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## Consecration Sunday is coming November 2nd

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Consecration Sunday Chairperson,  
Stacey Monnier

Daylight Savings Time ends  
November 2!

Don't forget to set your clocks  
back 1 hour Saturday night.



# Consecration Sunday

# PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER



In honor of the reformation and historical Sundays that will be occurring in October and November of this year I thought it might be nice to include a brief insight into some of the history of the Presbyterian Church. The follow-

ing excerpt was taken from the website of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Mission Agency's Website: Presbyterians have featured prominently in United States history. The Rev. Francis Makemie, who arrived in the United States from Ireland in 1683, helped to organize the first American Presbytery at Philadelphia in 1706. In 1726, the Rev. William Tennent founded a ministerial "log college" in Pennsylvania. Twenty years later, the College of New Jersey (now known as Princeton University) was established. Other Presbyterian ministers, such as the Rev. Jonathan Edwards and the Rev. Gilbert Tennent, were driving forces in the so-called "Great Awakening," a revivalist movement in the early 18th century. One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, the Rev. John Witherspoon, was a Presbyterian minister and the president of Princeton University from 1768-1793.

Presbyterian denominations in the United States have split and parts have reunited several times. Currently the largest Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which has its national offices in Louisville, Ky. It was formed in 1983 as a result of reunion between the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (PCUS), the so-called "southern branch," and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPCUSA), the so-called "northern branch." Other Presbyterian churches in the United States include the Presbyterian Church in America, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

## September 2014 Session Highlights

- It was agreed upon to have a banquet/reception for the builders and architects that have done an amazing job with the "Improve to Move" accessibility project here at Grace.
- The upcoming wedding for Allison Zimmerman was approved to take place on December 27th, 2014.

## From the Choir Director



Debi Thorpe



We're Back!

After our Summer break, we are glad to be back and ready to once again raise our voices in praise and song! We have lots of exciting music in our folders and we're planning many fun events for the days ahead. Please watch the bulletins and listen to the announcements as more information becomes available.

I would personally like to extend an invitation to anyone who loves to sing or play an instrument – Join us on Thursdays and Sundays as we raise our voices in praise, joy and laughter – No experience necessary!

In Christ,  
**Debi**



## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



|           |            |              |    |
|-----------|------------|--------------|----|
| August 3  | 78         | September 7  | 82 |
| August 10 | 77         | September 14 | 89 |
| August 17 | 55         | September 21 | 75 |
| August 24 | 72         | September 28 |    |
| August 31 | 175 (Park) |              |    |

- A request to purchase some "welcoming/hospitality" banners for the front entryway was approved.
- A mini-"Kitchenette" committee was created, to be headed by a willing-Jill Werling, and an open meeting following worship on October 5th for more input will be to follow.

# Up To Date with Committees & Groups



## NEWS FROM PW

The Women's Association Cancer Pad Sewing is inviting all the women of the church to sew cancer pads on Saturday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m. Bring a favorite salad and join us for a fellowship luncheon at 12 noon, following our sewing, or just come to visit during sewing and/or stay for lunch. Dessert will be furnished. See you there!

FYI - There will be no Cancer Pad Sewing on Wednesday, November 19.

⇒ PW Annual Christmas Luncheon and White Elephant Exchange will be December 6th. (more info to follow)

⇒ PW needs your donations! Please save old sheets, pillowcases, tablecloths and cotton material for the Presbyterian Women. They can be used to make bed pads which are then delivered to NE Indiana Cancer Services. These pads are provided to cancer patients, at home, throughout NE Indiana at no charge. The sheets may be placed behind the double doors in the Gold Room (downstairs). Anyone is also welcome to join the cancer pad sewing group on the third Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. each month in the Gold Room.

### Come join our regular get togethers!

**SARAH CIRCLE** - Lunch is at Raimondo's at 11:30. We will meet at the church at 12:30 for a brief business meeting and then our bible study. All women of Grace are invited.

**LUNCH BUNCH** - Come have lunch at Glenbrook Mall Food Court on the last Thursday of the month - All are welcome! Next dates: October 30 and November 27

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

## Congregational Life Committee

Stitch'n Time has a new schedule! We are meeting at Trinity Presbyterian Church the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning October 7. Trinity is located on 9600 St. Joe Road. Please see Beth White with any questions.



The Children's Library is being used Sunday mornings for the newly formed Toddler's class. It is great to have them in there with their laughter, energy and inquisitiveness. Also, preparations will soon be under way for the Annual Indoor Christmas Sale. We are still accepting donations of new or gently used seasonal items. So mark your calendars for November 22<sup>nd</sup> and join us at the sale.



