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Please join us on Sunday, September 10, following the worship service to provide input on Grace's mission study. Developing our mission study is the next step towards our call of an Associate Pastor.

The following two questions will be our focus for the meeting:

What does it mean to you that Grace Presbyterian Church is "Called to Share God's Grace?"

What resources do we need to fulfill our mission of sharing God's Grace?

You can bring your responses in a variety of ways (verbally, written, in pictures, musically, or a craft). If you are unable to attend, please contact Penny Pohle at pohlefam@charter.net or (608) 963-7527 with your ideas.

Recently I preached a sermon in regards to the events that took place in Charlottesville, VA. Within my sermon, I read a letter penned by leaders from our denomination - PC(USA). After the sermon, a number of folks asked if I would publish this letter within the upcoming newsletter. The following is that letter.

"In the aftermath of the events of August 11 and 12 in Charlottesville, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) reaffirms its condemnation of white supremacy and racism, names them as sin, and renews its commitment to disrupting them and working for justice and equity. We give thanks for the presence and faithful witness of church members who stand against white supremacy and racism. Individually and collectively the church, including Presbyterians, stood against hate in Charlottesville. Individually and collectively the church, including Presbyterians, works to disrupt racism and to build racial equity in places across the country. We grieve for Heather Heyer, who was killed while standing witness; we grieve for state police officers H. Jay Cullen and Berke Bates, who died in a helicopter crash while monitoring events in Charlottesville; we pray for the recovery of all who were injured.

We acknowledge that Scripture has been misused to justify white supremacy and racism. However, we proclaim that the Bible's message presents a far more consistent and insistent witness to God's love for diversity and justice. This may be observed in God's delight in the varied creation; heard in the words of prophets who reject oppression and commend justice as true worship; seen in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, who values all persons regardless of any aspect of their identity; and experienced through the work of the Holy Spirit, who consistently blows through all the divisions we create, to reveal God's love for all humanity.

White supremacy and racism stand in stark, irreconcilable contradiction to God's intention for humanity. They reject part of the human family and are utterly contrary to God's Word made incarnate in Jesus. They are idolatries that elevate human-created hierarchies over God's freely given grace and love. They are lies about the human family, for they seek to say that some people are less than other people. They are lies about God because they falsely claim that God favors some people over the entirety of creation.

But as we give thanks, we acknowledge the church's complicity in the creation of white supremacy and racism. We confess the church's failure in challenging and disrupting white supremacy and racism. Too often we have accepted the status quo. Too often we have stood silent in the face of injustice and oppression.

By God's grace may we remember the events in Charlottesville; repent of our acquiescence and failures; and renew our commitment to proclaim and live the good news of Jesus Christ. May that commitment lead us to stand against, speak against and work against racism and white supremacy, this day and every day. May it be so. Amen."

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly / Tony De La Rosa, Interim Executive Director - Presbyterian Mission Agency / Rev. T. Denise Anderson & Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016)

As a congregation, I truly believe we are being called to stand in opposition to words, actions and rhetoric that are counter the Kingdom of God. Sometimes a calling is moving beyond what we deem comfortable. I believe this is the case! We must move beyond our comfort zone and live as Kingdom people.

I hope and pray we will explore and engage in ways to live into this calling. I welcome your thoughts and feedback. I also welcome your ideas and visions.
Peace, Pr Chris

Meet Ana Miller, a Young Adult Volunteer in Mission from Grace Presbyterian Church

Hi! My name is Ana Miller and I am a member of Grace Presbyterian Church. I am 19 years old and I have experienced the call to serve within the PC(USA)'s Young Adult Volunteer in Mission program for the 2017-18 year. I will live and serve in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

During that year, I hope to grow in my faith. I also hope to learn about the diverse cultures of that region. Since graduating from high school, I have been searching for my place in this world. I want to learn more about myself and my faith. I believe serving as a YAV will challenge me beyond my comfort zone.

As a YAV, I will be working within a non-profit organization called St. Martin's Hospitality Center. This center provides resources, opportunities and hope to homeless and near homeless people.

