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Matthew 28:5-6

"But the angel said to the women, 'Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said.'"



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 13 @ 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 17 @ 7 pm

*Good Friday, April 18 @ 12 noon
46808 service*

at Anchor Community Church

Easter Sunday, April 20 @ 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast



The Boy Scout Troop 15 will be serving breakfast on Easter morning in Fellowship Hall from 8:00-10:30 am. Please come early on April 20th and enjoy a nice breakfast before our Easter service! A free-will offering will be accepted.

When: April 19 at 10:00 AM

Who: Children of all ages
are welcome!!

What: Egg hunt, crafts, music,
games, and snacks

Where: Grace Presbyterian Church

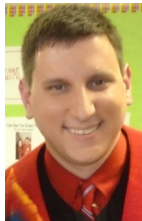
EASTER EGG HUNT!

APRIL 19th



Please join us for a morning of fun. Plan to be there by 10:00 so you don't miss out on the festivities!

PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER



This Lenten journey can, at times seem like a long one, although it is nothing compared to this past winter! (Sorry, I had to get a winter job in there somewhere, and you knew it was probably coming). Regardless, the challenging part of long journeys is how they can often test many traits and qualities we do not always like having tested. Patience, for one, is certainly something we have to just either accept, or spend fruitless effort, energy, and time being frustrated over. Often times too, it is not like we have much choice in the matter. If we are counting down the days to an anticipated vacation, we cannot selfishly make time go faster, other than occupying ourselves somehow. If we want our car to be warmed we have to start it ahead of time, and cannot have instant heat. And, if we are anxious to one day see the loved ones that have gone before us then we too, must wait.

The point is, these journeys do serve a purpose, although at times they may seem excessive or pointless. But, let's face it, how different would it affect us if we could attain every single thing instantly? Would we lose our appreciation for relationships if we never had to wait to visit friends and family, or count down the days until they see us? Would we appreciate the efforts put into farming if there was no such thing as planting, fertilizing, nourishing, and harvesting? Or, would we even have patience if it was not tested and challenged from time to time? Through this waiting period we are provided the opportunity to learn, to grow, and to work on areas that we do not always like to have worked on. The journey of Lent allows us to further appreciate Easter. Through our own "giving up" or "taking on" during this Lenten season we get a sense (if not a mere glimpse) of Christ's own sacrificial excursion. As hard as they may be, they are a fact of life. These journeys allow us to grow as Christians, to appreciate more events, things, and people, and they allow us to understand the importance of our own relationship with God. As this Lenten season eventually comes to a close, let us think of how we might have grown, or what we might have learned these past forty days.

Rev. Chris Kirwan

From the Choir Director



Debi Thorpe



Dear Grace Family,

I just got home from today's service and I am sitting here thinking about how wonderful the worship service was, including the delightful music offered by CHORDS. How blessed we are to have such talented people in our midst. In the past few weeks and the weeks ahead we have been and will be treated to a wonderful variety of music and many are from Grace members – Bob Guingrich shared some of his favorite hymns on the harmonica, Chords offered music ranging from Classical to Contemporary with wonderful instrumental accompaniment, and soon we will be hearing from Flutist, Tamara Searer-Jenkins as she joins our own Adult Choir during Holy Week. I hope you have enjoyed the music as much as I have; but if you find yourself wishing for more, whether it be singing or playing an instrument, I invite you to do just that! You may want to offer your talents in worship or you may wish to come to a practice and join us on a more informal basis. Please know that you will be greeted with open arms – We're holding a seat open, just for you!

Your Sister In Christ,
Debi

(and yes, I have stopped praying for snow...a true miracle and sign of Spring!)



FEB/MAR 2014 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Feb. 2	100
Feb. 9	64
Feb. 16	89
Feb. 23	81

Mar. 2	51
Mar. 9	78
Mar. 16	105
Mar. 23	108
Mar. 30	80

Presbyterianism 101

The Book of Order – G-3.01 General Principles of Councils – G3.0105 – Meetings



Meetings of councils shall be opened and closed with prayer. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, except when it is in contradiction to this Constitution. Councils may also make use of processes of discernment in their deliberations prior to a vote as agreed upon by the body.

The Book of Confessions -The Heidelberg Catechism-Of God the Son: Lord's Day 15 4.044

Q.44. Why is there added: "He descended into hell"? [In regards to the Lord's Prayer]

A. That in my severest tribulations I may be assured that Christ my Lord has redeemed me from hellish anxieties and torment by the unspeakable anguish, pains, and terrors which he suffered in his soul both on the cross and before.

