

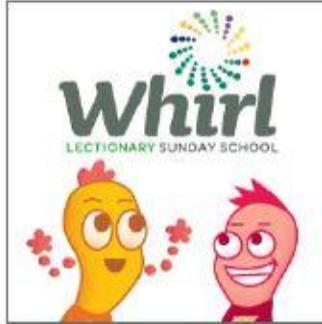
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The Courier



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We are excited by our new curriculum this year!

Whirl has lessons that connects kids with church life. Entertaining videos feature animated characters who model what it's like to live out their faith and



teach real-life biblical values to kids preschool through Grade 5.

Join us Kick-off day, Sunday October 1st,
10:40am. We can't wait to see YOU!



Sunday, October 29th,
Time: 3:00-4:30 pm

Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex.

We need lots of help!

PLEASE contact Therese Henriksen or Jennifer Smith with questions. More details inside.



We have friends in Chicago, Kevin and Claire. It just so happens that Claire went to university with Jacqueline in Northern Ireland - small world isn't it! Ideally, we try to get together 4 or 5 times a year. Our time together is full of laughter as well as deep conversation about life. Like many families, when we try to plan our time together we run into conflicts with scheduling. School, work, the usual! What is unusual about our friends, is that most of the activities that create conflict in scheduling are church related. The church is at the center of their family life. They are fully engaged in the life and movement of their place of worship. Yet, they also are fully engaged in sports and school and work. They just prioritize church over other activities.

This past summer, I reflected a lot about Grace Presbyterian Church. Among many of my thoughts, I pondered what it means to be a member of Grace Presbyterian Church. I suppose the spark for my reflection was based upon numerous folks suggesting they are taking a break from church, "You know just chill and sleep in!" Along with this, some even confessed that their child's sports team took precedent over attending worship.

This truly saddens me. I am conflicted when folks say, "we don't have time to worship!" I wrestle with, "I don't get anything out of worship or for that matter church activities." When did worship become about the individual rather than God??? I have to question, "Why we don't make worshipping the God who breathed life into each one of us a priority? I have to question, "Why we don't drop everything and make time to learn more about Christ's love?" I have to question, "Why are people indifferent to those in need?" I lament that members of GPC are breaking the vows they took when they joined the church - taking part in the common life and worship of the church.

My point is, I want you to ponder your own priorities in life! Perhaps you need to do a reboot! Grace Presbyterian is a place for you to grow as a disciple of Christ, to worship the God who loves you unconditionally, and to serve those in need. For me, this is FAR MORE IMPORTANT than giving your life to sports, school, work, social groups...even lawn care (I hate lawn care!!) etc. etc. etc.! To be honest, I think we've become luke warm in our discipleship!

When Jesus shouted to those first disciples, hey boys "Come follow me", they didn't have a clue where Jesus would take them! Yet they followed! Each one of the twelve gave their lives to Christ. Each one of the disciples turned their work, school, sports, and livelihoods over to following Christ. Perhaps we need to listen closely AGAIN!!! Jesus is calling to YOU personally and as a family! DROP YOUR NETS AND FOLLOW ME!

Just in case you forgot, here is a reminder according to our denomination (PSUSA) as to what it means to be a member of Grace Presbyterian Church. Those of you who actually are members of GPC, I want to refresh your memory that you took vows based upon this understanding of membership.

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church.

Such involvement includes:

- proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

I don't intend to offend yet, I want to challenge each and every one of you - all 409 members of GPC - worship is at 9:30 / Sunday School is at 10:40! Two hours a week isn't too much to ask to worship and learn about the very God who loves you more than you will ever know!

See you at Church!
Peace!
Pr Chris



Thank you for participating in the Mission Input session following the worship service on Sunday, September 10! Your input is important for pursuing the call of an Associate Pastor! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Penny.

Please continue to support and pray for the call of an associate pastor for Grace Presbyterian Church.

New Members Class – Save the Date!



If you are interested in joining Grace Presbyterian Church, or know of someone that may be interested, mark your calendar for **Thursday, October 19th from 6-7p.m.** for a new member's class. Come and learn more about what it means to be a member of the Grace Presbyterian Church Family. Contact Jennifer Smith at 920-210-9986 or Therese at 920-356-9806 if you're interested or have questions. We look forward to seeing you there.



*Called Home
to Heaven*

Our condolences to several families of members we've lost in the last few months.

Member **Cora Manthe** died June 27, her service was September 8.

Member **Doris Mason** died July 23, her service was July 28.

Member **Charlene Kikkert** died September 2, her service was September 6.

Please keep these families in your prayers.



Please sign up in the narthex so we know we have help!

