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Welcome to Rev. Ann Pítman!

Grace Presbyterian Church would like to introduce Pastor Ann as our new Interim Pastor as of January 11, 2016!

Please join us in welcoming her to Fort Wayne.

⇒ See Page 4— Rev. Ann's Letter



Your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing are changing lives, changing communities, and changing the world by feeding the hungry, helping people build up their own livelihoods, responding to disasters



sharing resources, changing lives.

through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People program, and their partners in ministry. When we give, we give in faith knowing that staff in the three One Great Hour of Sharing programs will be responding in Christ's name to the cries of our sisters and brothers throughout the next year. But equally important, we know that they will remain in areas of devastation long after the news cameras have moved elsewhere as they continue rebuilding both lives and communities.

While we trust our OGHS programs to respond to the needs of our poorest and hungriest neighbors, those programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. Last year Grace Presbyterian Church contributed \$121.00 toward this offering. Every time a disaster strikes people are anxious to DO SOMETHING! Giving to the OGHS is a way of **giving in advance of the need** so that when the need strikes the funding is on hand ready to be put to use. Please give generously. For more information please visit the OGHS website at www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN SERVICES AT GRACE

Wednesday, February 10
Ash Wednesday Service—7:00 pm

Sunday, February 14
1st Sunday in Lent/Scout Sunday—10:30 am

Sunday, February 21 2nd Sunday in Lent Service—10:30 am

Sunday, February 28
3rd Sunday in Lent Service—10:30 am

Sunday, March 6 4th Sunday in Lent Service—10:30 am

Sunday, March 13
5th Sunday in Lent Service—10:30 am

Sunday, March 20 Palm Sunday Service—10:30 am

Thursday, March 24
Maundy Thursday Service—7:00 pm

Friday, March 25
Good Friday 46808 Community Service
at Grace Presbyterian Church—12 noon

Saturday, March 26
Easter Egg Hunt—10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday, March 27
Boy Scout Breakfast—8:00 to 10:00 am
Easter Sunday Service—10:30 am
One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

Winter Closings

WINTER

The office will automatically be closed in

the event that Fort Wayne receives snow that necessitates local emergency management to request no one be out on the roads. IF the Fort Wayne schools are closed Kelly and Ann will determine if it is safe to open or not but will be advised by the school closings.

IF such an event occurs on a Sunday, two elders and the pastor have been designated to coordinate and determine Sunday closings. The local TV networks will be notified if services have been cancelled. When anyone is concerned about their safety in getting to church, PLEASE stay home whether services have been cancelled or not. Your safety is our first priority.

January 2016 Session Highlights

From 1/24/16 meeting

- Jon Wolf will serve as the President of the Corporation
- Aaron Bowers will serve as Vice-President of the Corporation
- John Current Clerk of Session
- JoAnn Getts Treasurer

Committee Chairs were designated for all committees except Congregational Life and Evangelism. Since the session meeting, Nancy Current has volunteered to lead the Congregational Life Committee.

If anyone in the congregation feels called to step up and chair Evangelism, please see Rev. Ann.

- Nominating Committee Stacey Monnier, Chair, Pat Morrison, Session Rep., Cindy Bowers, Deacon Rep.
- Commissioners to Presbytery: Bill Werling, Tammy Menkes, Jim Wolfe.
- Alternate Commissioner: Pat Morrison
- · Liaison to Fort Wayne Church of Christ: Jon Wolf

Session Approved the following:

- 1. Elder Todd German was not present when the Deacons and Elders were elected and installed in December. Todd was installed Sunday, January 31, 2016.
- 2. Dennis Allen will move forward on construction of a storage area in the Upper Room.
- 3. Electric heat will be installed in the Pastor's Study to replace the broken unit.



From Church Staff Relations...

We are pleased to introduce Tom Callahan. Tom has very graciously agreed to lead the Grace choir as Interim Choir Director. Tom loves to sing with the choir which is why you will see him in the choir and not out front. A big thank you goes to Tom for stepping up and to helping with the choir.

From Tom Callahan...

I'd like to thank the congregation for their encouragement as we've begun our new year of music. We would love to welcome anyone who feels a calling to join us for choir practices weekly (check the calendar) and on Sunday mornings. We'll be doing a few familiar pieces in the upcoming Lenten and Easter seasons, as well as some new ones. I'd also love to hear any comments or suggestions for the music we do for and with you!