Join us on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. when we will be resuming 3 B. This is a movement/exercise program designed for people over 50 years of age. It works on flexibility, strength, balance, memory and spirituality. It is a one hour program, done at a slow pace, in a relaxed setting and is casual. Try us out – it may be one of the best things you have done.



MOPS will meet on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 9:30-11:30. October/November schedule...

Oct. 2  
Oct. 16  
Nov. 6  
Nov. 20

We are excited to kick off a wonderful new opportunity for moms in our community. We have partnered with First Presbyterian to initiate a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group that will be hosted at First Presbyterian. The cost is \$75 for the program year and includes MOPS international membership, all materials, and childcare for your children during meetings.

⇒ contact Jennifer Shaw (426-7421 ext.127) or Alyssa Kirwan at (426-4712) with any questions. Brochures & registration forms are available at Grace in the narthex.



## Grace Wish List

Grace takes wish requests for items that are needed to help the church. We currently have two requests from the property committee. If you would like to contribute to the full purchase or partial purchase of these items then please see Pastor Chris. Thank-you!

1. Rubbermaid Utility Cart \$139.00 (Use for tools, etc.)
2. Apartment size refrigerator \$250-300 (For use in the kitchenette)



# Halloween

**BOO!** In case you forgot Halloween is right around the corner again! This year (weather permitting) we will plan on having another trunk-or-treat event in the church parking lot, with the possibility of some other events in the gold room. That portion is still in the planning stages. But, rest-assured we still could use some volunteers for the event itself and the planning process! If you would be interested in either, please call the church office, or talk to Pastor Chris and we can find a place for you! Of course, we are always in need of some candy donations to hand out to the children of the neighborhood. We hope to have you with us on October 31<sup>st</sup>!

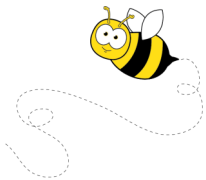


**TRUNK OR TREAT 2013**



## THANK-YOU!

*to all the people who helped organize and donate to the Sunday School Kick-off Tailgate Party on September 7th. Besides the bees, it was a perfect day!*



Thank you again, to our friend, Wileta Blevins. She has added more flowers and plants to the area by our new ramp entrance to make it look even more inviting.

Also, thanks to Pastor Chris for picking up the mulch and to the Scouts for taking the time to distribute it around the flowers.



**Back to School with Grace was full of activities!** Thank you to EVERYONE who participated and donated for this neighborhood event on August 10th. We served 136 Kids this year.

Bagging Supplies before the event.



Tim Bauman, singing acoustic for the crowd.



Our cheerful greeter, Ginny Myers!!



The always popular bounce house



Harley Allen, handing out school supplies



The Police department let the kids take rides in the Hostage Rescue vehicle.



Todd German, having fun with the kids!



The Fire Department let the kids & adults check out the fire truck and try on gear.



The racing water game was a favorite!



# MEMBER UPDATES



## New Contact Info:

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◆ Ken & Maureen Rogers  
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## In Memory:

Carol Achleman - died 8/6/14

Jean Sark - died 8/17/14

Pat Platt - died 9/7/14



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Oct. 03 Bob Bausser  
Oct. 05 Quinn Fahrenbach  
Oct. 05 Deb Zimmerman  
Oct. 06 Gail Bellis  
Oct. 06 Colbie Geist  
Oct. 09 Cherie Jacobs  
Oct. 14 Raelynn Kirwan  
Oct. 14 Pam Shannon  
Oct. 15 Mona Study  
Oct. 17 Andrew Fahrenbach  
Oct. 21 Josh Campbell  
Oct. 23 Matt Seitz  
Oct. 24 Ken Mahoney  
Oct. 28 Darren Polk  
Oct. 28 Sue Creager  
Oct. 30 Ginny Myers  
Oct. 30 Alex Monnier  
Oct. 30 Carol Werling

Nov. 07 DeLoris Cattin  
Nov. 07 Carl Geist  
Nov. 09 Nancy Current  
Nov. 11 Dee Weigel  
Nov. 11 Gabrielle Monnier  
Nov. 16 Gene Allen  
Nov. 16 Glenda Bragalone  
Nov. 17 Joellen Kline  
Nov. 18 Grace German  
Nov. 21 Beth Boggess  
Nov. 22 Dan Ankney  
Nov. 23 Maxine Ford  
Nov. 29 Jim Wolfe  
Nov. 30 Arnie Patten



October 9, 1976 Dave & Deb Zimmerman  
October 11, 1997 Tom & Stacey Monnier  
October 11, 1975 Bill & Jill Werling  
October 16, 1982 Rick & Carol Werling  
October 21, 1972 Carl & Bonnie Geist  
November 1, 1975 John & Nancy Current  
November 22, 1947 Don & Ruth Foland  
November 22, 2008 Dan & Jess Ankney







• Thank you to Grace for the hospitality of your church which provided comfort after the passing of Carol Achleman. The luncheon was appreciated as a time to visit with family members, many of whom we haven't seen in too long of a period.