The total cost of the Young Adult Volunteer in Mission program is roughly \$24,000! Thankfully, I only have to raise \$4,000!!!

As a result, I need your support. Please pray for me while I do the work God's called me to do! Also, if you would like to support me financially, please go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/e051909-yav-national-albuquerque/> or if you would like to send a check make it out to PC(USA) and write down my name, Albuquerque along with my ECO number, E051909. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is millerana039@gmail.com.

Thank you very much for your financial and spiritual support. I look forward to sharing my story with you when I return in a year! Peace, Ana!

Dear Pastor Chris,

I am pleased to inform you that Ana Miller from Grace Presbyterian has accepted the call from the Presbyterian Mission Agency to serve as a Young Adult Volunteer on behalf of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Ana will be serving with the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program in Albuquerque during the upcoming YAV year (August '17 – July '18.)

The Young Adult Volunteer program offers opportunities to partner in Christian service for young adults (ages 19 to 30) in sixteen sites within the United States and four sites around the world. The job descriptions for each volunteer depends both on the needs of the partner and the skills of the YAV. In each placement, YAVs work alongside a church or organization while developing community and exploring the meaning and motivation of their Christian faith with others. Each YAV commits to sharing their experience through an online blog which can be accessed by clicking the Meet Current YAVs tab to the right of our homepage, youngadultvolunteers.org. We are excited for Ana's development and your community to walk beside them.

Funding during the year of service is shared by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and work placements, as well as the home community of the YAV; this includes family, friends, congregations and presbyteries. The appointment as a Young Adult Volunteer is considered a full-time position and volunteers are not allowed to secure other employment while they are serving. Each YAV receives a stipend to cover their basic living expenses. With the approval of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, YAVs are asked raise funds to help defray the total costs.

Our program believes deeply that fundraising is about claiming God's call in one's life and asking others to join-in on the journey as a promising community.

While each YAV is asked to raise a portion of their costs (currently \$4,000), it is our wider church's commitment to cover the full cost of a YAV year (approximately \$24,000.) Please also consider future

support of the YAV program to help create a sustainable model for one of the best ways our denomination invests in the faith-development of young adults after Ana's YAV year.

Please also consider additional ways you are able to support and encourage Ana during their YAV experience. If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact me by e-mail at blake.collins@pcusa.org or by phone at 1-888-728-7228, ext. 5300.

Blessings in your work and ministries and thank you for your partnership,
-Blake (YAV alum, Peru '13-'14)

Blake A. Collins, Young Adult Volunteers, Associate for Recruitment & Relationships

Cambodia Mission Report from Pat Lyon

Imagine with me that I am a poor widow living in Northwestern Cambodia. I would hope to live in the village of "Rrruel" in Puok District. During the time of Pol Pot's genocidal regime, my village was occupied by soldiers. There was much fighting.

Today it is peaceful in Ruel. My village is very far from main roads. I have no money, no bicycle to get to a doctor. I worry that the next mosquito bite might give me malaria or dengue fever. I do not have my own dog, but share with my neighbor. Sometimes I only have enough food for one day. I live close to pretty white cows that nibble on grass or eat from the stack of rice stalks. I have to be careful not to step on scurrying baby chicks. I find shade in the banana grove. I cook my rice over the wood fire. Today, children held a blanket under the star fruit tree. When I shook the branches with a stick, fruit fell heavy into the blanket.

Something wonderful has happened in my village. Men from Teuk Sa'at built a toilet next to my house. I have been cooking meals for them while they work. When they finish, I will have a cement toilet building with a ceramic squat bowl, a cement water tank, and a sanitation kit with a bucket that says "Deanna" on it. I will have a broom, a rake, a toilet brush, and a plastic pot for splashing on myself. This toilet is just for my family. We will clean it with our kit. The village chief told us that today, people from the U.S.A. will come to my village with Chea Pon and Eng Vanak, his accountant. We should wear our best clothes and there will be photos. Deanna, whose picture is on the toilet, will actually come to Ruel. We watched them arrive in two cars. A grandmother named Pat and a man with glasses named Sam came with Deanna, to present sanitation kits. We stood in a long line behind the kits. They handed us the bucket, broom, toilet brush, rake, plastic pot and said, "We wish you good health and long life for your family". They said this to each person with each kit. I folded my hands like a prayer. If I knew what Holy Communion was, it would be a little like that. Then there were speeches.

