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# The Courier

## Children's Christmas Worship Program 2018



*On Sunday, December 16, Grace children led our church family in worship, music, and enactment of the treasured Christmas story. We applauded them lovingly along with our Sunday School staff, music coordinator Kristie Estervig, parents and volunteers who assisted all along the way to performance.*



I want to share a moment of excitement with you. It took place at our congregational meeting on January 20th. The agenda for our meeting was to receive the 2019 Annual Report, receive the 2019 Annual Budget, approve the Pastor's terms of call, to approve a Nominating Committee, and to approve those elected as Elders and Deacons. What brought joy to my being was that we as a congregation are truly blessed!

As a congregation, you have pledged your time, talent and resources to allow us to live into our mission statement - WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE. Your gifts not only allow but encourage bold ministry in our community, state, nation, and world. I am excited to bear witness to the work of the Holy Spirit within our faith community.

During the meeting, I was struck by those who have responded to God's call to serve as leaders within our congregation. Those called as Deacons and Elders will respond to the Spirit's prompting and shape the future of this congregation. The work will not be easy. They will have to balance all they have on their plates. Yet, they have responded and are willing to do what God calls them to do. The future of Grace Presbyterian Church is bright and hope filled.

Prior to the meeting, I had two conversations. One was about expectations as a newly elected leader of the church. "Will I be able to fulfill the expectations of this congregation?" to which I said - NO! You won't be able to fulfill the expectations of this congregation. Rather, listen to what the Spirit is prompting and follow.

On a similar note, I had a conversation in which two leaders expressed excitement about collaborative ministry yet they weren't sure what it would look like. To both, I suggested that we be attentive to God's Spirit and listen for direction and purpose.

As members of Grace Presbyterian Church, as members of the greater church, each one of us is called to preach and teach others about God's unconditional love. That is not only our purpose but our calling. The only way to live into our calling is to listen closely to the prompting of the Spirit.

I encourage you to pray for our church, pray for our leadership, and pray that you will hear God's still and quiet voice that pulls you and prompts you to action.

Peace  
Pastor Chris



Best wishes to member **Abby Klodowski-Schultz** and Nick Schultz, who were married on December 31, 2018 at Grace Church.



- Our condolences to the family and friends of member **Ron Mayberry**, who died December 29, 2018.
- Also to family and friends of member **Pat Walden**, who died December 31, 2018.

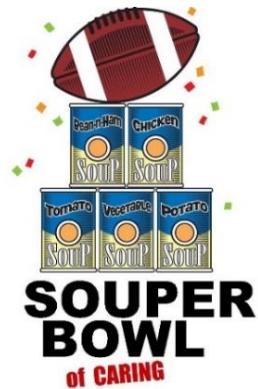
## New Member Class – **Postponed due to Weather!**



If you are interested in joining Grace Presbyterian Church, or know of someone that may be interested, mark your calendar for **Thursday, January 31, 6pm** for a new member class. Come and learn more about what it means to be a member of the Grace Presbyterian Church Family. Contact Therese @t 920-356-9806 or Carrie @ 885-9462 if you're interested or have questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Welcome Debbie Jung, to our Sunday School Staff!

Christian Ed. is delighted to announce that Debbie Jung has joined our Sunday School teaching staff. Debbie has served as parent volunteer and brings a wealth of creativity, knowledge and love to our children and families. Thank you, Debbie!



Grace is once again blessed to be a part of a national initiative that celebrates the joy and victory of giving on **Super Bowl Sunday**... no matter which team we root for! Our Sunday Schoolers will host a kettle giving time for you to drop healthy canned goods or donate dollars after worship on **Sunday February 3**. Everyone is invited to sport your favorite team gear... Beaver Dam-area, college or NFL teams. If you can't join in on Super/Souper Bowl Sunday, dropping your donations will score a touchdown in the Gracie's Closet room located in the main hallway. Your generosity will benefit our many grateful neighbors through the Beaver Dam Food Pantry. Go Team Grace!

