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The Courier



"Called To Share God's Grace"

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So much fun sharing
with the community
Grace Church's
Annual

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Congratulations Graduates!

We proudly honor all graduates and the following scholarship awardees:

The Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott Johnson Scholarship Fund

Rebecca DeYoung

The Jim and Judy Olson Scholarship Fund

Madelynn Johnson

The Margaret Propst Memorial Scholarship Fund

Hannah Davis

Thank you to the whole congregation for many years of support while I was the choir director. So many of you would tell me or a choir member how much you enjoyed, and got something out the anthem. If the music you hear makes you happy or makes you think about what's going on in your life, then the choir did well. I have thoroughly enjoyed being on the staff at Grace church. Thank you for a great last day and for the nice comments you wrote in my book. Blessings to you all and to the next person providing music for your church services. ~ Cheryl Zeman



Dear Members of Grace Presbyterian -

Thank you for the beautiful flowers from Music Appreciation Sunday and for a wonderful first year at Grace. Your kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness has made me feel welcome and appreciated. It has been a blessing to get to know you all and to be able to worship with you every week.

In gratitude, Kristie Estervig

Photo: Kristie rehearsing with children for April 28 worship service.

**OFFICE HOURS BEGINNING MAY 28 WILL BE 7AM-12 NOON
MONDAY - THURSDAY; CLOSED AFTERNOONS FOR THE SUMMER.**





Choir Director Search

The choir director position is now officially open! Session has approved the new job description and we are looking for great candidate to continue Grace's fantastic music ministry. If you are interested or would like to suggest this position to someone outside of Grace, please have them contact the church office or Penny Pohle.

Thank you to all who helped with the church **rummage sale**. Many hands made fun work and how wonderful was the fellowship! The 'frosting' was all the baked goods. Total from the sale is \$2,500.00
The first week in October, come join in. Everyone is welcome and much appreciated. ~ Rummage Sale Committee



Sunshine Fellowship Luncheon – June 19th at 11:00a. Come see the renovated Kindy Hall. If a ride is needed please call Helen Glewen (920-887-2547) and one will be provided. Lunch and communion will be served; special music provided.



Middle and High School Students! Please Join us in a Very Special Mission Opportunity

As a result of your very successful Milk Money Mission, we are invited to tour the Beaver Dam Community Food Pantry and meet with Director Letty Castillo and shelter residents on Saturday, June 1 at 11 a.m. Parents are welcome to join in, too! We'll meet at the Food Pantry, 134

S. Spring Street, for this special opportunity to learn more about hunger, homelessness, and hardship and these calls to share God's grace in our own community. For more information, contact Patrice: 920-858-9468; cedirector@bdgracechurch.org.

Save the dates for "A Creation Celebration" Grace Vacation Bible School, 2019!

This summer, Grace will be presenting our own Vacation Bible School July 23-25, 1-5 p.m., celebrating God's bountiful gifts of nature, humanity, and our call to care for all the world. All Grace grown-ups, children and youth are encouraged to join in a three-day event featuring faith lessons, food, fun, "bring a friend" fellowship, music and arts.

Parents and Volunteers: Please contact CE Director Patrice with your interests and ideas: cedirector@bdgracechurch.org; 920-858-9468.



SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Our selection for **June 11** is *Ghost Soldiers: The Epic Account of World War 11's Greatest Rescue Mission* written by Hampton Sides. Our book for **July 9** is *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*. The book is based on interviews with a Holocaust survivor and tattooist.



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.



Grace Church's Meditation Group which meets Wednesday mornings at 8:45 AM in the chapel located east of the main church office. Presently, five or more gather in chairs around a lit candle to converse for about ten minutes. Then one of the group reads a short inspirational message and plays the brass bowl to begin the quiet time. For about 20 minutes everyone is quietly meditating until the leader plays the bell again. Time now is allowed for writing in journals. There is often a closing message and some conversation before the session is completed. Everyone leaves feeling calm and focused. The group is friendly and welcomes new members.



