

THE KEYS

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



October 2015



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St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR DOUG AND SUE

Pastor Doug and Sue were married Friday, Aug 28th. Congratulations!

There will be a reception from 1-3 PM in the Lange Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Oct 11th for our congregation, their family and friends. Please keep that date!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

*An **Information Meeting** for the congregation concerning the proposed accessibility project will be held on **Sunday, October 18th** after worship.

*A **Special Congregational Meeting** is being called for **Sunday, November 8th** after worship to vote on the proposed accessibility project.



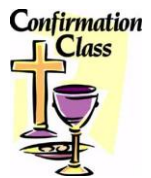
THE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

The Adult Education class will begin Sunday, Oct 11th at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room by the Church Office. Join us as we discuss the denominations that make up the Christian faith as well as other faiths in the world. We will be using the book *Religions: Encountering People of Other Faiths*. Join us for a lively discussion and coffee.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

This year's confirmation class will have their first meeting on Sunday, October 18th at 9:15 in the sanctuary. Parent are invited to attend to learn about this year's Confirmation program. Regular Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, October 25th at 8:45 AM.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DIRECTOR

We are in need of a Christmas Program Director – please be in touch with Jen Mussman or Rachel Lewke.



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.



GRANT PARK SENIORS MEETING

The Grant Park Seniors will meet on **Monday, Oct 19th 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, Oct 21st.**



TURKEY SUPPER WORK DAY!!

The Turkey Supper Committee is asking for your help on Fri, Nov 6th 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.



Blood Drive



Thank you to all who participated and hosted the Blood Drive.

A total of 16 pints of blood was donated.

MISSION BOARD PROJECT

The Mission Committee is collecting CWS kits. Stop by their display to pick up a list for Hygiene, School, and Clean-up Buckets kits. Purchase items on the list for any of the kits and bring them to church before October 31, 2015. We are well on our way to our goal of \$250 (value of kits) with 5 school kits and 1 cleanup bucket already being put together. We will have a matching grant of \$250 from UCC Disaster Ministries to double the number of kits. Remember to buy the exact sized items listed, they MUST fit into the specified container. We have a supply of 12 ounce Lysol concentrate for \$4 each, sometimes it's hard to find in stores.



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 25th through Nov 15th. 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.

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.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 25, 2015 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 18th!)

So mark your calendars and sign up for "Trunk or Treat" October 25th at St. Peter's UCC!





THE PASTOR'S NOTE

No Body Like This Body by Matt Laney, May 5, 2015

"We are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." - Romans 12:5

Last month I had an epiphany of biblical proportions. Fortunately, I was sitting down at the time and right now, I hope you are too.

It happened as I witnessed our church choir and orchestra prepare for a Good Friday offering of Fauré's Requiem. Each singer had their part. The instrumentalists had their parts. The conductor had his part and I realized, in a watershed moment of spiritual awakening if not full-blown enlightenment: They are all one thing!

Sure I'm being a bit dramatic. On the other hand I don't think it's possible to overstate the significance of this moment. They individually created and were transcended by something larger than themselves. Any single participant, even the conductor, could have dropped out and the music would have continued uninterrupted.

Then I came down with the stomach bug. In Holy Week. You can appreciate the powerful threat this posed to the most sacred time of the year and to the Kingdom itself. How would my flock successfully navigate these theologically complex days without me?

Of course, they did. Beautifully. It helps to have outstanding colleagues. And drugs. I revived in time for Easter.

An absent pastor is sometimes the best thing that can happen to a church (and the pastor). Whether your pastor is out sick, at a denominational gathering, on vacation or on an extended sabbatical, there is no better opportunity for the congregation (and the pastor) to discover themselves anew, as ministers one and all.

Yes, ministers play their part, the greatest of which is to put ourselves out of a job, as we both point to and join the heavenly song of the three-in-one-God.

I thank you for the sabbatical time you gave me last month. My hope and prayer is that we all learned from this experience! I certainly did!

**Blessings!
Pastor Doug**



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Glenda Granger (mother of Dennis Granger) cancer,

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

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

CONCERNS

*The family and friends of **Wally Reifsteck** – (former Pastor of St. Peter’s), who passed away September 10, 2015.

*Family and friends of **Dean Larson** (son-in-law of Catherine Hamann) who passed away in September.

JOYS

The new Sunday School curriculum and thank you to all of the teachers who have volunteered their time and talents for this year.



November 1st, 2015



Don't forget to change your clock!

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

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Mrs. Pauline Mitchell
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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!**



OCTOBER 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2-4		Grant Park Oktoberfest
3	8:00 pm	Oktoberfest Parade
4	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Communion
6	7:00 pm	Christian Education
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart - Peotone at GP
8		Girl Scouts
9	6:30 pm	Hamann wedding rehearsal
10	2:30pm	Hamann Wedding
11	9:00 am	Sunday School and Adult Education Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	1:00-3:00 pm	Reception for Pastor Doug & Sue
14	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart Ball - GP at Matteson
18	9:00 am	Sunday School and Adult Education Class
	9:15 am	Confirmand and Parents meeting
	10:30 am	Worship Service
19	1:00-3:00 pm	Grant Park Seniors
21	12:30 pm	Farmers and Friends
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart - Manhattan at GP
22	2:00 pm	Communion at Veterans Home
24		Fusion goes to Football game
25	8:45 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School and Adult Education Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
27	7:00 pm	Church Council
28	5:30 pm	Brownie Troop 71518
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart - GP at Peotone
30		Eastern Association Meeting, Paxton, IL

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
Paige Flynn	14	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

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.



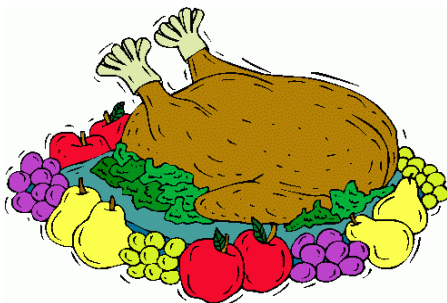
NEW and **OLD** addresses are needed to update our records. Please call the church office. Leave a message if you are calling after hours. Thank you.

LOST AND FOUND

There are several jackets that have been left behind. Please check out the clothes rack just outside ladies washroom on the lower level to see if one of the jackets belongs to you.



Please Join us for St. Peter's UCC Annual



TURKEY SUPPER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

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, 10/3/2015**

**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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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, Pam Lawrence Jim Hamann, Bruce Heldt



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