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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FALL FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!!

Annual Fall hayride at the Miller Farm, W9725 County Road G, Beaver Dam on Saturday Oct. 20th, rain date Oct. 21st. Start time is 3 pm. All are welcomed & yes you certainly can invite friends. Food & beverages along with s'mores will be served after our first hayride excursion which also includes a big bonfire. (More details inside)



Trunk or Treat



Sign up today for **Grace's 7th 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 28th, Time: 3:00-4:00 pm

We need YOU!

- * VOLUNTEERS to park and decorate their cars and bring and give out treats
- * VOLUNTEERS to work games
- * VOLUNTEERS to donate candy

Please sign up in the narthex!

WHAT A SURPRISE! Thank you all for the surprise anniversary party and dedication on Sunday, August 26th! I must admit, I had my suspicion that something was up yet, I was totally caught off guard. Thanks to all who made the day so special. I am touched by how you as a congregation have supported my ministry and leadership these past 6 years. I appreciate how you as a congregation allow me to continue to grow as a pastor. I look forward to many more years serving as your pastor. AGAIN THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!

In regards to the future, not my future but the future of GPC, I am looking at an October calendar full of opportunities. Worship, studies, Sunday School, hayrides, Trunk or Treat, meetings, even a bagpiper on Reformation Sunday; all opportunities for you to become involved! For anyone to say that Grace doesn't have anything to offer is wrong. We are a vibrant congregation! As a congregation there is much to be involved in. And, there is much excitement. We just need you to join us!

I also look at areas impacted by current natural disasters - fires on the west coast and hurricanes in the south east, as well as local flooding. Thank God, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is already on board in these regions providing hope where there is chaos. Perhaps the future of GPC might include a work group to assist in response to the need? Perhaps we could partner with area churches in the Presbytery to provide assistance? If you feel moved by what you see, not only can you make a monetary donation to PDA, perhaps you could be part of an organizing response team? Let's see where the Spirit is leading us!

As a congregation we are "CALLED TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE." What does that mean to you? How are you living into our common calling? Are the ministries of Grace Presbyterian Church part of your future? I HOPE AND PRAY SO!!

May God's grace be with you all!

Peace

Pastor Chris



God is our refuge and strength

Therefore, we will not fear ... though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble. —Psalm 46

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Florence. PDA is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by the storm on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. Initial assessment suggests catastrophic destruction, but the full scope of the damage will not be known for many months.

The storm's path is cutting across areas still recovering from Hurricane Matthew (2016). While these winds and waters have meant loss and destruction, the work of PDA might become, as the psalmist says, "a river whose streams make glad the city of God."

PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain — providing spiritual and emotional care and long-term recovery to address the unmet needs of those impacted. Through your prayerful gifts, we draw hope out of the chaos.

The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

Give: Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000169, which supports the church's response to hurricanes impacting the U.S. Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Act: Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook, download resources and share updates with your congregation.

Pray: God of our life, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance, in the aftermath of storm and distress, we welcome the restoring power of your love and compassion. We open our hearts in sorrow, gratitude and hope: that those who have been spared nature's fury as well as those whose lives are changed forever by ravages of wind and water may find solace, sustenance and strength in the days of recovery and reflection that come.

We are thankful for the grace of days of preparation as Hurricane Florence approached; for the counsel of experts and the generous collaboration of so many communities, that in the face of the storm kept many out of harm's way and lessened the effects of wind and water on others.

At the same time, we open ourselves to the stories of those for whom this storm was not a near miss: communities deeply affected, some still struggling to recover from Hurricane Matthew, whose livelihood, homes and stability have been destroyed. We lift our voices in sorrow and compassion for families who have lost homes or livelihood.

We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we, your people, respond to the deep human needs emerging in the wake of the storm.

In these days of relief, assessment and response, open our eyes, our hearts and our hands to the needs of your children and the movements of your Spirit, who flows in us like the river whose streams make glad the city of God, and the hearts of all who dwell in it, and in You.

In the name of Christ the Healer we pray. Amen.

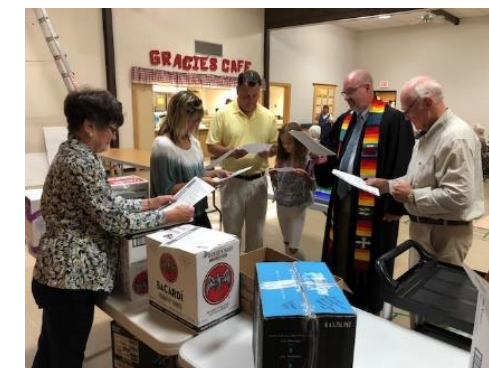
Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus, director

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

In weeks before, 60 school bags were made by congregation members. The workers ranged in age from 9 to over 80. After service on Sunday, September 9, these bags were prepared for shipment!



