

# THE KEYS

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



September 2015



815-465-6191

# St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.  
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.

**ST. PETER'S**  
**UNITED CHURCH**  
**OF CHRIST**

**Sunday Funday!**

**Kick Off for our**  
**Sunday School Program**  
**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

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**Sunday School - 9:00 am**  
**Worship – 10:30 am**  
**12:00- 12:45 – Bike-a-thon**

**Everyone is Welcome**  
**Please Join Us!**

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**Sunday Morning Summer Worship –10:30 a.m.**

**Pastor Doug's cell phone – (815) 342-8927**

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***Facebook:* [stpetersgrantpark](https://www.facebook.com/stpetersgrantpark)**

**BEGINNING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:00 AM**  
**WORSHIP – 10:30 AM**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR DOUG AND SUE  
DYBEDOCK**

Pastor Doug and Sue were married this past Friday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

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



**PASTOR DOUG'S SABBATICAL**

Part of Pastor Doug's Call Contract includes a four week Sabbatical Leave for every five years of service. Pastor Doug began his eighth year of service at St. Peter's this past December. After delaying his sabbatical, he will now be taking the four weeks during the month of September. Part of the sabbatical will be spent reading, studying, and reflecting. He and Sue also plans to travel to the western United States to see the wonders of the national parks, part of God's creation. Rev. Timothy Rhodes will be leading worship during the sabbatical time. Rev. Tim Ewing and Rev. Barbara Lohrbach will be covering any emergencies during September.

**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, September 16<sup>th</sup>**.



**GRANT PARK SENIOR**

The Grant Park Seniors will be meeting on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00pm at the Community Center, Dixie Highway in Grant Park.



**ADULT CHOIR**

Adult choir practices will begin again on September 9th at 7:00 PM.

Interested? Come and join us!!



**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 AT THE SALVATION ARMY ON SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

You can volunteer in two ways: \* [Serve Lunch](#) – We are in need of four servers. Meet at the Salvation Army at 11:30 am \* [Donate cookies, brownies or cup cakes](#) (please deliver them to the church by 10:30 am on the 20<sup>th</sup>). Over 200 people are served. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board by the Sunday school entrance. Thank you!



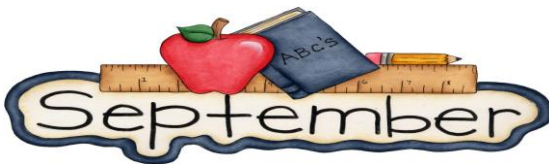
**BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY OUR FUSION YOUTH GROUP**

When: Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

from 2:00 pm – 6:00 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

For an appointment, call Elizabeth Rodriguez at 815-573-1377 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)



## **FUSION**

The Fusion Youth Group are starting off with a BANG this fall by attending the University of Illinois Homecoming Game, ILLINOIS VS WISCONSIN on October 24, 2015 at 2:30 pm. Please notify Jennifer Mussman if you are able to attend no later than 9/22/15.



## **SEPTEMBER 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.



### **Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ Outdoor Ministry Century Club**

You are invited to be part of a dream. The dream is to have available capital improvement funds for our two Outdoor Ministry sites – Pilgrim Park and Tower Hill. Individuals, families, or organizations who commit to contributing \$100 or more each calendar year become members of one of the two Century Clubs. Two committees – one representing Pilgrim Park and the other Tower Hill – work in cooperation with the Outdoor Ministry System to determine how Century Club funds will be spent for capital improvements at each location. Century Club funds assure that well-kept facilities will be available for years to come.



### EMMAUS HOME DONATIONS

Through your generosity, a total of **\$280.00** was received in special donations for Emmaus Home. Annually, through the Mission Committee Budget, a donation of **\$600.00** is made to the Emmaus Home. An honorarium of **\$125.00** was given to Dave Kramme for filling in for Pastor Doug, the honorarium given to a person filling in for Pastor Doug. Dave is giving that honorarium to Emmaus Home. Total donations to Emmaus Home this year are **\$1,005.00**. Thank you to all who donated to the Emmaus Fund.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Warren Wessman** - cancer,  
**Cynthia Gerdez** – (Friend of Margret Chesterfield) – cancer,  
**Ione Hebert** (Friend of Ethel and Clifford Zimmerman) – chronic back pain  
**Nancy Adas** (Mother of Marge Myers) – Alzheimer’s,  
**Richard Schnell, & 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** (Father of Dawn Schroeder) heart issues  
and all of God’s children seeking comfort, peace, and love.

