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# The Courier

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Thank you to all who had a part in putting together the Children's Christmas event this past Sunday. So much went into making the morning special; rehearsing songs and lines, helping with setting up staging and sound, wrapping presents, making food, many hands made the work light, and many were blessed by your efforts.

As part of the morning we concluded our Christmas Mission, the Friends of Families Giving Tree. Following the service many took part in the gift wrapping of these gifts.



Over 90 gifts were donated and then wrapped on Sunday morning. This week they will be delivered to those in our community who need them. Thank you all for your generosity and help in this project.



## Our holiday worship schedule is as follows:



**Christmas Eve: 5:00PM** - Using short drama sketches and a variety of music, the Christmas story will be shared in a relatable way. Communion will be served and the service will be closed with candle lighting.

**8:00 PM** - A traditional "Lessons and Carols" candlelight service. Communion will be served.

**Christmas Day, Dec 25:** 9:30 Worship only, no 11:00AM worship

**New Year's Day, Jan 1:** 9:30 only, no 11:00AM worship

**Jan. 8:** Resume 9:30 & 11:00AM Worship schedule

*There will be no late worship service from December 11 - January 1*

**"The Gathering"** is Grace Church's alternative style worship and will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am. We will welcome back those who have been a part of this community and invite those who have yet to attend. If you enjoy contemporary music and a friendly relaxed atmosphere then this service is for you.

## Property Committee Update

The Property Committee, along with the assistance of the Sanctuary Enhancement Committee has been busy exploring options to beautify our church. I will update you in The Courier as to our progress.

In our continuing efforts to increase energy efficiency and decrease monthly expenses, we are looking for contributors to the following projects:

- ✓ Thermostat & heater unit repairs \$1,347.00
- ✓ Insulating boiler heat pipes \$975.00
- ✓ Installation of pneumatic controls air dryer \$1,230.00
- ✓ Installation of new computerized boiler/thermostat set back system \$6,740.00

Please send any contributions to Paula at the church office. Call me with any questions at 920-319-0114.

Mike Wissell, Property Committee

## The "Thank You" Column

\* A thank you was received for the 38 pounds of food that Grace Church donated to the Beaver Dam Food Pantry in the month of November.

\* Dear Friends, the greatest Christmas gift cannot be purchased in a store or ordered from a catalog. It cannot be wrapped in a pretty package with a fancy bow. But it can be seen in the eyes of a child who benefits from the many gifts you have given to Clothes for Kids. This year continues to be a struggle for many of our families. God knows life can be difficult at times. But then He gives us friends like you who have demonstrated by your contributions how much you care about our children. I may never be able to thank each of you personally for your support, but I feel we are all bonded together through God's gift of the Baby Jesus. Thank You!...for opening your hearts to help His children and sharing your gifts with us. Merry Christmas! From all of us at Clothes for Kids

### GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR December 25, 2011 - January 8, 2012

#### Sunday Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas!

8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Worship

#### Sunday Jan. 1

No Sunday Classes  
9:30 AM Worship

#### Monday Jan. 2

Office Closed

#### Tuesday Jan. 3

9:30 AM Senior Coffee  
6:00 PM CE Team Meeting  
6:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Book Club  
7:30 PM Meditation

#### Wednesday Jan. 4

8:30 AM Meditation  
9:30 AM Morning Circle  
10:00 AM Through the Bible in a Year  
No Confirmation Class

#### Thursday Jan. 5

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

#### Sunday Jan. 8

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

#### For Sunday December 25

**Head Ushers:** 9:30 - Gary & Deb Bortz

**Greeters:** Ron & Jean Mayberry

**Fellowship Coffee: No fellowship coffee on Christmas Day. Join us Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**Next Courier:** Deadline for articles is **Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM.**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS



**FIRST TUESDAY BOOK CLUB** The First Tuesday Book Club will meet January 3<sup>rd</sup> in the church library. For more information, call Sharon Titus or Ann Peck. New members are always welcome.



**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 [bowsetc@gmail.com](mailto:bowsetc@gmail.com).

## High School Retreat

### Pres House is hosting a retreat for high school students on February 17-18, 2012!

The retreat gives high school students a chance to see the UW campus and to learn about campus ministry and being a Christian in college. The retreat will be geared towards high school juniors and seniors, but all high school students are welcome to attend. Students will stay at Pres House, located in the heart of the UW campus near State St.