Fall Rummage & Bake Sale October 3rd - 5th

Bring your good quality, usable goods for the

FALL RUMMAGE SALE!

Start now with one closet, bookshelf, desk, kitchen, utility room, children's room, or bathroom. Do I really need 2 of these? Does my dog really need three bowls? How many hammers do I really need? I know it was a wedding gift, but do I use it? Bring your donations to the church starting September 30th. 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 as follows: **Wed. Oct. 3rd – 8 - 5:30, Thurs. Oct. 4th – 8 - 5:30, Fri. Oct. 5th – 8 - Noon**

Any questions, call Helen Glewen or Ann Peck.

****Many hands make light work! Grace Church needs your help....Sept. 30!!**

Grace Church needs your help for about 15 minutes following the worship service on **September 30** with table set up for our incredibly popular and financially successful rummage sale. Simply go to our social hall after church to lend a hand. It won't take long, we welcome all ages and your help is very appreciated!



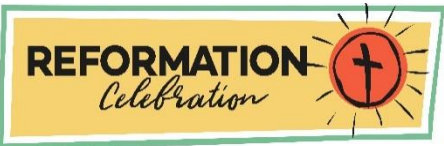
Celebration of All Creatures Great and Small

October 7, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Save the date for Grace Church's ***Blessing of the Animals*** on Sunday, October 7, at 1:00 p.m., on the southwest lawn of Grace Church. All creatures great and small are welcome on leashes or in carriers and will assemble with their families in our parking lot to be individually blessed under supervision of adult owners. More details to come!

Wear your Plaid on Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 28th, we will again be treated to bagpipe music in observance of Reformation Sunday. So break out your plaid and come enjoy this special music!



Adult Education Studies Begin October 1!

Many thanks to everyone who responded to our Adult Education interest survey. Please check out our announcements and calendar and handouts to choose from exciting selections in bible studies and other topics to strengthen and inspire faith, relationships, and knowledge of current views on God at work in our world. We will always be looking for group leaders; please contact Patrice if you are interested in guiding a group or teaming with a friend: 920-858-9468 (cell anytime); cedirector@bdgracechurch.org.

Join Us for "Presby 101"...

A five-week course for those who have been lifelong Presbyterians and for those who are new to the denomination.

Through presentation, reflection and conversation, this course will explore Presbyterian history, reformed theology, denominational beliefs, social issues, Church governance and worship. A detailed course description and resources will be provided at our first meeting.

Presented by Grace Christian Education and facilitated by Pastor Chris, 10:45-11:30 a.m., October 7-November 4 in the Chapel. Please sign up in the Narthex for this informative and insightful course by September 30.

Men's Study Group Begins October 1st

Take a "time out" in your week to learn, share and enjoy fellowship in faith! Each Monday October 1- December 10, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Men's Study Group will meet in the Chapel, facilitated by Pastor Chris with co-leaders Louis Jung and Jim Olson.

Grace Youth Surveys: Please remember to return

All Grace youth, grades 5-12, have received a survey mailing asking for your preferences in scheduling and formatting Christian education for this age group. Thank you for taking time to complete and return to Grace Church in the box provided in the narthex. Completed surveys received after the September 23 deadline will still be considered or you may contact CE Director Patrice at cedirector@bdgracechurch.org; 920-858-9468 (cell anytime). Given survey results, plans for activities will begin September 30 after worship, 10:45-11:30 a.m. See you then!

Grace Sunday School Welcomes all Youth and Volunteers

With Sunday School beginning on September 23, 10:45-11:30 a.m., all youth Pk- grade 4 are welcome to join in any and every Sunday throughout the year. Visitors also welcome anytime! Parents and guardians are encouraged to assist as volunteers, along with youth volunteers grades 5-12. Grace is proud of our experienced and outstanding teachers and our curriculum that offers Bible lessons, group discussions and creative activities. Please contact CE Director Patrice with any questions or ideas at cedirector@bdgracechurch.org; 920-858-9468 (cell anytime).

Grace Nursery is Now "Kids Corner": Your Input, Please



As we keep a close eye on the use of our former nursery, now "Kids Corner", we're asking for your feedback as to whether this new plan is meeting your needs. Kids Corner is open throughout worship with parents responsible for the supervision of their own children. If you have any questions, ideas or special needs, please contact CE Director Patrice at cedirector@bdgracechurch.org; 920-858-9468 (cell).



SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB Future book selections:

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.





PAVE Wish List: For the month of **October**, PAVE wishes for **cooking oil, Kleenex, body wash, laundry detergent.**

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.