I got the majority of my music training as a member of the Boston Boy Choir a very long time ago. I've been singing with Grace since September 2011, and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic since 2013.

2016 Elders

Class of 2016 Dennis Allen Norm Getts Tammy Menkes

<u>Class of 2017</u> Laurie Howard Stacey Monnier Bill Werling

Class of 2018
Todd German
Pat Morrison
Jim Wolfe



Thank you to our
Elders and Deacons
for committing to
serve Grace in 2016!

2016 Deacons

Class of 2016 Harley Allen Dan Ankney Holly Bouthot Diana Eller

Class of 2017 Al Creager John Current Nancy Current

Class of 2018 Cindy Bowers Karen Doehrman Dave Zimmerman

Up To Date with Committees & Groups



We are looking for volunteers to take on a very important committee this year. The committee in need of leadership is Evangelism. Please let Rev. Ann know if you are interested or would like more information. Here is the mission statement created for this committee...

Evangelism Committee

The committee is responsible for outreach to individuals, the neighborhood, and the city. This is accomplished by maintaining contact with guests, informing them of church events, and inviting them to church membership. Also, we help promote a welcoming and inviting atmosphere through its members and our building.

Here are our committee chairs filled for 2016—Thank you for volunteering!!

Aaron Bowers Co-Chair of Property Committee		
Nancy Current .	Congregational Life	
Todd German	Mission Committee	
Tammy Menkes	Christian Education	
Stacey Monnier	Finance Committee	
Pat Morrison	Church Staff Relations	
Jill Werling	Worship Committee	
Jon Wolf	Co-Chair of Property Committee	



World Day of Prayer coming March 4, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at North Christian Disciples of Christ, 5201 S. Camden Drive, Fort Wayne, 46825.

Theme: <u>Receive Children, Receive Me</u> See Pat Morrison or the church office with any questions.



MONTHLY GATHERINGS

ATTN: <u>NEW</u> MEETING PLACE FOR SARAH CIRCLE LUNCH WILL BE AT

ARBY'S ON WEST STATE EACH MONTH...

SARAH CIRCLE - The Presbyterian Women get together for a circle meeting and Bible study at Grace at 1:00 p.m. Lunch before at 12 noon at Arby's on West State.

-Meets 2nd Thursday of each month

Next date: Feb. 11 & Mar. 10

LUNCH BUNCH - Come have lunch at Glenbrook Mall Food Court on the last Thursday of the month at 12 noon. All women are invited! They meet on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Next dates: Feb. 25 & Mar. 31

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 9:00 a.m.

Next dates: Feb. 17 & Mar. 16

PW COMING EVENTS...

May 8, 2016 Mothers' Day Plant Sale

Summer of 2016—date to be announced Garage Sale with Neighborhood Sale

October 1, 2016 Kitchen Surprise! –free will offering

October 24, 2016 Bingo at Byron Health Center

November 5, 2016 Kitchen Surprise! – free will offering

November 12, 2016 Cancer Sewing Pad & Lunch

December 3, 2016 PW Christmas Party

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



Pat Morrison recently attended a Center for Congregations workshop, Developing Your Internal and External Communications. Tim Peters, from Houston, Texas, led the workshop and discussion on the importance of communication in a congregation. Through discussion, graphs and Power Point, attendees were reminded of the importance of branding, logo, recognizing and understanding a church's story. The importance of communication within the congregation and into the greater community were also discussed.

3B, Body, Brain, and Belief

Do you wish you had better balance or greater flexibility? The 3B program can help. 3B is a movement (exercise) program designed for everyone 50+ years young. We meet at 10:30 am on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the upper room. We will be taking a two week break beginning February 22 through March 3. Then classes will resume March 7th. Please see Tammy Menkes with any questions.



- February 2/21/16 @ 12 noon
- March—3/20/16



- February meeting—2/7/16
- March meeting—3/6/16

items.

Hello from Rev. Ann Pitman ...

It seems that the past month has flown by. I remember receiving the call from Stacey Monnier inviting me to serve as your Interim Pastor and the rest has been a blur. I spent almost 2 weeks in Easton, PA with my daughter for Christmas. This is the first time I have been able to be in her home for Christmas. Usually I have Christmas Eve obligations in the church I am serving, so this was a real treat. Kimberlee is a Forensic Debate Coach and Team Administrator at Lafayette College, in Easton, PA. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Easton and sings in their choir.

