

April 2020



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Join us
Easter
Week!



April 5 - Palm Sunday
Communion worship at 9:30 AM

April 9 - Maundy Thursday
Meal 6:15, worship at 7:00 PM



April 10 - Good Friday worship
at Grace - 1:00 PM



April 10 - Gr. 5-12 Egg Hunt 7-8:30p
April 11 - Children's Egg Hunt 10:00AM



April 12 - Easter Sunday
worship at 8:00 + 9:30 AM

During the week of March 8, I travelled to Cincinnati Ohio to attend, along with approximately 600 others, the Next Church Gathering. Thanks to your generosity as a congregation, I attended this gathering to fulfill one week of Continuing Education.

If you are not familiar with Next Church - their mission statement is - Next Church is a purposeful relational community of Presbyterian leaders whose mission is to strengthen a vibrant and thriving PC(USA) that shares the good news of Jesus Christ in ways that matter to and have impact on God's evolving world.

Next Church's vision statement is that - We believe God is always calling the church into the future. NEXT Church seeks to follow God by strengthening the relational fabric of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We do this by cultivating congregations and leaders who work in sustained, effective, and faithful ways to promote God's transformation of our communities for the common good.

The theme of the gathering in Cincinnati focused on the twelve stones placed in the middle of the Jordan River as recorded in the book of Joshua. These stones served as a memorial to God's faithfulness. They witnessed to the trials and tribulations overcome by the people of God. The stones also testified to future generations that God, who made a way where there was no way, will once again lead us to redemption and transformation.

We are called to remember our forebears, the great distances they covered and the faith that carried them. Their memory inspires us and challenges us to move forward in our own faith journey. Their memory calls us to stay the course, to wade in the waters of life, to continue to struggle for the Kingdom of God where justice, love, and peace flow freely. When we are willing to sacrifice the comfort of what we know for the gift of new life promised by God, we become living stones that witness and testify to God's provision, promise, and power that transform our hope into reality.

During the gathering I attended a workshop on Monday entitled "Stewardship in a preoccupied land: How our giving becomes touch stones. Here are a couple of things I gleaned from this workshop. 1) Over the past three years giving to non-profits has changed in part due to a political impact. 2) Stewardship can no longer be approached with a broad sweep approach. No longer can non-profits or churches send a broad stroke letter hoping to reach each person. Those within the church have fixed incomes - specifics needs and stories that we as a church must recognize. 3) When all are engaged in the giving of time, talent, and resources lives are transformed and change can take place to repair a broken world.

On Tuesday, I attended a workshop entitled "After the call. Practical principles for Elder-led congregational change." What I gleaned from this workshop was that we as a congregation must truly engage in the Holy Cow Survey. Thankfully, your session has begun discussions surrounding the Holy Cow Survey.

Each day I attended worship which was challenging and provocative. We as attendees were presented with the question of "How will we share the story of our faith to those who don't know the story?" The music was inspirational and uplifting. We even gathered around the common communion table where the elements were distributed via intinction - remember there were 600 + folks of all physical abilities. I truly was provided with imagery of the Kingdom of God.

As a congregation, I want to thank you for allowing me to attend the Next Church Gathering. I also want to thank you for supporting my Continuing Educational efforts. I hope they will bear much fruit in the coming year.

Within the season of Lent and Easter, as people of faith, we ALL are confronted with the question - How will we bear witness to the empty tomb? Will we share enthusiastically the story or will we be fearful of offending. We are also prompted to respond to the question - How will we bear witness to the love of God in Christ? During my time in Cincinnati I learned that within the next 20 years there will be a shift from a majority white European culture to a more diverse culture within the US. How will we as Grace Presbyterian Church bear witness to all people? How will we as a faith community give meaningful voice of the empty tomb to those who are different than us?

I invite you to join us for the many times of worship during this season. Come hear the story. And share the story with all you encounter.

Times of services and events can be found in the calendar of this newsletter.

In this season - may we enthusiastically proclaim - CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! May God's peace and hope be with you all!

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Please be attentive to your weekly email announcements for updated & new information!

Prepare for Easter - Lenten Worship Services and Studies Midweek Lenten Gathering



All are invited to attend a weekly gathering Wednesdays (*watch for possible updates to this schedule as things are in a constant state of change*), through April 1. We will meet at 5:30 and end approximately 6:30. Our time together will be a simple meal followed by a short communion service. We will use the PCUSA's Lenten devotional - *Becoming a Beloved Community: A Matthew 25 journey to the cross*.

New at Grace! Good Friday Service – April 10, Join us for a time of worship on Good Friday at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary. Our time together will be prayer, listening to the Passion Story, music sung by the Wayland Academy Choir and silence. All are welcome.



Join Us for "Illuminating Lent" Adult Bible Study April 5 after worship in the Reception Room

Our "Illuminating Lent" series concludes on Palm Sunday with exploration and discussion of scripture, the Lord's Prayer and what it means for Christians in spiritual and practical ways during Lent. All study materials at no cost. Contact Patrice with any questions: cedirector@bdgracechurch.org; 920-858-9468.