*Michael & Jenny Fee and Family*

• Special thank-you's go out to our volunteers for Back to School! Thanks to Cindy for making the awesome games that the kids enjoyed. Thanks to Diana and Tammy for keeping the supplies counted and organized. Thanks to Tom for picking up and returning the bounce house. Thanks to Todd for bringing his portable basketball net and engaging with kids shooting hoops. Thanks to Tim for singing acoustic without the praise band this year - you did an awesome job! And to all who volunteered at the various stations that day.

*Evangelism Committee*

• I want to show my appreciation for all the ladies who organize, prepare food, serve, and clean up after the funeral dinners. The time we spend together doing for others is a real labor of love.

*Diana Eller*



## WE ARE BUILDING A HOUSE...

Grace is part of the Brotherhood Apostle Build that began on September 20th. Habitat is one of our missions and has been for years. Dick Weaver is a regular Habitat volunteer and one of the main team leads. He has participated in over fifty home builds. John Current is the volunteer Safety Director and new to volunteering this build season.

Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity is partnering with Brotherhood Mutual, area apostle churches and Methodist congregations throughout the city for the Apostle Build in Allen County – uniting through the shared commitment to help provide the basic human right of decent, affordable housing for a family in need. This will be the home of Cynthia Bratton and her daughter Dionna.

If you would like to volunteer for hands on work at this build, please check out the following dates that are needed to be filled. The build days usually last 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The build site is at 4308 W. Cook Road, Fort Wayne, 46818.

There are two ways to sign up:

1. Go to [fortwaynehabitat.org](http://fortwaynehabitat.org) and click on volunteer now.
2. Call Laura Oberholtzer, Volunteer Coordinator at Habitat, 260-413-3871 or e-mail [loberholtzer@fortwaynehabitat.org](mailto:loberholtzer@fortwaynehabitat.org)

Also, there is a need for groups to supply lunch one day for the volunteers. Anyone interested please contact Laura directly to choose a date. "Guidelines for Food Donors" are available in the church office.

|                    |          |          |        |         |
|--------------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|
| OPEN BUILD DAYS... | Sept. 24 | Sept. 30 | Oct. 6 | Oct. 14 |
|                    | Sept. 25 | Oct. 1   | Oct. 7 | Oct. 15 |
|                    | Sept. 26 | Oct. 2   | Oct. 8 | Oct. 16 |
|                    |          |          | Oct. 9 | Oct. 17 |

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help with counting (actually sorting and unfolding) the Red Kettle money. You can volunteer for one day a week or several days a week according to your schedule. Counting will begin on Monday November 17 and continue every morning until December 26. For more details contact Deb Zimmerman (work # 744-2311 or email [deb\\_zimmerman@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:deb_zimmerman@usc.salvationarmy.org))



The Salvation Army will begin ringing bells for our annual Red Kettle Christmas Campaign on November 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer to ring the bells at a red kettle as an individual, a family, a business, or a church group please call Roxanne at The Salvation Army at 744-2311. You can also sign up on-line by going to The Salvation Army website: [www.safortwayne.org](http://www.safortwayne.org) and click on the Christmas tab – Register to Ring or you can go directly to the Register to Ring website: [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com) If you have any questions, please contact Deb Zimmerman.



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## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE EVENTS

### Brighten the Corner with Food and Song

If you enjoy eating (who doesn't?), if you enjoy the old gospel hymns, if you enjoy singing, come to fellowship hall after the church service on October 12 and partake in all three activities. Congregational Life is providing the lunch. Sue is providing the accompaniment. You are providing the companionship and enthusiasm.

A sign up sheet will be placed in the narthex for those of you who would like to attend this fun event. Please sign at your convenience so that an approximate number of people attending is available.

### A Great Big *Thank You* Celebration

Join us in Fellowship Hall after the November 9<sup>th</sup> church service for a special fellowship celebration for the Building Committee. The members of that committee have put many hours into coordinating the improvements to our beautiful church so let's all say a great big 'Thank you.' Come, enjoy, CELEBRATE!