

THE KEYS

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



October 2017



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St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

You are invited to join us every Tuesday in October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 10am (for 30-45 minutes) for a quiet time of Hymns and Scriptures. We will gather at 10am in the sanctuary and hear Scriptures read and sing the hymns which are based upon those Scripture readings. All are invited!



BLESSING OF THE PETS OCTOBER 3RD AT 6:00 PM

Bring your pet on a leash or in a crate or in a trailer! We share a pet story, read a blessing liturgy and pets receive a “Treat”. (In the parsonage garage in case of rain.)



MOVIE NIGHT

Watch your, Facebook, and the church website for information about the **Movie Night** on October 7 @ 7pm! Outdoors, weather permitting. Movie: Hotel Transylvania.

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 18th**.



YOUNG AT HEART

The Grant Park Seniors will be meeting on Monday, October 16th 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.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY 9:00 – 10:00

There is plenty of room in the Adult Bible Study for anyone who would like to join us on Sunday mornings at 9am in the Kitchen!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29, 2017 the congregation is invited to participate in “Trunk or Treat” immediately following Worship. Our kids will be dressed up in their Halloween Costumes during Sunday School and excited to Trunk or Treat after Worship! We will have a **sign up on the bulletin board** for those of you participating. This way we can reserve an appropriate amount of parking spots. We encourage the congregation to dress up as well and there will be a prize for Best Decorated Car! (Sign ups by October 22nd!) So mark your calendars and sign up for “Trunk or Treat” October 29th at St. Peter’s UCC!



TURKEY SUPPER WORK DAY!!

The Turkey Supper Committee is asking for your help on Fri, Nov 3th from 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. Sign up sheets for the 4th are posted in the Sunday School entry.

BIKE-A -THON

The Sunday School Bike-a-thon collected **\$160.00**, which was donated to the Momence River Valley Animal Rescue. Thank you to all who participated!



PRAYER CONCERNS

The family and friends of Earl Kuetemeyer who passed away on September 24th, 2017.

The family and friends of Rodney Ohm who passed away on September 29th, 2017.

WATCH FOR:

**CHILDREN’S SABBATH WORSHIP OCTOBER 15TH CONFIRMANTS LEAD
EASTERN/WESTERN ASSOCIATION MEETING IN BLOOMINGTON AT
ST. LUKE’S UNION OCTOBER 21ST PROGRAM: CENTER FOR
PROGRESSIVE RENEWAL
TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 29TH.
MENS BIBLE STUDY**

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 \$1,008.33 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

DISASTER MINISTRY OF THE UCC – presently we are collecting 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. We will probably take other offerings for the disasters as the year goes on – the projection is 5-6 years before all restorations will be completed.

What we can do now:

- A. Begin assembling cleanup buckets, health kits or school kits. On bulletin board outside the office is the description of items in each kit and how kits have been distributed in 2016. To complete a kit, assemble with **exactly** the items as listed.
- B. Collect cash donations and forward them through the Illinois Conference for the UCC Special Disaster Fund.
- C. Bring completed kits to your Fall Association meeting (October 21) for delivery by a Mission Trip team to the CWS Disaster Assistance Center in Little Rock, AR or report the number and kind of kits you have assembled – **Or sign up to be part of the Mission Trip team** - with Rev. David Kniker -information and registration form is on bulletin board outside the office.

A short shrift of the State of the Church Address
from the September 24th Sermon.



Effective Churches strive for excellence in service to Christ!

Effective Churches cultivate a spirit of innovation and experimentation!

Effective Churches take the initiative to build relationships with people and groups in the wider community beyond your congregation!

Effective Churches accept responsibility for mistakes, learn from them, and in all things, let grace abound!

Effective Churches are always prepared to give an account of the hope that is within you!

Effective Churches are willing to let people go in order to stay focused on your core mission!

Effective Churches spend money wisely, well and freely in God's cause, for God loves a cheerful giver!

