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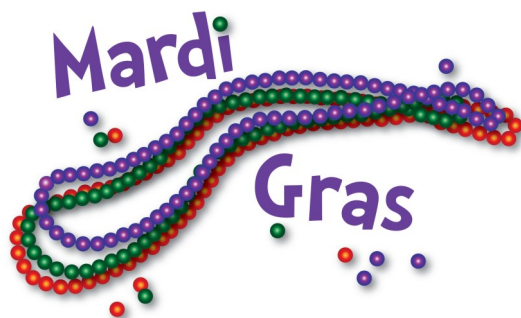
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Tuesday, March 4, 2014  
from 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM  
at Grace

## Donations Needed!

Additionally, we are in need of items for the Mardi Gras Silent Auction. Items can be tickets to sporting events, golf lessons, dance lessons, photography sittings, gift certificates, decorative items, accessories, gift baskets, collectibles, memorabilia, jewelry, scrapbooking items, etc... Items should be new and/or unused. We will accept vintage or antique (25 to 100+ yrs. old) items provided they are in excellent shape and in working order. If you have donations for the Silent Auction, please email [NHCL.Grace@gmail.com](mailto:NHCL.Grace@gmail.com) or call 260-786-6134.

Come on out for a night of  
great family fun and food!

## MARDI GRAS / FAT TUESDAY PARTY

Pancake & Sausage Dinner  
Silent Auction

A freewill donation will be accepted and proceeds will go the North Highlands Center for Learning. NHCL is a tuition-free, after-school learning program for the youth of Fort Wayne - grades K-12.

Visit our webpage:

<http://www.gpcfw.org/ministries/north-highlands-learning-center/>



## LENTEN CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday, March 5  
Service at 7pm

Sunday, March 9  
1st Sunday of Lent  
"Celebrate the Gifts of Women"

Sunday, March 16  
2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 23  
3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 30  
4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 6  
5th Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday, April 13

Maundy Thursday, April 17  
Service at 7 pm

Good Friday, April 18  
46808 service  
at Anchor Community Church  
Time to be announced

Easter Sunday, April 20

## Wednesday

### Lenten Services

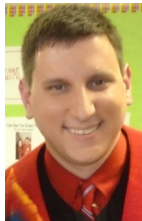
Currently, we are still planning on having our Wednesday evening services during Lent. The format of which, has still yet to be decided. We hope that you will join us at 7 PM for these nice, intimate services.



## LOOKING AHEAD!

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. Kids will enjoy an egg hunt, songs, crafts, etc. Invite your friends and neighbors! More details and volunteer information to follow.

# PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER



As most of you know, Alyssa and I were blessed with the birth of our new child on Tuesday, January 14th, 2014 at 8:23 AM. Skylar Jayne Kirwan came into the world weighing in at 9 lbs.10 oz. and was 20 ¾" long. Of course, as many of you also know she had to get whisked away to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) due to some respiratory issues.

But, she is home now. After being in the NICU for 8 days, I am sure she would tell you that she loved the nurses but enjoys being at home with her sister. Both Skylar and Raelynn seem intrigued and in love with one another at the same time. I look forward to our future as a new family of four!

One fact that I cannot possibly convey enough to everybody is how appreciative and grateful we are for everything Grace had done and continues to do for us. Beginning with the baby shower, we were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and sharing of joy with the upcoming birth of our child. Thank you once again to the people that organized it, participated in it, and made it a special day for us. All of the gifts were fantastic and thoughtful and we could not have hoped for a better afternoon with food, fellowship, and fun. On top of that, we are also grateful for the people that have volunteered to make us all the wonderful dinners we have received and continue to receive. They have all been delicious and proven to be extremely helpful in this hectic transition. In addition, the gift cards to our favorite restaurants have also been greatly appreciated and put to good use. We are also extremely thankful for the countless people that supported us with prayers, cards, flowers, e-mails of encouragement, and sharing of love and care. We cannot thank you all enough for exhibiting the true love and hospitality that Christ talks about and embodies so much in the Bible. It truly is a testament to what a wonderful church family Grace really is. Thank you all once again, and God Bless.

Rev. Chris Kirwan

## From the Choir Director



Debi Thorpe



The choir is working hard to bring new music and some old favorites to Sunday worship. We are having a great time as we lift our voices in praise. Our choir meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm to practice. There is a seat ready for you to join us - no experience necessary!