Sale hours: Wed. October 5, 4-8pm, Thursday October 5, 8-6,

Friday October 6, 8-12. Drop off your rummage beginning Sunday Oct. 1; workdays Monday & Tuesday. Please no microwaves, computers or TV's unless you're willing to pick them up if they do not sell. Name and contact information must accompany the item. Thank you!

-- Rummage Sale Committee

ANNUAL GRACE YOUTH & FAMILY HAY RIDE!

WHEN: Saturday October 21st, 4:30 – 6:30

WHERE: MILLER FARM

WHAT: Hay Ride, hot dogs, cocoa & s'mores

RSVP: Call or text Ann Walter @ 920-210-7066 or signup @ church in narthex.

DIRECTIONS: contact Scott Miller @ 920-296-7855.

RAINDATE: Sunday October 22nd



ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES



SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 A.M. in the classroom across from the kitchen. We borrow books from the public library or order them online. Our October selection for discussion is *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance.

Future selections include *Son of Hamas* by Mosab Hassan Yousef for November and *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond for December. 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.

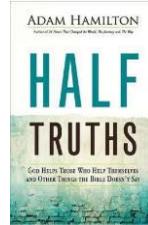


HALF TRUTHS *for youth through adults*

God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say...
A DVD-based study by Adam Hamilton. Class Facilitator: Rev. Pat Lyon
Class begins Sunday morning, October 1, during the Sunday school time at Grace Church

True or False:

1. Everything happens for a reason.
2. God helps those who help themselves.
3. God won't give you more than you can handle.
4. God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
5. Love the sinner, hate the sin.



All true? Not so fast. We've heard these phrases all our lives, but in Adam Hamilton's new book, "Half Truths", you'll learn that although they capture some element of truth, when compared to the wisdom found in Scripture, they're really just popular sayings. This five week study will appeal to youth through adults of all ages. Come think with us!

Order your own book on Kindle or paperback. If you need help or have questions, call Pat at 414-313-2977.

gracie's game night!

Every 4th Wednesday of the month Fellowship Committee is having a "family game night" from 6-7:30ish. We will all sit down for a small meal together and play games right after. Games may include 4 square, bean bag toss, spoons. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun.

Next family game night is Wednesday, October 25th.



Family
Game Night!

Looking for a way to be active in your church? Fellowship Committee meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6pm at Grace Church. Come share your ideas, make new friends, and be a positive influence for Grace Church and have some fun all at the same time!

Any questions please contact your Fellowship Committee Elder, Tracy Haucke at 920-296-0568. Hope to see you soon!



Sign up today for Grace's 5th Annual Trunk or Treat. We are asking our members to *come together* and park your cars, open your trunks, decorate your trunk, dress up and have fun. Then pass out candy, healthy treats or fun trinkets from your trunk!

The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters, and puts into action how we should love our neighbors. It's also a *great opportunity to invite our neighbors to church!*

When: *Sunday, October 29th*, Time: 3:00-4:30 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- VOLUNTEERS to park and decorate their cars and bring and give out treats.
- VOLUNTEERS to work games.
- VOLUNTEERS to donate candy.
- VOLUNTEERS to post signs at businesses and lawns.

Signup sheets are located in the Narthex. We need lots of help!
PLEASE contact Therese Henriksen or Jennifer Smith with questions.

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2



PAVE Wish List: For the month of September, PAVE wishes for **bed pillows, postage stamps, combs & hair brushes.**

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.

Grace Clothes Closet at Second Harvest

As part of Grace Mission Committee's commitment to providing no-cost clothing to area families, we are asking you to donate gently-used fall and winter clothing for grateful area kids, adults and families of all ages. We especially need women's plus-size clothing, men's jeans, and baby/infant clothes, jackets, and sweaters, sweatshirts, shoes and boots, mittens gloves and caps/hats for all ages. Grace Clothes Closet also appreciates house wares, towels, blankets, bed linens, toys, puzzles, and books.

These donations will be available to families at Second Harvest Food Pantry on Saturday, **October 14, November 11, and December 9, 2017**, at the Dodge County Fair Grounds. 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 ;
- Contact Patrice at 920-859-9468 or pvossekuiil@iirp.edu for pick-up at your home;
- 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.

If you have any questions, please phone or email Patrice: 920-858-9468; pvossekuiil@iirp.edu. Thank you from the bottom of many hearts for your ongoing sharing and support toward this Grace mission.

INCOME & EXPENSES:



<u>August - Income</u>		<u>August - Expenses</u>	
Offering Envelopes	\$19,393.00	Mission	\$ 583.33
Loose Offerings	\$ 261.49	Session	\$ 97.22
Per Capita	\$ 0.00	Worship	\$3,052.77
Housing Allowance	\$ 500.00	Christian Ed.	\$2,945.83
Building Rental	\$ 300.00	Administration	\$5,816.68
Fellowship	\$ 8.50	Property	\$1,429.96
Young Adult Volunteers	\$ 580.00	Deacons	\$ 22.86
		Pastoral	<u>\$7,468.07</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 21,042.99	EXPENSES	\$21,416.72



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.

Monthly Scrip Profit Report

January	\$402.68	April	\$234.43	July	\$ 465.13
February	\$205.86	May	\$231.95	August	\$ 229.83
March	\$318.48	June	\$155.41		

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

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 **Charlene Kikkert**. We are very grateful for these gifts in memory of loved ones.



Sunday October 1, 2017

The Peace and Global Witness is one way you can follow in the way of Jesus. Your gifts express your commitment to a more just and peaceful world.

With so many local needs and now the urgency of hurricanes and fire in our country, we need to remember Christ's call to help our neighbors worldwide. Columbia has 6.9 million people without homes due to violence. Central Africa has 4.5 million people seeking refuge from violence and famine. In 2016, 13.5 million people required humanitarian assistance, as they fled to escape violence and civil war in Syria.

Pastor Chris has set a goal of \$400 for our congregation. Your gifts will help bring peace to troubles places around the world.

3 ways to give: If you give through our congregation, it will be recorded in your offering statements.

Text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10 (will not be on your statement)

presbyterianmission.org/peace-global (will not be on your statement)

Thank you for promoting the peace and grace of Christ. -- Mission Committee

You're invited!

You are invited to join the members and friends of
Grace Presbyterian Church who are "Called to Share God's Grace"

The 2018 Time & Talent and Pledge cards were mailed out earlier this month. The Stewardship Committee is inviting you to join us by giving of your time, talents and your financial resources to Grace Church. If you have not pledged in the past – Now is the time to do so!

Please fill out and return your Time & Talent sheet and pledge cards to the church at your earliest convenience.

An easy way to fulfill your financial pledge is to sign up for our "Direct Contribution Plan". Please call the church office and ask for our bookkeeper, Paula Bartelt, to get started.

Thank you to those who have already returned your Pledge and Time & Talent Sheets!



Direct Contribution Plan or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
For Your Sunday Offerings

The advantages to you would be:

- You never have to worry if you "forgot" your offering each Sunday.
- You will always be up to date and never behind with your offerings.
- One less check/payment you have to deal with.
- You decide how much and when the transfers will occur.

An authorization form will have to be set up and signed for those who are interested. **You** decide on the frequency and amount being transferred. We will take care of the rest! Please call the church office and ask for our bookkeeper, Paula Bartelt, to get set up.

THIRD WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

In the Chapel

10.18.17

6:00 - 6:30pm

Join us!



Gardenistas Trip October 19th

The Gardenistas will be going to WASHINGTON (the street) and visit THE WHITE HOUSE (Heffron's) and THE ROSE GARDEN (Kathy Barnett's) plus enjoy a MEXICAN LUNCH (Palenque).

Reserve or Regret please, Barbara Ellefson 920-885-6334

Meet at Church 10:30 to carpool.

October Birthdays

- 1 - Cole Haucke
- 2 - Kate Uhrich
- 3 - Dan Koehn
- 4 - Drew Steinkraus, Mike Wissell
- 5 - Wayne Schneider
- 6 - Kathy Mathison
- 7 - Pete Puleo, Aaliyah White
- 11 - Maddie Buchda
- 12 - Rod Wolc
- 13 - Mark Spinler
- 15 - Chris Connaughty, Peter Puleo
- 17 - Terry Cullen
- 18 - Amy Schneider
- 20 - James Campbell
- 22 - Jon Litscher
- 23 - Tyler Mahnke
- 24 - Sarah Schlagel, Doug Schultz, Tim Slayton
- 27 - Dustin Eckes
- 28 - Molly Davis
- 29 - Connor Cullen
- 30 - Nathan Berg, Sarah Grenon
- 30 - Nate Berg, Sarah Grenon
- 31 - Rick Armon, Scott Hautamaki, Melodie Willihnganz



If your birthday is not listed here, please let us know and we'll include it next time!



Hurricanes Harvey & Irma, Wildfires

You shall be . . . the restorer of streets to live in. — Isaiah 58:12

Even as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) began working toward recovery after Hurricane Harvey, Irma followed close behind, weaving a path of devastation, wiping out islands in the Caribbean and bringing damaging winds and storm surge to Florida. There are buildings that are no more than shells and boats where boats should not be.

Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by these catastrophic hurricanes?—Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: PDA's emergency response and specialization in long-term recovery is fueled by your generous gifts. For Irma response, give to **DR000194**. You can also give with a credit card by visiting presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-Irma or by calling 800-872-3283.