### JOYS

Tyler and Michelle are the proud parents of Ella Ann Kutz. Ella was born July 21<sup>st</sup>. She weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Marcia Langlois would like to announce the birth of her first great granddaughter Kinsley Elizabeth. She was born on August 4th to Lauren (Langlois) and Matt Stauffenberg. She weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

St. Peter’s has welcomed three new members: Kevin Kukoleck, and Rhiannon and Neal Currier. Congratulations!

### CONCERNS

The family and friends of Richard Hengl who passed away on 8/14

## THE PASTOR'S NOTE

**Gather Up the Duct Tape** by Talitha Arnold April 24, 2015



*Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands; and put out your hand and put it in my side" . . . Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" - John 20:19-31*

*The Christian church has many symbols for Resurrection—lilies, eggs, butterflies. I'd like to add some more—a sock, plastic tubing, and duct tape.*

*In April, 1970, Apollo 13 took off for the moon on what should have been a routine trip. A day later, a huge explosion blew off half the space ship. The astronauts' only hope was to crawl into the tiny lunar module and try to steer it back to earth.*

*But they, and Houston, had a problem. Oxygen. The blast had damaged the cabin's air filter. Without it, the men would quickly die from their own carbon monoxide. Down on earth, the NASA scientists were equally panicked. Then one scientist gathered up everything they knew was in the space ship. He dumped it onto a table and said to his colleagues, "Here you go, boys. Make your filter."*

*So the scientists took a hose from a space suit, bits of plastic and wire--and a sock—and fashioned a make-shift air filter, all held together with duct tape. It saved the astronauts' lives.*

*A sock, a hose, wire, and duct tape. What a great image of the God who, in a UCC Easter prayer, "gathers up the fragments of our lives and creates new possibilities." Today's story of Thomas has no lilies or butterflies. Just fears, doubts, and wounds. But like the NASA scientists with their socks, hoses, and duct tape, the Risen Christ gathered all those fragments of Thomas' life and created new life. And Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God!"*

**We give thanks to God who “gathers up the fragments of our lives and creates new possibilities” so we might live a life that reflects the love of God.**

**Pastor Doug**

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<b>1</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Christian Ed</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Dart practice</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service/Communion</b>
<b>7</b>		<b>Labor Day Office Closed</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
		<b>Dart/ Manhattan at Grant Park</b>
<b>13</b>		<b>SUNDAY FUNDAY!!!</b>
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Bike-A-Thon</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Farmers and Friends</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
		<b>Dart GP at Peotone</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Serving at Salvation Army</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Committee Meeting</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Grant Park Seniors</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
		<b>Dart Matteson at GP</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>2:00-6:00pm</b>	<b>BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. PETERS</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Budget Meeting</b>

### 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





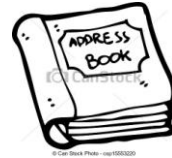
**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND  
CHURCH ON A REGULAR BASIS**

Mrs. Louise Sievers  
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Mr. Clarence Heldt  
Heritage Woods Rm 191  
355 Diversatech Dr.  
Manteno, IL 60950

Mrs. Pauline Mitchell  
84 N. Franklin St.  
Momence, IL 60954

Mrs. Doris Laking  
Homme Home for the Aging  
604 South Webb  
Wittenberg, WI 54499



**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS SERVING  
IN THE MILITARY**

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1321 Medley Koop  
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LCpl Lopez, Jessica R.  
PSC 557 Box 2031  
FPO, AP 96379-2301

**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!**



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

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



Shirley Holm	2	Rodney Ohm	13
Kyle Wieghaus	2	Larry Voigt	15
Chad Benson	3	Zackary Hamann	16
Troy Reynolds	3	Connie Wimberly	17
Greg Hamann	5	Debbie Dennis	18
Clarence Heldt	6	Jerry Loitz	19
Ella Hamann	7	Betty Wolfe	19
Kyle Ekhoﬀ	8	Charlie Isbell	22
Zoe Gawlinski	9	Pat Hamann	23
Micaelyn Benson	10	Jean Schroeder	23
Reese Clausing	10	Lauren Buttle	26
Ralph Kutemeier	12	David Lehnert	26
		Kody Reichel	27
		Shannon Meherg	28
		Caiden Benson	29
		Patty Dulin	30



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

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



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