Later in this newsletter look for information about the service on March 9, 2014, Celebrating the Women of Grace. We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us - whether it is singing, playing an instrument, or helping behind the scenes. See Julie Schneider or me to learn more!

Warm thoughts and prayers,

**Debi**



### NOV/DEC 2013 & JAN 2014 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Nov. 3	104	Dec. 1	105	Jan. 5	32
Nov. 10	94	Dec. 8	100	Jan. 12	81
Nov. 17	90	Dec. 15	82	Jan. 19	78
Nov. 24	82	Dec. 22	95	Jan. 26 - service	
		Dec. 24	100	cancelled	
		Dec. 29	59		

## Presbyterianism 101

### The Book of Order – F-1.03 The Calling of the Church – F1.0303 – The Notes of the Reformed Church



Where Christ is, there is the true Church. Since the earliest days of the Reformation, Reformed Christians have marked the presence of the true church wherever:

the Word of God is truly preached and heard, the Sacraments are rightly administered, and ecclesiastical discipline is uprightly ministered....

### The Book of Confessions - The Second Helvetic Confession – Chapter XXIV – Of Holy Days, Fasts and the Choice of Foods

#### 5.223 – The Time Necessary for Worship

Although religion is not bound to time, yet it cannot be cultivated and exercised without a proper distribution and arrangement of time. Every Church, therefore, chooses for itself a certain time for public prayers, and for the preaching of the Gospel, and for the celebration of the sacraments; and no one is permitted to overthrow this appointment of the Church at his own pleasure. For unless some due time and leisure is given for the outward exercise of religion, without doubt men would be drawn away from it by their own affairs.

## Dec 2013/Jan 2014 Session Highlights

- ◆ Dedication of the new church elevator will take place on Sunday February 23rd immediately following worship down in the fellowship hall.
- ◆ The 2014 budget was approved, and for the first time in a while, it was approved with a potential surplus.

- ◆ The session unanimously agreed to abolish the Inactive Roll for the church, a practice that is becoming more and more common among PC (USA) churches.
- ◆ The nominating committee has been selected, and Stacey Monnier will chair that committee.

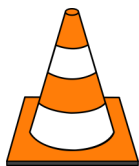
# Up To Date with Committees & Groups



The Presbyterian Women has a new liaison for Church Women United. Pat

Morrison will take over bringing information about Church Women United events to Grace. Vivian Allen served in this role for several years and has decided to pass it on to a new person. We are very grateful for everything she did for these events including representing Grace Presbyterian Church at the CWU functions. Thank-you Vivian!

~Church Women United is a national organization with a chapter in Allen County that encourages church women to come together in a visible fellowship to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Savior, and enabled by His spirit, to go out together into every neighborhood, and nation as instruments of His reconciling love.~



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE...

The elevator contractor informs us that weather permitting the elevator will be ready for inspection by the end of January. Once we are in line for inspection it will be up to the State to determine when they can come and inspect the elevator at which time it will be immediately available for use. The rest of this project should also be done by the end of January except for certain outdoor portions that we are hoping for warm enough weather early in February. Thanks for your patience during this very long process.

Building Committee



The next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Wednesday,

February 5th at 5 p.m. Join us!



## HANDYMAN STILL NEEDED

If you are handy, or willing to learn, then the property committee needs your help! We could use a few more good people that are great (or even not so great) at fixing, building, and touching things up at the church! This could include, changing light fixtures, fixing some plumbing, or creating ways to improve the property here at Grace. If you are interested, or would love to lend your services please seek out Jon Wolf or John Current. Thanks!



As you are putting away those final

Christmas decorations, don't forget that the library can use your unwanted items for their Christmas sale in November. Just bring the items to the library.

## A special plea on behalf of the library:

The library doesn't get much use. We are very fortunate that we have many books just waiting to be read. How about checking out a book to read during these cold winter days?



On March 28 - April 6, 2014, Grace German, Todd German and Dave Zimmerman are going to El Salvador. They will be visiting the Compassion Center and are planning to carry gifts to the sponsored children for anyone who wants to send items. See Todd German with any questions.



**Elders  
&  
Deacons**

Welcome to our new Elders and Deacons! Harley, Dan, Holly, Dennis, Norm, Tammy and Pat were ordained and/or installed on Sunday, January 19, 2014.

Here is our list of Elders & Deacons serving this year...