December 29, the day I was leaving Easton to head back to Ashland, we received word that my mother's last living cousin (at almost 103 years of age) had died that morning so it was a fast trip back to Ashland to leave Haleigh, my dog, in the Kennel in order to drive to Indianapolis, pick up my 94-year-old mother, and drive to Jacksonville, IL for her cousin's funeral service on December 31. We were able to visit with several of my cousins in Illinois and visit the farm my mother's family has lived on since 1873. We drove back to Indianapolis January 1, and I returned to Ashland on January 2. The movers arrived on Monday, January 4. I picked up Haleigh from the kennel on the 5th and drove to Fort Wayne. Whew! Two and a half weeks later, I am almost unpacked. I can't tell you how wonderful it was to be met at the Manse at 9:30 PM by Tammy. She had closed all the blinds so that I could have some privacy. She had an envelope with all the keys, and the garage door openers. There was toilet paper in both bathrooms as well as a shower curtain and liner in the bathtub which was wonderful! I didn't have to wonder in which box or tote I had put those

I am blown away by how nice the manse is. For almost 25 years I have heard horror stories about church manses so I am beyond excited to be living in such a nicely maintained home. (I am also enjoying NOT having a family living above me that are heavy on their feet with a 3 year old who runs all the time, the situation I lived with the past year in an apartment.) I have lived in apartments for the last 5 years and probably will again when I leave here, but in the meantime, I am really enjoying the extra space, and the quiet. And for the first time in her life, Haleigh can go outside without being on a leash. She is not sure what to make of it but I LOVE IT!

Every person I have come into contact with since my arrival has been very gracious and welcoming. I do appreciate when you wear name tags on Sunday, or remind me of your name when I see you during the week. I will make every effort to learn your names and faces but I do need your help. I also appreciate your help in knowing who is in need of a call or who is missing from worship. I would much rather have 10 people tell me that someone is in the hospital than find out later that someone was in the hospital and everyone who knew it thought someone else must have told me already so they didn't. Not that I think the pastor is the only one who should make hospital visits, but there is no way I can make a call if I don't know someone is in the hospital. My cell phone number is: 260-267-1196. Please make note of it and feel free to call me if you need me.

I am planning to take Friday as my day off and while I appreciate people understanding my need for time off, if there is an emergency, please call me and let me know. If the call can wait, then please wait until Monday.

I am looking forward to serving with you in Christ's ministry, Anm



BLANKET OF FAITH

Grace held a book club in the Fall of 2015. The book that was read is titled, "God is Just Not Fair." It talked about a "blanket of faith." Each participant was given a piece of cloth to write a memorable verse or thought. Deb Zimmerman stitched those pieces into our own blanket of faith. This quilt will be hung in the upper room for all to view.

Thank you Deb for a beautiful quilt!



Our Lenten Season Offerings

Souper Bowl of Caring

Grace collects soup cans on Super Bowl Sunday to give to the Associated Churches Food Banks.

What is the Souper Bowl of Caring? A national movement of congregations, schools, community organizations and compassionate individuals caring for others on Super Bowl weekend. Souper Bowl of Caring equips and mobilizes youth to positively impact their communities by collecting money or food on or near Super Bowl weekend.

• Lenten Coin Folders

This collection starts February 10th through Easter Sunday, March 27th. Folders are set up for you to give .25 cents a day. The Mission Committee chose the proceeds from this year's collection to go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund (PDA), part of the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. Your gifts to this offering provide core funding for the work of PDA, enabling immediate response to national and international disasters and strengthening ongoing work such as training and development, refugee ministry, and response to disasters that do not receive media attention.

Thank you for giving!



shop! Shop with Scrip offers a lot of local and national store gift cards to pick from—

and proceeds help the church too! Some local merchant's in this program are...

Casa Ristoranti Italiano Culvers Dairy Queen

Don Hall's Restaurants
Firehouse Subs
Raimondo's Pizza

Order forms are located in the narthex or the church office. Please turn in your orders to **John Current**.

Our next order dates are...2/7, 2/21, 3/6 and 3/20.

Thank you for your support!
Finance Committee



Grace has enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

This is a rewards program where we actually get cash for the amount of shopping our referred members do at

Kroger. And there is no added cost to you! Please visit the website below to link up your Kroger plus card to our non profit number 29913. If you need help, please see Stacey Monnier or the church office for step by step details on how to register.