February / March 2014 Session Highlights

- ◆ The session approved the removal of the chair lift that goes from the sanctuary level up to the office floor.
- ◆ Linda Knepple, along with Todd German were elected to serve as the committee responsible for providing a Full Financial

Review of Grace Presbyterian Church for the previous year, which will eventually be presented to session.

- ◆ The request to baptize Skylar Jayne Kirwan on March 9th, 2014 was approved.

Up To Date with Committees & Groups

HERE ARE YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2014:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CATHY GERMAN

CHURCH STAFF RELATIONS

TAMMY MENKES

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

BETH WHITE

DEACON'S MODERATOR

HOLLY BOUTHOT

EVANGELISM

JULIE SCHNEIDER

FINANCE

STACEY MONNIER

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

EVELYN BRUNNEGRAFF

PROPERTY

JON WOLF

WORSHIP

DOT GILBERT



THE EASTER CROSS

Hopefully our gardens will be in bloom with vivid colors of flowers for Easter Sunday. If flowers haven't come up yet, there will be plenty of fresh flowers provided to decorate the cross during the service on Easter.

Dot Gilbert

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME

Allegedly, people are saying summer is right around the corner. Well, I will believe it when I see it! But, in the meantime we figured it would still be a good idea to let you all know that this year we will be keeping the same worship hours for the summer that we have had all year. Meaning, even during the summer months we will be meeting and worshipping at 10:30. Of course, Sunday school will still be taking a leave of absence, but worship will continue on through June, July, and August. We hope to see you all there!

Pastor Chris



About Our Caring Circles

Some of you may remember the days when the Deacons had a Parrish to oversee. We have something similar now, but it is now called Caring Circles. Every Deacon has been assigned as a Deacon Shepherd for each member of Grace. If you have not been contacted, please call Holly Bouthot at 452-5685. I will be happy to make your Deacon aware and give you their contact information. Our hope is that you will call your Deacon, if you would like a home visit from us and/or the Pastor, if you have a prayer request, or if you or a family member is ill or in the hospital. The primary roll of a Deacon is to serve Christ's church. Since we are all members of Christ's church at Grace, we want to be available to each of you.

Holly Bouthot, Deacon Moderator



PW Happenings - Come Join the Fun

Anyone can join us for our monthly get togethers!

Lunch at Pizza Hut on the 2nd Thursdays of the month - Next dates: April 10 & May 8

Lunch at Glenbrook Mall Food Court on the last Thursday of the month - Next dates: April 24 & May 29

PW Events this year!

- May 11 Plant Sale - see page 8 for details
- May 19 Cancer Pad Night - see page 8 for details
- Sept. 20 Cookie Bake for the home centered
- Oct. 18 Making caramel corn for fundraiser
- Nov. 8 Making peanut brittle for fundraiser
- Nov. 15 Cancer Pad Sewing & Lunch
- Dec. 6 PW Christmas Party

See Evelyn Brunnegraff if you would like to join us or have any questions - 424-2804



Pat Morrison has attended several Center for Congregation workshops in the past few months. These are always informative and well worth the \$30 for the all-day workshops or the \$10 for the luncheon workshops. Most recently she attended the Social Media and Congregational Communication workshop held at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Fort Wayne. Meredith Gould, author of "The Social Media Gospel: Sharing the Good News in New Ways," led a discussion about using social media in the church setting with many ideas and suggestions for keeping connected and communicating the church's message. As soon as Pat finishes reading the book it will be available in the church library.



Grace Wish List

As a reminder, we want to let everyone know that we do have a Wish-List system here at

Grace Presbyterian Church. If there is an item, project, or other thing you think that Grace could benefit from. Or, if there is something you need for helping out at the church please fill out a wish-list form which can be found on the mailboxes in the office hallway and submit it into either: A) the offering plate or B) Pastor Chris' mailbox. The next step entails the request being reviewed by the finance committee for final approval to ensure that it will be a good fit and/or benefit to Grace Presbyterian Church. Should you have any questions regarding this process, or this way of donating or requesting a donation, please call the office, or e-mail pastor Chris at: gracepastor@gpcfww.org.

Upcoming Events



Take Me Out To the Ballgame!

Join us on **Sunday, June 15th** for an afternoon of TinCaps baseball at the jewel of downtown Fort Wayne, Parkview Field. Enjoy hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, popcorn, and non-alcoholic beverages as you sit behind home plate in the Homerun Concourse. Lessons have been learned since last season, and all of us will be sitting together in that section.

The first pitch is at 1:05 but come much earlier than that to enjoy the food and all of the pre-game festivities. Gates will open at 12:05.