Support for ongoing Harvey relief should be directed to **DR000169-Harvey**.

ACT: Assemble Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas — hygiene kits and cleanup buckets are especially needed. For more information, go to pda.pcusa.org/page/kits.

PRAY: In the challenging days, months and years to come, work through us to bring relief and respite from urgent need, comfort and the hope of peace for those who grieve the loss of family, home and safety, and faith to walk on through weary days of rebuilding.

May we be steadfast in love, stronger than death, and thus, with those whose lives we seek to sustain, together bear witness to your redeeming love. **Amen.**

Keep up to date on long-term recovery efforts at presbyterianmission.org/pda or [facebook.com/PDACARES](https://www.facebook.com/PDACARES).

\$500 \$125 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

DR000194 – Irma _____ **DR000169** – Harvey _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

PDA is monitoring the fires in Montana, Oregon and Washington and has reached out to the affected presbyteries to offer assistance. At this time, the needs are still being assessed and PDA stands ready to assist when needed. We will be using our U.S. Wildfires account, [DR000165](#), for this response.

NEWS AND ACTIONS FROM AUGUST 9 SESSION MEETING

Ana Miller came to talk about her upcoming experience with the Young Adult Volunteer program through the PCUSA in New Mexico for a year working with the homeless communities. Prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated, as she needs to raise \$4000. Stewardship is talking about how Grace might be able to help.

Motion to approve the baptism of Penelope Shier, infant daughter of Ben and Emily Shier on 8/20/17. Motion passed.

The Presbytery will be holding elder and deacon training at Grace from 9am – 1pm on 9/30/17. Chris will look into what kinds of services we need to provide.

DISCIPLESHIP & NURTURE: Committee made the following motions:

- A book study led by Ken Zeyher on Return to the Sacred.
- Jacqueline Davis to use material from Rob Bell for a high school class (potentially).
- PreK – 5th to use the Whirl curriculum from Spark House.

Motion passed.

There was discussion at length about the time Sunday school should start, 10:30 – 11:30 or 10:00 – 11:00. It was decided it is very important for children to be in worship, so a vote was taken and the 10:30 – 11:30 time was chosen (later changed to 10:40 – 11:30).

There was also much discussion about when Sunday school should start. It was decided it should not be delayed much past the initial 9/10/17 target date. The topic was sent back to committee for a final decision.

The session thanks the DNC for their time and efforts, in the absence of a CE Director.

PERSONNEL: We now have 2 Green Valley employees handling the custodial duties. The next step in the Associate Pastor process is a Mission Study, for which a listening session with specific questions will be held on 9/10/17.

FELLOWSHIP: Committee motion to hold the Quarter Auction on 11/10/17. Motion passed.

Potential Presbytery meeting on 11/14/17. The 4th Wednesday of each month will be a family game night with simple food and various games, starting in September. Tentative date for Gracie's car hop is 9/16/17.

PROPERTY: Committee motion to allow the high school varsity team to use the social hall and kitchen each Thursday during the season for team dinners. It was decided to charge a flat fee of \$150. Motion passed. The committee is collecting bids on sealing the parking lot.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE: Committee motion was made for approval of the May, June and July 2017 financial reports. Motion passed. Work is currently being done on the 2018 budget.

WORSHIP: Help is needed to set up chairs for the outdoor service on 8/27.



I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you who were there for me on Sunday September 17th when I got sick at church. I don't remember a whole lot but I remember you being there. Also the prayers, calls, the cards, the visits were much appreciated. Also a special thank you to Pastor Chris for being there for me.
Peace,
Sandi Koehn

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MONDAY OCTOBER 16 FOR THE NOVEMBER 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Peace & Global Witness 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship – Communion 10:40a 1st Sunday School Classes</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>6:00p Worship Committee</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30a Senior Coffee</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:45a Meditation 6:00p Fellowship Committee 4-8p Rummage Sale</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8 – 6 Rummage Sale 7:00p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8 – 12 Rummage Sale</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>7</p> 
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<p>8</p> <p>8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 10:40a Sunday School</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:00p Stewardship Committee</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00a 2nd Tuesday Book Club 9:30a Senior Coffee 6:00p Personnel Committee</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:45a Meditation 1:30p Charleston House Communion 5:00p Mission Committee 6:00p Session Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00a Second Harvest Gracie's Clothes Closet 11:30a High School Mission at 2nd Harvest</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 10:40a Sunday School</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Newsletter deadline</p> <p>1:30p Hillside Manor Communion</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30a Senior Coffee</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:45a Meditation 6:00p Third Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:30a Gardenistas Outing 6:00p New Member's Class 7:00p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:30 Youth & Family Hayride at Witter's Farm</p> 
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