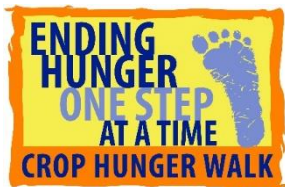
Grace Clothes Closet at Second Harvest

The next date donations will be available to families at Second Harvest Food Pantry is **Saturday October 13, 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.

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

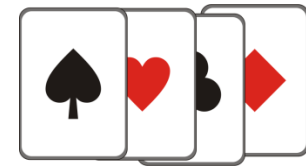
www.crophungerwalk.org/beaverdamwi/, like and follow us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/bdcropwalk/, or follow us on Instagram @bdcropwalk to learn more about what the CROP Hunger Walk is all about! Pr. Bryan at St. John's Lutheran Church. Come join us in raising money to help feed hungry people in Beaver Dam and around the world!

****Grace Presbyterian needs 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.**



This year's annual **Fall Hayride** will again be at the Miller Farm, W9725 County Road G, less than 2 miles west out of Beaver Dam which will be Saturday Oct. 20th, rain date Oct. 21st. Start time is 3 pm. All are welcomed & yes you certainly can invite friends. Food & beverages along with s'mores will be served after our first hayride excursion which also includes a big bonfire. If planning to attend please help us by signing up @ the church office (885-3198), in the narthex or by contacting Ann Walters (920-210-7066) or Scott Miller (920-296-7855) prior to October 20th. See you all on the hay wagon!!

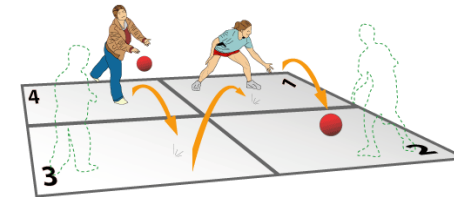


A bit of Food, Fun and Fellowship ... Join us for Gracie's Game Night!

When: 6 – 7:30pm

4th Wednesday in the months of October(24th), January (23rd), and February(27th)

Where: Grace Social Hall



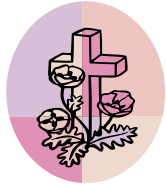
Grace Church will begin a renovation project of our Social Hall beginning **this fall** until completion sometime this winter. This entire renovation (new ceiling, lights, flooring, entry ways, furniture, paint and decor) has been funded completely through generous memorial gifts donated to Grace. During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

INCOME & EXPENSES:



<u>August Income</u>		<u>August Expenses</u>	
Offering Envelopes	\$ 24,720.43	Missions	\$ 883.33
Loose Offerings	\$ 207.10	Session	\$ 69.06
Per Capita	\$ 35.00	Worship	\$ 3,045.93
Interest	\$ 0.00	Christian Education	\$ 2,383.23
Housing Allowance	\$ 500.00	Administration	\$ 5,869.78
Scrip Program	\$ 259.84	Property	\$ 2,828.54
Building Rental	\$ 100.00	Deacon	\$ 17.97
Fellowship	\$ 102.25	Pastoral	\$ 7,173.22
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 25,924.62	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,271.06

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 **Jennifer Rowan and Jean Hill**. We are very grateful for these gifts in memory of loved ones.



The 2019 Time & Talent and Pledge cards were mailed out recently and the Stewardship Committee is asking that you prayerfully fill out and return these forms to the church at your earliest convenience. All monies raised will be used to **Share God's Grace** in our community, within the region, throughout the nation, and around the world.

WHY PLEDGE?

Pledging gives the church a priority in our lives. It is part of our covenant of faith. Making a commitment in the form of a pledge helps us to be regular and systematic in our giving and lets our congregation know that it can count on our financial support barring any unusual circumstances. Our commitment becomes planned and not just a part of what is left over after all our other pledges have been met.

An easy way to fulfill your pledge is to sign up for our **"Direct Contribution Plan"**. You decide on the amount and the timing of the transfer from your account to the church; we handle the rest. Please call the church office and ask for our bookkeeper, Paula Bartelt, to get started.



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!



Gardenistas News – October 18th

Gardenistas end of season John Muir tour in the MARQUETTE COUNTY area where he grew up. We will have a local guide to present the history and various places that were influential in his life. He founded THE SIERRA CLUB and helped establish SEQUOIA AND YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARKS.

Guests are welcome and we will meet at the church parking lot for a 9:00 a.m. departure. A late lunch is planned in Montello, WI. Kindly RSVP Barbara Ellefson for travel arrangements and lunch reservations, 885-6334.

October Birthdays

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



A thank you was received from Central WI Community Action Council, Inc. for the 34 pounds of food Grace Church donated to the food pantry in Beaver Dam in the month of August.



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MONDAY OCTOBER 22 FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE COURIER.