Gardenistas News - join us for a **GARDEN PARTY** with a twist. We will depart from the parking lot at 9:00am on **June 1** and drive to MUKWONAGO for free workshops, garden art and unique gifts. There will be a TEA PARTY with homemade treats. \$6.00 per person. Sponsored by CALDWELL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. Proceeds donated to missions focusing on women, children and youth. RSVP ASAP to Barbara Ellefson 885-6334.



**God, from my youth you have taught me.
— Psalm 71:17**

The Pentecost Offering is one of the four special offerings that Grace Church participates in on a yearly basis. Presbyterian USA shares how a foundation of faith, established during childhood through young adulthood, helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of money donated stays within our own congregation to develop and support programs for young people in our own church and community. Our support today helps nurture the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. Please consider giving to this special offering between now and June 9.



Blue Zones Project at Grace Church



Have you heard of Blue Zones or Wellness Committee activities at Grace Presbyterian Church and wondered what it's all about? Grace Church is working to become a Blue Zones Project Faith Based organization. Faith-based organizations play an important role in improving community well-being. In fact, research shows that attending faith-based services four times per month can add several years to one's life expectancy. As a faith-based organization, we can strengthen our members' involvement and support their well-being by becoming Blue Zones Approved. Other benefits of participating include:

- Recognition for being part of an important community-wide project to improve well-being
- Improved health and well-being for our members
- Support to offer purpose and health programming for our members
- Opportunities to attract new members through Blue Zones Project events
- Access to free Blue Zones Project resources and support along the way

Sounds interesting, doesn't it. There are many ways to get involved such as:

- ❖ Attend a Blue Zones Wellness Committee meeting at Grace Church.
- ❖ Engage in any of the activities planned or promoted by the committee. We've already had a Purpose Workshop, bike ride, plant-slant potluck, Kitchen Coach cooking class, and Wine @ 5 charcuterie board demo.
- ❖ Volunteer to help in any way at Grace Church.
- ❖ Complete and follow the Blue Zones Personal Pledge.

Contact Pat Kneser for more information on engaging with wellness at Grace Church.

WINE AT 5 ANYONE?



Had a busy day...Looking for some soft music and 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)***

Wednesday June 26th at 227 Front Street

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

Gracie's Closet & Second Harvest Food Pantry: Saturday June 8



Gracie's No-Cost Clothes Closet is open to the public 8:30-11:00 a.m. in the CE Wing Rec Room in conjunction with Second Harvest food distribution, located at Moraine Park Technical College. Donations may be dropped off in the posted Main Hallway room. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!



PAVE Wish List: For the month of June, PAVE wishes for **bed pillows, toilet paper, hand cream or lotion.**

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.



Helping Babies Far & Near

"The Makers" are assembling layettes (things babies need) for the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and Dodge County.

Ninety percent of people in the Pine Ridge Reservation live below the poverty level, with an annual income of around \$4,000.00. Due to lack of opportunity, and the cycle of poverty, many pregnant women do not have basic items when their babies are born. Layettes are given to mothers when they bring their babies home from the hospital.

As an Eagle Scout Project, Grace member Barret Shier has secured space at Dodge County Human Services for social workers to provide "Emergency Cub Kits". These will be given to babies who are placed in emergency Foster Care. These babies come with limited belongings and are placed with licensed foster care families on short notice. Having a layette will make their transition more comfortable. The Makers are providing things they can make like blankets, toys, bibs and burp cloths. We invite Grace members to provide the rest of the layette. Items will be collected until Father's day, June 16. *(continued)*

This is what is needed:

★ Bottles, hats, wipes, and pacifiers

In size 3 months and larger, we would like:

★ Disposable diapers

★ Onesies

★ Sleepers

★ Outfits - boy, girl or neutral

The Makers will assemble and transport the layettes as requested by the Scouts and Pine Ridge.
Thank you for caring for God's most vulnerable. ~ The Makers



Makers News

June meetings will be Thursday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m. We're always looking for people to make small things with great love.

We will be starting a card making group. Call contact Rita Schreiber at 885-3036 if you are interested.

OUR MODELS FOR LITTLE DRESSES AND SHORTS FOR AFRICA DEDICATION ON MAY 19. ☺



Former Grace Church member Lucille (Phil 2000) Gearing from Phoenix, AZ passed away May 13, 2019 at 99 years old. She was the mother of member Barb (Dan) Kulka.