## Session Elders

(class of 2014)

Dot Gilbert

Stacey Monnier

Jon Wolf

(class of 2015)

Cathy German

Julie Schneider

Beth White

(class of 2016)

Dennis Allen

Norman Getts

Tammy Menkes

## Deacons

(class of 2014)

Tyler Bowers

Peggy Mahoney

Ginny Myers

Dee Stoiche

(class of 2015)

Ken Mahoney

Pat Morrison

Pam Shannon

Jill Werling

(class of 2016)

Harley Allen

Dan Ankney

Holly Bouthot

Diana Eller



# Grace Fellowship!



*Thank you to Marjory Leas and Diana Eller for decorating their cars for a rainy Halloween with Grace on October 31, 2013. Awesome job!*



*Tom Monnier, Alex Monnier and Tyler Bowers helping put together the Christmas Tree during "Hanging of the Greens" on November 25.*



*Raelynn, Katelyn, Alex and Gabby adding a little fun to our "Hanging of the Greens" party getting underway in November.*



*Alex and Katelyn Monnier getting ready to light candles before worship on Sunday, November 17, 2013.*

*Raelynn helping mom open cards & gifts at the Kirwan baby shower on Sunday, December 1, 2013.*



*Youth Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 15, 2013*

# ACCESSABILITY PROJECT

As most of you may have noticed by now, the new elevator is just about ready for use! At the time of this newsletter, we are still waiting on the state inspector to come and give us a certificate of operation to use the elevators. Hopefully, that will happen sooner than later and we can be well on our way to making Grace Presbyterian a more accessible place. The elevator will have three levels of exit and entry. The top level will be in the parlor, the middle will be behind the narthex, and the bottom level will be down in the fellowship hall. Additionally, you may also notice that the new entrance from the front parking lot to the sanctuary is more or less complete aside from a few minor details. The new ramp is much more wheelchair-friendly, and the vestibule is now fully enclosed with our usual glass doors and is donned with a nice large window for looking out. It is a good place for someone to wait to be picked up during a rain or snowstorm. As it stands, we hope to be able to officially dedicate the elevators on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following worship. More details on that will come later. In the meantime, on behalf of Grace Presbyterian, we cannot thank the many people that have spent many diligent hours, dollars, and e-mails ensuring that this project was completed and completed well. So, once again thank you to everybody that served on the brainstorming phase, the building committee, the capital campaign committee, the liaison to the contractor's and workers, and of course, all of you. This very worthwhile project would not have been possible without the hard work and support of everyone involved in the project. We hope that you and others are able to enjoy these additions for many, many, years to come.



The new vestibule at the ramp entrance on Huffman & Fairhill



The new elevator entrance on the lower level in Fellowship Hall



The new elevator entrance outside the narthex on the sanctuary level



# MEMBER UPDATES



## New Addresses:

◆ Beth White  
309 Three Rivers East  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

## Births:

Skylar Jayne Kirwan born 1/14/14  
(Parents Rev. Chris & Alyssa Kirwan)

## Deaths:

Ian Morrison 1/21/14



## COLLEGE ADDRESSES!

◆ Brittney Bellis @ Indiana University  
Collins-Cravens 417  
541 N. Woodlawn Avenue  
Bloomington, IN 47406

◆ Tyler Bowers @ Indiana University  
2451 E. 10th Street  
Apartment 1121  
Bloomington, IN 47408

◆ Katie German @ Purdue University  
607 N. Russell Street  
Lafayette, IN 47906

◆ Rachel German @ Ball State University  
1616 West Gilbert Street  
Apartment C300  
Muncie, IN 47303

◆ Amanda Neumann @ Ivy Tech Community College  
1124 Nelson Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

◆ Kelli Neumann @ Purdue University  
2401 Neil Armstrong Drive  
Apartment 1C  
West Lafayette, IN 47906



February 11, 1999 Paul and Phyllis Wilkie  
February 12, 1954 Harry & Connie Stucky  
February 16, 1985 Aaron and Cindy Bowers  
March 17, 1996 Jon and Mila Wolf  
March 21, 1999 Jeff & Lauren Widmann



## In Touch with Our Home-Centered Members

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8426 Tewksbury Ct.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

## Grace Caring Circles

We are assigning caring circles to each of our deacons for 2014. As a result, every member will be assigned to a specific deacon (titled shepherd). In the near future we will inform you of who your deacon is via different communications.

