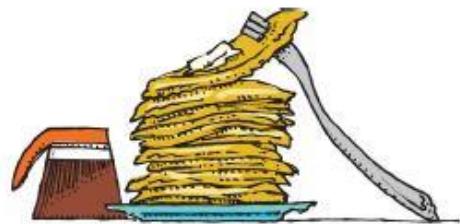


March 2019



The Courier



Come join us for a
"FAT TUESDAY"
Style brunch
Potluck

Where: Grace Church in our newly renovated
"Kindy Hall"

When: Sunday, March 3rd after church service
Fellowship Committee will provide the
pancakes, syrup, beverages, and "King cake".
Bring a dish to pass and join in the fun!!!!



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March 6 @7:00p

Ash Wednesday. Have you ever wondered what this holy day really is all about? Well, here is a brief excerpt from the PCUSA website. Hope this makes sense and helps in your understanding.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession and contrition. Acknowledging that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we stand in solidarity as fellow creatures before our Creator, acutely aware of our mortality. In the face of our transience, we pledge ourselves anew to live unto God's Word in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word that remains forever.

Historically, Ash Wednesday was a time when penitents were presented for church discipline during Lent, culminating in reconciliation on Maundy Thursday. In some traditions, Ash Wednesday is a fast day, beginning the Lenten time of fasting and preparation for the Great Three Days that culminate in Easter.

Join us for worship on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 @ 7:00 pm. We will listen to readings - make time for silence - and receive the imposition of ashes. All are welcome!

Attention Grace Middle and High School Students! Mark Your Calendars....



Please join us for an important meeting, **Sunday, March 10** after **worship**, to discuss plans for an exciting mission project coordinated by Grace Christian Education and Mission Committees. We'll share snacks, information and your ideas!

Sunday School Schedule for March

In recognition of spring break and family plans, there will be no Sunday School on March 24. Best wishes to all for safe and happy travels and celebrating springtime!



A Virtual Visit with Missionary Michelle Miller! March 31, 2019



We're thrilled to connect interactively via Skype with our own Michelle Miller who is serving as a missionary in Mozambique. We will meet in the Conference Room following worship on March 31 for Michelle's presentation, questions and well wishes!



For one day on **March 10th** after worship, refreshments will be provided in an unusual location. You will have an opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship in the room where "The Makers" have been meeting since last autumn. You are invited to see where people create small things with great love. We realize this is a little out of the ordinary, but we think you will be amazed at the ministry going on at the southeast end of the Christian Education hall.

And...

Come see the new "Gracie's Closet" located in the former Rec Room. The "Gracie's Closet" you've known at the main entrance of the building is the drop-off point for your donated clothing. Volunteers sort the clothing and take it to the new Gracie's Closet for distribution. The room is open to the public 8:30-11:00a the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Hosts and hostesses will be available in each room to assist you and answer questions. We are grateful for the many volunteers and support from the community who make these ministries possible. Thank you to Missions, Property, Presbyterian Women and Thrivent Financial Services.



*Musical
Praise*

Grace will Host Youth Musical on March 17

This year, 19 youth from Southminster Presbyterian Church, Vernon Presbyterian & Christ the Servant Lutheran Church are looking forward to joining you for worship. We will be bringing you a musical with a message to take part in your worship service coming up March 17.

The musical this year is called "Are We There Yet?" The songs and skits that make up this musical try to help us explore if we have done all we can to make sure our world knows the love of Jesus and the gift He is to everyone. This show hopes to help us all find ways to let God use us in this world and work through us to spread His word and love as we follow in His footsteps in all the ways He sends us out into the world. The purpose for the visit is to join together in fellowship and worship as well as to fundraise for our upcoming youth mission trip to New Orleans in June.



BLUE ZONES PROJECT®

**Grace Blue Zones Wellness Committee
Meeting March 19, 2019**

The Grace Wellness Committee will meet March 19 at 5 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church. At this meeting, we will continue great progress being made at Grace and plan additional wellness activities to incorporate into our work.



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 **March**, PAVE wishes for bed pillows, hand or body lotion, nail polish, cooking oil, kleenex.

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 & Second Harvest Food Pantry: March 9

Our next Gracie's No-Cost Clothes Closet is March 9 in our Rec Room in the CE Wing and open to the public 8:30-11:00 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.

