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Jump into

Bounce House!

Sunday School!



Sunday September 11 with Rally Day!

Registration forms available NOW and remains open to new students throughout the Sunday School year.

Snacks

9:30-11:00 ♦ WORSHIP ♦ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ♦ SUNDAY SCHOOL



12th ANNUAL
GRACE'S CAR HOP

SUNDAY 9/18/16 10:30AM-1:30PM

Notice it's lunchtime on a Sunday following worship this year!



This is an old fashioned drive-in where our youth will wait on cars and tables. We use our profits to benefit others. This year's proceeds are designated to a project to create a safe play space for young children and children with special needs in our outdoor green space. We're excited to serve you, in the sunshine & fresh air, on 9/18!

Each month I try to reflect upon the many ways I've witnessed God's presence within the Grace community.

When I last wrote it was early June. Since Session did not meet in July, I am keeping in mind the months of June, July and early August. So with that in mind, here is how I've witnessed God's presence in the Grace community.

When I preached at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensburg, PA, I felt the Spirit's presence allowing me to share in my home church's 125th anniversary celebration. Unlike Jesus preaching in his home church, I was not run out of town and asked never to come back. All went very well! I was also grateful for the leadership of Rev. Pat Lyons who covered for me!

When the young people from the mission team shared their stories with the congregation in worship on the 26th of June, I was moved as to how they made an impact upon the lives of the family they served. Relationships were formed - lives were changed. Young people experienced another culture as well as hard work. The support of the congregation was also amazing. As a congregation you not only supported these young people financially but also in prayer.

When I visit a member who is not only shut-in but also unresponsive, I often sing Jesus loves me and pray the Lord's Prayer. I also read the 23rd Psalm. In July, I visited a shut-in member who suffers from dementia. As a result of her dementia, she must live in assisted housing. Yet, when I visited and sang and prayed - she recalled both the words to the song as well as the prayer. I could see her lips moving and her eyes welling up in tears. Even though the body is broken the Spirit is very much alive!

Recently I've had conversations in which folks are truly struggling with their faith. Issues of depression, abuse, and physical health create darkness that overshadows hope and peace. Through conversation and prayer, the Spirit moves in mysterious ways as to create a light in the darkness. Sometimes in life we must be reminded that we are not alone - that the Holy Spirit is always present and tangible. We often just need to be reminded of that!

For 2 weeks you as a congregation allowed me to take some vacation time. While away, I travelled to Door County, Waupun Aquatic Center, played disc golf, went to the Dells, made a trip to Chicago where we as a family visited the Science Museum as well as took in the musical Newsies, and for a short weekend went to Hayward, WI to spend time with friends from MD sitting by the lake and relaxing! I am reminded that frequently Jesus would go off to a quiet spot to recharge and regroup. I am so grateful for the leadership of Rev. Dr. Mark Mollrem while I was away!

I must admit that while I was away I did not attend a place of worship. I slept in and enjoyed a nice brunch. I also played a little disc golf. To be honest, it felt odd - not attending worship. I felt disconnected and out of touch. To engage in worship is at the heart of who I am!

And finally, I am excited about the upcoming program year and look to the remainder of August to solidify a number of plans!

God is so present and so very tangible - if and only if you open your sense. Be still and seek God's presence!

May God's peace be with you all! Pr. Chris Davis



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION @ GRACE



**SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB** meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9 AM at church. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss the book, *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson. 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. New faces are always welcome.



## TEAMeffort Thanks you!

*"God always does what is right. He will not forget the work you did to help his people and the work you are still doing to help them. This shows your love for Christ."* Hebrews 6:10



Dear Grace Presbyterian Church family,  
TEAMeffort wants to thank your church for sending the youth to serve on a mission trip in Blue Ridge this summer.

They represented your church well as they fixed a deck, chipped at concrete, and built up a new deck, and you can be proud of their accomplishments.

We know many lives in Blue Ridge were changed by their words and actions. It was exciting to see your youth put their faith into action. Because of their works, lives were changed both in the people we worked with, as well as the participants in your group.

The TEAMeffort staff thanks you for supporting your youth group on their summer mission trip. We enjoyed serving alongside them!

~ TEAMeffort Staff



## One Mission, Two Sisters, Full Perspective

*By Hannah:* In August, a group of Grace members including myself headed on down to Milwaukee. Molly and I rode with the DeYongs and arrived at the Ronald McDonald House first. We were immediately greeted by the lovely manager who gave us a brief rundown of where things were and helped us set up shop. The rest of our group arrived and we started to get the food ready. Families filtered by as we began preparing the dessert (vanilla cupcakes with assorted icing designs, if you're wondering). Personally, I didn't know too much about the Ronald McDonald House before we volunteered. After a more extensive tour by another wonderful volunteer, I quickly learned how thoughtful the whole setup of the house was. Every room we walked into seemed to have been thought up with so much love and compassion. I mean, they even had a little art studio! Best of all, there was a little space called the Magic Room where each child could pick out a gift when they got to the house. We watched one little girl beam at her new Cinderella shoes and matching crown, ripping open the packaging mercilessly. For a lot of these families, a place like the Ronald McDonald House must really be such a blessing, a godsend, if you will. With trips to the hospital and a sick child, a place where you feel safe and happy would be such a light in a dark time for them. For me, even playing a small role in serving them was much appreciated. I am thankful I got the opportunity to go and would like everyone reading this to go over and not only thank Emily for arranging this but Holly for helping lead us when Emily was sick.



