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The Courier



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## Football Fever is at Grace!



Watch the **Green Bay Packers** vs. **Carolina Panthers** on the big screen in Kindy Hall and join us for a

## Taco Bar Potluck & hors d'oeuvres

Game day potluck is Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Not sure what to bring? That's easy, see the [sign-up sheet in the narthex](#) for ideas. Fellowship Committee will provide 6 lbs. of taco meat and, of course, dishes to share are always welcome.



## Sharing God's Grace through Partnerships

At the last minute, some of us decided to count the lovely things made and given for the layettes about to go to Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church in South Dakota. We were astounded. We had been so busy making and organizing small things with great love, we hadn't realized the great quantity and quality of the gifts given.

I am grateful for the partnerships that have allowed the Makers to share God's grace locally, nationally, and globally.

### Here are some of the partnerships that come to mind:

- Members, staff, friends and neighbors of Grace Church, the Presbyterian Women of the Milwaukee Presbytery, the Synod of Lakes and Prairies - they educate and inform us of peace and justice issues, design mission projects, and facilitate participation and transportation of people and goods.
- The local organizations and businesses who we have partnered with include other Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches, B.S.A. Scouts, Troop 724, Beaver Dam Optimists Club, Beaver Dam Rotary, the Beaver Dam Lions Club, and Inspire Magazine.
- An organization called, "The Sewing Project" has granted us a serger and a sewing machine. Nancy's Notions provided us with speakers and inspiration, and paid for shipping for "Little Dresses" and shorts for Africa.
- Thrivent Financial Services has helped to fund the materials we need for our projects.
- Those who sew and/or make cards will be creating Christmas stockings and cards for people who are unable to get to church as often as they would like.
- Our newest partner is "Days for Girls" who provide feminine hygiene kits that help girls stay in school beyond sixth grade. We will also be making dog bandanas in partnership with a Grace youth project and the Dodge County Humane Society.

Hey, we're always looking for more partners! If you'd like to help, let us know. Our greatest partner is Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns and does all things well. And the good news is, He allows for a learning curve. ~ Pat Lyon



**Makers with one of the Layette tables displaying items for Lakotas at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, South Dakota**

# Rummage Sale Thank You



We have been blessed with 2 successful rummage sales this year. New people have been a great addition as the old standbys continue on. Over \$5,000 has been made between the spring and fall sales. The coordinated efforts of the Makers and the Rummage Sale Committee have been a blessing.

We continue to support PAVE and the homeless shelter as our mission, among others. Thank you to each and EVERY ONE for your hard work. -- Rummage Sale Committee



# All Saints Day, November 1



For All Saints Day, we remember members and friends of Grace Church that have passed since last year at this time:

(\* denotes member of Grace)

\*Ronald Mayberry  
\*Patricia Walden  
William Buchda

Laura J. Thomas  
\*Jennifer K. Walter  
\*Joe Kloostra

Delores Stoll  
\*Betty Stafford  
\*Roy Marthaler



Thank you to leader Kristie and Grace Church Children's Choir who sang in worship on October 13.

Mark Your Calendar for our Annual  
**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION**  
December 22 during Worship!

## Please join your Christian Education Committee

We would love your ideas and interest in joining us in serving youth, adults and new members in Christian Education and Faith Formation. The holidays are an especially active and fun time for us and volunteers at Sunday School, special presentations and programs are always very appreciated. For more info, contact Patrice at 920-858-9468; [cedirector@bdgracechurch.org](mailto:cedirector@bdgracechurch.org).



**SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB** The Second Tuesday Book Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9 AM in the Conference room across from the kitchen. For more information, contact Ann Peck. We welcome visitors.

Our November 12th selection is *Eleanore Elephant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. This story is about an office worker, Eleanore, who because of a troubled childhood has problems with adult relationships until she meets Raymond.

Our December 10th selection is *Women of the Silk* by Gail Tsukiyama. In rural China (1926) a group of women become close as they work among the machines in a silk factory from dawn to dusk.

**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.



## "Illuminating Advent" Adult Bible Study

December 1-22 following worship Reception Room

Through the blessed themes of Advent--hope, love, joy, and peace--*Illuminating Advent* invites you to connect with this sacred season amid the busy-ness of other holiday celebrations. The meaning and mystery of Christmas and Epiphany are also explored. Participant Guides provided at no cost. Please see sign-up in the narthex.



ADVENT  
BIBLE  
STUDY

### FAMILY



Circles

### Gather 'round for Grace Family Circle, November 10

Each second Sunday of the month parents, guardians and families of youth of all ages are encouraged to join in "Family Circles" while our children sing, learn and enjoy Sunday School, right after worship. We'll meet in the Reception Room and share issues, ideas, experience and questions as we venture together through the most important work in the world... raising and supporting our kids.