The price is \$20 which includes the game ticket and, more importantly, food. Seats are limited so contact Elder Beth at 432-0672 if you are interested in attending or if you have anymore questions. Full payment is due to Beth on Sunday, May 25th. Watch for the sign up sheet in the narthex.

If you've never been to the ballpark, you will not be disappointed. If you have been or if you joined us last season, you know how enjoyable an afternoon of TinCaps baseball can be.

An official Congregational Life event



MAY 4TH



Please plan on joining us for our Youth Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. and show your support to our youth.

MAY 10TH



Join us for the Annual NHCL 3rd Annual Mom's Day 5K Run & 3K Walk Saturday at 9am. Help us support the North Highlands Center for Learning tuition free after-school program here at Grace. Look for sign-up forms in the narthex.

MAY 11TH



The Women of Grace will conduct the service on this Sunday. Come join us as we lift up the women in our families, communities, and our churches together.

And don't forget it's Mother's Day too!! Treat the women in your life with some flowers from the PW Plant Sale following the service that day.

MAY 27TH



Chick Fil-A Spirit Night
from 5:30-7:30pm

Mark your calendars folks! It is that time again in which Grace will be hosting a fun-filled Spirit Night at the Chick-Fil-A in Jefferson Pointe! We hope that you can make it out again as we always seem to have a good time eating and fellowshiping with one another!

We are also in need of volunteers. So, if you would be willing, and are able to help serve drinks for one of the two hours that would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Pastor Chris or Kelly in the office to sign up for one of the four slots.

Pictured here is the dedication of our brand new elevator on February 23rd! Don and Ruth Foland took the honorary “first-ride” with Pastor Chris. They had the honor of cutting the ribbon which began the



official dedication process. Then, Pastor Chris said a prayer and blessed the elevator. Once again, this was a much-needed improvement at Grace, and it is already being enjoyed by a great many people. It truly does make the church much more

accessible for a lot of people. We cannot thank everyone enough for their generosity in seeing this project come to fruition. Now that the elevator is here, there are a few other projects that will be completed around the church. Yet, we appreciate your patience and contributions. Now, one of the last things for us to wrap up is making sure that loan continues going down! Thank you to everyone who has made this dream a reality, and we hope that it will be enjoyed by many generations for a number of years.



We would like to thank Bob Guingrich for gracing us with his harmonious harmonica in worship on Sunday March 16th. It was a wonderful medley of hymns. Thank you Bob for sharing your talents with us!



Pictured here is the CHORDS Vocal Ensemble that led worship for us on Sunday, March 23rd. They are led by James Zanker, and consisted of four singers, a pianist, and some other band

members playing various instruments. It was a wonderful service that was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Those that missed it, we are sorry! But, they played a wide range of tunes from some classic hymns that we know and love to some more contemporary Gospel-style music. Overall, it was a nice service and it was interesting to experience something a little unique for a change.

MEMBER UPDATES



New Contact Info:

◆ Judy Bellis
260-420-5577

◆ Dennis & Sharon Allen
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Baptism:

Skylar Jayne Kirwan baptized
3/9/14
(Parents Rev. Chris & Alyssa Kirwan)

Deaths:

Dorothy Healey 2/19/14

COLLEGE ADDRESSES

◆ Brittney Bellis @ IU
Collins-Cravens 417
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Bloomington, IN 47406

◆ Tyler Bowers @ IU - GRADUATING 2014!!
234 E. Varsity Lane
Bloomington, IN 47408

◆ Katie German @ Purdue - GRADUATING 2014!!
607 N. Russell Street
Lafayette, IN 47906

◆ Rachel German @ Ball State University
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◆ Amanda Neumann @ IPFW
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◆ Kelli Neumann @ Purdue - GRADUATING 2014!!
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Congratulations to our upcoming college graduates!



We hope that they found their college time educational and formative. Please pray for all three of them for their next journey and path in life.

Way to Go 2014 Graduates!!

Tyler Bowers - Graduating from Indiana University

Katie German - Graduating from Purdue University

Kelli Neumann - Graduating from Purdue university



April 5, 1970	Ken & Peggy Mahoney
April 10, 1948	Dick & Marilyn Young
April 14, 1990	Dr. Robert & Rev. Barb Kenley
April 25, 1964	Ken & Maureen Rogers
April 27, 1968	Norman & JoAnn Getts

May 17, 1986	Ervin & Gail Bellis
May 21, 2006	Rev. Chris & Alyssa Kirwan
May 23, 1965	Doug & Linda Haller
May 25, 1986	Todd & Cathy German



April 01	Joyce Campbell
April 03	Laura Gilbert
April 08	Dale Lehman
April 08	Don Foland
April 09	Chris Fahrenbach
April 13	Erik Stillabower
April 17	Cayden Lyons
April 19	Wil Searer