There is a list of what Ineffective Churches do that corresponds to each in the list of Effective Churches. You can probably figure out what those are.

All churches should be striving to be Effective Churches, so, how about St. Peter's? Some points you do well but we can always do better! Other points, you do reasonably and are working on them. And still one or two others....well, not so much. Still, we need to listen for God's Still Speaking Voice for guidance as we move, day by day, into God's future for the Church!

How about it? Can we be an Effective Church for Christ? (spoiler alert: I think so!)

Blessings for a productive Fall Harvest!

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

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

Peggy Heusing – prayers for healing,

Gene Sievers – prayers for healing for a broken hip

Dean Schneider - prayers for healing during treatment,

Jeff Schneider – confronting ALS,

Ryder Luhman, (great grandson of Stanley and Judy Schneider) prayers for healing,

Pauline Mitchell -prayers for healing, **David Eckhoff** - cancer

A prayer request for **Darrell** a member of the community,

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

Wilma Brennan – (Evelyn Bond’s sister) broken leg in two places,

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



MEAN GREEN GOES PINK

Grant Park High School Volleyball teams and Beverly K. Roberts Cancer Foundation would like to announce the Mean Green Goes Pink annual

Volleyball game to be held on Friday, October 20, 2017 at 5:30 pm with Donovan Wildcats – doors open at 4:30pm.

There will be T-shirt sales, basket raffles, 50/50 raffle, silent auction items, memory and survivor recognition and ticket sales for 2 ^{1/2} hogs with basic processing and ¼ of beef to be raffled off. Basket raffle donations can be dropped off at Main Source Bank or Grant Park High School beginning October 16, 2017. Admission will be \$1.00 for all those wearing pink. All proceeds will be given to the Beverly K. Roberts Cancer Foundation to help folks of Grant Park area who are battling all kinds of cancer. Bev was a 1967 graduate of GPHS, enjoyed sporting events and lost her battle with breast cancer in 2007. Come out and see super volleyball games and help support this worthwhile cause that has been helping folks of the Grant Park area in 2008.



OCTOBER 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



1	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		World Communion
		Installation of Search Committee
3	10:00 am	Musical Meditation
	6:00 pm	Blessing of the Pets
	7:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting
4	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
		Dart - Peotone at GP
7	7:00 pm	Movie Night Hotel Transylvania
8	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	12:00-2:00	Confirmation Class
10	10:00 am	Musical Meditation
11	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
		Dart Ball - GP at Matteson
15	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service Children's Sabbath
16	1:00-3:00 pm	Young at Heart Pot Luck
17	10:00 am	Musical Meditation
18	12:30 pm	Farmers and Friends
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
		Dart - Manhattan at GP
21		Association Meeting in Bloomington
22	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	12:00-2:00	Confirmation Class
24	10:00 am	Musical Meditation
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
25	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice
		Dart GP at Peotone
29	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30	Turkey Supper Workday after Worship
	11:30 am	Trunk or Treat
31	10:00 am	Musical Meditation

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!

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.



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

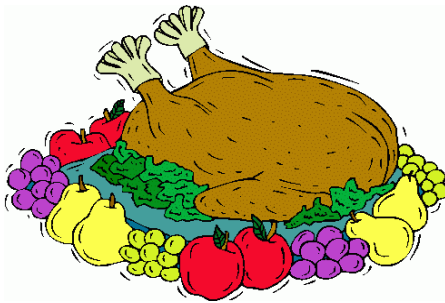
OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LIST

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
Beverly Junker	14	Jeffrey Mussman	28
William Reichel	14	Holly Wade	28
Mark Schneider	14	Sheryl Wieghaus	28
Adrian Fox	16	Margaret Chesterfield	31
Kalie Langlois	17	Austin Langlois	31
Michael Loitz	17	Christopher Mussman	31
Kaylie Meherg	17	Linda Neidlinger	31

Please Join us for St. Peter's UCC Annual



TURKEY SUPPER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

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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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



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