After the people from Building Cambodia, Inc. and Teuk Sa'at left, I waited until the neighbors went back to their houses. I went into my very own latrine and closed the door. Through the light coming in through the vents, I looked at the clean cement tank filled with water. I felt the pretty gray and yellow tile, cool under my bare feet. I saw the broom, brush and pot, each hanging on a nail. I am grateful that Building Cambodia, Inc. chose my village for building eleven toilets, and three wells. I am thankful to people in the United States for giving this toilet to me. Tonight I will not walk into the dark forest with a stick.

I wrote this story, among others, during my recent mission trip to Cambodia.

Think about this story next time you flush!

Pat

SUNDAY SCHOOL GETS UNDERWAY

Sunday October 1!
Class time: 10:40 - 11:30am.

ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES



SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, June 13 at 9 AM. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact 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.

Return to the Sacred Conversation Group Starts September 14

Are you looking for inner peace? Do you seek a deeper understanding of yourself and the spiritual world? Have you followed the popular prescriptions for enlightenment and still found yourself unsatisfied? Join Ken Zeyher as he facilitates a conversation surrounding the book ***Return to the Sacred*** by Jonathan H. Ellerby, Ph.D. Starting Thursday, September 14 and ending Thursday, October 19, this conversation group will meet at Grace Presbyterian Church in the "conference room" from 7:00 until 8:00pm. The book may be purchased on AMAZON. For more information feel free to contact Ken @ 920.887.9216.

Fall fellowship is here!



Grace is excited for the start of the fall season and Sunday school, so the Fellowship Committee is having a church **Potluck on Sunday, September 24th** after the church service.

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.

First family game night is Wednesday, September 27th.



Family Game Night!



Fall Rummage Sale is Coming!

The fall rummage sale is scheduled for the first week in October. Please begin saving your good quality reusable items to donate. 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

Gardenistas Trip September 21st

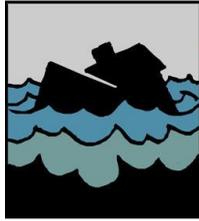
The Gardenistas are off to MONCHES FARM (in the shadow of Holy Hill) for a return visit. Dinner at FOX & HOUNDS, always a pleasant experience with great food served in a series of HISTORIC buildings. Depart church parking lot at 1:00pm and as always, reserve/regret to Barbara Ellefson (920)885-6334.



Fall Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 7-12, 1-4

Although we try to adhere to our regular hours as much as possible, keep in mind that we are a small onsite staff of 3 including the pastor. There will be times when there will be no one to open and staff the office. You may want to call ahead to ensure someone will be at the church if you need to visit.

Mission News



Please pray for

Victims of

Hurricane Harvey

Give today to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance bring hope & healing to Texas families impacted by Hurricane Harvey.
For information, please go to pda.pcusa.org

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 Fall 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 back to school and fall adult clothing for grateful area kids and families of all ages. This month, we especially need women's plus-size clothing, men's jeans and jackets, and baby/infant clothes. These donations will be available to families at Second Harvest Food Pantry, Saturday, September 9, 2017, 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 the previous CE office in the main hall, Monday-Thursday by September 7 ;
- Contact Patrice at 920-859-9468 or pvossekui@iirp.edu for pick-up at your home;
- Drop your clothing off at Second Harvest Food Pantry at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 9.

Grace Clothes Closet also always appreciates shoes, house wares, towels, bed linens, toys, puzzles, and books. If you have any questions, please phone or email Patrice. Thank you from the bottom of many hearts for your ongoing support of this Grace mission.



