

THE KEYS

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



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A New Year, a New Challenge!

We all need goals! Some of us need goals to lose weight, others need goals to better their careers, others need goals just to have something to work toward.

At our most recent Budget Meeting I made a goal – on your behalf. The Budget Committee thought I was crazy or over zealous – perhaps they are right.

However, the Bible says without a vision the people will perish.

So, here a GOAL for St. Peter's in 2021: Let's aim for gathering an offering/income of \$200,021 (note 2021 in there) in the coming year.

Yes, this will mean sacrificial giving of our resources, time, and effort, but we can do it. There will be 5-gallon buckets at each sanctuary entrance for a loose change collection for the year, we will have a few fun-filled fundraisers (Covid-safe), and finally, I pray that you'd consider giving a little above and beyond your normal giving each week.

Let's not look at it as an impossible challenge, because "With God, all things are possible!" Let's have fun with the challenge and together we can prove the Budget committee that your pastor isn't crazy.

Have a blessed and healthy New Year!

Kyle J. Timmons

Pastor Kyle Timmons

Updated Worship Service Info

*After a brief pause in our in-person worship, we will resume our 9 am (masks mandatory the entire time) and 10:30 am (masks strongly encouraged the entire time) services beginning the first Sunday of December.

Communion: We will be participating in the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of the month with a few guidelines in place for your protection.

- (1) A disposable cup, with lid, will be provided with a piece of bread/cracker. These will be prepared in advance by someone who has had their temperature checked, is wearing gloves, and wearing a mask.
- (2) The same with the "cup" with grape juice/wine.
- (3) Communion elements can be picked up by each individual prior to the service at one of the tables in the sanctuary.
- (4) If you do not feel comfortable participating we totally understand.

Mask Requirements: We are still requiring individuals to wear a mask when entering and exiting the building. Also, anytime you are walking around, a mask needs to be worn.

Masks need to be worn 100-percent of the time during the 9 am service.

We know that wearing a mask can feel uncomfortable, but so does wearing pants – and trust me, we all want Pastor Kyle to wear his pants each week.

Remember, this is about showing kindness and respect to others who are vulnerable. Worship is about glorifying God and serving others – not our own "feelings" and "opinions."

How to Worship With Us Online

Facebook: Search for our church page by typing in St. Peters UCC Grant Park. Click on Videos and a list of our videos will appear. We will try to have each day's service posted on or before our normal time that we would have had it (10:30 Sunday mornings, 7 pm evening, etc.)

YouTube: Go to www.youtube.com. In the search engine type Pastor Kyle Timmons and search (you may need to scroll through to find), or the more direct way is to put in the following <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV5nYMleHefrhcB4v4qHd4Q>

Church Website: (FYI – It's fresh! It's New! Check it out – new content will be added as we continue to develop the site, but now you can access the most recent services. Go to www.stpetersgrantpark.org or www.stpetersgp.org On the top menu go to Media, Choose Sermons, and click the one you want to watch.

Confirmation

As we try to “catch up” on some lost class-time, we are going to meet three times in January. The dates are January 3rd, 17th, and 31st. Classes meet immediately following worship. A friendly reminder...even if/when classes are cancelled it is still required to be in attendance in Sunday School and church weekly.



The 2021 offering envelopes will be available in the south entryway by December 1st.

If you would like envelopes, but have not had them in the past, please let us know and we will provide you with your own.



Students in Grades 6-12

Stay tuned for some fun options this spring and summer to share in Youth Ministry! Information will be available in March's Newsletter.

Electronic (EFT) Giving

Are you interested in learning more about setting up your giving to St. Peter's electronically? No more need to worry about checks, offering envelopes, etc. Let Pastor Kyle know if you'd be interested to give electronically and we'll help you set it up. This is a GREAT way to make sure you are giving on a regular basis (even if you miss church due to illness, vacation, weather).

Want to Give, but forgot your cash/check?

In addition to EFT giving (see that announcement) there is another avenue that you can plug into your phone right now and its safe and protected. You can provide a credit card number or a bank account and set it up to give as frequently as you desire. Feel free to share the web address with others. <https://tithe.ly/give?c=696160>

Monthly Church Council Minutes

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the previous month's council minutes, please contact the church office. An e-mail copy can be sent or we can supply a printed version. Thanks!

JANUARY MISSION GIVING

Our December missions' money will be distributed to Elmhurst College.