Students will be able to sample college life through:

- A panel of college students
- A campus tour by an official UW campus tour guide
- Lunch on State St. or campus
- Fun activity on campus (ex. Sledding on trays down the Liz Water Hill or bowling at the Union South)

Additionally, the retreat will expose students to the campus ministry at Pres House and include time for a short devotional. The cost of the retreat is \$10 per person and covers dinner and breakfast. Students will need to bring money for lunch on Saturday. The deadline for signing up for this retreat is January 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact Brad in the office to sign up or for more information.

**Please note:** During the week between Christmas and New Year's the office will have limited hours. If you are planning to stop by please call first, 885-3198. Pledge payments for the end of the year can be brought in by noon on THURSDAY, December 29. The office will be open Thursday until noon.

## Children's Christmas Event

12/18/11



## Student Leadership Conference

Ignite: Tools is a nuts and bolts student leadership conference for Junior and Senior High youth. Being held in Des Moines, IA on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> this Friday night and Saturday conference is for those youth who wish to take the next step in learning what it is to be a disciple of Christ. Through keynote speakers and breakout session students will learn practical tips and advice on how to be a Christian teen in today's society. Sign up deadline will be January 29<sup>th</sup> so please contact Brad in the office if you are interested. Adults interested in participating are also encouraged to contact Brad. The cost is \$29 for the conference not including food. Learn more at <http://ignite-youth.org/>

## Waterpark Weekend Dates Set

The Grace Youth waterpark outing in Wisconsin Dells has been set for the night of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please mark your calendars now and stay tuned for sign up information.

## The Rock and Worship Roadshow

This concert event is being held in Madison on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Tickets are \$10 at the door for the concert featuring MercyMe, Tenth Avenue North, Sidewalk Prophets, Disciple among others. Lead singer of MercyMe, Bart Millard, is also the featured speaker for the evening. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Brad in the office.

*Please note that there will be no Sunday's Cool on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.*

## **Nurturing Connections January 8**

There will be a January potluck on Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> between the 9:30 & 11AM worship services. Please join us for good food and fellowship!

The Nurturing Connections Committee is looking for families or individuals willing to host the monthly potlucks (most often the first Sunday of the month). Hosting means you will plan the main dish and help set-up and serve food. If you are interested and willing to help contact Louise Wilson, 885-2471. Thank you!



## 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.

## Can You Help with Snow Removal?



The Property Committee is looking for volunteers for sidewalk snow blowing and shoveling. All the equipment is here. Please sign up at church across from the office for a week at a time starting on a Sunday and ending the following Saturday. Thank you!



## 2011 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The following people made memorial donations toward poinsettias or brought their own plant to decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas season. We extend appreciation to these people and we call to mind the importance of treasured memories of our loved ones. We also thank the Board of Deacons for delivering plants to the members who are on our Church Support List.

### Given by:

Audrey J. Bartell in memory of Theodore & Gladys Bartell  
 Myrt Beecher in memory of Bill Beecher, Mr. & Mrs. William Hoeft  
 Elizabeth Bestor in memory of David and J. Andrew  
 Bill & Lois Bradley in memory of Everett & Myrtie Bradley, Kenneth & Ruth Russell, Anthony Westhuis  
 Doug, Susan, Aaron & Micah Ganske in memory of Barbara Ganske, Sanford & Helen Disrud, Nolan Schwager  
 Louis Ganske in memory of Barbara Ganske, Louis S. Ganske, Gezina Ganske  
 The Glewen family in memory of Claryn & Beth Glewen  
 Joan F. Goodrich in memory of Calvin "Kelly" Goodrich, Stanley & Warren Ganske & Clarence Maryott  
 Sandy & Scott Hautamaki & LouAnn Muenchow in memory of Ryan Cantafio, Bob Hautamaki, Dale Muenchow & Emily Muenchow  
 Rev. Paul & Jennine Hudson in memory of Orville & Yvonne Zuelsdorf and Paul Hudson Sr.  
 "Dickie" Lehman in memory of Arthur Lehman  
 Jim, Pam, Maddux & Dana Lunde in memory of Pearce Lunde  
 Trudy Miller in memory of Marvin Miller  
 Barbara Oakford in memory of Graham Oakford  
 Bob, Brenda, Steven & Mitchell Propst in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Schoppe, Margaret Propst, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Messer, Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Propst, Mr. & Mrs. Sim Pearson  
 Margaret Propst family in memory of Margaret Propst, Peggy & Ralph Messer, Violet & Wesley Propst  
 Amy Rochester in memory of parents Russell & Mildred Ridge  
 Sharron Roffers & children in memory of Jerry Roffers  
 Mary, Ann, Teagan and Quinn in memory of Douglas Slinger  
 Peg & Glenn Stousland in memory of Bernice Stousland  
 David & Sharon Titus in memory of Parents and Grandparents  
 Peg Vande Zande in memory of Harvard Vande Zande  
 Tom Waegli in memory of Margaret Dodge  
 Kae & Ki Whang in memory of both parents  
 Rod & Doreen Wolc in memory of Clarence Wolc & Dirk DeJager  
 Josie Woodworth-Turner in memory of the loved ones in my life



