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ATTENTION GRACE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS AND KIDS!

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2018-19
KICKOFF: SEPTEMBER 16, 2018



Sunday School classes begin September 23, 10:45-11:30am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF



Please mark your calendars for the kickoff to Grace's Sunday School 2018-19, on Sunday, September 16, 10:40-11:10 a.m. Parents and kids pre-school to kindergarten, 1st-5th grade, and Middle School will have a chance to

meet and greet their teachers and Sunday schoolmates, enjoy conversation and snacks, and learn about this year's exciting Sunday School program and opportunities to volunteer. If you have any questions or ideas to share, please contact CE Director Patrice at cedirector@bdgracechurch.org; 920/885-3198; 920/858-9468 (cell).



Before I went on vacation to visit family in Northern Ireland, a colleague friend and pastor asked that my family might participate in her congregation's "flat Jesus project." The idea was to take this little cut out of Jesus everywhere we went in Northern Ireland. She asked us to take pictures or selfies of Jesus within our travels. The project was fun. One time we were even asked by folks we didn't know, "Is that Jesus you are taking a picture of?" Among my nephews and nieces, "flat Jesus" sparked a lot of conversation. I must admit, I think my girls were a bit embarrassed when I constantly took pictures of Jesus everywhere we went. Yet, like a big kid, I had a blast!!!



Soon we are going to begin a new programmatic year here at Grace Presbyterian Church. Choir will start again, Sunday School for all ages will commence, activities and events will resume. The summer "emptiness" will no longer be, our church will spring to life! Or will it?

Often I hear people lamenting; "if only programs were better attended," "if only our sanctuary were filled each Sunday," "if only church could meet our needs." The start of a new programmatic year often has the hype yet, reality reveals a low response. And for that, people get upset OR people develop excuses.

Imagine though, rethinking how we approach a new programmatic year. Rather than spending so much time and brainpower overthinking how we as a church can attract more people, how we can attract young people, how we can make the church more glitzy and shiny and sparkly so that our walls "burst out with people" - imagine if we took Jesus outside the walls of this church into the surrounding community. Imagine if we as a congregation spent less time lamenting and more time dreaming and then acting on ways to take the "bread of life" into a hungry world.

Of course I am excited about a new programmatic year. Yet, I really believe we are called to share God's grace OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF THIS CHURCH. Maybe it's as easy as sharing 5 loaves and 2 fish!!!

Peace,
Pastor Chris



SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB Future book selections:

Sept. 11 - *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Pachinko is a family saga about four generations of a Korean family. It is an entertaining and enlightening story about the Korean culture in Japan.

Oct. 9 - *Varina* by Charles Frazier. The author who brought us *Cold Mountain* returns to the same area and brings the devastation and chaos of the Civil War to life.

Nov. 13 - *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid. This story centers on Nadia and Saeed who fall in love despite religion and societal problems. They become refugees struggling to survive in foreign places.

Book Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9 AM in the room across from the kitchen. Join us some time. For more information, call Ann Peck.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER (Meditation) meets Wednesday mornings from 8:45-9:45 in the chapel. Join this group that meets to nurture and sustain spiritual vitality in contemporary life.



Be a worker for



Sunday, September 9 at 10:30

60 school bags have been made by congregation members. These workers range in age from 9 to over 80.

After service on Sunday, September 9, help prepare these bags for shipment!

Good news!

All school supplies have been purchased through PW. \$2 per bag will be given to Church World Service who ships the bags to their final destination. (CWS rents space on trucks, boats and planes, pays for gas, for insurance, and other delivery fees.)

Even better news!

Through help of drivers in our Presbytery and Synod, there will be no shipping costs to get them to the Presbyterian Disaster center in Arkansas.

The best news!

Our God of compassion assists those who are grieving, afraid, and vulnerable due to earthquakes, wind, flood, fire and conflicts. He renews us in hope and service.

So, come help on September 9 and join in the work of disaster assistance!

Arise, Shine, Your light has come! (from Isaiah 60:1)

This verse was the inspiration for the **2018 Churchwide Gathering of the Presbyterian Women**, which Ruth Meylink and Ann Peck attended Aug. 2-5th in Louisville, KY.



They participated in a Louisville Mission Tour, visiting Kentucky Refugees Ministries which provides resettlement services from job placement to citizenship classes, providing continuing support. They also visited Hope Community Garden. Here resettled refugees and new American families received garden plots, along



with environmental education and agricultural training.

Each day began with everyone coming together for lively singing, worship, and an interpretation of God's Word. Inspirational speakers focused on faith nurturing and waking to the fullness of the gospel. The speaker Friday helped everyone explore what it means to shine in our homes and community.

Marisol Jimenez gave an impassioned message on "your light" and a call to work for justice and peace. Ruth and Ann attended educational workshops and visited the global marketplace. While Ann went to a book discussion, Ruth stepped out for a Justice and Peace March to witness against segregation and racism in Louisville. To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the gathering, women attending the final dinner dressed in outfits of the last 30 years.



New officers were installed, communion was celebrated, and the women of faith, of justice, and of love left the gathering full of the spirit.



PAVE Wish List: For the month of **September**, PAVE wishes for **bed pillows, postage stamps, combs and hairbrushes.**

Beaver Dam Food Pantry - Non-perishable and unexpired food items including canned goods, boxed meals, e.g., macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, canned and boxed juices, baking items and pancake mixes.

PAVE & Food Pantry bins are located next to the main parking lot entrance at the Church.

Gracie's Closet



Grace Clothes Closet at Second Harvest

The next date donations will be available to families at Second Harvest Food Pantry is **Saturday September 8, 2018**, at the Dodge County Fair Grounds Distribution Center at Hwy 33 and Highpoint Road. We offer these options for you to contribute your donations:

- Bring your clothing to Grace marked "Second Harvest", and drop off in former CE office, as marked in the hallway facing our parking lot, Sunday-Thursday;
- Drop off items at Second Harvest Food Pantry at 9:00 a.m., each second Saturday of the month.

We'd also love to have you assist in distribution of items and meeting our grateful friends.

Grace Nursery is Now "Kids Corner"



Over the years has provided a space for fussy or fidgety little ones during worship and special events. In the 1950's, church "crying rooms" were created during the baby boom after World War II, and many are still in use today. Here, parents soothe their children until they're ready to return to worship. Some churches staff a

nursery where children spend the entire worship service in activities and play with one another. Grace Nursery has provided a combination of these two approaches. In recent years, use of our nursery has diminished with many families choosing to include their children in worship. Effective Sunday, September 2, Grace Nursery will become "Grace Kid's Corner" and will no longer be staffed by a facilitator. It will be open for parents and children to find a quiet place with rockers, a changing table, mini-frig, toys, books, and games. If you have any special needs, please contact CE Director Patrice at cedirector@bdgracechurch.org; 920-885-3198 or 920-858-9468 (cell).

Coming Soon to a "Theatre" Near You!!!

"I Can Only Imagine" Movie, Snacks and Bring a Friend Night at Grace.



The real-life story of a near-death experience and an astounding glimpse into Heaven.

*Presented by Fellowship Committee and Christian Education.
Rated PG.*

Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 6:00 -8 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Trudy Miller**. Trudy passed away on August 4 and her funeral was at Grace Church on August 8.

Also to the family and friends of **Jennifer Rowan**. Jennifer passed away on August 22.

PROPERTY CORNER

Grace Church recently installed a keyless entry security system on the south of the parking lot side of the building. This system is the result of a memorial gift given to Grace. On regular Sundays, no changes will be made as to how you enter the building. All the usual doors will be opened for you when you come to worship.

However, during business hours, all church doors will remained locked. To enter the building, please make every effort to enter from the parking lot side and simply push the call button on the new box. Our secretaries, Chris and Paula, will have a visual image of you and will be able to talk to you and unlock the door. Church members who have regular business at Grace or members who need to access the church after hours will be given a pin number that can be punched in the call box to open the door.

The Property Committee, Grace staff, as well as Grace's Session, asks for your patience and your support as we implement this new system. The bottom line is that this system will offer our wonderful church staff a stronger sense of protection in their work place. It's too bad that we have to do these kinds of things, and this system may cause you some inconvenience for a while, but I know that I speak for all of you when I say that our staff is worth it! Please direct any of your questions to property chair Rich Zeman at rczeman61883@gmail.com



RENOVATION PROJECT

Grace Church will begin a renovation project of our Social Hall beginning the second week of October until completion sometime this winter. This entire renovation (new ceiling, lights, flooring, entry ways, furniture, paint and decor) has been funded completely through generous memorial gifts donated to Grace.

During this renovation, please keep in mind that the Social Hall will not be accessible for any events. Members of the Property Committee, Church staff and the Social Hall Committee thank you in advance for your prayers and patience during this exciting time! Continue to watch the Grace newsletters and church bulletins for more information!



Gardenistas News – September 20th

A Fox Lake adventure awaits when the Gardenistas visit the home of Pat Lyon at 300 College Avenue on the South side of town. Julie Flemming will share her knowledge of the LOCAL origin of what became Downer College for Women as we enjoy Pat's flowers. Reservations will be needed as Pat has graciously agreed to serve lasagna with vegetables from her garden.