*Recently, your Missions' Team supported:

- *A local family needing home repair work
- *St. Luke's UCC Food Pantry
- *Fortitude Homeless Shelter
- *Harbor House Domestic Abuse Shelter/Support
- *Lady needing financial help after heart transplant.
- *Several local families in need of food.

What's Your Mission: Check out the updated webpage to see ways you can be involved. <https://stpetersgp.org/2816-2/>

FOOD PANTRY

The Beecher Food Pantry is in desperate need of our support. They are asking for donations of non-expired foods, hygiene products, and other items such as paper towels, detergent, kitchen soap, etc. If you are able to assist, donations can be placed in the basket located in the entrance of the courtyard doors.

Mission's Support Available

Are you, or someone you know, in need of financial assistance or support? Perhaps assistance in paying a bill? Food assistance? Help with a mission trip?

Request forms can be requested from the church office and submitted to the Mission's Team.

If you'd like a form, please email stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net, pastorkyletimmons@live.com, call us at (815) 465-6191 or check out our forms on our church website.

A call to the 2021 St. Peter's UCC Congregational Meeting

The 2021 Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31st immediately following the 10:30 service. If you can't be in attendance, but would like to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office by January 27th and let them know. We will email you an invitation to the Zoom meeting a day prior to the meeting.

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, but would like to vote for the church budget and/or replacement council members, please let us know and we can provide that information over the phone and you can submit your vote over the phone or via mail.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Prayers for healing:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, James Caton, Delores Caton, Melissa Mort, Nancy Lewke, Reverend Frank Hoss, Carter Fortin, Mason Beseke, Sherrie Hruby, Austin Delaney, Linda Havelly, Ken Erickson, Ralph Kutemeier, Jerry Regnier, Paul Loverin.

Prayers for peace:

The family of Richard Whorrall, The family of Linda Schneider.

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

Mrs. Louise Sievers **Minnie Pfingsten**
 Riverside Senior Life 703 N East Street
 85 Burns Road Hudson, IL 61748
 Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Mildred Katz	Pauline Mitchell	Rev Frank Hoss
P O Box 215	Bickford Sr. Living	308 Spring Circle
Grant Park, IL 60940	100 Jones Drive	Urbana, IL 61802
	Room 227	
	Bourbonnais, IL 60914	

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Julie Schneider	1	Donald Claussen	15
Karen Ekhoﬀ	2	James Thompson	15
Reyna Hammerlund	6	Ian Hamann	16
Jennifer Thompson	8	Kathy Buttle	18
Shirley Koehn	8	Rhonda McKinstry	20
Kevin Langlois	8	Tony Brunello	24
Tyler Schroeder	8	Bonita Heldt	24
Karla Lehnert	9	Steven Jacobson	29
Kelly Toppen	11	Laurie Bakhous	30
Bob Chesterfield	11	Mildred Katz	30
Betty Jones	11	Dianna Claussen	31
Vicki Gawlinski	13		

**I ONLY DID THE 3RD AND 5TH WAITING TO SEE WHAT ELSE
WILL BE IN JANUARY**

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

DATE:	TIME	EVENT
3RD	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE (WITH COMMUNION)
5TH	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING
	12 -2:30	CONFIRMATION CLASS
7TH		
8TH		
13TH		
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
16TH	7:00 PM	A NIGHT OF CAROLS
20TH		
	9:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	10:30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
	3:30 PM	ALL-CHURCH & YOUTH CHRISTMAS CAROLING
22ND	7:00 PM	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
24TH	4:40 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE
	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE
	11:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE
25TH		MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
27TH		NO WORSHIP SERVICES

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

STAFF

Rev Kyle Timmons, Pastor

Marcia Langlois, Office Administrator

Beverly Junker, Financial Secretary

Ann Smith, Senior Choir Director

Betty Wolfe, Youth Choir Director

Judy Schneider and Shari Ohm, Organists

Peg McCraw, Custodian

Jessica Bornemann & Kole Stadt - Youth Advisors

Neal Currier & Josh Hamann – Connect Leaders

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL

Russ Koehn, President

Max Toppen, Vice President

Kelly Schneider, Secretary

Michelle Claussen, Treasurer,

Karen Ekhoﬀ, Assistant Treasurer

Heidi Frahm, Garry Junker, Carrie Langlois & David Lehnert



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

