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Thank you to all who came and supported Gracie's Car Hop this year! Thank you also to all the parents, youth, and other volunteers that came and made it a wonderful evening. This year half the proceeds went to support A Soldier's Wish List Wisconsin, and along

with a large amount of donated items will receive \$583 in support of their mission to stay connected with troops serving overseas. These donations will allow them to send care packages to troops and further their cause of getting troops "adopted" by individuals. The other half of the proceeds will go to fund youth events and activities.

Finally, a special thanks to Cheryl Bird for all her hard work organizing the event and making sure everything ran smoothly.



### Here's the fall lineup at Grace

Traditional Worship - 9:30 - 10:30

Sunday's Cool - 9:45 - 10:45

Common Grounds Coffee - 10:30 - 11:00

New Non-Traditional Worship Service - 11:00 - 11:50



- The church **Rummage Sale** and workdays will take place September 25-30. Please start bringing rummage items Sunday September 25, we will receive items from 12-4. Setup Monday Sept. 26 and Tuesday Sept. 27; receive items from 8-4. Sale hours are Sept. 28 & 29, 8-6 and Sept. 30, 8-1, cleanup & packaging at 1PM. Clean clothing, miscellaneous appreciated. No microwaves, computers or TV's.

-- Co-chairs: Sue, Helen and Charlene

- All Women, Save the date! - U.P.W. Fall Gathering** The Fall Gathering for all Presbyterian Women of the Milwaukee Presbytery is scheduled for October 8, 2011, 8:30 to 2:30 at Kettle Moraine United Presbyterian Church. Contact Helen Glewen, Ann Peck, or Ruth Meylink for information about the day and for registration and transportation details.
- Morning Circle** will meet on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Speaker will be Carrie Walsh from Clothes for Kids. Devotions by Judy Douglas and Renatè Campbell.
- The **Evening Circle** will meet October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the church Reception Room. Ann Peck will lead the meeting with Liz Bestor sharing her devotions. Bring a sandwich and Judy Spinler will surprise us with something special. Ruth Meylink usually brings our study of Revelations down to our level, but we do need to be prepared by reading Lesson 7 on the Rapture, Violence and Exodus. Sounds like a title for a movie. For more information, contact any of these members.



**Zoey Isabella Rijkse** was baptized at Grace Church on September 11 at the 9:30 worship service. Zoey is the daughter of Corinna and Matt Rijkse.

### The "Thank You" Column

Thank you to the Pastor, kitchen help, and all who sent cards, food, and showed their care and concern after the passing of David Bestor. The support of our church family has been invaluable during this difficult time.

-- The family of David Bestor

### GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR September 18 - October 2, 2011

#### Sunday Sept. 18

8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Sunday Classes  
11:00 AM Worship

#### Monday Sept. 19

1:30 PM Hillside Manor Worship & Communion

#### Tuesday Sept. 20

9:30 AM Senior Coffee  
7:30 PM Meditation

#### Wednesday Sept. 21

8:30 AM Meditation  
9:45 AM Women's Book Group  
10:00 AM Through the Bible in a Year  
6:30 PM Confirmation Kick-off Event

#### Thursday Sept. 22

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

#### Sunday Sept. 25

8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Sunday Classes  
11:00 AM Worship  
12-4 PM Receive Rummage items

#### Monday Sept. 26 - Rummage Sale Workday

#### Tuesday Sept. 27 - Rummage Sale Workday

9:30 AM Senior Coffee  
6:30 PM Sanctuary Renovation Meeting  
7:30 PM Meditation

Presbytery at Sun Valley Presbyterian, Beloit

#### Wednesday Sept. 28

8AM - 6PM **Rummage Sale**  
8:30 AM Meditation  
9:45 AM Women's Book Group  
10:00 AM Through the Bible in a Year  
6:30 PM Session Meeting

#### Thursday Sept. 29

8AM - 6PM **Rummage Sale**  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday Sept. 30

8AM - 1PM **Rummage Sale**  
9:30-11 PM **Post Game for High School**

#### Sunday Oct. 2 - World Communion/Peacemaking

8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Worship - Communion  
9:45 AM Sunday Classes  
11:00 AM Worship - Communion

#### For Sunday Sept. 18

**Head Ushers:** 9:30 - Howard & Joan Speer,  
11:00 - Tom & Geri Higgins  
**Ushers:** 9:30 - John & Ruth Meylink  
**Greeters:** 9:30 - Doug & Kathy Mathison, 11:00 -  
Mary & Richard Jacobs  
**Fellowship Coffee:** Richard & Linda McMahon

**Next Courier:** Deadline for articles is **Monday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS



**WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** Meets Wednesday mornings at 9:45 in the Reception Room, first Monday of the month at Walker's. We are currently discussing Glass Castle and Half Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls. Come and join us!

