

. THE KEYS

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



September 2012

Our Mission

*We are a family of faith that seeks to walk in the footsteps of Christ.
We seek to know God's will and purpose in our lives.
Our doors are open to all who wish to join our journey.*



.....Never Place a Period where God has placed a Comma.

Gracie Allen; 20th century American comedian

RALLY DAY/BIKE-A-THON AND AN ALL CHURCH POT LUCK DINNER

When: Sunday, Sep 9th
Where: St. Peter's United Church of Christ
Time: 8:50 – 9:10 am - Registration
9:10 – 9:30 am - Youth Choir Rehearsal
9:30 – 10:10 am – Games/Balloon Release
10:30 – 11:30 am– Worship
11:30 – 12:00 – All Church Pot Luck Dinner
12:00 – 1:00 pm – Bike-a-Thon



Details:

- Bike-a-Thon Sponsor sheets will be available soon
- Donations from the Bike-a-Thon will go to the Sunday school program
- The Grant Park Police and Fire Departments will participate in the Bike-a-Thon
- The All Church Pot Luck Dinner:
 - Everyone is invited!
 - The Christian Ed Board will provide chicken & drinks
 - People with last names beginning with A – L please bring a side dish
 - People with last names beginning with M – Z please bring a dessert



MEET OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS
2011 – 2012



Tanner Barrera

My name is Tanner Barrera. I am in the eighth grade. I go to school at Grant Park Middle School (Junior High.) I participate in bowling and basketball (when it starts.) My hobbies are traveling and playing music. My favorite things to do are hang out with my friends and listen to music. My favorite foods are basically anything good. I like to ask questions so I can do things correctly.

Chad Benson

My name is Chad Benson. I'm in the eighth grade at Grant Park Middle School. I play baseball, basketball, soccer, and track. I like playing sports. My hobbies are playing sports and video games. I like steak, chicken, and ribs.

Andrew Buttle

My name is Andrew Buttle. I'm in 8th grade at Grant Park Middle School. I play soccer, basketball, and track. My hobbies are

playing the bass guitar and video games. I love to play games and have fun. I like basically everything as in food.

Lucas Castelli

My name is Lucas Castelli and I'm in 8th grade at Grant Park. I play soccer and track and some of my hobbies are coaching, soccer, math team, playing chess, and playing cards. I like to hang out with friends and play soccer. My favorite foods are: steak, meatloaf, and anything Italian.

Samuel Noah Hamann

My name is Samuel Noah Hamann. I am in 8th grade. My school name is Grant Park School. The sports I participate in are soccer, basketball, golf, and baseball. My hobby is collecting toy tractors. My favorite things to do are farm and play sports. My favorite types of food are burgers, pizza, ribs, and spinach greens. My favorite sports players are Dereck Gefer for baseball, Buddy Watson for golf, and Zidine Ziddne for soccer.

Zachary Hamann

My name is Zachary Robert Hamann, born September 16, 1997. I'm in 8th grade at Momence Junior High School. I play football, basketball, baseball, and arena football. In my spare time I like to play X-Box, ride bikes, shoot baskets, throw a football, go boating, tubing, knee boarding, and catch up on sleep. My favorite foods are tacos, pizza, steak, vegetables, fruit, and ice cream.

Patrick Hayes

Hi, my name is Patrick Hayes. I am in 8th grade at Grant Park Middle School. I play three sports; baseball, basketball, and track. My favorite would probably be basketball. For my hobbies, I play outside and I play video games. I also collect baseball and basketball cards. I like to watch TV and hang out with friends. My favorite foods are pizza, cheeseburgers, and fries.

Nathan Kuhn

My name is Nathan Kuhn. I'm in 8th grade at Grant Park Middle School. I play baseball, basketball, and soccer. I like sports and riding my dirt bike. My favorite food is steak.

Kody Reichel

My name is Kody Reichel and I'm an eighth grader in Grant Park Middle School. I'm in Karate, and my hobbies are drawing and writing. My favorite things to do are hanging out with friends, drawing, and writing. My favorite foods are sushi and anything Chinese or Mexican.

Joshua Schroeder

My name is Joshua Schroeder. I am an eighth grader at Grant Park Middle School. I like to play baseball, basketball, track, and I like to golf, too. I play the trumpet and piano and I like fishing occasionally. If it's warm, I like to swim and kayak. If it's cold I like to ice skate and go tubing. My favorite foods are steak, shrimp, lobster, and bacon. I am really looking forward to a year of confirmation with all my friends.