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OCTOBER 2018

Sun

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Sat

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3:00p Men's Study Group
5:00p Community Meal at Watermark
6:00p Worship Committee



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9:30a Senior Coffee

RUMMAGE SALE WEEK →

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8-5:30p Rummage Sale
8:45a Meditation
6:00p Fellowship Committee

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8-5:30p Rummage Sale
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

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8-12noon Rummage Sale
Office Closed

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Peace & Global Witness
8:45a Choir Rehearsal
9:30a Worship – Communion
10:45a Sunday Classes
10:45a Presby 101
1:00p Blessing of the Animals Service

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3:00p Men's Study Group
5:00p Stewardship Committee

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9:00a 2nd Tuesday Book Club
9:30a Senior Coffee
6:00p Personnel Committee

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8:45a Meditation
1:30p Charleston House Communion
6:00p Session Meeting

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7:00p Choir Rehearsal

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Office Closed

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9:00a Gracie's Clothes Closet @ Second Harvest

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8:45a Choir Rehearsal
9:30a Worship
10:45a Sunday Classes
10:45a Presby 101
1:00p Crop Walk Registration
2:00p Crop Walk Begins



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1:30p Hillside Manor Communion
3:00p Men's Study Group
5:00p Community Meal at Watermark

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9:30a Senior Coffee

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8:45a Meditation

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9:00a Gardenistas Outing
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

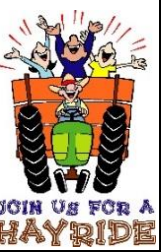
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Office Closed

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3PM Youth & Family Hayride at Miller's Farm



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8:45a Choir Rehearsal
9:30a Worship
10:45a Sunday Classes
10:45a Presby 101

Wear Plaid to worship!

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Newsletter deadline
3:00p Men's Study Group

23

9:30a Senior Coffee

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8:45a Meditation
6:00p Game Night!!

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7:00p Choir Rehearsal

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9:00a Sewing for Charity
Office Closed

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8:45a Choir Rehearsal
9:30a Worship-**Reformation Sunday**
10:45a Sunday Classes
10:45a Presby 101
3-4:30p Trunk or Treat



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3:00p Men's Study Group

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9:30a Senior Coffee

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8:45a Meditation



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session Meeting September 12, 2018

- ✚ Remove member Gertrude Miller (#1125) who died 8/4/18, Judson Ehmen (#2746) who died 8/4/18, and Jennifer Rowen (#1466) who died 8/22/18.
- ✚ Communion Report: August 5 worship – 92; No Charleston House Communion due to a funeral; Hillside Manor on August 20 – 6 were served.
- ✚ Sunday School Kickoff is September 16, 2018. Sunday School begins September 23, 2018 for Pre-school thru 4th grade.
- ✚ 5th thru 12th grade will receive a survey in the mail regarding Sunday School options. It is planned that they will start around October 7, 2018.
- ✚ Personnel Committee is preparing to do annual reviews for the Secretary, Bookkeeper and Pastor.
- ✚ Personnel Committee is working on updating the Employee Handbook.
- ✚ Personnel Committee is starting to work on a sabbatical leave policy.
- ✚ Sundae Sunday will be held on September 16th in conjunction with the meet-n-greet for all returning/new children and volunteer teachers to Sunday School.
- ✚ Wednesday, September 19th at 6 pm Grace Church will be hosting a Movie Night for the congregation. The night's feature will be "I Can Only Imagine".
- ✚ Christian Education and Fellowship Committees are discussing buying a pizza oven to be used for future Gracie's Game Nights.
- ✚ Starting the second week in October and tentatively through the month of December, coffee fellowship will be served in the Narthex do to Social Hall renovations.
- ✚ Future events could include; Miller Farm Hayride, Trunk or Treat (October 28), January potluck (post-Christmas "White Elephant" themed).
- ✚ Security door entry is complete and appreciated by the employees.
- ✚ Sanctuary sound is scheduled to be restored to the Narthex and Kid's room at the end of October.
- ✚ Heating updates and repairs have begun in the Social Hall and North/South hallway.
- ✚ Two steps around the organ have been removed creating a safer access way.
- ✚ Social Hall construction start date of early October will be pushed back because of contractor availability. It is hoped to start late October-early November with completion around the new year.
- ✚ A quote has been requested from K & B for snow removal for the parking lot and sidewalks.
- ✚ A landscaping "cleaning out, redo, start over" will occur on the north side of the property thanks to a generous donation from a Grace Family.
- ✚ Grace Church have a Blessing of the Animals on October 7 @ 1:00 outdoors.
- ✚ World Communion Sunday - October 7 with special bread.
- ✚ Reformation Sunday - October 28: wear plaid, possible bagpiper.
- ✚ Need people to light Advent wreath each Sunday. 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23.
- ✚ Christmas Eve services – 5 & 7 pm with communion.
- ✚ Next regular meeting of the Session will be Wednesday October 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm.