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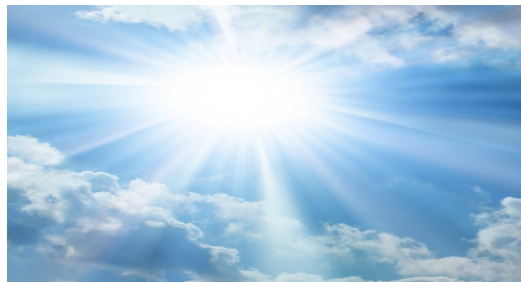
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# Summertime!

...Let your light shine before others, that they may see  
your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.  
*Matthew 5:16*

The Summer worship time at Grace will remain at 10:30 am every Sunday.

Be sure to also join us for our special services...



Sunday, July 13, 2014

Worship on the Lawn (this date subject to change)



Sunday, August 17, 2014

Worship on the Lawn



Sunday, August 31, 2014

46808 Neighborhood church-wide outdoor service  
at Hamilton Park - Details coming soon



Back to  
**SCHOOL**  
With Grace

**Sunday, August 10, 2014**  
**2-4 pm**

Come enjoy the fun and pick up free  
school supplies for the kids!

Activities for the day will include...

- Free school supplies - first come first serve (children must be present to receive supplies)
- Live music with the Anchor Praise Band
- Games & Prizes
- Refreshments
- Moon Walk
- Basketball Fun
- Fort Wayne Fire Department
- Fort Wayne Police Department - SWAT vehicle
- TRAA Ambulance

### DONATIONS NEEDED!!



#### BACKPACKS:

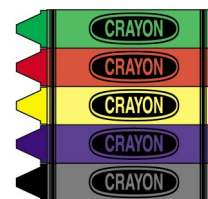
We had a very generous year in 2013 for backpacks and have plenty of backpacks for the elementary children. We would like to purchase 50 backpacks for the older kids as they are a little larger in size. If you would like to help out, donations can be given to Tammy or marked for backpacks and put in the collection plate.

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

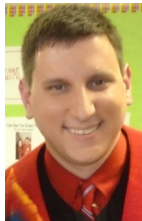
Please help us fill the backpacks! Look for the collection bin in June!

⇒ The following supplies are needed...

Pens, #2 Pencils, Folders with & without tabs, Spiral notebooks-wide & college ruled, Crayola Crayons 24ct., Crayola Markers-thin or thick



# PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER



As summer quickly approaches, I am often reminded of my youthful days. You know, the times where you count down how many school days are left. The times where you daydream of all the fun, relaxing, and joyful experiences you will have this upcoming summer. It is a time when possibilities seem endless, and it is marvelous.

You picture yourself spending countless hours at the beach, in the pool, hanging out with friends, or lounging around the house. But, as most of us know, things do not always go as planned. Something comes up, the weather changes, or your grand scheme has to be altered in some form or fashion.

I feel sometimes this is how our lives go too. Most likely, at some point in our young life, we have (or had) a great dream to either be at a certain place by a certain age in life, accomplish a certain goal, or have a certain amount of friends, family members, or anything else we can concoct in our powerful brains. Only, like my many summers, we never saw all of them come to fruition. Perhaps the issue was that we just set too lofty of expectations for ourselves or others. Or, maybe our plans were altered by factors outside of our own control. Either way, we probably find ourselves in a much different place than we once planned or imagined. This, at times, can cause regret or make us wish for a different life. Yet, that can be unhealthy.

Therefore, the main key to combating this is finding contentment. Being content with what we have is essential to living a full and joyful life, instead of always wanting more. A friend once told me: "What if we woke up the next day with the only things we thanked God for the day before?" It is an interesting notion to be sure, and something certainly worth pondering as we look forward to a summer with endless possibilities. In the meantime, stay safe, have fun, and continue loving God.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Chris Kirwan

## From the Choir Director



Debi Thorpe



Dear Grace Family,

Summer is finally upon us and with it comes the time when our choir takes a well-deserved break. At the end of June, our group will gather for our second annual picnic where we will kick back and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fine food. We will be back together in the fall raising our voices in praise and look forward to seeing you then!

