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Money affects your heart. Whether you are in plenty or in want, money has a direct connection to your stress level, your anxiety, and the health of your relationships. It is no wonder, then, that Jesus talked about the relationship between our treasure and our hearts.



For a four-week period in October/November we will look at the many ways that our treasure (time, energy, money) affects our spiritual and emotional lives. Join us in worship starting October 18th as we begin our new sermon series called *Treasure*. We will explore Matthew 6 and Jesus' teachings on money, giving, worry, and more.

At the end of the four weeks, we will have an opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will receive commitment cards in the mail, and cards will be available on Sunday mornings. We will bring these commitment cards to worship on Sunday, November 8.

I hope that you'll join us in the coming weeks as we look at Jesus' teaching on how we can avoid freedom from some of the common pitfalls related to money, and how we can give our lives and our treasure to God.

## **Schedule for the *Treasure* sermon series:**

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|--------------------|--|
| Week 1—October 18: | Where Is Your Treasure? (Matthew 6:19-21)        |
| Week 2—October 25: | The Problem with Two Masters (Matthew 6:24)      |
| Week 3—November 1: | Giving Your Treasure Back to God (Matthew 6:1-6) |
| Week 4—November 8: | Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing (Matthew 6:25-34)      |



*How to get there with biblical principles  
Hope. Joy. Financial Freedom.*

### Join Us for Personalized Training and Guidance to:

- Prioritize your financial goals
- Develop a personalized spending plan
- Identify action steps to reduce your expenses
- Pay down your debt, and much more!
- Join Us on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30–9pm and Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12:30pm in the conference room at Grace Presbyterian Church.
- A light meal will be provided Friday October 16 and a continental breakfast Saturday, October 17. Childcare is also available if a request is made in advance.
- Contact Stacey or Tom Monnier [tsmonnier@yahoo.com](mailto:tsmonnier@yahoo.com) or 338-1039 by October 12<sup>th</sup>.

# PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER



I hope those of you that are participating in the church-wide study of "God Is Just Not Fair" are getting a lot out of the study. The benefits can be wide-ranging and many of them reflect our potential hopes for when we first began planning this study. For starters, each group, whether they are one of the weeknight groups, Sunday school groups, or online group, has the opportunity to learn more about one another in said group. This, of course, enhances relationships and may help new ones take shape or form that were not present beforehand. The basis of confidentiality and the presence of others can make for a rather enlightening and meaningful experience for all involved.

In addition to that potential benefit, one also has the chance to heighten their theological understanding and perhaps deepen their own faith. The main focus of the book is centered on theodicy, which is a fancy way of essentially saying: "the bad things that happen in life; or, more specifically why evil exists in the world." The author, Jennifer Rothschild writes it even from her own perspective of blindness and how it has greatly affected and impacted her own life. I highly recommend this book despite whether or not you have decided to participate in the church-wide study. Of course, the conversations and discussions with others is very fruitful. But, we know not everyone is afforded that opportunity. I have found though, one of the greatest assets and biggest blessings of ministry is to have time to read abundantly and keep on learning. We are never too old to learn. So, keep on reading!

## August and September

### Session Highlights

- ◆ The Freed-Up Financial course, designed to help others handle, budget, and facilitate their money better was set for the Friday and Saturday of October 16th and 17th.
- ◆ Stewardship Sunday was agreed to be set for November 8th.
- ◆ It was agreed by everyone to repair the chairlift leading up to the office since it still sees some use.

## From the Choir Director



Debi Thorpe



I have recently started to read a book called *Imperfect Harmony – Finding Happiness Singing with Others* by Stacy Horn. This book is based on the author's personal experiences as a member of a church choir and the comfort and joy that singing with a group brings to her life. I can certainly identify with Ms. Horn as she talks about how singing even the most gut wrenchingly sad music would give her peace and yes, happiness. But the thing that touches me the most about her story is this – she admits that she does not have a great voice, she is not a classically trained musician, and she is just a regular person, like you and me, who finds solace and pleasure from singing with her choir.

Many times I hear our own choir members say how much singing means to them - it brings joy, helps us grieve or deal with sadness and above all celebrates our faith and love for Christ.

If you would like to feel that same comfort, joy, laughter and, yes, maybe even share some tears, please join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. You do not need to know how to read music, even if you think you don't have a great singing voice, just come. We are waiting for you with open arms and hearts.

*In Christ, Debi*

## Presbyterianism 101



**The Book of Order – F-3.01 Historic Principles of Church Order – F-3.01053 Mutual Forbearance**

That, while under the conviction of the above principle we think it necessary to make effectual provision that all who are admitted as teachers be sound in the faith, we also believe that there are truths and forms with respect to which men of good characters and principles may differ. And in all these we think it the duty both of private Christians and societies to exercise mutual forbearance toward each other.

### **The Book of Confessions -The Heidelberg Catechism**

#### **Q. 27. What do you understand by the providence of God?**

A. The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

#### **Q. 28. What advantage comes from acknowledging God's creation and providence?**

A. We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move.

# Up To Date with Committees & Groups



This is a friendly reminder to all chairs of committees to please submit your 2016 budget requests to the finance committee as soon as possible! Thank you!



## A FEW CHANGES!

♦ *New time!*—Sarah Circle will no longer meet for lunch before study. And Bible study will now begin at 1:00 p.m. beginning October 8th. We will continue the study: Faith, Depending on God.

♦ *New time!* — Lunch Bunch will now meet at 12 noon at Glenbrook Mall Food Court instead of 11:30 a.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 14 — The annual Christmas Indoor Garage Sale Donations are still being accepted and can be placed in the library.

November 21 — Cancer Pad Sewing & Luncheon. Bring a favorite salad and join us for fellowship, sewing and eats! All women are invited.

December 5 — All Women are invited to the PW Christmas Party at 12 noon for a fun-filled time! Please bring a dish to share and a wrapped White Elephant Gift. The entrée will be provided. Reservations are not required.

## MONTHLY GATHERINGS

**SARAH CIRCLE** - The Presbyterian Women get together for a circle meeting and Bible study at Grace at 1:00 p.m. —Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Next date: Oct. 8 & Nov. 12

**LUNCH BUNCH** - Come have lunch at Glenbrook Mall Food Court on the last Thursday of the month at 12 noon - All are welcome!

Next dates: Oct. 29

**CANCER PAD SEWING** - Come join the women in putting together cancer pads for Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. A simple stitch is all that is needed. Anyone can come help with this great mission. —Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00am.

Next dates: Wed. Oct. 21 & Sat. Nov. 21

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



3B Classes at Grace!  
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. See Tammy Menkes with any questions.



## October 4

World Communion Sunday. Come and taste a different kind of bread from around the world.

## October 25

Reformation Sunday. The birthday of the Church.

## November 1

All Saint's Day. Come and light a candle in remembrance of a loved one.

## November 29

Hanging of the Greens / First Sunday of Advent. Take an ornament and help decorate the Church's Christmas tree.

**Poinsettia orders** will be taken beginning on November 1st. Pricing and more information will be given in the Sunday Bulletins.



- October — 10/25/15 @ 12noon
- November—to be determined



- October—10/4/15
- November—11/1/15

**Back to School with Grace**  
**August 2, 2015**  
**Thank you volunteers!**



**Sunday School Kick Off Tailgate Party**  
**September 13, 2015**



The Grace Presbyterian annual Sunday School Kick-off was a success! We have three children/youth classes every Sunday.

In addition, our all-church Book Club event has also begun. Almost 50 adults have signed up to read "God is Just, Not Fair." Classes are meeting on Sundays and throughout the week. There is a lot going on in Christian Education!



# Byron Health Center Bingo Day

## Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

### 1:30-3:00 pm

The Presbyterian Women are collecting four-pack pudding snacks to serve the residents after Bingo and small gifts for the Bingo prizes. Please place your donations of puddings or Bingo prizes in the basket in the Narthex by Sunday, Oct. 18. Volunteers are needed to help residents play Bingo and serve them snacks too. This is a Church Women United event.

⇒ Please call Pat Morrison at 812-486-8543 if you can help.

### Suggested Bingo Prizes Below...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shampoo, Conditioner, Combs</li> <li>• Toothpaste, Toothbrushes</li> <li>• Lotion, Liquid Soap (<i>please no bar soap or powder</i>)</li> <li>• Shaving cream, Deodorant</li> <li>• Unopened Cosmetics, Fingernail Polish (no nail clippers)</li> <li>• Perfume, Men's Cologne</li> <li>• Tissues, Handkerchiefs</li> <li>• Socks, Jewelry</li> <li>• Large-Faced Playing Cards</li> <li>• Small Stuffed Toys</li> <li>• Ballpoint Pens, Note Cards (no scissors)</li> <li>• Stationery, Stamps and Envelopes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crossword and Activity Books</li> <li>• New Greeting Cards, Calendars</li> <li>• Live or Artificial Plants</li> <li>• Potato or Other Chips</li> <li>• Gum (regular and sugarless)</li> <li>• Hard Candies, Mints</li> <li>• Little Debbie Snack Cakes</li> <li>• Chocolate Candy without nuts (favorites are Three Musketeers, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and plain Hershey bars)</li> <li>• Cans of Caffeine-Free Pop</li> <li>• Envelope with quarters for a pop or chips from the vending machine</li> </ul>
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The Wellspring Food Bank provides food and personal hygiene items to a geographic area with borders defined by the St. Mary's River (North and West), Taylor Street (South) and Calhoun Street (East). The Wellspring Center is also an "emergency food bank site". We provide information and referrals as needed to our Food Bank recipients.

#### Drop off site:

Grace Presbyterian Church—items are collected in the grocery cart located in the narthex behind sanctuary.



The Wellspring Shoppe provides free clothing and household items to those in need in our community. They are also collecting winter coats in ALL sizes.

#### Drop off site:

1210 Broadway Ave.

#### Hours:

Tuesdays — 2-6 p.m.

Thursdays — 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

2nd Saturday of the Month — 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

# MEMBER UPDATES



## New Addresses:

- ◆ Judy Bellis & Family  
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Fort Wayne, IN 46808
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- ◆ Tyler Bowers *(temporary address until Jan. 2016)*  
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Quincy, IL 62301
- ◆ Tammy Menkes  
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Fort Wayne, IN 46825
- ◆ Ezekiel & Misty Tsamwa  
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Fort Wayne, IN 46835

## In Memory:

- ◆ Ruth Foland—died 8/6/15

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



Aug. 2	67	Sept. 6	Hamilton Park
Aug. 9	70	Sept. 13	No count taken
Aug. 16	66	Sept. 20	79
Aug. 23	78	Sept. 27	65
Aug. 30	63		



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, 2008	Dan & Jess Ankney



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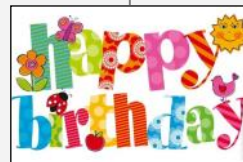
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Oct. 03	Bob Bausser
Oct. 05	Quinn Fahrenbach
Oct. 05	Deb Zimmerman
Oct. 06	Gail Bellis
Oct. 06	Colbie Geist
Oct. 09	Cherie Jacobs
Oct. 14	Raelynn Kirwan
Oct. 14	Pam Shannon
Oct. 15	Mona Study
Oct. 17	Andrew Fahrenbach
Oct. 21	Josh Campbell
Oct. 23	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. 04	Nancy Gilbert
Nov. 07	DeLoris Cattin
Nov. 07	Carl Geist
Nov. 09	Nancy Current
Nov. 11	Dee Weigel
Nov. 11	Gabby Monnier
Nov. 16	Gene Allen
Nov. 16	Glenda Bragalone
Nov. 18	Grace German
Nov. 21	Beth Boggess
Nov. 23	Maxine Ford
Nov. 29	Jim Wolfe
Nov. 30	Arnie Patten



- Many thanks to the ladies for the meal after the funeral service of Norm Bauer. Everything was delicious.

*Family of Norman Bauer*

- Thank you to Dennis Allen for painting a yellow stripe for safety on our steps at home.
- And a big thanks to Dennis & Harley Allen for keeping our yard nice and trimmed this summer!
- Thanks to Kelly for mailing us the worship materials every week to stay in touch with the church.

*Arnie & Mary Patten*



Poinsettia's are available to purchase each year before Christmas for

display in the sanctuary at Grace. You can purchase one or more in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone.

Poinsettia orders will be taken beginning on November 1st. Pricing and more information will be given in the Sunday Bulletins.

Thank you,  
Worship Committee

## Thanksgiving Collection



### Thanksgiving Mission Project for East Wayne Street Center

Grace's mission committee is collecting donations of food and cash for East Wayne Street Center Thanksgiving dinners for their food bank clients. This ministry has been serving the central city since 1965; they focus on strengthening families and individuals in order to help them become self-sufficient. The center has gratefully received our help for many years. The items needed are:

- Instant Potatoes
- Stuffing Mix
- Gravy
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Cranberry Sauce
- Jell-O
- Muffin mixes

Also, cash donations are accepted to help purchase turkeys. Please make checks out to Grace Presbyterian Church and put them in the offering plate. Please place all food donations in the Narthex by Sunday, November 15.

Thank you,  
Grace Mission Committee



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## Halloween WITH GRACE

### A Hollywood Halloween!

October 31st  
6-8 p.m.

#### Join us for a night at the movies!

Dress as your favorite movie character and enjoy an evening of games and candy at Grace.

**Doors open at 6:00**

**(or city trick-or-treat hours if different)**

We're rolling out the red carpet come rain, sleet, or snow!

This is always a special event in the life of Grace as hundreds of children in the neighborhood come through the walls and see Grace's hospitality first-hand. Of course, this event would not be possible without all of you! Currently, we are in need of candy donations. We will have a tub in the narthex where you can drop off the candy at your convenience and we greatly appreciate any and all donations!

**Thank-you,  
Evangelism Committee**