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com

Thank you for participating! Finance Committee

MEMBER UPDATES



New Addresses:

◆ Amanda Neumann 1115 W 4th Street Fort Wayne, IN 46808

◆ Kelli Neumann 6020 Carvel Avenue Unit 1221 Indianapolis, IN 46220

◆ Mona Study 3432 Countrydale Drive Fort Wayne, IN 46815

◆ Ezekiel & Misty Tsamwa 13079 Starling Cove Fort Wayne, IN 46845

♦ Dick Young

Covington Commons Assisted Living 2601 Covington Commons Drive, Rm 14 Fort Wayne, IN 46804

◆ Dr. Robert & Rev. Barb Kenley 2313 Carmel Drive West Lafayette, IN 47906

Phone Update:

◆ Al & Sue Creager: Home phone 260-747-0820

Al's cell 260-466-7532 Sue's cell 260-466-7533

Added to our Home-Centered List

◆ Laura Fuller 13202 Vittano Ct. Fort Wayne, IN 46845

In Memory:

◆ Glen Clifton: born 7/27/26—died 1/1/16
 ◆ Arnie Patten: born 11/30/28—died 1/15/16

DECEMBER/JANUARY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



42 Dec. 6 85 Dec. 27 Jan. 3 56 Dec. 13 91 Dec. 20 Jan. 10 55 69 Dec. 24 61 Jan. 17 58



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

Mildred Anderson #424-2457 2010 Emerson Ave. Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Judy Bellis #387-9192 2405 Wells Street Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Janet Campbell #483-5045 2425 Beineke Drive Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Don Clark #483-8631 3323 Chancellor Drive Fort Wayne, IN 46815

<u>Don Foland #493-9128</u> Georgetown Place 1717 Maplecrest Rd., Apt.338 Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Maxine Ford #747-1663
Kingston Residence
7515 Winchester Road, Apt. 116
Fort Wayne, IN 46819

<u>Laura Fuller</u> 13202 Vittano Ct. Fort Wayne, IN 46845

Bob Guingrich #483-6929 818 Lincoln Court Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Feb. 21

Feb. 23 Feb. 25

Feb. 27

Feb. 28

Harley Allen

Aaron Bowers

Damian Polk

Tom Monnier

Nathan Bausser

Frank Dee Lehman #483-9281 6318 Bittersweet Drive Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Rev. Loran Lewis #447-7230 Lutheran Life Villages 6723 S. Anthony Blvd., Apt.E131 Fort Wayne. IN 46816

Carol Macy Golden Years Homestead 8300 Maysville Road Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Robert Morell #489-2599 1701 Wayside Drive Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Mary Patten
Heritage Park
2001 Hobson Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Evelyn Pelz #627-6817 The Cedars 14409 Sunrise Ct., Rm.221 Leo, IN 46765

Helen Ricker
Harbour Assisted Living
Send mail to:
c/o Janice Weber
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Fort Wayne, IN 46825

George Ripple 101 Surrey Lane Lake Forest, IL 60045

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Lois Walsh #496-1421 3110 E. Coliseum Blvd., Rm. 201 Fort Wayne, IN 46805

James Witzigreuter, Sr. 3705 Summit View Place Fort Wayne, IN 46808 #432-3500

Bill & Madge Zion #485-5353 8426 Tewksbury Ct. Fort Wayne, IN 46835



Feb. 01	Amanda Neumann	March 03	Ezrah Tsamwa
Feb. 02	John Current	March 05	Peggy Mahoney
Feb. 04	Teresa Licari	March 08	Judy Bellis
Feb. 05	Gabe Evans	March 09	Becky Barnett
Feb. 05	Marjory Leas	March 15	Ann Bausser
Feb. 07	Bryan Boggess	March 16	Norman Getts
Feb. 07	JoAnn Getts	March 20	Mary Neumann
Feb. 07	Bob Morell	March 22	Diana Eller
Feb. 10	Lois Walsh	March 22	Ashton Lyons
Feb. 10	Karen Doehrman	March 23	Max Achleman
Feb. 13	Jennifer Evans	March 25	Hanna Barchak
Feb. 14	Barbara Springer	March 28	Rev. Laura Sherwood
Feb. 15	Kelli Neumann	March 29	Karla Polk
Feb. 19	Kyle Howard		

- Thank you to Pat Morrison for all the work she did for Grace during the Advent and Christmas season. She gave us the continuity of events that so many of us feel is very important during this season. Pat's sermons were well prepared and appreciated by many. Thank you Pat!
 Church Staff Relations
- I want to thank the congregation at Grace Presbyterian for the help and support given me during my "fill-in time" with you. It was a learning and growing experience for me. You made the Advent season a wonderful time.