Your Sister In Christ,  
**Debi**



### APRIL/MAY 2014 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

|          |     |        |    |
|----------|-----|--------|----|
| April 6  | 94  | May 4  | 77 |
| April 13 | 80  | May 11 | 91 |
| April 20 | 133 | May 18 | 97 |
| April 27 | 63  | May 25 | 77 |

## Presbyterianism 101

### The Book of Order – F-1.03 The Calling of the Church – F-1.0304 – The Great Ends of the Church

The great ends of the Church are:



the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;  
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;  
the maintenance of divine worship;  
the preservation of the truth;  
the promotion of social righteousness; and  
the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

### The Book of Confessions -The Confession of 1967 – Section A. The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ

#### 2. The Sin of Man – 9.12

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in men as sin in the sight of God. In sin, men claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and their fellow men, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation.

## April/May 2014 Session Highlights

- ♦ The session approved the job description for a church nursery worker, which is now posted at University of Saint Francis, and will soon be posted to other schools. If you know of anyone that is interested please contact the Grace Office.
- ♦ Session approved the removal of the original/old flooring from the upper room. New paint will be applied, and new carpet will

be laid to meet the accessibility requirements regarding wheelchairs on carpets and movement.

- ♦ The discussion of what church is, and how we do it was discussed in a meeting.
- ♦ The request of baptizing Meara Kay Geist on May 18th, 2014, was approved.

# Up To Date with Committees & Groups



Several thank-you's to mention!...

1. Thanks to Aaron Bowers & Dennis Allen for installing the nice new double doors with crosses in the upper room area.
2. Thanks to John Current for removing the old Chair lift at the tower entrance.
3. Thanks to Dennis Allen & Bill Werling for constructing & staining the new stair railings at the tower entrance.
4. Thanks to John Current & Aaron Bowers for continuing to upgrade our entrance doors with improved locking mechanisms & accesses.
5. A big thank you to Property Committee members for removing the old flooring in the upper room and part of the north hallway to make room for new flooring.

See John Current, Dennis Allen, Aaron Bowers or Jon Wolf if you are interested in assisting with any of the Property Committee's ongoing projects.

-Jon Wolf, Property Committee Chairman



Our next Evangelism meeting is Tuesday, June 17th! We will be talking more about Back to School plans and any other concerns. This committee not only plans Back to School and Halloween, but we work on welcoming our visitors and always looking at ways to help make the church building more inviting; like bulletin boards, entry ways, etc.

We welcome new members to please come join our committee and contribute in any way you choose!

Please see any member to join!

Julie Schneider  
Tammy Menkes  
Diana Eller  
Cindy Bowers  
Kelly Bellis  
Sharon Allen



A night time meeting for Cancer Pad Sewing was recently held. Seven women gathered and completed 16 pads! They ended

the evening enjoying a Texas sheet cake supplied by Evelyn Brunnegraff.

## PW upcoming events!

Lunch at Glenbrook Mall Food Court on the last Thursday of the month - Next dates: June 26 & July 31

## PW Events this year!

- 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



## Congregational Life Committee

### A Time of Celebration

⇒ June 8 - continue to celebrate the birthday of the church during the fellowship hour following the church service

⇒ June 15 - men of the congregation will be treated to a surprise before the service and many of us will be celebrating Father's Day at Parkview Field by enjoying a TinCaps game.

⇒ The prayer shawl ministry is suspending Stitch N' Time during the summer months. It will be picked up again come fall.



Three representatives from Grace Presbyterian Church, Margaret McBride, Vivian Allen, and Pat Morrison, attended Church Women United May Friendship Day on May 2 at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. The theme was Through God Our Hands Can Serve, with the Bible study led by Carol Moore of Calvary United Methodist Church.

## COMING THIS FALL:

- The annual Interfaith luncheon is set for Oct. 6 at Ceruti's.
- World Community Day, set for Nov. 7 at Fort Wayne Baptist.

Please watch the newsletter for registration information as the dates draw closer.

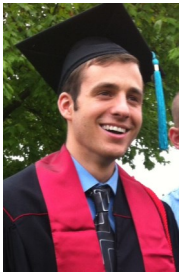
The goals of CWU are to grow in our faith and to extend our vision of what it means to be Christian women of faith; to strengthen visible ecumenical communities; to work for a just, peaceful and caring society; to use responsibly and creatively the resources God has entrusted to us as we carry out Christ's mission through Church Women United. CWU is a racially, culturally and theologically inclusive ecumenical Christian women's movement celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. It is a wonderful organization that brings together women from throughout the city who's faith unites them in worship. All are welcome. For more information speak to Vivian Allen or Pat Morrison.