*By Molly:* On August 14<sup>th</sup>, a group from Grace Church made their way down to the Ronald McDonald House in Milwaukee. It was a definitely eye opening and fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon. As I traveled with DeYongs, once we got to the Ronald McDonald House we unpacked food and provisions. We started to bake vanilla cupcakes and as we did children and residents started to follow the smell. As people came to catch an early dinner in a kitchen area opposite ours we met wonderful children and families. Soon more of our group arrived and we set in to full work mode. People worked on lasagnas, cupcakes, salads, fruits, drinks and so on. Around 6:00 we finished up cooking. Around the same time families arrived for dinner. As we lined up to serve the food we could also meet the families. You might expect to see tired or worn out families but they all had a huge smile on their faces. Grateful families and bubbly children made their way through. Everyone was so utterly kind and appreciative. At around 8:30 we were all cleaned up and ready to go home. As the families left we could tell they were grateful. Then we headed home. I went to help out at the Ronald McDonald House because honestly there was no other way to spend a Sunday than sitting around, but I'm glad I went because it felt good to help out. I wish more people my age could experience what I did. Sometime I hope to return and help out again.



Fall Grace Church Office Hours:  
Monday – Thursday, 7am – 12, 1 – 4pm



Come hear from Ruth and Ann on our women's PW Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women on September 7 in the Reception Room at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome.

**Fall rummage sale** - Please start saving your good quality, no-longer-wanted goods - small appliances, toys, furniture, household items, & clothing for the **fall rummage sale, set for Oct. 5, 6, from 8 – 5, Oct. 7, 8-12.** No TV's or computer equipment please.

## MISSION NEWS

On behalf of our local missions, reminder that the following organizations continue to greatly appreciate outstanding Grace generosity:

### PAVE

Current Wish List includes: Bed pillows, stuffed toys, laundry soap, twin fitted sheets, new women's underwear (small and medium), women's plus-size clothing, diapers, women's personal products, and non-perishable food items, bathroom tissue, paper towels and sugar and non-perishable food items. For the month of September, PAVE wishes for **toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, 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 and Food Pantry bins are located next to the main parking lot entrance at the Church.*

### Second Harvest Food Pantry: Saturday, September 10

New and gently-used clothing for men, women and children, preferably seasonal for fall and back-to-school. Current most-needed items include men's jeans, women's plus-size clothing, sweaters, jackets, mittens, gloves and shoes.



## INCOME & EXPENSES:

<u>June - Income</u>	
Offering Envelopes	\$ 21,457.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 190.40
Per Capita	\$ 150.00
Interest	\$ 6.52
Housing Allowance	\$ 500.00
Building Rental	\$ 650.00
Fellowship	\$ 37.00
Pentecost	\$ 20.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 23,010.92</b>

<u>June – Expenses</u>	
Missions	\$ 755.33
Session	\$ 289.32
Worship	\$ 1,650.18
Christian Education	\$ 3,683.44
Administration	\$ 8,395.37
Property	\$ 2,558.99
Deacon	\$ 0.00
Pastoral	\$ 7,591.47
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$24,924.10</b>

<u>July - Income</u>	
Offering Envelopes	\$ 25,876.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 341.33
Per Capita	\$ 30.00
Interest	\$ 0.00
Housing Allowance	\$ 500.00
Building Rental	\$ 350.00
Fellowship	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 27,107.33</b>

<u>July – Expenses</u>	
Missions	\$ 644.22
Session	\$ 299.23
Worship	\$ 1,550.79
Christian Education	\$ 3,015.22
Administration	\$ 6,096.92
Property	\$ 1,538.73
Deacon	\$ 0.00
Pastoral	\$ 6,948.46
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$20,093.57</b>

*Stewardship is a rewarding way of life in which your personal relationship with Jesus is enriched and deepened every day.*



## SCRIP PROFIT REPORT

Support our church throughout the year!

January	\$ 408.10	April	\$390.89	July	\$97.21
March	\$ 276.28	May	\$338.64		
February	\$ 395.67	June	\$289.06		

School will be starting soon! We encourage families to shop with Scrip to get their school supplies and help support Grace Presbyterian Church in the process.

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](http://www.bdgracechurch.org). Thank you to all who support Grace Presbyterian Church by purchasing Scrip!