INCOME & EXPENSES:

| | Income | May | June | July |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Offering Envelopes | | \$ 16,303.72 | \$ 20,585.00 | \$ 26,073.52 |
| Loose Offerings | | \$ 329.55 | \$ 369.50 | \$ 214.00 |
| Per Capita | | \$ 210.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 60.00 |
| Interest | | \$ 0.00 | \$ 8.22 | \$ 0.00 |
| Housing Allowance | | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Building Rental | | \$ 300.00 | \$ 950.00 | \$ 300.00 |
| Fellowship | | \$ 41.00 | \$ 20.50 | \$ 24.00 |
| Pentecost | | \$ 0.00 | \$ 122.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Stuff the Bus | | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | \$ 17,684.27 | \$ 22,585.22 | \$ 27,181.52 |

| | Expenses | May | June | July |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Missions | | \$ 3,128.33 | \$ 705.33 | \$ 583.33 |
| Session | | \$ 91.87 | \$ 68.11 | \$ 1.25 |
| Worship | | \$ 1,547.63 | \$ 1,622.08 | \$ 1,983.16 |
| Christian Education | | \$ 2,945.84 | \$ 3,338.48 | \$ 3,011.22 |
| Administration | | \$ 6,876.87 | \$ 7,354.09 | \$ 6,850.23 |
| Property | | \$ 1,521.47 | \$ 2,601.14 | \$ 1,585.88 |
| Deacon | | \$ 13.93 | \$ 17.47 | \$ 12.27 |
| Pastoral | | \$ 7,541.89 | \$ 7,160.61 | \$ 7,023.12 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | \$23,667.83 | \$22,867.31 | \$ 21,050.46 |

Use your talents. Giving stewards use their talents to improve others' lives. Follow Jesus' example and use your gifts to reach out to others. For example:

- Care for children and the elderly
- Feed the hungry
- House the homeless



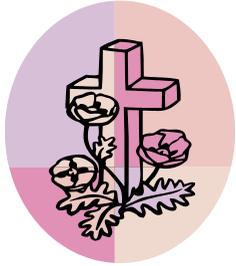
Everyone needs gas and groceries, why not order a Scrip card to use for these purchases? There are many local and non-local businesses that offer Scrip, so check out our Scrip order form at church or on-line on our web page www.bdgracechurch.org.

Monthly Scrip Profit Report

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| January | \$402.68 | April | \$234.43 | July | \$ 465.13 |
| February | \$205.86 | May | \$231.95 | | |
| 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 **Shirley Youngdale and Doris Mason**. We are very grateful for these gifts in memory of loved ones.



**COMMON GROUNDS COFFEE HOUR
RETURNS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 AFTER
WORSHIP!**

THIRD WEDNESDAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT THE CAMPFIRE CIRCLE

(In case of inclement weather we'll meet in the chapel)

9.20.17



6:00 - 6:30pm



Join us!

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.



- 1 - Tessa DeYoung
- 2 - Tim Eilbes, Helen Glewen
- 3 - Sue Bird, Andrew Doege, Tom Higgins, Rita Schreiber
- 4 - Holly Kulka, Salim Mohammed, Steven Propst
- 6 - Linda McMahon
- 8 - Scott Freber
- 10 - Sharron Roffers
- 11 - Bill Bradley, Hawke Shier, Natalie Tietz
- 13 - Paige White
- 14 - Emily Grenon
- 15 - Mariana Skare
- 17 - Henry Buchda, Molly Willihnganz
- 18 - Maya Connaughty, Elizabeth Grenon, Junior Krause
- 21 - Jackie Slayton
- 22 - Marge Anderson
- 23 - Jeremy Klug, Ann Marie Walter
- 24 - Olivia Heinbuch, Lindsay Propst
- 25 - Lexi Steinkraus
- 26 - Judy Douglas, Maria Krause, Rachel McMahon, Caralin Sanders
- 27 - Jake Merrill
- 28 - Kristi Bird
- 29 - Nicole Bird, Joel Schultz
- 30 - Autumn Adams, Jim DeYoung, Conor Sanders, Jeff Slayton



Thank you Received

To the members of Grace Church:

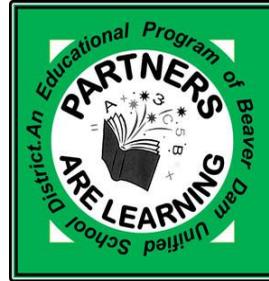
Thanks for sending birthday cards. I enjoyed receiving your messages. It is hard for me to believe that I am 90 years old - I think of all of you often and the good years I spent with all of you.