# SCHOOL NEWS!

## ◆ Grace German

Congratulations to Grace! She has been chosen as one of six recipients of the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne and Wells Fargo Bank Celebration of Youth Award. Betsy Kachmar nominated Grace for her outstanding character and excellence in volunteerism. In recognition of her accomplishment, Grace was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a college of her choice and a 1 year YMCA student membership! Grace just completed her junior year at Homestead High School.



## ◆ Tyler Bowers

Congratulations to Tyler who graduated from Indiana University this year! He has a degree from the school of Public & Environmental Affairs with a bachelor of Science in Public Health. Tyler graduated with Distinction! He has accepted a job with Southern Indiana Health Organization in Columbus, Indiana.



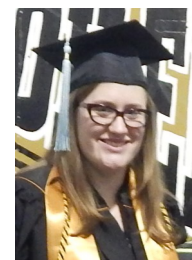
## ◆ Katie German

Congratulations to Katie who graduated from Purdue University this year! She has a degree in Elementary & Special Education, and a minor in global studies. She was on the Dean's List and received Semester Honors! She is currently interviewing for jobs.



## ◆ Alexa Mauger

Congratulations to Alexa who graduated from IPFW this year! She now has a degree in Human Services with minors in sociology and psychology. She is now working full-time as the Heartland Hospice team coordinator.



## ◆ Kelli Neumann

Congratulations to Kelli who graduated from Purdue University this year! She has a degree in Elementary & Special Education. She graduated with highest distinction. She is currently applying for jobs in the Indianapolis area.

## The 2014 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

was a big success! As always, members of our church supplied LOTS of candy. The Sunday before the hunt during fellowship time, members filled 1000 eggs with the candy in preparation of the hunt! Then, on the Saturday before Easter, more volunteers met at church for the event. Sixty-five children and their families attended that day! The children hunted eggs, sang songs, made a craft, listened to a story, played games, and ate snacks. It was a great day! As always, the generous people of Grace Presbyterian Church made this day possible! Check out the pictures below from our event.

### Our Volunteers!



### Game time!

### More games!



### Winner of the jelly bean guessing - Katelyn Monnier!





## Neighborhood News!

Three surrounding neighborhoods are inviting us to come to the Hamilton Park Drug & Gang Awareness Day on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at

6:00 p.m. Come see the many demonstrations to keep our neighborhoods and parks safe.

There will be lots of family entertainment including games, music, door prizes & raffles! Some items for give away include, zoo passes, golf passes, swim passes, Target gift cards, a bike and much more! Also come check out the Fort Wayne Police Department demonstrations!

Sponsored by North Highlands, Bloomingdale, and Lincoln Park Neighborhood Associations.



## PW PLANT SALE

The Mother's Day Annual Plant Sale was a huge success with a profit of over \$150. The plants were especially gorgeous this year. Thank you to everyone for supporting this project which benefits the missions of Presbyterian Women.



## 3B EXERCISE CLASS



Tammy Menkes and Nancy Current completed a 3 day training in 3B — Body, Brain, & Belief. They will be assisting Rev. Bill Hayworth with the summer classes at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian on Monday & Wednesday, 1:30 — 2:30 during June and July. All are welcome to come check it out. Then, beginning mid-August, 3B is coming to Grace Presbyterian Church! More information will be available at a later date.

## Meara Kay Geist



**Baptized at Grace  
Sunday  
May 18, 2014**



## The Learning to Love to Pray Seminar

was held March 22 during the Lenten season at North Highland Church of Christ. Attending from Grace were Tammy Menkes, Julie Schneider, Nancy Current, Peggy Mahoney and Pat Morrison. The day-long seminar delved into the wonder of prayer and the love of God.





# MEMBER UPDATES



## New Contact Info:

◆ Nick & Angie Barchak  
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◆ Bill Hatfield  
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◆ Harold & Evelyn Pelz  
The Cedars  
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◆ Pat Platt (temporary address)  
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## Baptism:

Meara Kay Geist - baptized 5/18/14  
(Parents Brian & Carrie Geist)



June 7, 1999 Terry & Karla Polk  
June 13, 1998 Dennis & Sharon Allen  
June 17, 1989 Bob & Ann Bausser  
June 19, 1976 Dave & Carol Courtney  
June 20, 1945 Harold & Evelyn Pelz  
June 27, 1981 Al & Sue Creager