**PAVE Wish List:** For the month of November, PAVE wishes for toilet paper, hand soap, disinfecting wipes.

**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: Saturday November 9*

**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 fall/winter 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!

Gracie's Closet



Beaver Dam  
Community  
Meal  
Coalition

### Beaver Dam Community Meal

**November 4 & 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! **Grace is responsible for Monday, November 18, to prepare and transport our meal in the Grace kitchen from 12-4 p.m., and serve at the Watermark from 5-6 p.m. Many youth and grown-up hands make light work. Please join us!**

## INCOME & EXPENSES:



Stewardship  
Update

September Income		September Expenses	
Offering Envelopes	\$ 19,905.00	Missions	\$ 683.33
Loose Offerings	\$ 326.71	Session	\$ 296.91
Per Capita	\$ 280.00	Worship	\$ 1,990.65
Building Rental	\$ 0.00	Christian Education	\$ 1,677.66
Interest Earned	\$ 4.11	Administration	\$ 8,725.59
Housing Allowance	\$ 500.00	Property	\$ 2,509.88
Scrip Program	\$ 466.65	Deacon	\$ 59.95
Fellowship	\$ 79.66	Pastoral	\$ 7,370.97
Peace & Global	\$ 358.00		
Disaster Relief	\$ 100.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 22,020.13</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 23,314.94</b>

**Stewardship**  
CAMPAIGN

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

*You're invited!*



The 2020 Time & Talent and Pledge cards were mailed out last 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!

**There are a total of 131 pledges still out at this time. Please return your pledge and Time & Talent sheets as soon as possible.** If you feel that a pledge for 2020 is not possible, we still would appreciate you returning your card with that indicated on it.

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.

Pledging gives the church a priority in our lives. It is part of our covenant of faith. Since, as Christians, we believe that God gave us the greatest gift possible in God's Son, Jesus, our response to God should be first, not last.

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.

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

## BUDGETS AND PLEDGING

*Grace Church's expense budget is broken down into the following areas:*

***Mission; Session/Congregation; Worship; Christian Education; Administration; Property; Deacons and Pastoral Ministry.***

*Each one is crucial in running a church as a whole. Most of these are behind the scenes things that you don't see on Sunday mornings.*

*In order to fulfill all the churches expenses, we also need to establish an income budget. The biggest part of that is based on the congregation's support by **pledging** a financial commitment.*

*Making a commitment in the form of a pledge helps us establish the income portion of the budget and determine what we can support in the coming year.*

*We have quite a few pledge cards still not returned. Even if you feel that making a pledge is not possible at this time, we would still appreciate you returning your card and checking the box that indicates that.*

*At this point, we are struggling to come up with a balanced budget. Although we have some new members and some increased pledges, those are offset by the loss of income due to relocating members and other decreased pledges.*

*We always strive to have a "balanced budget" but sometimes we have to rely on a faith based budget. Please do whatever you can to help Grace move toward that balanced budget.*



We'll start taking orders for Memorial Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas starting Sunday November 17. Watch for order blanks in bulletins and in *The Courier* for December.



On behalf of our agency and the families and individuals we serve, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of 26 pounds of food to our food pantry in Beaver Dam in the month of September. We sincerely appreciate your thoughts in choosing our pantry to support. Your contribution helps to alleviate the burden to families and individuals in the Dodge County are that struggle to meet the basic needs in their homes.

-- Stephanie Kong, Beaver Dam Community Food Pantry

## November Birthdays

- 1 - Sandy Hautamaki
- 3 - Susie Cloyd
- 4 - Jana Adams
- 5 - Ethan Hilliard
- 10 - Carol Hicks, Shannon Johnson
- 11 - Darlene Welch
- 12 - Kyle Gebhardt, James Schreiber
- 13 - Josh Koepsell, Russ Krause, Sue Reifsnider
- 15 - Allen Hamilton
- 17 - Libby Bilke
- 18 - Fred Bird, Scott Grenon
- 20 - Matt Noordhof, Katherine Schneider
- 21 - Cheri Brodzeller, Cameran Schraufnagel
- 24 - Calvin Wernimont
- 27 - Henry Fairman, Craig Ganske
- 28 - Gail Kastein



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

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*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.*

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**DONATE BLOOD**  
GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS FALL

# Season of giving

**Thursday November 7**  
1 PM - 6 PM

BEAVER DAM CHURCHES  
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE  
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Sponsored by: Grace Presbyterian,  
St. Katharine Drexel Catholic, Peace Lutheran,  
Good Shepherd Lutheran, & Harvest Churches

Location:  
Grace Presbyterian Church  
215 Gould St., Beaver Dam

Reservations: <http://bit.ly/bdnov2019> or call  
877-232-4376 (877-BE-A-HERO)

Walk-ins Welcome!  
Appointments Encouraged and Honored!