Thanks again,
Elsie (Carter)

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18 FOR THE OCTOBER COURIER.

Are you a PAL? The Beaver Dam School Unified District is looking for volunteers to participate in the Partners Are Learning program. Partners Are Learning volunteers are matched with a student in grades 3 – 8 and meetings are held twice each week at the student's school. If you would be willing to share a bit of your time (2 – 40 minute weekly sessions- before or after school) with a child that could use assistance in completing homework, learning math facts, reading and being a PAL please contact Barb Loeffler-Hartl at 920-887-5300 ext 1135 or loefflerb@bdusd.org for more information or with questions.



Hillside Hospital seeks Hospice Volunteers



Hillside Hospital of Beaver Dam Community Hospital is currently seeking Hospice volunteers to help us serve and care for patients and families nearing the end of life in various nearby counties. About 80% of hospice care is provided in the patient's home, family member's homes, or nursing homes. 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 controlling their pain and discomfort along with assisting the patient, family, 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 the desire to help others when it's needed most. All volunteers receive thorough training and ongoing support. The time commitment can be structured to match your availability. Volunteers are at the heart of the hospice team, providing support in the form of companionship and comfort, while a family member gets a much needed break. We also have a "We Honor Veterans" program where veterans visit other veterans in their home or another facility. This is a very special program for our Veteran Hospice patients. You can train at home or in the hospice office. Some of the topics covered will be: Hospice Philosophy, Communication, Care and Comfort, Death & Dying, Grief & Loss, Patient Rights, Family, Ethics, Spirituality & Spiritual Care, Safety & Infection Control, and Alzheimer's disease. 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.

SEPTEMBER

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| | | |  | | 1 Office Closed | 2 |
| 3 9:30a Worship – Communion | 4  Office Closed | 5 9:30a Senior Coffee | 6 8:45a Meditation 6:00p Fellowship Committee 7:00p Discipleship & Nurturing Committee | 7 7:00p Choir Rehearsal | 8 Office Closed | 9 9:00a Second Harvest Grace Clothes Closet |
| 10 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship <i>Children's Church Begins Today</i> 10:30a Mission Study Input Session | 11  Remembering 9/11 5:00p Stewardship Committee 6:00p Worship Committee 6:30p Deacon Meeting | 12 9:00a 2 nd Tuesday Book Club 9:30a Senior Coffee | 13 8:45a Meditation 1:30p Charleston House Communion 5:00p Mission Committee 6:00p Session Meeting | 14 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p <i>Return to the Sacred</i> Book/Conversation Group | 15 Office Closed | 16 |
| 17 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship | 18 Newsletter deadline 1:30p Hillside Manor Communion | 19 9:30a Senior Coffee | 20 8:45a Meditation  6:00p Third Wednesday Worship | 21 1:00p Gardenistas Trip 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p <i>Return to the Sacred</i> Book/Conversation Group | 22  Office Closed | 23 |
| 24 No Choir 9:30a Worship Fire Up For Fall Fellowship Potluck!!  Fire Up For Fall! POTLUCK | 25 | <i>Courier</i> 26 9:30a Senior Coffee Presbytery Meeting at Jerusalem Presbyterian | 27 8:45a Meditation 8:30-1:30 High School Blood Drive Here 6-7:30 FAMILY GAME NIGHT! | 28 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p <i>Return to the Sacred</i> Book/Conversation Group | 29 Office Closed | 30 Presbytery Officer Training Here |