Thank you again, Pat Morrison

• Thanks to the Interim Pastor Search Committee and to Stacey for their hard work and leading us to Pastor Ann.

People of Grace

Thank you for a lovely prayer shawl. What a nice gesture
to brighten my day, for people who are sick. You give them encouragement. It is so kind and thoughtful for you to keep me in your prayers.
 Best wishes for a blessed Christmas season to you and your families.

Jack Monnier (Tom Monnier's Father)

Dear Grace Members.

On behalf of the clients, staff and Board of Directors of the East Wayne Street Center, I would I like to give my heartfelt thanks for your donation of food items and \$440.00 for holiday meals. Because of gifts such as yours, we are able to provide various programs for low-income individuals and families.

Sincerely, Reppard Home, Executive Director

• The Wellspring Interfaith Social Services is very appreciative for all the donations from Grace. They had a record-setting year in terms of providing services as they reached 5,782 unduplicated individuals in 2015 with a large majority of those being involved on an ongoing basis. A high percentage of those helped live in the core of the city and have limited access to supportive services. Wellspring is looking forward to being a beacon of hope to the underserved for the decades to come and thanked Grace for having confidence in them and our support.

Francis Zirille, Executive Director Wellspring Interfaith Social Services

 Thanks to Brian Zimmerman for donating and setting up a computer for the pastor's office.

John Current

• Thank You to everyone who so generously donated to the Salvation Army families. We have received a thank you from both families. It makes me proud to be a member of a church, where God's love is shared with others.

Holly Bouthot

Thanks to our Gracious Donors,

This was certainly a season of miracles for the community of Allen County, as The Salvation Army assisted over 800 families in need this

year through our Christmas programs. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of individuals, businesses, and groups such as yours, thousands of children benefitted from the joy that can only come from selfless giving. There are no words to convey how important our mission is, and how vital you are by being a part of it. We know that you understand that it's far beyond the giving of gifts; it is truly the giving of humanity in the most beautiful form imaginable. Thank you for another beautiful Christmas, on behalf of all of us at The Salvation Army.

Sincerely, Jama Smith Adopt-A-Family Coordinator

...(This thank-you from The Salvation Army in its entirety along with cards from the Christmas families are posted on the tower entrance thank-you board for you to read.)

• Thank you to Dennis Allen for the new mailbox! It is what we would have if Norm Abrams (This Old House) and the Postmaster General of the U.S. built a mailbox for themselves.

John Gurrent

 Thank you to Dennis Allen for building a battery charging cart for Habitat for Humanity to use at Fullers Landing. Dick Weaver is going to appreciate that all the batteries and chargers are at waist height, no more reaching down to pick them up from the floor or out of the mud puddles.

John Gurrent

• Thanks to Tom and Stacey Monnier for the superior job of bringing all the church's resources together as a team to prepare the manse for Pastor Ann. And to Katelynn, Alex, and Gabby Monnier for joining the cleaning party when the manse was cleaned. Anyone remember when you could bend over, crawl on your knees, and climb in a bath tub to clean it? Gabby and Alex were a true blessing in doing these things.

Also, thanks to the group of ten or more that showed up with cleaning supplies and plenty of elbow grease to clean the manse. And to Tom Monnier for arranging and supervising the carpet cleaning at the manse.

John Current

 Thank you to all who pledged for 2016 and for all those who volunteer many hours. Your financial support helps us continue in our mission and assist with bringing God's word to our families, friends and neighbors.

JoAnn Getts, Treasurer

• Thank you to John Current and Dennis Allen for your very fast response in helping to make the manse safe for Pastor Ann.

Tammy Menkes

 Thank you to Bob Bausser, who dressed up as Santa Claus, and to all who volunteered and/or came to eat for Chick-Fil-A night at Jefferson Pointe on December 14th! We raised \$211.45 from this fundraiser for our church. Grace Presbyterian Church 1811 Fairhill Road Fort Wayne, IN 46808

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Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26, 2016

10 am—12 noon

Be sure to bring your friends and family March 26th for a fun day of games, music, crafts, snacks and an Easter egg hunt! Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. so be sure to be on time.

We will begin collecting wrapped candy donations on Sunday, March 6th. Please bring your donations to the church office or drop them off in the narthex on Sundays.

Look for a volunteer sign up sheet in March to help out with this fun event.

—Thanks! Christian Education Committee