**FIRST TUESDAY BOOK CLUB** The First Tuesday Book Club will meet October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the church library. The book discussed will be *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. In a Parisian apartment building, we meet Renee, a concierge who masks her true personality, and Paloma, an adolescent girl who is tired of living among the rich. We'll find out how they are brought together. Please join us. For more information contact Sharon Titus or Ann Peck.



**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** (Meditation) meets Wednesday mornings from 8:30-9:45 in the chapel. Join this group that meets to nurture and sustain spiritual vitality in contemporary life. New faces are always welcome. For more information call Debbie at 485-4848.



**TUESDAY EVENING MEDITATION** This group meets Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in the chapel. Guided and quiet meditation with the use of Tibetan singing bowls helps us focus our hearts and minds on the Creator. Come experience a time of peace in a hectic world. Contact Ken Zeyher for more information at 887-9216 or [bowlsetc@gmail.com](mailto:bowlsetc@gmail.com).

## Friday Night Postgame

Featuring Beaver Dam Grace "Minute to Win It"



This fall Grace will be hosting *Friday Night Postgame* parties after home football games for all **high school students**. It will feature movies, games, eats, and Wii tournaments on the jumbo screen. These events are scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, & October 14<sup>th</sup> following the football games until 11pm. Come and join the party!

## Upcoming Confirmation Dates



September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm: Parent Meeting  
September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm: Student Kick-off event  
October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm: Classes Begin

We pray that all those interested will be a part of this discovery process. Please let us know if you are unable to attend any of these first meetings so we can get you all necessary information.

## Sunday's Cool Upcoming Schedule Sunday Mornings @ 9:45AM

**Nurturing Faith** is for 3 and 4 year old preschool children and uses hands on wooden story models to both tell and show what happened in the bible story.

**9/18:** The Ten Best Ways to Live  
**9/25:** Jacob's Dream

Those children in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade participate in our **Cross Training** program.

**9/18:** The Tower of Babel  
**9/25:** The Story of Job

Youth in **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade** meet in the M.A.D. (Making A Difference) House.

**9/18:** Jesus – What's the big deal?  
Begin discussion about summer 2012 mission trip-  
Where? Why? What do we hope to gain/learn?  
**9/25:** America's soldiers-Reaching out. Plan of Action-  
Cross-Training Planning

**High School youth** meet in a relaxed, casual setting where they can put down their guards and be accepted, while they learn what it means to become Disciples of Christ.

## New Worship Volunteers Needed!!

With a new worship experience comes new volunteers needs for Grace. We are asking for help in the following areas...



**Sound Technician:** Some tech savvy and a musical ear is very helpful for this position. Would be responsible for operating sound board for contemporary worship service: monitoring sound levels, controlling feedback, basic troubleshooting. This would be a Sunday morning commitment and occasional weeknight rehearsals. Training would be provided.

**Video Technician:** Minimal computer skills needed for this position. Operate the computer software that runs the video projection for worship services. Opportunities may exist for creating the video presentations as well.

**Sanctuary Changeover Team:** Individuals willing to come in between services and move in/out all necessary equipment and furniture in order to ensure a seamless transition from one worship service to another.

## Turn in your Medicine Containers!



Presbyterian Women will be taking medicine bottles to the PW Gathering on Oct. 8. The containers will be given to Bread of Healing Clinic. This clinic is headquartered at Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Last year \$30,000 was saved by reusing containers. Each bottle saves the clinic \$.75. Collection bins are located under the mailboxes in the hallway leading to the chapel. Check out the clinic at [breadofhealingclinic.org](http://breadofhealingclinic.org). Last year over \$1,000,000 of medical services were provided for the uninsured. The director of the clinic is also a Presbyterian Minister. Thank you to all who contribute.

## \$crip Reminders

- Pay your Kohls credit card with Scrip! Get the benefits of having their store card while helping the church by paying it off with Scrip.
- Do you buy gas? Of course you do! We have Shell, Marathon and Kwik Trip cards in stock, so pay for gas with Scrip.
- Christmas is coming....start thinking....if you give gift cards buy them through Scrip so the church can benefit!