**Mark your Calendars & Help Save a Life - Blood Drive Coming to Grace**

Save the date! The Blood Center of Wisconsin Blood Drive will be at Grace on Thursday November 7 from 1:00pm-6:00pm. You can sign up by calling 877-BE-A-HERO (877-232-4376) or through the scheduling link below:

<http://bit.ly/bdnov2019>

**WINE AT 5 ANYONE?**

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

*owntown Beaver Dam at the Riverfront Wine Bar and Gift shop.*

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

*Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 227 Front Street*



Questions?...Contact your Fellowship Committee Elder Tracy Hauke at (920) 296-0568



**Office Hours** – The church office hours are currently 7a-12p, 1-4p Monday-Thursday. However, as a small onsite staff, there may be instances where the church offices are closed if all staff have to be away. If you'd rather not risk coming to the church without knowing, please call ahead.



# HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

HARVEST CHURCH  
W7444 WI-33, BEAVER DAM, WI 53916

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019  
5:30PM REFRESHMENTS AND MEET & GREET  
6:00PM EMMY MYERS: A SURVIVORS STORY  
Q&A WITH EMMY AND 5-STONES



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

**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - September 2019**

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**October 2019**

- Communion Report: 9/1/19 worship – 120; Hillside Manor on 9/16 – 6 were served with JoAnn Heinbuch assisting.
- Remove Mary Morgan (#2413), who is transferring to Trinity United Methodist Church, Beaver Dam.
- Middle/High school youth have a meeting planned for October 20 @ 12:00.
- Adult education class, “Illuminating Advent” will be held on Sundays in December.
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade will have a bowling party in November.
- There will be a Little Free Pantry on the property of Grace Church. It will be filled with non-food items.
- Mission committee will purchase sandwiches from Piggly Wiggly for the Blood Drive on November 7, 2019.
- Pastor’s continued education at Next Church, Cincinnati, OH, March 2-4, 2020 and Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference in Cincinnati, OH, September 21-23, 2020.
- A light lunch and warm drinks will be served October 26<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Grace Fall Work Day.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a taco bar potluck and we will be watching the Packer Game together.
- January - Fellowship committee will be having a movie day.
- Flyway Carpet will clean the chairs in the chapel.
- Atomic Electric will repair the fans in both bathrooms by Kindy Hall.
- Pastor Chris is looking to have a pre-confirmation class so students can learn the foundation of Christianity.
- Next regular meeting of the session: Wednesday November 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm

*Don't Miss the*  
**DEADLINE!**

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MONDAY NOVEMBER 18TH FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE COURIER.**

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



November  
2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Office Closed	2
3  8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship – Communion 10:40a Sunday Classes 5:00p Confirmation Class	4	5 9:30a Senior Coffee 4:15p CE Meeting 6:00p Worship Committee	6 8:45a Meditation	7 <b>1 – 6 Blood Drive at Grace</b> 1:00p Men’s Study Group 6:00p Personnel Committee 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	8 Office Closed	9  8:30-11 Gracie’s Closet
10  No Choir 9:30a Worship – Bell Choir 10:40a <b>Family Circles</b> 10:40a Sunday Classes <b>Football Fever Potluck!!</b> 5:00p Confirmation Class	11  5:00p Stewardship Meeting	12 9:00a 2 <sup>ND</sup> Tuesday Book Club 9:30a Senior Coffee	13 8:45a Meditation 1:30p Charleston House Communion 6:00p Session Meeting	14 9:00a Makers Group 1:00p Men’s Study Group 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	15 Office Closed	16
17 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 10:30a Conversation with Wellness Group 10:40a Sunday Classes 5:00p Confirmation Class	18 Newsletter deadline 1:30p Hillside Manor Communion <b>5:00p GRACE sponsored Community Meal at The Watermark</b>	19 9:30a Senior Coffee 	20 8:45a Meditation	21 1:00p Men’s Study Group 7:00p Choir Rehearsal  Presbytery Meeting	22 Office Closed	23 
24 No Choir 9:30a Worship – Children Sing 10:40a Sunday Classes 5:00p Confirmation Class	25	Courier 26 9:30a Senior Coffee 6:30p Red Kettle Concert Rehearsal at Trinity United Methodist Church	27 8:45a Meditation 5:00p Wine at Five at Riverfront Wine & Gifts	28  <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>  <b>Thanks Be to God!</b>	29 Office Closed	30  <b>2019</b>