Sunday Schoolers and Maria making fresh fruit salad in celebration of God's creation on the 1st Sunday of Lent, March 1.

Please join your Christian Education Committee as Subcommittee Members

As we look forward to an exciting new year for our Christian Education programs and special events, we are presently seeking subcommittee members in parent advisory and youth and adult Christian education. For more info, contact Patrice at 920-858-9468; cedirector@bdgracechurch.org. Next CE Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 7 at 4:15 p.m., in the Conference Room.

Mark Your Easter Calendars for Our Children's and NEW Youth Egg Hunts!



NEW! "Sunset Egg Hunt" and Pizza for Grace youth and friends: Friday, April 10, at 7 p.m. Bring your own flashlights! *Parental consent and information required.*

Children's community-wide Egg Hunt, Easter lesson and craft: Saturday, April 11 at 10 a.m.

Set up at Grace Friday, April 10 at 11am. All helping hands are welcome to join in! Donations of wrapped, peanut/tree nut-free candy: between March 22 and April 9. Join us or fill your own eggs, available in the first Sunday School room in the CE wing.

Sunday School Schedule: April-May 2020

Classes will be held following worship **each Sunday in April.**

Children will sing in worship: **May 3 and 10.**

Last day of Sunday School 2020 and "Summer Send-off" with parents and families: **May 17.**



THE SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9 AM in the conference room at church. On **April 14**, our book will be *By the Lake* by John McGahern. This novel takes place in a village in Ireland. We follow the characters through their day to day activities as they reflect on their passions and regrets. For more information, contact 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.



Join with Presbyterians worldwide in answering God's call. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to build gods household and welcome our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

(OGHS) is the main source of funding for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

we know Presbyterians are working alongside communities that are recovering from the devastation of tornadoes, floods, wildfires and other natural disasters.

Please give generously. **IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**

Gracie's Closet & Second Harvest Food Pantry: Saturday April 11



Gracie's Closet is open to the public 8:30-11:00 a.m., at the east end room in the CE wing featuring our winter/spring selection of no-cost clothing. Second Harvest food distribution is managed at Moraine Park Technical College 8:00-11:00 a.m. Volunteers at both sites always welcome! **Donations of spring clothing for all sizes and ages very much appreciated.**

April Community Meals Mondays, April 6 and 20*, 5-6 p.m. at the Watermark



Community Meal Coalition Join Beaver Dam-area friends and neighbors of all ages in this time of friendship, fellowship and yummy home-made food! ***On April 20,**

Grace is responsible for preparation and hosting of meal; preparation at 12 p.m., delivery at 4:15 p.m., hosting at 4:45-6:15 p.m. If you are able to help in any of these areas, please contact Patrice at 920-858-9468; cedirector@bdgracechurch.org.

PAVE Wish List: For the month of April, PAVE wishes for laundry detergent, stain removers, disinfecting wipes, dish soap, dish towels.

Beaver Dam Food Pantry welcomes donations of non-perishable food items for our community friends and neighbors in need.

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



Spring Rummage & Bake Sale May 6th – 8th



Bring your **good quality, usable goods** for the Rummage Sale! Bring your donations to the church starting May 3rd. As you bring in items, please stay and help set things out. We will set up Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. The sale hours will be: **Wed. May 6th, 8 – 6:00, Thurs. May 7th, 8 - 6:00, Fri. May 8th, 8 –11.** Any questions, call Helen Glewen or Ann Peck.

****Many hands make light work! Grace Church needs your help....May 3!!**

Grace Church needs your help for about 15 minutes following the worship service on **May 3** with table set up for our incredibly popular and financially successful rummage sale. Simply go to our Kindy Hall after church to lend a hand. It won't take long, we welcome all ages and your help is very appreciated!



WINE AT 5 ANYONE?

Had a busy day? Looking for some soft music & casual conversation in a relaxing environment?

*Join us downtown Beaver Dam at the **Riverfront Wine Bar and Gift shop.***

*When: **Any time after 5pm (5-7:30pm)***

Always the last Wednesday of the month (April 29th) at 227 Front Street

INCOME & EXPENSES:

February Income

Offering Envelopes	\$ 12,700.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 169.89
Per Capita	\$ 3,120.00
Building Rental	\$ 75.00
Interest Earned	\$ 3.97
Housing Allowance	\$ 500.00
Scrip Program	\$ 183.51
Fellowship	\$ 81.55
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 16,833.92

February Expenses

Missions	\$ 583.34
Session	\$ 5,358.74
Worship	\$ 2,158.86
Christian Education	\$ 2,013.00
Administration	\$ 7,093.23
Property	\$ 2,620.75
Deacon	\$ 5.04
Pastoral	\$ 8,574.96
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$28,407.92