Plan to arrive on College Avenue at 11:00 and if carpooling is the option meet at the church parking lot at 10:30 please. As usual (920)885-6334 RSVP Barbara Ellefson.

INCOME & EXPENSES:

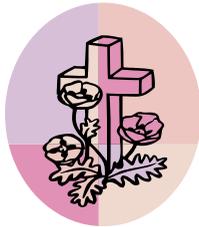


<u>July Income</u>		<u>July Expenses</u>	
Offering Envelopes	\$ 28,208.10	Missions	\$ 583.33
Loose Offerings	\$ 273.90	Session	\$ 0.00
Per Capita	\$ 36.00	Worship	\$ 2,396.46
Interest	\$ 0.00	Christian Education	\$ 1,698.56
Housing Allowance	\$ 500.00	Administration	\$ 8,213.68
Scrip Program	\$ 346.38	Property	\$ 1,374.17
Building Rental	\$ 0.00	Deacon	\$ 10.00
Fellowship	\$ 73.80	Pastoral	\$ 7,108.91
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 29,438.18	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$21,385.11

Memorials Received

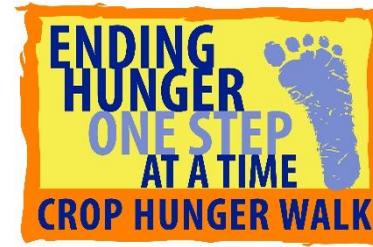
Gifts to the church are a wonderful way of honoring the memory of those we love and cherish. The family may direct these gifts to a specific or unrestricted fund.

Grace Presbyterian Church recently received cash memorial gifts in Memory of **Joan Goodrich, Trudy Miller, and Martin Richardson**. We are very grateful for these gifts in memory of loved ones.



Everyone needs gas and groceries, why not order a Scrip card to use for these purchases? There are many local and non-local businesses that offer Scrip, so check out our Scrip order form at church or on-line on our web page www.bdgracechurch.org. Thank you to all who support Grace Presbyterian Church by purchasing Scrip!

BEAVER DAM COMMUNITY CROP HUNGER WALK



Mark your calendars! The churches of Beaver Dam welcome you to join our community CROP Hunger Walk that will be held on Sunday, October 14th. Registration will begin at 1:00 PM at St. Katharine Drexel Parish Center with the walk beginning at 2:00 PM. Please visit our website www.crophungerwalk.org/beaverdamwi/, like and follow us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/bdcropwalk/, or follow us on Instagram @bdcropwalk to learn more about what the CROP Hunger Walk is all about! If you have any questions, please contact your CROP Walk representative (see below) or Pr. Bryan at St. John's Lutheran Church. Our kickoff for recruitment and donations will begin on September 9th. Come join us in raising money to help feed hungry people in Beaver Dam and around the world!

****Grace Presbyterian will need a team leader for Crop Walk, trying for a team of 10 members. Could that be you?? If you're able to help, Pete Brodzeller is available to answer questions at 920-344-4477.**



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17 FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE COURIER.

Grace frequently uses images from church activities and events on our website, Facebook page, in the newsletter, and for promotional purposes. If you do not wish for us to use your image please contact the office.

September Birthdays

- 1 - Tessa DeYoung
- 2 - Tim Eilbes, Helen Glewen
- 3 - Sue Bird, Andrew Doege, Tom Higgins, Rita Schreiber
- 4 - Holly Kulka, Salim Mohammed, Steven Propst
- 6 - Linda McMahon
- 8 - Scott Freber
- 10 - Sharron Roffers
- 11 - Bill Bradley, Hawke Shier, Natalie Tietz
- 13 - Paige White
- 14 - Emily Grenon
- 15 - Mariana Skare
- 17 - Henry Buchda, Molly Willihnganz
- 18 - Maya Connaughty, Elizabeth Grenon, Junior Krause
- 20 - Lillian Westergaard
- 21 - Jackie Slayton
- 23 - Jeremy Klug, Ann Marie Walter
- 24 - Olivia Heinbuch, Lindsay Propst
- 25 - Lexi Steinkraus
- 26 - Judy Douglas, Maria Krause, Rachel McMahon, Caralin Sanders
- 27 - Jake Merrill
- 28 - Kristi Bird
- 29 - Theo Rowan
- 30 - Autumn Adams, Jim DeYoung, Conor Sanders, Jeff Slayton



If your birthday is not listed here, it is because we don't have it in the church records. Let us know and we'll include it next time.