April Income

Offering Envelopes	\$ 22,145.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 512.92
Per Capita	\$ 1,020.00
Building Rental	\$ 150.00
Interest Earned	\$ 4.11
Housing Allowance	\$ 500.00
Scrip Program	\$ 479.11
Fellowship	\$ 80.00
One Great Hour Mission	\$ 780.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 25,671.14

INCOME & EXPENSES:

April Expenses

Missions	\$ 603.33
Session	\$ 116.25
Worship	\$ 2,547.10
Christian Education	\$ 2,594.16
Administration	\$ 9,286.94
Property	\$ 2,127.27
Deacon	\$ 0.00
Pastoral	\$ 7,345.90

TOTAL EXPENSES \$24,620.95



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.

If you are interested in learning more, please call the church office (885-3198) and ask for our bookkeeper, Paula, or email her at bookkeeper@bdgracechurch.org.



PER CAPITA

Have You Returned Yours Yet?

It is **not too late** to pay your 2019 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**.

As of May 20 we've received \$9,980.00 of the \$15,656 owed to the Presbytery.



Grace Church Welcomes Spring New Members!



Todd Dahl (Katie Doege), **Cory Beth & Michael Gade**, **Donald & JoAnne Meinders**, **Darryl & Lynda Volesky**, **Angela Walter** (David Walter, Jr.), all received into membership March 24th.
Beverly Connor, **Bette Lindert**, **Alfred & Winifred Tillema**, **Al & Linda Voigt**, approved for membership, received in worship soon.

June Birthdays

1 - Gail Anderson
 2 - Hannah Smith
 3 - Luke Koepsell, Ron Wilkie
 4 - Barbara Callies
 5 - Ben Eilbes
 6 - Richard Jacobs, Katherine Koepsell, John Ley
 7 - Scott Infalt, Cathy Ley
 9 - Jean Carolan
 10 - Carol Taylor, Cheryl Zeman
 13 - Brandon Eckes, Kyle Zimmerman
 14 - Jaxon Klodowski, Jennifer Smith
 15 - Addison Henriksen, Julie Roberts, David Verhulst, Bob Wyman
 16 - Julie Armon, Brady Eilbes
 18 - Emily Johnson
 19 - Matthew Berg, Robert Stafford
 20 - Luke Gartland, Glenn Stousland
 21 - Virginia Ganske
 22 - Lenora Harrington
 23 - Rachel Johnson
 25 - Mary Jacobs
 26 - Jodi Apel, Joshua Cloyd, Kalya Gebhardt
 27 - Ruth Elgersma, Laurie Klinger
 29 - Amanda Hilliard, Gerald Hummelmeier
 30 - Al Voigt

July Birthdays

1 - Susan Ganske, Jerry Martel
 2 - Emma Anderson, Dennis Steinkraus
 5 - Barb Kulka, Zachary Kulka, Todd Smith
 6 - Sandy Koehn, Barb Ruenger, Evan Sharkey
 7 - Linda Voigt
 8 - Chad Roberts
 9 - Darryl Volesky
 10 - Jacqueline Davis, Kathleen Doege, Lisa Luedtke
 12 - Rebecca DeYoung
 13 - Betty Boomsma, Stuart Miller
 14 - Dana Skare
 15 - Jessica Beirne, Judy Olson
 16 - Jeff Berg, Mark Buchda, Jay Ruenger
 17 - Louise Wilson
 18 - Howard Spinler
 19 - Bryson Eilbes, Gavin Heinbuch
 20 - Doug Ganske
 21 - Kelly Haucke, Brian Schoenwetter
 23 - Rich Zeman
 25 - Awesome Kawonga, Wisdom Kawonga, Nancy Noordhof
 27 - Huck Gade, Morgan Meier, Gary Sutter
 28 - Becky Glewen, Ron Rheingans, Jennifer Westergaard, Doris Zeyher
 30 - Carol Scheel, Ryan Tietz
 31 - Becky Wissell

This is the last newsletter until August. Please be attentive to your weekly email announcements for information!



