

# THE KEYS

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



March 2018



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# St. Peter's

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

310 N. Meadow St.  
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking.

## **Soup Fund Raiser Sunday March 4th**

Jessica Frahm and Ashlee Ekhoﬀ will be hosting a soup fund raiser on March 4<sup>th</sup> after worship services to help raise funds for their Mission trips coming up.



## **LENTEN SERVICES –**

We are gathering for Lenten worship in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm this year. Simple Supper is from 6-6:30pm. Helpers for Simple Supper are: March 7 are Confirmands, March 14 are Girl Scouts, March 21 are 4-H members. Stop in and greet the kids and enjoy chili and soup!

NOTE THE CHANGE IN SIMPLE SUPPER TIME: 6PM – 6:30PM WORSHIP AT 6:45PM CHOIR AT 7:30PM

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP – 10:30am**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP AT 7PM -**

**Pew Communion**

**Over View of the Bible 8am Good Friday – 7pm at the start of worship. (sign up sheet)**

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE AT 7PM -**

**With Communion in small groups of 12**

### **EASTER MORNING:**

**-Sunrise Communion Service at 8am**

**-Easter Breakfast during the Sunday School Hour (9-10am) ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**-Easter Communion Worship at 10:30am**

**Calling and Caring Training: Monday evenings from 6-9 - March 5,12,19,26.** We'll see how far we can get by the 26<sup>th</sup> and decide at that time if we need to move into April.



The concept of Simple Supper came about through World Hunger organizations. The Simple Supper is organized around 1 serving table and everyone goes to that table to take what they need. Coffee will be refilled by the youth serving that evening, but everything else, we go and get ourselves, recognizing our dependence on God's bounty and our need to go to God for absolutely everything. The table we come to for our daily sustenance is directly connected to the Table of our Lord where we come as individuals to receive the gifts of God through Christ Jesus.

Hunger in our world is rampant and it should not be! There is more than enough food to go around – getting the food which is excess to where food is needed is sometime a challenge. We can all help end hunger. In fact, Jesus commanded us to feed the hungry: “Feed my sheep”, he told the disciples. Jesus fed the 5000 setting the example for us. Paul writes to the church at Rome: Romans 12: ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them;....for by doing this you will heap hot coals on their heads.’

All in all feeding is mentioned 72 times in the Older and Newer Testaments. Food is life! We are called to ensure that all people have enough food to eat, parents enough ability to feed their children, communities enough to share to feed their elderly who cannot provide for themselves.

There are a number of organizations dedicated to Feeding the Hungry! Which ones do we support? “Because we have been given much we too must give” is more than a line in an offering hymn, it is a command to our lives in such a way that we do not take food, nourishment, life, away from others.

We, who have enough to eat – even too much to eat – must dedicate ourselves to ensuring those who do not have enough to eat, are able to receive our ‘excess’. When Bryan Sirchio was in Haiti and working with Mother Theresa's organization, he was given the task of being a barber for the men who had lined up to receive a haircut. One of the men was talking about ‘the rich’. Bryan asked him he the man thought he was rich. He asked him, “Am I rich?” The man thought a bit and then asked Bryan if he ate

every day. Bryan responded, “well, yes.” The man said, “If you eat every day, then you are rich.” There was no judgment in his voice. The man understood his poverty and he understood the wealth of others which was connected to eating. Do you eat every day?

Something to consider on this long Lenten journey..... How can we be a blessing to someone who is hungry?

Be at Peace,  
Jan

### **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 go to the Board of Christian Education.



### **THE YOUNG AT HEART**

The Young at Heart group will meet on **Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** from **1:00 – 3:00 PM** at the Community Center, Dixie Highway in Grant Park for a potluck.

### **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, March 21<sup>th</sup>**.

### **SERVING AT THE SALVATION ARMY ON MARCH 16<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 store bought cookies, cupcakes, or bar cookies](#) (please deliver them to the church by 10:30 am on the 18<sup>th</sup>).



Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board by the Sunday school entrance. Thank you!

### SERVICE KITS

In response to this year's heavy storm season, United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries is turning to church congregations to help overcome a shortage of much-needed cleanup buckets, stocked with essential supplies that are used after a natural disaster strikes. We will be collecting your donations during the months of March and April. Information about the items needed is on display in Sunday School entrance.

We appreciate your help in this worthwhile project! Thank you! - St. Peter's UCC Mission Committee



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

### MARCH MISSION GIVING

#### Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM) or Basic Support) –

Our contributions, sent to the Illinois Conference office, support God's mission in Illinois, nationally, and globally. 71% of our contribution stays in Illinois to carry out the mission of the Illinois Conference. Some of these contributions go to our Associations to cover salaries, benefits, and overhead so they may provide support to the local churches.

### One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in the United States and more than eighty other countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

**This annual United Church of Christ offering will be received the month of March. Thank you in advance for your donation!**

### FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry at St. Luke's UCC in Beecher is currently providing food for 20-25 families on average. If you are looking for suggestions...canned fruit, sugar free items, canned pasta, paper products, and personal products like toothpaste, deodorant, and shampoo are always needed. The pantry will be open on from 9:00-11:00, on the second Saturday of each month. Your donations are always appreciated! Thank You!



### PRAYER CONCERNS

We encourage you to keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

**Cynthia Gerdez** – (friend of Margret Chesterfield)

**Pauline Mitchell** -prayers for comfort in nursing home,

**Nancy Lewke**, prayers for healing,

**Janice Petit** – prayers for healing,

**Jason** - prayers for comfort,

**Stanley Schneider** – prayers for healing,

**Debbie Mussman** – prayers for healing,

**Jennie Hamann** – prayers for healing,

**Margaret Chesterfield** – prayers for healing,

**Doris Rouse** – prayers for healing,

**Devyn** (Dawn Schroeder's Niece)– prayers for healing,

**Elaine Giermak** (spouse of Rev. Frank Hoss) prayers for healing after a fall,

**Carol Hoevet** – prayers for comfort,

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

### CONCERNS

The family and friends of **Orville “Dean” Schneider** who passed away February 16, 2018.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS,**  
**SUNDAY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**



**SPRING FORWARD!!**

**MARCH 2018**

<b>4</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>Soup Fund Raiser</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6:00-9:00</b>	<b>Calling &amp; Caring Training</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Christian Ed Meeting</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Simple Supper</b>
	<b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>Lenten Worship</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir practice</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Simple Supper</b>
	<b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>Lenten Worship</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir practice</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Serve at the Salvation Army</b>
<b>17</b>		<b>Heldt Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Young at Heart</b>
	<b>6:00-9:00</b>	<b>Calling &amp; Caring Training</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Simple Supper</b>
	<b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>Lenten Worship</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir practice</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>6:00-9:00</b>	<b>Calling &amp; Caring Training</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>

## MARCH BIRTHDAY LIST

*These birthdays are compiled from church membership records.*

*Please call our attention to omissions or corrections*

Josh Schroeder	1	Lyle Lehnert	17
Sawyer Loitz	3	Shari Ohm	18
Judy T. Schneider	3	Emily Voigt	18
Cade Lacer	8	Karen Brunello	22
LouAnn Hamann	11	Ken Erickson	22
Jessica Claussen	12	Jeffrey Lawrence	22
Kristina Szelag	13	Dianna Marcotte	23
Bill Riley	13	Anita Bush	24
Elizabeth Cousin	14	Scotty Spangler	25
Tracy Langlois	15	Austin Jacobson	27
Elizabeth Voigt	16	Ann Smith	29
		Stacey Lorenz	31

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

Mrs. Louise Sievers  
Riverside Senior Life  
85 Burns Road  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Mrs. Doris Laking  
Humme Home for the Aging  
604 S Webb  
Whittenberg, WI 54499

Mrs. Mary Cirks  
717 Long Oak Rd.  
Manteno, IL 60950

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all so much for your thoughtful cards and notes! It does mean so much that you continue to think of me! We also keep you in our thoughts, as we know some of you have had sad losses this past year. Take care!

Doris, Pam & Blake



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

## **STAFF**

**Rev. Jan Johnson, Interim 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**

**Peg McCraw, Custodian**

**Jessica Frahm & Kole Stadt - Youth Advisors**

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Evelyn Bond, President**

**Garry Junker, Vice President**

**Kelly Schneider, Secretary**

**Susan Williamson, Treasurer,**

**Ron Hamann, Assistant Treasurer**

**Sandy Erickson, Kaleb Frahm, Vicki Gawlinski, Russell Koehn**



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