*Jan*

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*Brad*

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*Cheryl*

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*Pastor Dee*

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*Paula & Chris*



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*From the Church Staff*

*Stewardship means returning the first portion of all God has given you.*



## OFFERING CONTRIBUTIONS

Complete your 2011 Pledge By December 31, 2011!

Please complete your 2011 pledge by dropping off your payments to the church OR by mail, **postmarked ON or BEFORE December 31<sup>st</sup>**.

The church office hours are limited during the week between Christmas and New Year's, so you may want to call ahead before stopping by.

The last day for you to drop off any last minute contributions will be **THURSDAY, December 29, 2011, 7:00 AM until Noon.**

*Thank you!*

**Following Jesus requires commitment.** It means putting God before all earthly desires. It means recommitting your life to Christ every day.

If you have not returned your 2012 Pledge and the Time/Talent Sheet to the church it is not too late!



Through pledging, we make a regular commitment to support the church. It causes us to be more connected and more attached to the activities and programs of the church.

For those who usually don't like to pledge, we invite you to consider making a commitment this year and see how it improves your relationship with the church and with Christ.

***Thank you to those who have already returned their 2012 Pledges!***

## 2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Your 2012 Offering Envelopes are now available for you to pick up. Please be sure to pick yours up and start using them for the New Year. They are in the hallway under the name tag board.

## Thank You...

I would like to take a moment to thank those of you who faithfully volunteer your time and talent to the weekly collection counting process. Your dedicated assistance is greatly valued and appreciated each and every week. The church is fortunate to have a strong core of dedicated people to assist in this important part of the church's life.

-- Paula Bartelt, Bookkeeper

## January Birthdays

- 2 – Jacob Borkowski
- 5 – Judi Miller, Sofia Mohammed, Catie Wolc
- 7 – Tammy Desjarlais
- 8 – Victoria Bagneski, Patrick Bird, Gretta Hahn, Ron Mayberry, Mary Morgan
- 10 – Devan Bales, Kasandra Carrick
- 12 – John Klinger, Susan Lord
- 14 – Ayanna Dahl, Libby Gartland
- 15 – Sandra Eckes
- 17 – Erin Braun, Jonathan Pollesch, Scott Uhrich
- 18 – Marq Clawson, Helen Kasmiski, Maddux Lunde
- 20 – Jessica Koehn, Alyce Schoenwetter
- 22 – P.J. Ferstl
- 23 – Jacob Anderson, Todd Apel, Ella Kikkert, Mitchell Propst, Courtney Schuett
- 24 - Carley Schraufnagel
- 25 – Alexander Frinak, Baylee Sheppard
- 28 – Judy Jung, Melissa Pollesch
- 29 – Harold Hicks, Cindy Jameson, Jennifer Walter
- 31 – Polly Parent, Adam Schoenwetter, Audrey Unertl



## Church Health Services Employment Opportunities

Church Health Services is offering the following positions for immediate employment:

**Executive Manager** Be a pivotal member of the Church Health Services team! The responsibilities of this near full-time position will include providing day-to-day management of the organization including its employees, volunteers, public relations, and fundraising activities. Position requires a combination of a strong Christian faith with leadership, management and administrative skills. Health professions background a plus.

**Parish Nursing in Beaver Dam** Join a dynamic nursing team at Church Health Services in Beaver Dam providing parish nursing services at two congregations – St. Katherine Drexel and Trinity United Methodist - at 20 hours per week. This position also includes providing nursing services to CHS clinics for the poor and uninsured, and other community outreach health initiatives. Reimbursement for parish nurse education is available.

**Inquire with or send resume to:** Larry Bartruff (bartruff@charter.net)  
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