Sarah Senesac

Hi, my name is Sarah, Senesac. I'm in 8th grade and I go to Grant Park Middle School. I run track for my school in the spring. One of my hobbies is photography. My favorite things to do are listen to music, have fun with my friends, and to go to the beach. One of my favorite foods is orange chicken. I am hoping to enjoy the confirmation class this year.

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, Sep 19th**.



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.

TREASURER’S REPORT – YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH MAY 2012

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income:	\$71,354	\$74,550
Total Expenses:	\$65,236	\$71,670
Net Income:	\$ 6,118	\$ 2,880



GRANT PARK SENIOR MEETING



The Grant Park Seniors meet Sep 17th at 1:00 pm at the Grant Park Community Center.

FOOD PANTRY

We participate with our sister churches in Beecher; St. Luke United Church of Christ (UCC), St. John UCC, and Community Church to provide food for people in need in the surrounding communities through the food pantry at St. Luke.

Donations received:

	<u>Monetary</u>	<u>Pounds of Items</u>
August	\$0.00	5 pounds
Year-to-Date	\$70.00	201

pounds



Items needed for the pantry:

Shampoo, dish soap, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, bath soap, toothpaste, deodorant, unsweetened cereal (Cheerios, etc.), oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, canned pasta (Beefaroni, etc.), pasta sauces, pasta, sloppy joe mix, canned chili, canned beef stew, tuna, canned chicken, flour, sugar, canned tomatoes, canned carrots, boxed potatoes, canned potatoes, canned fruit, creamed soup, creamy peanut butter (no chunky), jelly.

Monetary donations are always appreciated also. The cash is used to buy perishables. Make checks payable to St. Peter's UCC.

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 - 11:00 am at St. Luke UCC in Beecher.

THE AGE OF 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 or stpetersgp@gmail.com.

Please contact the Church Office with your change of postal or email address.

Please send us the email or mailing address for college students and our members serving in the military so we can send them the Keys.

THE PASTOR'S NOTE

WORDS TO REMEMBER

I saw this statement about life a while ago:
There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good. So, love the people who treat you right. Think good thoughts for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is part of LIFE... Getting back up is LIVING.



Pastor Doug

WANTED! CO-DIRECTORS FOR THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

No one has volunteered to co-direct the Youth Christmas program, so far. Will you?

The Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, Dec 9th at 3:00 pm. Contact Vicki Gawlinski (815 465-2558) or Pastor Doug to volunteer.



SERVING AT THE SALVATION ARMY –
SATURDAY, SEP 15TH

One mission of our church is to serve lunch on Saturday six times a year at the Salvation Army in Kankakee. There are two parts to this service:

- 1) donate a dessert and
- 2) volunteer to serve lunch.

Our next opportunity to serve lunch and provide desserts is **Saturday, Sep 15th**. We are asking for donations of cupcakes and 4 members of our congregation to help serve lunch. Please sign up on the sheet posted by the Sunday school entrance. Thank you!



CONFIRMATION CLASS AND ADULT EDUCATION CLASS
CHANGES

Change is in the wind! At the June 5th Christian Education Board meeting it was decided to change the meeting time of the 2012 – 2013 Confirmation Class (incoming class) and Adult Education Class. These changes will be re-evaluated in May, 2013. The changes are:

* **The current Confirmation Class (2011 – 2012), to be Confirmed Oct 7th**, will continue to meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 pm beginning Sunday, Sep 9th (Rally Day). Students are encouraged to attend the high school Sunday school class at 9:00 am Sunday mornings.

* **The incoming Confirmation Class,(2012 – 2013)**, will have Confirmation Class during the regular Sunday school time on Sunday mornings, from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Class begins Sunday, Oct 14th. Students are encouraged to attend Sunday school class Sep 9th – Oct 7th.

* **The Adult Education class** will be held Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm (meeting time will be discussed at the first class) beginning Sunday, Oct 14th. The Adult Education class will not begin until Oct 14th. We will continue our study of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament). If you want to learn about the Hebrew Bible, join us, even if you haven't been a part of the class before!



THANK YOU NOTES

A Thank You note and certificate was received from Rev. Dr. Melbalenia D. Evans, Associate Conference Minister of the IL Conference thanking us for our \$10,100 donation to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) in 2011.