- 1 - Renaté Campbell
- 2 - Crystal Ellcey
- 4 - Erin Wernimont
- 5 - Everly Dahl, Gillian Kohlhoff, James Schulz, Karen Verhulst, David Walter III
- 6 - Kera Schraufnagel
- 7 - Chris Davis, Madelynn Johnson, Barret Shier
- 8 - Roger Slayton
- 11 - Sarah Connaughty, Amy Rochester
- 13 - Keith Kneser
- 14 - Sue Hyde, Andy Propst
- 15 - Bryan Beaudry, Elora White
- 16 - Gene Thorn, Charles Welch
- 17 - Pam Kuehl
- 19 - Easton Meier
- 20 - Wendy Meier, Sarah Willihnganz
- 22 - Alice Davies, Olivia Hilliard
- 24 - Gregg Jameson, Ruth Poehlman, Wayne Propst, Mike Zimmerman
- 25 - Evyn Adams, Taytum Roberts
- 26 - Jan Sutter, Carrie Tietz
- 27 - Annabell Eilbes, Sarah Mohammed
- 28 - Betty Hummelmeier
- 29 - Penelope Shier



We encourage families to shop with Scrip and help support Grace Presbyterian Church in the process. Order forms are at church or on-line on our web page www.bdgracechurch.org.

Thank you to all who support Grace Presbyterian Church by purchasing Scrip!

Per Capita



PER CAPITA

\$40.00 per confirmed member

Have You Returned Yours Yet?

We've received \$7,310 of the \$15,300 owed to the Presbytery

It is not too late to pay your 2020 Per Capita

Apportionment. 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.

As members of Grace Church, please be responsible and pay your per capita. If you have misplaced your envelope, please call the office for a new one or just memo your payment **per capita**.

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

Next newsletter deadline is Monday April 20 for the May issue.

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.



Grace Church Beaver Dam on **facebook** !!

Facebook and email will be our main forms of

communication when worship and events have to be postponed or canceled in the current environment.

Thank you received from the Presbyterian Church USA

Hello!

I wanted to reach out to say THANK YOU for your congregation's recent gift of a cow (and water) to the Presbyterian Giving Catalog! We truly appreciate your continued incredible generosity.

Again, thank you so much for your gift. It will make an impact on someone who needs it.

I am the Mission Specialist dedicated to your region.

Deidra May

Mission Specialist for Special Offerings

Presbyterian Mission Agency

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

March 2020

- Next COURIER deadline: March 9 for the April newsletter.
- Communion Report: 2/20/2020 worship – 135; Charleston House on 2/12/20 – 4 were served with Amy Rochester assisting. Hillside Manor on 2/17/20– 2 were served.
- Dodge County Humane Society visit and bowling were cancelled due to little interest.
- “Illuminating Lent” Adult Bible Study taking place from March 1-29.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Friday, April 10 11:00 am set-up.
 - Friday evening – pizza and grades 5-12 egg hunt.
 - Saturday, April 11 10:00 am children's egg hunt.
- May 17 – last day of Sunday School.
- Mission welcomed new members Michelle and Anna Miller.
- Mission application was reviewed for changes/additions. This will be used for members of the congregation and community to apply for mission projects.
- Pastor Chris and Michele Miller will work together for recognizing Earth Day in Worship.
- March 29th @ 1:00 pm showing of It's A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.
- Session approved the Employee Handbook.
- Update lights in sanctuary -McCallum (by Easter)
- Replace service door on garage- Hometown (ordered)
- Tighten loose pews- Zeman (tba)
- Kindy Hall acoustic treatment - ongoing
- Accessibility seating in Sanctuary - future
- Reception room - future
- Refurbish meeting room - future
- Next regular meeting of the session: Wednesday April 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm.



Sun	Mon		Thu	Fri	Sat	
	 APRIL		1 8:45a Meditation 5:30p Lenten Worship Service 6:00p Fellowship Committee	2 1:00p Men's Study Group 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	3 Office Closed	
5 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship-Communion 10:40a CE Classes 	6 5:00p Stewardship Committee	7 9:30a Senior Coffee 4:15p CE Committee 5:00p Personnel Committee 6:00p Worship Committee 7a-7p Spring Primary in Kindy Hall	8 8:45a Meditation 1:30p Charleston House Communion 6:00p Session Meeting	9  9:30p Makers 6:15p Light Meal 7:00p Worship in Kindy Hall	10  11:00p Egg Hunt Prep 1:00p Worship 7:00p Gr. 5-12 Egg Hunt Office Closed	11 8:30-11a Gracie's Closet 10:00a Easter Egg Hunt! 
12 8:00a Worship 9:30a Worship HAPPY EASTER 	13 Office Closed	14 9:00a Second Tuesday Book Club 9:30a Senior Coffee	15 8:45a Meditation	16 1:00p Men's Study Group 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	17 Office Closed	
19 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship - Earth Day 10:40a CE Classes	Deadline 20 1:30p Hillside Manor Communion 5:00p Community Meal (Grace Responsible)	21 9:30a Senior Coffee	22 8:45a Meditation 	23 1:00p Men's Study Group 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	24 Office Closed	
26 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 10:40a CE Classes	27	Courier 28 9:30a Senior Coffee	29 8:45a Meditation 5:00p Wine @ Five 	30 1:00p Men's Study Group 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	Rummage Sale: first week in May!	

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