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 **Buehl Cuff** and **Jean Sheskey**. We are very grateful for these gifts in memory of loved ones.



Our sympathy to the family and friends of member **Jean Sheskey**, who passed away on July 25, 2016. Her service was held on August 3. Jean was a Grace Church member since April 8, 1936!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Andrea Zimmerman and Kevin Eilbes**, who were married at Grace Church on August 20, 2016, with Pastor Chris Davis officiating.

## Thank You!

Dear members of Grace Presbyterian,  
We are so grateful to you for your recent gift – thanks! Your generous gift of \$164.50 will help support PAVE’s core services such as our safe and secure shelter, crisis hotlines, supportive options counseling, and prevention education continue in our community.

Thank you for your continued faithful support of our programs and our mission to empower those affected by violence. Your generosity inspires us; we know we couldn’t do it without you.

Teresa Nienow, Executive Director  
Jessica Tiffany, Program Manager



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 90 minutes of your time (2 – 45 minute weekly sessions- before or after school) with a youth 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](mailto:loefflerb@bdusd.org) for more information or with questions. (Brochures available in the kiosks at church.)

## Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County Benefit

The Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County is holding its **Third Annual Autumn Benefit on Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-9:00pm at Beaver Dam Country Club**. Tickets are: \$40 per person; \$75 per couple; and tables of eight are available for \$280. You can purchase tickets online at [pscdcsupport.com/upcoming-events.html](http://pscdcsupport.com/upcoming-events.html) or stop in the center to purchase, 108 Parallel St., Suite 2, Beaver Dam.

Keynote speaker: Robin Becker  
Entertainment by Selepri

Auctioneer: Jeff Kitchen  
Silent & live Auction

## August Birthdays

*(We didn't publish an August newsletter, so we're also sharing August birthdays this month.)*

- 1 - Theo Cross, Rhonda Teeter-Schoepke
- 3 - Lou Ann Muenchow
- 4 - Caleb Apel, Deborah Zimmerman
- 5 - Ron Callies
- 6 - Gina Zimmerman
- 8 - Deanna Koch
- 9 - Brittany Armon
- 10 - Paulette Horn, Ashley Kulka
- 12 - Jeremy Kastein
- 13 - Jena Berg, Betsy Frederick, Mike Helgren, Cadrick Sanders
- 14 - Landyn Ganske
- 15 - Jeanette Clawson
- 16 - Rosemary Martel, Josie Woodworth-Turner
- 18 - Montgomery Kikkert, Zackary Propst
- 19 - Savanna Bagneski, Alan Ehrhardt
- 20 - James MacDonald
- 21 - Patricia Lyon
- 22 - Ethan Haucke, Jenna Muenchow
- 23 - Pat Kneser, Dennis Pohle
- 24 - Alison Walter
- 25 - Gus Shier, Macy Woodward
- 27 - Trevor Kastein, John Meylink, Hannah Pearson
- 29 - Kevin Dollar, Jim Schraufnagel
- 30 - Marien Henderson
- 31 - JoAnn Heinbuch



## September Birthdays

- 1 - Tessa DeYoung
- 2 - Tim Eilbes, Helen Glewen
- 3 - Sue Bird, Andrew Doege, Tom Higgins
- 4 - Holly Kulka, Steven Propst
- 6 - Doris Mason, Linda McMahon
- 10 - Sharron Roffers
- 11 - Bill Bradley, Hawke Shier, Natalie Tietz
- 13 - Paige White
- 14 - Emily Grenon
- 15 - Mariana Skare
- 17 - Molly Willihnganz
- 18 - Maya Connaughty, Elizabeth Grenon, Junior Krause
- 21 - Tony Kikkert, 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



**Next Courier:** Deadline for articles is Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>, for the October newsletter.



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# September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:30a Worship – Communion	<b>5</b>  Office closed	<b>6</b> 9:00a Mom’s Group 9:30a Senior Coffee	<b>7</b> 8:45a Meditation 5:30p Stewardship Committee	<b>8</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> Office Closed	<b>10</b>
 <b>11</b> 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 10:30a Christian Ed <b>Rally Day!</b>	 <b>12</b> 6:00p Worship Committee 6:30p Deacon Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00a 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Book Club 9:00a Mom’s Group 9:30a Senior Coffee 6:00p Personnel Committee	<b>14</b> 8:45a Meditation 6:00p Session	<b>15</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> Office Closed	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 10:30a Christian Ed <b>11a-2p Gracie’s Car Hop</b>	 <b>19</b> Newsletter deadline 1:30p Hillside Manor Communion	<b>20</b> 9:00a Mom’s Group 9:30a Senior Coffee	<b>21</b> 8:45a Meditation <b>6:00p Outdoor Worship</b> 	<b>22</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 	<b>23</b> Office Closed	<b>24</b>
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