

THE KEYS

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



September 2014



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
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Sunday Funday!

Kick Off for our
Sunday School Program
Sunday, September 7th

Sunday School - 9:00 am
Worship – 10:30 am
11:30 - Hotdog & chip lunch
12:30 – Bike-a-thon

Everyone is Welcome
Please Join Us!

Sunday Morning Summer Worship – 9:30 a.m.
Pastor Doug's cell phone – (815) 342-8927
Website: www.stpetersgp.org
Email: stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net or stpetersgp@gmail.com
Facebook: [stpetersgrantpark](https://www.facebook.com/stpetersgrantpark)

BEGINNING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH
SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:00 AM
WORSHIP – 10:30 AM

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, Sept 17th**.

GRANT PARK SENIOR



The Grant Park Seniors will be meeting on Monday, September 15th from 1:00 – 3:00pm at the Community Center, Dixie Highway in Grant Park.

[Flu shots will be offered at this meeting.](#)

SERVING LUNCH AT THE SALVATION ARMY –
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH



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 20th. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board by the Sunday school entrance.

Thank you!

ADULT CHOIR BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 3RD AT 7:00 PM



SHEPHERDING PROGRAM

The Shepherding Program is being restarted and volunteers are needed for a one year commitment. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the office. Thank you for your help in restarting this wonderful program. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Sturm or Pam Lawrence.



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.



PRAYER CONCERNS



Warren Wessman - Cancer, **Vic Frahm** - Heart Issues

Bill Posey - Pancreatic cancer (Cousin of Karen Ekhoﬀ & Karri Barrera),

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 Kiuewski – heart surgery (Granddaughter of Gene & Marilyn Rademacher)

Emily Spitzig – Car accident

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

Homer Fraizer – (Grandfather of Michelle Crivokapich) Open heart surgery

Matt Schaff (Friend of Larry & Shari Ohm) Cancer

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

Concerns

The family and friends of **Ronald Schneider** who passed away on August 13, 2014



With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember

THE PASTOR'S NOTE

Lost and Found

Richard L. Floyd May 10, 2014



"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one who has been lost until he finds it? When he has found it he lays it upon his shoulders and rejoices." - Luke 15:4,5

When I was in the second grade a boy in my Sunday school class named Kim was killed when he overshot the mark on his sled, went into the road, and was hit by a car. Nobody I knew had ever died before and his death left quite an impression on me. I remember my mother and father sitting me down and telling me the sad news.

Sometime later that year Kim's family donated a stained glass window to our little church in his memory. In reds and blues it had a picture of a shepherd boy and a little lamb looking up at him. There seemed a tender bond between the boy and the lamb, and I imagined that the shepherd would protect the lamb from harm, and go in search of it when it became lost. It was comforting for me to think that Kim was somehow safe in God's protection like the lamb was with the shepherd.

I saw that window every Sunday for the rest of my growing-up years until I moved away to go to college. That same fall my mother died. I came home for her funeral, which was at that church, and I sat near Kim's window of the shepherd boy and the lamb.

I felt lost then and at various other times in my life and the image of that shepherd has comforted me. Here is One who loves us, looks out for us, not passively, but always actively seeking us out when we are in need.

When we feel lost, God will comfort us. May we always know that God is seeking us out when we are in need.

Pastor Doug

SEPTEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



1		Labor Day Office Closed
2	7:00 pm	Christian Ed
3		Adult Choir 7:00
		Dart Peotone at GP
7		SUNDAY FUNDAY!!!
	8:50 – 9:10	Registration
	9:10 – 9:30	Choir Practice
	9:00 am	Confirmation Students & Parents
	9:30 – 10:10	Games & Face Painting
	10:30	Worship Service
	11:30	Hotdog & chips and Sunday bar
	12:30	Bike-A-Thon
9	10:30 am	Beecher Manor Worship
10	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart Manhattan at GP
14	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
15	1:00 pm	Grant Park Seniors
17	12:30 pm	Farmers and Friends
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart GP at Matteson
18	7:00 pm	Shepherd Meeting
20		Salvation Army
21	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Bibles Presented to 2nd Grade Class
		Roof & Window dedication
23	7:00 pm	Church Council
24		Clergy Cluster St. Luke Beecher
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Dart GP at Peotone
28	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Budget Meeting

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
Brittany Bird	4	Debbie Dennis	18
Greg Hamann	5	Jerry Loitz	19
Clarence Heldt	6	Betty Wolfe	19
Angela Thompson	6	Charlie Isbell	22
Ella Hamann	7	Pat Hamann	23
Kyle Ekhoﬀ	8	Jean Schroeder	23
Zoe Gawlinski	9	Lauren Buttle	26
Micaelyn Benson	10	David Lehnert	26
Reese Clausing	10	Kody Reichel	27
Ralph Kutemeier	12	Shannon Meherg	28
		Patty Dulin	30

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!

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

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Unit C2
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Mr. Clarence Heldt
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Momence, IL 60954

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Kankakee, IL 60901

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Wittenberg, WI 54499

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MILITARY**

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Facebook: St. Peters UCC Grant Park

**Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Worship – 10:30 am**

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

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

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