July 12, 2003 Brian & Carrie Geist  
July 29, 2006 Nick & Angie Barchak



## In Touch with Our Home-Centered Members

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June 02 Terry Polk  
June 05 Bill Hatfield  
June 06 Chris Cattin  
June 06 Kara Polk  
June 06 Renee Lyons  
June 11 Alexa Mauger  
June 21 Samuel Barchak  
June 27 Tyler Bowers  
June 28 Bob Guingrich

June 28 Stacey Monnier  
June 29 Caleb Ankey  
  
July 01 Evelyn Brunnegraff  
July 04 Mary Scribner  
July 04 Tina Weaver  
July 06 Dennis Allen  
July 06 George Ripple  
July 08 Albert Bragalone  
July 08 Bob Gilbert  
July 08 Brittney Bellis  
July 08 Jennifer Mahoney  
July 10 Bonnie Geist  
July 11 Laura Fuller

July 13 Isy Bosse  
July 13 Katelyn Monnier  
July 17 Teri Seitz  
July 19 Dave Courtney  
July 22 Cindy Bowers  
July 23 Pat Platt  
July 23 Todd Fahrenbach  
July 24 Delaney Seitz  
July 27 Glen Clifton  
July 29 Kelly Bellis  
July 30 Carol Achleman  
July 31 Chris Werling



Help us turn used electronics into cash by collecting used laser toners, inkjets, laptops, iPods, cell phones, and business multi-line phones, to benefit the Deacon fund here at Grace. Please drop off items at Grace Presbyterian Church. Collection boxes are located in the narthex, tower entrance and office hallway. If it is a large item just drop it off in the office and we will take care of it. Thank you!



- Thank you to Tina Weaver for making the *delicious* home made bread that was used for Communion on Maundy Thursday and Easter.

*Jill Werling*

- Thank you Audra, Grace, Harley, Mary, and Quinn for your participation in the Youth Sunday. You did a fantastic job!

*Tammy Menkes*

- A big thank you to Nancy Current, Judi Eckler-Queen, Linda Haller, Tammy Menkes, Pat Morrison and Jill Werling. With our evening of fellowship, we completed 16 cancer pads that will be delivered to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

*Evelyn Brunnegraff*

- Thank you to Karen Doehrman for helping the youth with our pretzel making. And thank you to all who supported the Pretzel fund raiser for the Youth Fund. The free will donation raised \$65.

*Tammy Menkes*

- Thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers for Bill during his out-patient procedure. Your love and concern was very much appreciated.

*Jill Werling*

- Thank you to Bob Guingrich and Roberta for visiting me and bringing me roses and a card on Mother's Day.

*Jean Sark*

- Thank you for all the prayers for my brother, Jerry Beberstein. It was appreciated.

*Judy Bellis*

- Thank you for remembering me with the gifts and treats my deacon brought me at Easter time. I especially enjoyed the bag and card made by the children of the church.

*Frank Lehman*

- We collected 90 pounds of food for the fishes and loaves drive during Lent for Associated Churches! Thank you to everyone who donated!

*The Mission Committee*



## Construction Update!

The upper room flooring has been removed in anticipation of the new carpet that will be going down to become ADA compliant. This will help make our building even more handicap accessible. It will also make it much easier for people who use wheelchairs to get around over the previously challenging soft carpet. Additionally, this removes the possibility of trip hazards as a result of the former uneven flooring that was in there.

As a result of the new flooring, a new paint coat will also be applied to the walls that are in need of it in the upper room. This painting includes the little kitchenette area and the cracked paint on the ceiling in that alcove too. On top of these safety and cosmetic enhancements, some electrical work will be done as well. This will see the current lights of the upper room lowered to an even level for all of the overhead lights. Plus, we will ensure that the "safety" night light will remain on constantly for safety and aiding in a safe elevator exit.

As far as the actual selection of the type of flooring, it should be mentioned that a professional flooring consultant has been hired to evaluate the flooring situation in both the upper room and fellowship hall. Her hiring was approved by session, and the session will hear her recommendations in the near future. We would like to thank everyone who has made this possible, especially Jon Wolf, John Current, Aaron Bowers, and Dennis Allen. Their tireless and determined work has saved us thousands of dollars and volunteer hours.





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Saturday  
June 21<sup>st</sup>

9am - 3pm



The PW rummage sale this year is held in conjunction with the neighborhood yard sales!

Set-up will be Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Used items in good condition can be brought to the church at any time. We are asking for NO CLOTHES. If you would like to have your own table at the sale, they are available at \$5 each.

⇒ Call Tammy, 483-4856 or Evelyn, 424-2804 for a table reservation or more information.