"Designing Your Creative Space" with Jessica and Renee Kapitanski

Tuesday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 215 Gould Street, (Parking south of the building, off McKinley)

Jessica and Renee, a mother-daughter team will offer the latest ideas on how to organize the tools and materials you use to express your talents-hidden and revealed. Downsizing? De-cluttering? We deal with that, too.

Renee has been employed at Nancy's Notions for 17 years and does all things sewing, quilting, crocheting, and knitting. Jessica was mentored by Nancy Zieman and now has her own business called "Sallie Tomato." (Sallietomato.com)

Please plan to join us and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served. 414-313-2977.



Yarn - suitable for crocheted or knitted baby blankets

People - who make or want to make greeting cards, stamping or other.

People who want to gather in the morning or evenings to create, learn, and do things for others.

Contact one of the "Makers" or call 414 -313-2977.



Community Meal Coalition

You're invited to a community-wide dinner party on **Monday, March 4 and Monday, March 18** at the Watermark, 5-6 p.m. Community Meals are served every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, September-June. Everyone is invited to join (150)

Beaver Dam-area friends and neighbors in this time of friendship, fellowship and yummy home-made food!



A thank you was received from Central Wisconsin Community Action Council for the 37 pounds of assorted groceries Grace Church recently donated to the food pantry in Beaver Dam in the month of January.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!
NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MONDAY MARCH 18TH FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE COURIER.



INCOME & EXPENSES:

	<u>January Income</u>	<u>January Expenses</u>
Offering Envelopes	\$ 16,257.00	Missions \$ 583.33
Loose Offerings	\$ 318.00	Session \$ 5,302.85
Per Capita	\$ 4,120.00	Worship \$ 2,008.92
Building Rental	\$ 0.00	Christian Education \$ 1,593.36
Interest Earned	\$ 4.25	Administration \$ 7,020.77
Housing Allowance	\$ 500.00	Property \$ 2,788.66
Scrip Program	\$ 239.37	Deacon \$ 13.95
Fellowship	\$ 69.00	Pastoral \$ 7,424.94
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 21,507.62	TOTAL EXPENSES \$26,736.78

Per Capita

As of February 25 we've received **\$6,450** of the \$15,656 owed to the Presbytery.

A letter and your envelope was 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.

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



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.

We encourage families to shop with Scrip and help support Grace Presbyterian Church in the process.

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

MILK MOOLA - Discontinued

At Kwik Trip

We will no longer collect the caps and bags from the Milk Moola containers purchased at Kwik Trip. You can still help the church by buying **Kwik Trip Scrip cards**. We have a supply on hand so check at the Scrip table when you are here on Sunday!



1 - Jennifer Klug
2 - Dan Hankes
4 - Holly DeYoung
5 - Peg Stousland
6 - Tori Walter
7 - Maverick Janssen, Ed Kikkert
9 - Gregg Davies, Bob Schoenwetter
10 - Mitchell Berg
12 - Micah Ganske, Sue Ganske
13 - Emily Doege
14 - Carter Ganske, Joyce Klug
15 - Sienna Schraufnagel
16 - Rose Cantafio, Mary Desjarlais, Sophie Willihnganz, Doreen Wolc
17 - Toni Wyman
19 - Julie Grenon, Gabriel Henriksen, Judy O'Brion, Judy Spinler
20 - Cody Gartland, Abigail Grenon, Kenzie Klug, Janice Uhrich
21 - Madelyn Connaughtey
22 - Sonali Willihnganz
23 - Jen Cole, Carl Schraufnagel
25 - Amanda Noordhof, Brooklynn Torres
26 - Angela Heinbuch, Brad Kulka
27 - Glenn Amport
28 - Jon Heinbuch
29 - Asher Kohlhoff
31 - John Anderson, Ruth Meylink



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.



Hillside Hospice of Beaver Dam Community Hospital Inc. is currently seeking Hospice volunteers to help us serve and care for patients and families nearing the end of life. Hospice is a special concept of care designed to provide comfort and support to patients and their families when life-limiting illness no longer responds to cure-oriented treatment. The goal of hospice care is to improve the quality of the patient's remaining last months, days, or even hours of life by offering comfort and dignity. Hospice addresses all symptoms of a person's disease, with special emphasis on pain control and discomfort along with assisting the patient, family, and friends with the emotional, social, and spiritual impact of the disease.

No special skills are needed to become a hospice volunteer – just an open mind, heart and desire to help others when it's needed most. All volunteers receive through training which part of it can be done in your own home. The time commitment can be structured to match your availability ranging from 2-4 hours a week. Volunteers are at the heart of the hospice team, providing support in the form of companionship and comfort. Without them, Hillside Hospice would not be the hospice it is today. If you wish to learn more or have any questions about volunteering for hospice please contact **Cassie Rockefeller** at **920-887-4185** or **crockefeller@bdch.org**.

Thank you,
Cassie Rockefeller
Hospice Volunteer Specialist
Hillside Hospice

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2019

- Communion Report: 1/6/19 worship – 148; Charleston House Communion on 1/9 – 5 were served with Sue Reifsneider assisting; Hillside Manor Communion on 1/21 – 3 were served with Amy Rochester assisting.
- We welcome Carrie Tietz to the Christian Education Committee.
- VBS will again be combined with other churches in the community.
- There will be a meeting mid-March with the middle/high school students to discuss what service projects they would like to commit to.
- We welcome Sarah Connaughtey to Mission Committee.
- Fifty Disaster Relief Kits were made with the donations from church members.
- Wine at 5 on January 22 was a success. Will have another Wine at 5 on February 27.
- Social Hall dedication will be Sunday, February 24 following worship.
- “Fat Tuesday” style pancake brunch will be held Sunday, March 3 after worship.
- The Makers (Gracie’s sewing group) will host coffee fellowship 3/10 in their sewing room.
- Possibly have a Movie Night or Sunday afternoon showing of either “A Question of Faith” or “A Dog’s Purpose”.
- April 18 Maundy Thursday Soup/Bread dinner.

- Renovation is nearing completion. Lights are installed, ceiling exposed, heating updated, walls painted, furniture replaced, flooring is being installed. Bill Gentz has once again been terrific! The room is beautiful! Property Committee wishes to thank the efforts of Pat Coe.
- Surefire has replaced the furnace adjacent to the chapel and will be replacing the air conditioner servicing the chapel and offices shortly.
- Quality Controls will replace the antiquated heating timer board in the boiler room. It will be replaced with an electronic, web-based unit that will certainly improve efficiency.
- We welcome Katie Doege to the Membership Committee.
- New members class has been postponed because of the weather.
- A motion was made to name the Social Hall "Kindy Hall". Motion passed.

BLOOD DRIVE



Beaver Dam Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by: St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Peace Lutheran Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Thursday, March 7

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: St. Katharine Drexel (Mission Hall)
@ 408 Spring St., Beaver Dam



Reservations: <http://bit.ly/BDMarch2019> or
contact Phyllis Tratar @ 920-887-8528.

**Appointments encouraged.
Refreshments provided.**



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Please bring a photo ID with your birth date

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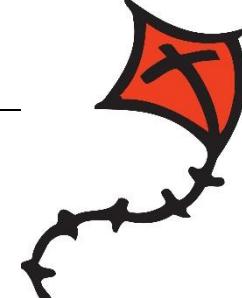
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facebook page or twitter with #ImAHero



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March

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3 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship – Communion/Baptism 10:45a Christian Education MARDI GRAS POTLUCK!	4 5:00p Community Meal at Watermark	5 9:30a Senior Coffee 6:00p Worship Committee	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:45a Meditation 12:00p Ministerium Meeting 6:00p Fellowship Committee Meeting 7:00p Worship	7 9:30a Makers Mission Group 1-6 Blood Drive at St. Katharine Drexel 3:00p Men's Study Group 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	8 Office Closed	9  8:30-11:00a Gracie's Closet at Grace Church
<i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 10  8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 10:30a MS & HS Youth Mission Meeting 10:45a Christian Education Makers & Gracie's Closet Open House	11 5:00p Stewardship Committee	12 9:00a Second Tuesday Book Club 9:30a Senior Coffee	13 8:45a Meditation 1:30p Charleston House Communion 6:00p Session Meeting	14 3:00p Men's Study Group 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	15 Office Closed	16
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