The role and responsibility of your deacon will be to assist with pastoral care through cards, phone calls, and visits. If you have any prayer concerns or pastor care requests, please contact your deacon and/or the church office.



Feb. 01 Amanda Neumann  
Feb. 02 John Current  
Feb. 04 Teresa Licari  
Feb. 05 Marjory Leas  
Feb. 07 Bryan Boggess  
Feb. 07 JoAnn Getts  
Feb. 07 Robert Morell  
Feb. 08 Don Bosse

Feb. 10 Lois Walsh  
Feb. 10 Karen Doehrman  
Feb. 15 Kelli Neumann  
Feb. 19 Kyle Howard  
Feb. 19 Hattie Springer  
Feb. 21 Harley Allen  
Feb. 23 Aaron Bowers  
Feb. 25 Julie Schneider  
Feb. 25 Damian Polk  
Feb. 27 Tom Monnier  
March 01 Larry Gouker  
March 05 Peggy Mahoney

March 05 Harry Stucky  
March 08 Judy Bellis  
March 09 Becky Barnett  
March 16 Norman Getts  
March 20 Mary Neumann  
March 22 Diana Eller  
March 22 Ashton Lyons  
March 23 Max Achleman  
March 25 Hanna Barchak  
March 28 Rev. Laura Sherwood  
March 29 Karla Polk  
March 31 Dorothy Holsworth



- NHCL would like to thank Julie Schneider for the donation of two laptop computers (Chrome books). NHCL now has three laptops (all thanks to Julie) for students to use for homework help and educational games.

~Joanne Lukas, NHCL Director

- Thank you so much for the prayer shawl that was given to me, and for the special Christmas visit by Holly Bouthot and Tammy Menkes. It was really appreciated!

~Jean Sark

- Thank you to Tim Bauman and Dennis Allen for their extraordinary effort in keeping the church maintained during and after the construction work. Because of their efforts, we are able to postpone, maybe cancel altogether, a

planned cleaning party. When it came time to plan for cleaning the question became, who already did the cleaning? Turns out these two have been quietly cleaning away, like they always do. There will be a need to clean but we are waiting to see the results of the cleaning the contractors will do first.

~John Current

- I just wanted to say a big thank you to both John Current and Tom Monnier for helping out a pastor and soon-to-be new father with a flat tire! Needless to say, the timing for it was not great, but both my family and I are extremely appreciative for the time you two gentlemen took out of your day to help restore the vehicle to good working condition. Thank you!

~Pastor Chris

- A sincere thank you goes to Holly Bouthot, Bonnie Geist, Deb Zimmerman, and Pastor Chris for their time and effort into the completion of the Grace Presbyterian Employee Handbook.

~Tammy Menkes

# 46808 Church Events!

## LENTEN GATHERINGS

Please join us Sunday Nights!

### March 9

Anchor Community Church

Topic: *Why Pray?*

### March 16

1st Mennonite Church

Topic: *National Day of Prayer Theme,  
"One Voice - United in Prayer" Romans 15:6*

### March 30

Trinity United Methodist Church

Topic: *What We Learned From the "Learning to Love to Pray" Seminar*

The special Lenten Sunday night programs will run as follows:

6 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. Session Begins

## LEARNING TO LOVE TO PRAY

You Are Invited!

**Saturday, March 22, 2014**

**Where:** North Highlands Church of Christ,

1414 Archer Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Registration @ 8:30 a.m. - Seminar begins at 9:00 a.m.

**Cost:** Registration is only \$10.00 (Includes Seminar and Lunch - Scholarships available)



**Featuring David Butts** - President of Harvest Prayer Ministries, Terre Haute, IN

### About Learning To Love To Pray:

The *Learning to Love to Pray* seminar is a prayer-training event that deepens and recharges people's prayer lives and helps churches become "houses of prayer."

### The seminar will encourage and equip:

- Believers who want to learn to love to pray
- Ministers & church leaders who want to ignite prayer in the local church. Intercessors who want to develop their prayer ministry abilities.

### For More Information Call:

**North Highlands Church of Christ office**

**260-424-5501**



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*March 9th* is the Sunday that Presbyterians across the country and around the world will be celebrating the gifts of women. Women of Grace will conduct the service that day. Come join us as we lift up the women in our families, communities, and our churches together. This is the first Sunday of Lent and communion will be served. Remember this is the day that daylight savings time begins!



*Celebrate  
Gifts  
of Women*



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS  
FORWARD 1 HOUR!