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Happy New Year!

Greetings, and Happy New Year to you all! I am sure you have noticed by now that you are holding in your hands a "lite" version of our typical newsletter. This was done for a couple of important reasons. One, the December and early January parts of the year are especially busy for the church and the church office. As a result, it makes it challenging to put out our normal-sized newsletter, particularly at the start of the year. Secondly, since we have moved to the two-month format per newsletter, it has been really well received and we would like to stick to that schedule. Therefore, with the implementation of this "lite" January version we will be able to move to a much better and more-efficient two-month schedule. Meaning, there will be a June-July newsletter, and the "Christmas-time" one will fall on both December and January. We hope your new year is off to a great start and we look forward to hearing from you, seeing you in worship, and ensuring that many lives are touched once again from the many wonderful children of God at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Chris

January 19th

On Sunday, January 19th, we will be ordaining and installing the new officers for their upcoming terms. Both Deacons and Ruling Elders will be participating in this exciting new journey for both them and the church during worship. We hope to see you there!



Join us for

Scout Sunday

February 2nd @ 10:30 am

February 2nd

SOUPER BOWL XLVIII SOUP SPECTACULAR

Start celebrating this season's Super Bowl early by joining us after the service on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, for our Soup Spectacular. Perhaps the Colts will once again meet the Bears for a rematch. We already have volunteers who are going to make their world famous versions of chili, potato soup, and ham and bean. But we will be asking for a few more from the congregation to make a variety of other soups, perhaps cream of broccoli, chicken noodle, or vegetable. A variety of breads and ingredients for PBJ sandwiches will also be available. Watch the church bulletin for the location and details on this event!





• Thanks to everyone who brought many nice Bingo prizes for our annual Bingo visit to Byron Health Center on October 28th. Thanks to Evelyn Brunnegraff, Diana Eller, Margaret McBride, and Vivian and Gene Allen for going to help them play bingo, visit with them and serve refreshments.
~Vivian Allen, Grace PW / CWU Coordinator

• A big thank you to everyone who participated and weathered the storm at our Halloween with Grace event October 31st. A special thanks to our friend Katie Kaiser for making a quick trip to the store to get more candy! We had over 400 kids trick or treat through the church.
~Evangelism Committee

• Thank you to our Sunday school children for making the beautiful fall cards for our home centered members.
~Deacons

• Thank you to Keven Sark and his tree crew, John Current and Pastor Chris for helping cut down and remove the dead elm tree by the office entrance at Grace on November 5th. It was a hard days work!

• A fantastic time was had by one and all at the Kirwan's baby shower on December 1st. Games were played, food was enjoyed, and gifts were opened to many oohs and ahs from those in attendance. Thank-you to everyone who participated!
~Congregational Life

• A special thank-you to Sue Creager for her beautiful piano playing as the guest soloist sang in honor of Louise McCracken on December 1st. Also, thanks to Debi Thorpe and Anne Courtney for taking charge of the Christmas pageant this year!
~Cathy German

• Thank you to all who came to the Annual Christmas Party and White Elephant Exchange. The food was wonderful - it looked like it was a planned meal and not a pot-luck. Well done everyone! Thank you goes to Evelyn for the planning and door prize. Heather Morrison Bean was the winner of the lighted snowman door prize.
~Presbyterian Women

• Many thanks to Brian Zimmerman who spent a lot of his time here at Grace setting up our new cameras, wireless access points, JoAnn's computer, the Library's computer, the Office computer, and my computer to help me work at the church. Please join me in expressing our appreciation for how well he keeps the church's IT Systems working and in good repair.
~John Current



Thank you to ALL who volunteered at Grace in 2013. We are now looking for new faces to add to our volunteer lists! If you would like to try something new in 2014 please consider volunteering anywhere you would like in the church. Two good opportunities for you to sign up, (if just even once this year!) are with Fellowship and Childcare. Please see Beth White for Fellowship and Stacey Monnier for Childcare. All our committees are always looking for new members or volunteers for events, so just see any chairperson or call the church office. Here is to making 2014 a good year - Thank You!

Youth Group

The Youth were busy during the Christmas season. They wrapped gifts that members purchased for the Salvation Army families. They made Christmas cards and then had pizza at Pizza Hut. And they participated in the Sunday School program on December 15th. Thank you to everyone for their help and participation!



The Christmas Yard

Sale brought in approximately \$350.00!

A portion of the proceeds has been given

to the Accessibility fund. Thank you to all who donated items, came to the sale to buy, helped us with set-up, and/or worked the day of the sale. As you take down your decorations, please donate any unwanted items to the library. WE NEED MORE THINGS FOR 2014! They can be dropped off at the Library anytime. Thank-you.

Prayer Shawl Recipients should be a member of Grace...

- ◆ Experiencing a time of joy...or
- ◆ Making a unique, spiritual contribution to Grace now or in the past...or
- ◆ Experiencing a time of need

The shawls are given in the hope they will bring comfort and warmth to the recipient. Anyone can give them to a member, just please follow the guidelines and let Beth White or the office know so we can follow our giving.

In peace and love,
The Prayer Shawl Ministry of Grace Presbyterian Church



Prayer Shawl Ministry

FROM THE TREASURER...

Please pick up your 2014 pledge envelopes in the Narthex if you have not done so. If you would like them mailed, please call the church office. Also, it would be very helpful and time saving to the treasurer if everyone would use their envelopes when giving donations to the church. The number on your envelope is used in this process. As an additional reminder, the 2014 Per Capita amount is \$35.60 per confirmed Grace Presbyterian Member.



Jan. 2	Al Creager
Jan. 5	Ken Rogers
Jan. 7	Linda Knepple
Jan. 10	Dorman Keller
Jan. 13	Carol Courtney
Jan. 17	Cathy German
Jan. 22	Dick Young
Jan. 23	Vivian Allen
Jan. 23	Bill Zion
Jan. 26	Carrie Geist

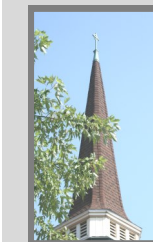
January 17, 1959
Don & Dee Stoiche
January 21, 1949
Gene & Vivian Allen



MEMBER UPDATES

New Addresses:

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New Members Received:

Evelyn Pelz 9/13/13
Mila Wolf 12/8/13

Baptism:

Caleb Roscoe Ankney 11/10/13

Deaths:

Norbert Parrot 1/3/14