I would like to thank everyone who came to my 95th birthday open house and for all the beautiful cards, gifts and flowers. Also thanks to my family for planning this memorable day. God bless you all.

Carol Hoebet

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MOSQUITO NETS

Thanks to your generosity, **We Did It!** We went over our \$500 goal and our new goal of \$600!



Total donations received from youth at Vacation Bible School and our congregation are (drum roll please....)

\$618.80

That is enough to buy 103 mosquito nets to protect 206 children in Mali, Africa.

Thank you!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The information required by Lifetouch to complete the Pictorial Directory has been mailed!

We will let you know when the directories arrive!

Thank you for your patience!



**7TH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST – ST. PAUL’ UCC
OF MONEE**



5323 W. Margaret St, Monee
**Saturday, Sep 29th from 10:00 am to 6:00
pm**

\$500, \$250, and \$1200 Cash Raffles and Local Merchant Raffles

FREE ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY!

Craft Booths, Bake Sale, and Fabulous Food!
St. Paul’s Famous Potato Pancakes & Pork Chops

Entertainment Schedule:

10:45 am – 12:45 pm - Peter from the Bier Stube
11:00 am – 4:00 pm - Kids Bounce House
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm - Blake Alexander
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm - Balloon Artist, Dave Evans
3:15 pm – 5:15 pm - Iron Horse (Country Western)

PRAYER CONCERNS



Warren Wessman - Cancer,
Betty Wolfe - Cancer of the eye lid,
Jen DeYoung (Cousin of Charlie Moore and Colleen Schroeder),
Kevin Buhr (son of Donald and Beulah Buhr),
Arlene Armstrong - Lupus (sister of Judy Lange),
Terri Jensen – Brain Tumor (sister of Tom Barrera),
Linda Frahm - Cancer (daughter-in-law of Vic and Elaine Frahm),
Lynn Knot - Cancer (friend of Linda Neidlinger),
Shannon Reding – Brain Tumor (friend of Jan Voigt),
Ashlee Richardson – Blood Infection (Bob Chesterfield’s
granddaughter),
Bill Posey- Pancreatic Cancer (Cousin of Karen Ekhoﬀ & Karri
Barrera), and
all of God’s children seeking comfort, support, peace, and love.



**SEPTEMBER 2012
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

2	10:30 am	Worship Service/Communion
4	7:00 pm	Christian Ed
6	7:00 pm	Property & Maintenance
9		RALLY DAY!!!
	8:50 – 9:10 am	Registration
	9:10 – 9:30 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 – 10:10 am	Games
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 – 12:00	All Church Pot Luck Dinner
	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Bike-a-Thon
10	5:30-6:30 pm	Brownies
11	10:00 am	Worship at Beecher Manor
13	7:00 pm	Worship Committee
15	11:00 am	Salvation Army
16	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 – 10:00 am	New Confirmands with Parents
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	6:00 – 7:00 pm	2012 Confirmands
17	1:00 pm	Grant Park Seniors
18	7:00 pm	Mission Committee
19	12:30 pm	Farmers & Friends
23	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	6:00 – 7:00 pm	2012 Confirmands
24	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Brownies
25	7:00 pm	Church Council
30	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	6:00 – 7:00 pm	2012 Confirmands

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 Buttle	4	Debbie Dennis	18
Greg Hamann	5	Jerry Loitz	19
Clarence Heldt	6	Betty Wolfe	19
Angela Thompson	6	Kate Schroeder	21
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
Mitch Weakley	12	Shannon Meherg	28
Ralph Kutemeier	12	Patty Dulin	30

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES

College student addresses are needed ASAP. Addresses are needed for issues of the 'Keys'. NEW and OLD addresses are needed to complete the list. Please call the church office. Leave a message if you are calling after hours. Thank you



Mark 8:27 - 29 (New Revised Standard Version)

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?'²⁸ And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'²⁹ He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.'



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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, Organist
Delores Caton, Organist
Christine Garbaciak, Custodian
Dornita Hamann, Youth Advisor

CHURCH COUNCIL

Linda Neidlinger, President
LaDonna Swanson, Vice President
Michelle Claussen, Secretary
Larry Voigt, Treasurer **Larry Ohm, Assistant Treasurer**
Stanley Schneider, Trisha Meherg, Kevin Mussman, and
Roger Sturm

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Judy Schneider, Heather Ohm, Charlie Moore, Eric Frahm, and
Ray Isbell

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