April 22	Brenden Lehman
April 22	Mildred Anderson
April 23	April Lehman
April 27	Autumn Callahan
April 28	Rev. Loran Lewis
April 28	Carl Jacobs
April 29	Carol Josse
April 29	Amy Kline
April 30	Audrey Seitz

May 01	Alex Bowers
May 03	Jess Ankney
May 03	Helen Ricker

May 03	Tamara Searer-Jenkins
May 04	Arwen Courtney
May 08	Stella Jacobs
May 09	Phyllis Wilkie
May 10	Dave Zimmerman
May 11	Janet Campbell
May 20	Janice Weber
May 25	Margaret McBride
May 26	Dee Stoiche
May 26	Meghan Mahoney
May 28	Ervin Bellis
May 29	Angie Barchak



of the snow and cold of January.

- The family of Ian Morrison wish to thank the ladies of Grace for the wonderful luncheon provided following Ian's funeral. While the weather was terrible, they provided a lovely luncheon that brought the family and friends together for one last time to honor and remember Ian. Thank you again for all you did for the family in the midst of the snow and cold of January.

~Rob and Chris Morrison, Sally Harmes
Randy and Jackie Morrison, Pat Morrison

- Thank you so much to the children of Grace for the beautiful get well and Valentine cards that were made for us. We really enjoyed getting them!

~Arnie & Mary Patten

- A big thank-you to Dennis and Harley Allen for keeping our driveway cleared of snow during this bad winter! We really appreciated it.

~Arnie & Mary Patten



Words of wisdom regarding the chair lifts

We want to let folks know that we will try to keep the remaining lifts safe and operating as long as possible. However, we should be aware that the company that made them is out of business and our ability to get repair parts will be severely limited. Also, the conditions we found when the tower entrance chair was removed leads us to expect breakdown(s) sooner rather than later.

On February 23, 2014, Grace Presbyterian Church dedicated our new elevator.

Here are some ways the elevator serves us...



- ◆ The elevator is convenient to all areas of the church.
- ◆ A nice parking lot with plenty of lighting and a ramp serves the Elevator Lobby entrance.
- ◆ There is a camera there so the church office can monitor the Elevator Lobby entrance doors.
- ◆ We are working on restoring the capability to unlock the door after hours.
- ◆ We are working on obtaining a utility cart that will roll easily in and out of the elevator and one that will not mar or damage the interior walls of the elevator.
- ◆ We are working on getting a protective liner for the occasions when we need to move such items as the floor-cleaning machine.



Update from the Capital Campaign Committee

We are now in year two of our three-year capital campaign fulfillment period. As most of you know, we executed a capital campaign drive to fund the accessibility improvements that have been completed in the last few months at Grace. During the campaign 52 families pledged \$200,910.00. Total dollars as of February 28th paid to date against those pledges are \$119,990.10. The remainder of the pledges will be paid during 2014 and 2015. These pledges will allow us to retire the loan that we took to pay our contractors for the construction project. The project was run very well by Grace building committee members and our contractors and we came in slightly under budget. This money, along with the grant money we received last year from Smock, will allow the building committee to assess the other accessibility issues that we still need or want to complete. These will likely include upgrading some of our restrooms to be more handicap friendly, addressing sound issues in the sanctuary for those with hearing impairment, as well as finishing the areas that were under construction that are currently unfinished by replacing the flooring. Depending on how much money is available they may also be able to address other projects the congregation has expressed as a priority.

If you have contributed to the capital campaign that has made all of this possible, we thank you greatly for your faithful participation in the life of our church. If you are new to Grace and are excited about the improvements you have seen and wish to contribute to the future projects, there are donation envelopes available in the narthex which you can put in the offering plate or you may contact JoAnn Getts, our treasurer, to make a pledge or payment. Thank you for helping us with this improvement project.



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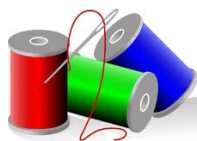
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Don't miss it!

The Presbyterian Women of Grace are having their annual Spring Plant Sale on May 11th during fellowship time. There will be many hanging baskets as well as other plant and garden items. This is a great opportunity to get something special for Mom or to treat yourself! Proceeds go to PW missions.



You're Invited!

All women of Grace are invited to a PW Cancer Pad sewing/fellowship night on Monday, May 19th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You don't need to know how to sew; the only sewing stitch used is an easy basting stitch. We will enjoy an evening of fellowship followed with dessert. Even if you don't want to sew, we'd love to have you come for a visit. Hope to see you there!