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MONDAY JULY 22ND FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE COURIER.

Grace Church June Calendar

Sunday June 2

9:30a Worship – New Members Received

Tuesday June 4

9:30a Senior Coffee

6:00p Worship Committee

Wednesday June 5

8:45a Meditation

Saturday June 8

8:30-11a Gracie's Closet

Sunday June 9 – Pentecost

9:30a Worship

Monday June 10

5:00p Stewardship Committee

Tuesday June 11

9:00a Second Tuesday Book Club

9:30a Senior Coffee

6:00p Personnel Committee

Wednesday June 12

8:45a Meditation

1:30p Charleston House Communion

6:00p Session Meeting

Thursday June 13

9:30a Makers Gathering



Sunday June 16 – Father's Day

Wear Mad Plain & Ugly Ties

9:30a Worship

Monday June 17

1:30p Hillside Manor Communion

Tuesday June 18

9:30a Senior Coffee

Wednesday June 19

8:45a Meditation

11:00a Sunshine Luncheon Fellowship

Sunday June 23

9:30a Worship

Tuesday June 25

9:30a Senior Coffee

6:30p Makers Gathering

Wednesday June 26

8:45a Meditation

5:00p Fellowship Wine @ Five

Sunday June 30

9:30a Worship

Thank YOU!

Grace Church received a thank you from Beaver Dam Community Food Pantry Program Assistant for our recent donation of 76 pounds of assorted groceries to the food pantry in Beaver Dam in April.

To the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church – We would like to offer this memorial for our dad, Joe Kloostra. We think he would probably like it directed to the Building and Grounds Fund. Thank you for being a supportive church family to him. Remembering him with cards, prayers, and visits as his health failed, it meant a lot to him.

~ Julie Gilgenbach, David & Jennifer Kloostra, Anna, Molly and Jacob

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 2019

- Church will remove the following non-participating members who did not respond to our membership letter: Joseph & Susan Lord, Jacob Anderson, Erin & Jeff Braun, Judson Ehmen III, Marshall & Wyatt Goodrich, Trevor Kastein, Austin Koehn, Deborah & Brandon LeBeau, Michael (Conor) & Catelin Sanders, Sarah Schlagel, Penny Soblewski, Elizabeth, Elora & Valerie White, Isaiah Rabata.
- Communion Report: 4/7/19 worship – 112; Charleston House Communion on 4/10/19 – 6 were served with Sue Reifsnider assisting; Hillside Manor on 4/15/19 – 4 were served.
- Vacation Bible School will be held July 23 – 25 from 1 – 5 pm.
- Session approved Pentecost Offering. 60% is distributed to the Presbytery and 40% stays with Grace Church for youth local missions.
- Grace Church will host a blood drive on Thursday, November 7th from 1 – 6 pm.
- Mission is seeking ways to get the word out about Gracie's Closet. The number of people coming has been steadily declining.
- The Makers had 34 people attend "Designing Your Creative Space" on May 7th.
- On May 19th children from the congregation will model dresses and shorts that were made for Africa.
- A list is being made for the people involved in "The Makers" and their contact information.
- Makers meeting schedule is Thursday morning at 9:30 am and fourth Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm.
- Session approved the Choir Director job description.
- Grace Church will start to advertise for a Choir Director.
- Session approved vacation for Pastor Chris from May 13 – 19th.
- The Cinco de Mayo potluck and the retirement gathering for Cheryl Zeman were a success.
- Wine at 5 is scheduled for May 22nd.
- The church audit was done on April 11, 2019 by Lowell Peck.
- Session approved the release of \$4,898 to fix problem areas in the parking lot.
- Grace spring work day is Saturday, May 18th from 9 am – noon.
- Thank you to the many people who helped in the physical set up and take down for the rummage sale.
- Updated switches on Kindy Hall univents. Much quieter.
- Repair on heating system compressor.
- Committee made a motion to approve new members by reaffirmation of faith; Beverly Connor, Bette Lindert, Alfred & Winifred Tillema, Al & Linda Voight on June 2nd.
- Next regular meeting of the session: Wednesday June 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

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