# CHURCH FINANCIAL NEWS

## CHECKING ACCOUNT:

<b>January 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 22,898.18</b>	<b>July 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 36,505.95</b>
January Income	\$ 29,262.94	July Income	\$ 17,362.44
January Expenses	<u>\$(17,552.54)</u>	July Expenses	<u>\$(20,447.36)</u>
<b>February 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 34,608.58</b>	<b>August 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 33,421.03</b>
February Income	\$ 15,504.57	August Income	\$ 17,607.70
February Expenses	<u>\$(18,467.57)</u>	August Expenses	<u>\$(18,831.58)</u>
<b>March 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 31,645.58</b>	<b>September 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 32,197.15</b>
March Income	\$ 17,901.48		
March Expenses	<u>\$(17,916.02)</u>		
<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 31,631.04</b>		
April Income	\$ 27,476.46		
April Expenses	<u>\$(22,044.04)</u>		
<b>May 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 37,063.46</b>		
May Income	\$ 18,493.08		
May Expenses	<u>\$(22,709.99)</u>		
<b>June 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 32,846.55</b>		
June Income	\$ 22,039.96		
June Expenses	<u>\$(18,380.56)</u>		
<b>July 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$36,505.95</b>		



**Stewardship Update**

## INCOME & EXPENSES:

<u>August - Income</u>		<u>August - Expenses</u>	
Envelopes	\$ 14,681.00	Missions	\$ 1,011.13
Loose Offerings	\$ 144.60	Session	\$ 0.00
Per Capita	\$ 27.80	Worship	\$ 1,611.55
Sunday School	\$ 0.00	Christian Education	\$ 3,222.50
Fellowship	\$ 104.20	Administration	\$ 5,834.74
Building Rental	\$ 735.00	Property	\$ 1,724.14
Interest Earned	\$ 15.10	Deacon	\$ 51.35
Blanket Mission	\$ 400.00	Pastoral	<u>\$ 5,376.17</u>
Nursery Donation	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 17,607.70</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 18,831.58</b>

*How we use God's possessions is a key to Christian living.*



The next Beaver Dam Community Hospital blood drive will be held **October 21, from 8-1** at the YMCA of Dodge County gymnasium for Blood Center of Wisconsin, the sole provider of blood used at BDCH. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. You will need a photo id to donate. For more information or to make an appointment online, please go to [www.bcw.edu](http://www.bcw.edu).



Partners in Education invite parents, students, coaches, trainers and community members to a special presentation by John Underwood, founder of the American Athletic Institute

**Wednesday, September 21 · 7:00-8:00PM**

**Beaver Dam High School Auditorium 500 Gould Street, Beaver Dam**

Drugs, prescription drug abuse, and alcohol are destroying our students and are stealing the potential of our students academically and athletically. More than 40,000 tests have been conducted which prove the damaging effects of drugs and alcohol on the developing brain and student performance. In fact, one day of heavy drinking can affect the brain and body for up to two weeks! In addition to striking AODA information Underwood will present compelling nutrition and sleep information that will help your child perform at their highest level whether on the field or in the classroom.



**John Underwood is a national and world renowned speaker. We are fortunate to have him speak to our communities. Mark it on your calendar...this is a presentation you won't want to miss!**

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED



Please share your gifts through donations to the local Food Pantry. There are hundreds of area families that are served each month through this organization. We can receive donations on Sunday mornings or during office hours. You may bring in your non-perishable food items and place them in the bins located under the small coat rack close to the chapel. The donations are picked up each month. Donations of food are always needed and we hope our congregation will support this worthy cause. In these hard economic times donations are needed more than ever!

## Are You in Need of Prayer?



The Grace Email Prayer Chain is here to support and lift you up in prayer. Prayer requests can be sent, called in to the church, or submitted online. Visit [www.bdgracechurch.org/prayerrequests.cfm](http://www.bdgracechurch.org/prayerrequests.cfm) to submit your requests or to sign up to receive prayer chain emails.

## Garden Club in Oshkosh



After a stormy start to this August day, the sun was bright and beautiful as our group traveled to the Paine Art Center and Gardens in Oshkosh, a 1920's historic mansion with art galleries and display gardens. Several of us had never been there before, making it especially enjoyable to tour the home and grounds. We then stopped for lunch prior to returning home. A fun and relaxing day was had by all!

## Grace Garden Club

A plant exchange and afternoon tea will be held on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM at Mary Jane Smith's home. Please bring between 1 and 5 potted and labeled plants and/or seeds for exchanging. A "Wish List" is posted on the bulletin board. This is a great way to share what you have and get free plants or seeds. Anyone wishing to join us please call 356-0569.