing and yet somehow serving their own interests.*

*But even a Chicago politician would have to tip their cap to Bildad the Shuhite. Bildad stubbornly insists that if Job has suffered, there must be a good reason. But Bildad is not trying to comfort Job. Bildad is spouting platitudes to comfort himself. Job's suffering makes Bildad uncomfortable, so Bildad tries to talk it out of existence.*

*"Heaven needed another angel."*

*"God never gives us more than we can handle."*

*"Everything happens for a reason."*

*I have spoken to Bildad before. Heck, I've even been Bildad before.*

*When terrible things happen to people we care about, as a Christian I can learn how to treat them by reflecting on where Bildad went wrong: he opened his mouth and started talking.*

*Better to weep or scream or sit in silence, knowing that if I cannot think of the right words, it is because those words do not exist.*

May we know when to speak and when to remain silent!

**Pastor Doug**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**



- \* Evelyn Bond addressed the Council with some future fundraising ideas
- \* Council will be taking a look at our Church's Mission Statement
- \* We will be running the announcements as a power point before Church Service
- \* Extensive conversation was held regarding Church Accessibility. We reviewed some preliminary plans and are excited to move forward.

**COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES**

College student addresses (email and regular mail) are needed so we can keep in contact with them by sending our newsletter, *The Keys*, and other information about events at the church. **NEW** and **OLD** addresses are needed to update our records. Please call the church office. Leave a message if you are calling after hours. Thank you.



**HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?**

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



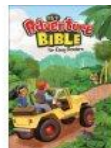
**Please contact the Church Office to advise us of the change!**

**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 to have a cup of coffee before worship. Proceeds will go to the Board of Christian Education.



**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THE SECOND GRADE CLASS**



The *Adventure Bible for Early Readers* was given to the members of our Second Grade Sunday School Class on Sunday, Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students receiving bibles were:

Caiden Benson, Ryder Greenholt, Lexi Hamann, Kennedy Marcotte, and Bella Rodriguez.

**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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Momence, IL 60954

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FE Warren AFB, WY 82005

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PSC 557 Box 2031  
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## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

If you would like to receive *The Keys*, our church newsletter, and/or your Giving Statements by email, please call the church office (815) 465-6191 or email us at: [stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net) or [stpetersgp@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersgp@gmail.com).



## OCTOBER 2014

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<b>1</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
		<b>Dart - GP at Manhattan</b>
<b>3- 5</b>		<b>Grant Park Oktoberfest</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Oktoberfest Parade</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Confirmation Class Pictures</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service/Confirmation</b>
		<b>Communion</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Christian Education</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Girl Scouts</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
		<b>Dart - Matteson at GP</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Farmers and Friends</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
		<b>Dart - Peotone at GP</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Adult Class</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
		<b>Dart - Manhattan at GP</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Adult Class</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Girl Scouts</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
		<b>Dart - GP at Matteson</b>

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LIST

These birthdays are compiled from church membership records.

*Please call to our attention any omissions or corrections*

Louise Sievers	1	Andrew Hamann	19
Gwyneth Stadt	3	Lisa Dennis	20
Keaton Lacer	7	Ron Hamann	21
Brandon Bird	8	Karl Schneider	21
Lucas Castelli	9	Clover Schneider	23
Karl Reichel	10	Marvin Bredemeier	24
Nixon Marcotte	11	Roberta Ferris	25
William Weybright	11	Tom Barrera	27
Lisa Reichel	12	Ethan Schneider	27
Stanley Schneider	12	Larry Hamann	28
Paige Flynn	14	Jeffrey Mussman	28
Beverly Junker	14	Holly Wade	28
William Reichel	14	Sheryl Wieghaus	28
Mark Schneider	14	Margaret Chesterfield	31
Adrian Fox	16	Austin Langlois	31
Michael Loitz	17	Christopher Mussman	31
Kaylie Meherg	17	Linda Neidlinger	31

## SERVING LUNCH AT THE SALVATION ARMY – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE)



You can volunteer in two ways:

- \* **Serve lunch** - meet at the Salvation Army at 11:30 am
- \* **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.

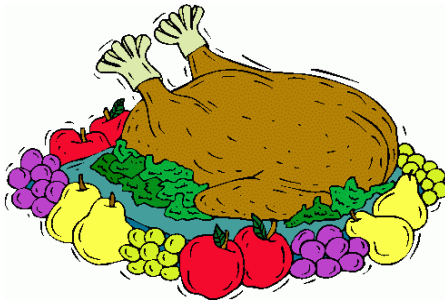
Thank you!

## **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!! They are also asking for basket donations.



Please Join us for St. Peter's UCC Annual



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**TURKEY SUPPER**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8<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**

**\* Get a \$1 off coupon at Grant Park Oktoberfest Parade, 10/4**

**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 to be raffled!!!!**

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**Church Website: [www.stpetersgp.org](http://www.stpetersgp.org)**

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

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**Sunday School 9:00 am**

**Sunday Worship – 10:30 am**

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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 & Sharon Buchler, Fusion Co-Advisors**

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## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Kevin Mussman, President**

**Beverly Junker, Vice President**

**Kathy Ekhoﬀ, Secretary**

**Josh Hamann, Treasurer**

**Dave Schroeder, Assistant Treasurer**

**Ed Bush, Pam Lawrence, Roger Sturm, Trisha Meherg**

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