## Bringing Our Community Together in Wellness and Faith



**BLUE ZONES PROJECT** Grace Presbyterian is bringing together faith and wellness in our community with the help of the

Blue Zones Project. Are you interested in learning more about this initiative? If so, please mark your calendars for a community-wide **Faith-based Purpose Workshop** hosted by Grace Church on February 17, in the Conference Room, following worship. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex, but last-minute attendees are more than welcome! With questions, please contact Elder Pat Kneser or CE Director Patrice.

### SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

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.



**PAVE Wish List:** For the month of **February**, PAVE wishes for **face cloths & towels, combs & hairbrushes, paper towels.**

**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.*

## DO YOU SING OR PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

We would like to compile a list of people who have musical talents and would be willing to share their gifts during worship services. All ages, instruments, and musical abilities are encouraged to participate. As music is planned throughout the year, this will help us find musicians to complement our music ministry. Please email Worship Coordinator, Kristie Estervig, at [kristie608@gmail.com](mailto:kristie608@gmail.com) for more information and to get signed up.



## Gracie's Closet



## Gracie's Closet and Second Harvest Food

Party: February 9

Our next Gracie's No-Cost Clothes Closet is February 9 in our Rec Room in the CE Wing and open to the public 8:30-11:30

a.m. Second Harvest food distribution is managed at Moraine Park Technical College 8:00-11:00 a.m. Volunteers at both sites are greatly appreciated along with much gratitude for the generous donations from our Grace family at our main hallway drop-off room.



Our projected Social Hall completed renovation date is February 24! Fellowship Committee is planning an open house, cake and finger food dedication reception for Sunday February 24, right after worship. Stay and celebrate our new, updated space!

Keep in mind this is a **hoped-for, projected date**. Construction and finish dates can and do change. Watch your weekly announcements as the date gets closer.

## Beaver Dam Community Meals

You're invited to a community-wide dinner party on Mondays, February 4 and 18, 5-6 p.m., at the Watermark. Join Beaver Dam-area friends and neighbors of all ages in this time of friendship, fellowship and yummy home-made food!



**Community Meal Coalition**



Thankful  
FOR YOUR KINDNESS

- Thank you very much for the delectable Christmas goodies and other thoughtful gifts. It was also our pleasure to meet two members of the committee, Cheri and Pete, who delivered the gifts. Jim & I are looking forward to sampling all the sweets and enjoying the hot chocolate while watching a good movie or reading a good book. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness! -- Jim & Renat  (Campbell)

- Dear Friends, Our heartfelt thanks for the delightful visit and the singing of Christmas carols. Not only did Jim and I enjoy them, but also the residents who were present in the dining room. Some of the residents have no family or church connection and it was important that they were included in the enjoyment, appreciation and the spirit of Christmas. Thank you all and God bless you! – Jim & Renat 
- Thanks for coming and caroling for our residents. They truly enjoyed it. Warm wishes, Activity Department, Hillside Manor
- A thank you was received from Central WI Community Action Council for the 38 pounds of food Grace Church donated in the month of December.



**Stewardship Update**

### December Income

Offering Envelopes	\$ 25,776.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,225.25
Per Capita	\$ 245.00
Building Rental	\$ 0.00
Interest Earned	\$ 16.02
Housing Allowance	\$ 500.00
Scrip Program	\$ 642.17
Fellowship	\$ 44.35
Christmas Joy Mission	\$ 466.00
Hillside Hospice	\$ 20.00

**TOTAL INCOME \$ 28,934.79**

## INCOME & EXPENSES:

### December Expenses

Missions	\$ 1,378.83
Session	\$ 433.56
Worship	\$ 2,483.62
Christian Education	\$ 1,826.95
Administration	\$10,302.64
Property	\$ 6,549.04
Deacon	\$ 0.00
Pastoral	\$ 8,305.41

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$31,280.05**



## 2018 Memorial Gifts Received

Gifts to the church are a wonderful way of honoring the memory of those we love and cherish. Grace Church received cash memorial gifts during 2018 in memory of following people: **Paul Youngdale, Jade Wilson, Josie Woodworth-Turner, Audrey Bartell, Joan Goodrich, Martin Richardson, Gertrude Miller, Jennifer Rowan, Jean Hill, Evelyn Meekma, Bill Reifsnider**. Also received Memorial donations in 2019 for **Patricia Walden**.

We are so grateful to those who have given to the church in this special way. Every gift is appreciated and makes a difference in maintaining a healthy future for Grace.

## 2018 Year-End Contribution Statements

The year-end contribution statements have been mailed out to those who have given to the church in 2018.

**Supporting the church is a way to put Christian values and your faith into action. Your personal contributions make a difference and are greatly appreciated!**

The cutoff date for any donations was December 31<sup>st</sup> which means that I cannot apply any outstanding pledge balances to 2018. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your statement, please call or email the bookkeeper, Paula, at the church office.

## 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES



**New Offering Envelopes**

Your 2019 Offering envelopes are now available for you to pick up. Please be sure to start using your new envelopes in 2019! For those who are on our Direct Contribution Plan or (EFT), there will not be a box of envelopes with your name on it since your offerings are paid electronically. Thank you!



Thank you to all who supported Grace Presbyterian Church by purchasing Scrip in 2018.  
**The profits the church incurred for 2018 totaled \$4,531.65!**

If you have never used Scrip before, please try it this year. Using Scrip for your purchases helps support Grace Church's operating budget.

There are many local and non-local businesses that offer Scrip, so check out our Scrip order form at church on Sundays or on-line on our web page [www.bdgracechurch.org](http://www.bdgracechurch.org).

**2019 PER CAPITA**  
*\$40.00 per confirmed member*



A letter and your envelope were mailed to you in early January and we are beginning to see some returned. The amount is **\$40.00 per confirmed member**. Remember, this includes both spouses and your confirmed children in your family.

Once your child is confirmed into the church, they are full members and would need to fulfill the per capita apportionment.

Presbyterians have used per capita apportionment for over 150 years to help cover both local and global administrative expenses of our denomination. We mutually share the costs of coming together to discern where God is leading us.

**Thank you to those who have already returned their per capita!**

**Help us earn cash by participating in the following program:**

**OUR FAMILY "LABELS FOR LEARNING"  
At RECHEK'S FOOD PRIDE**

Here's an opportunity to help Grace Presbyterian Church Sunday School by participating in "Labels for Learning". This is what you can do to help:

Save your "Our Family" packaging labels (with the UPC barcode) – **NOT RECEIPTS**

- Purchase any "Our Family" products from Recheck's
- Cut out the UPC barcode from the label
- Turn in these barcode labels to the church and place them in the labeled "Our Family Labels" bin at the parking lot entrance to the church.

Grace Church earns 5 cents for each UPC barcode redeemed!

**MILK MOOLA - Discontinued**

At Kwik Trip

We received a letter from Kwik Trip informing Grace Church that they have discontinued their "Milk Moola" fundraising program. They discovered that the cost to administer the program has outweighed the dollars Kwik Trip directly funded to help the participants.

We want to thank all those who participated in this program by dropping off their Milk Moola labels and caps. We will no longer collect these items starting this month.

You can still help the church by buying Kwik Trip Scrip cards. Kwik Trip give us a 4% discount on every dollar you spend on a Scrip card!

- 1 - Nancy Jung, Ana Miller
- 2 - Justin Rake
- 3 - Barbara Gregg, Brenda Propst
- 4 - Ramona Ehrhardt
- 5 - Andrea Eilbes
- 6 - Peyton Apel
- 7 - Todd Janssen
- 8 - Mason Janssen
- 9 - Delores Ellcey, Kasey Klug, Lowell Peck
- 10 - Sam Uhrich
- 11 - Tami Mohammed, Carol Timm
- 12 - Ann Peck
- 14 - Cody Freber-Infalt
- 15 - Kathleen Mason
- 16 - Sofia Infalt
- 17 - Jim Olson
- 19 - Jack Bartholmai
- 20 - Pat Kroeze, Marla Noordhof, Penny Pohle, Lauren Wernimont
- 21 - Aaron Ganske, Tim Spinler
- 22 - Maya Puleo, Oliver Shier
- 24 - Will Koepsell
- 25 - Scott Miller
- 27 - Alexander Lord, Henry Westergaard
- 28 - Victoria Merrill

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS (January 2019)

- Communion Report: 11/4 worship – 147; Charleston House Communion on 11/14 – 2 were served. 12/2 worship – 130; Charleston House Communion on 12/12 – 8 were served with Sue Reifsnider assisting; Hillside Manor on 12/17 – 7 were served with Amy Rochester assisting.
- Pastor Chris baptized Huck Michael Gade, son of Cory and Michael Gade on January 6, 2019.
- Motion was made to baptize David Henry Walters III, son of David and Angie Walters.
- The Children’s Christmas Program went very well. Many compliments were received.
- Personnel Committee is working on updating the sabbatical policy.
- Fellowship Committee made a motion to have a fellowship gathering at The Lakefront Wine Bar & Gifts Wednesday, January 23 at 5 pm.
- Fellowship Committee is planning to have something to celebrate the new social hall when renovations are complete. March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mardi Gras celebration and possibly a Cinco de Mayo taco bar.
- Stewardship Committee made a motion to approve Jan Sutter as the treasurer for 2019.
- Property Committee made a motion to release \$12,400 to be used for a new furnace and air conditioner for the Chapel and the offices in that hallway.
- Social hall renovations are going very well and project is expected to be completed at the beginning of February.
- New member class will be held in the near future on a Thursday night.
- Worship Committee made a motion to have Southminster Presbyterian Youth lead the March 17, 2019 worship service.
- Motion was made to elect Cheryl Bird as the Clerk of Session for 2019.
- Next regular meeting of the Session will be Wednesday February 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm.



Don't Miss the

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MONDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE COURIER.**

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**FEBRUARY**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>3</b> SOUPER BOWL of CARINNG					<b>1</b> Office Closed	<b>2</b>  Groundhog Day
<b>3</b> 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship – Communion 10:45a Christian Education 10:45a Fellowship Committee	<b>4</b> 3:00p Men’s Study Group 5:00p Community Meal at Watermark	<b>5</b> 9:30a Senior Coffee 6:00p Worship Committee	<b>6</b> 8:45a Meditation 12:00p Ministerium Meeting	<b>7</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> Office Closed	<b>9</b>  Gracie's Closet <b>8:30-11:30a Gracie's Closet at Grace Church</b>
<b>10</b> 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 10:45a Christian Education	<b>11</b> 3:00p Men’s Study Group 5:00p Stewardship Committee	<b>12</b> 9:00a Second Tuesday Book Club 9:30a Senior Coffee 6:00p Worship Committee	<b>13</b> 8:45a Meditation 1:30p Charleston House Communion 6:00p Session Meeting	<b>14</b>  Valentine's Day 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> Office Closed	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship <b>10:30a Blue Zones Purpose Workshop in the chapel</b> 10:45a Christian Education	<b>18</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 3:00p Men’s Study Group 1:30p Hillside Manor Communion 5:00p Community Meal at Watermark 	<b>19</b> 9:30a Senior Coffee Presbytery Meeting in Menomonee Falls	<b>20</b> 8:45a Meditation	<b>21</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 9:00a Sewing for Mission Group Office Closed	<b>23</b> Baby Shower in Social Hall
<b>24</b> 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 10:45a Christian Education <b>Social Hall Reception and Dedication! (Hoped for date)</b>	<b>25</b> 3:00p Men’s Study Group	<b>COURIER 26</b> 9:30a Senior Coffee	<b>27</b> 8:45a Meditation <b>5:00p Wine at 5 Fellowship at Riverfront Wine &amp; Gifts</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal		