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"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

(Isaiah 9:6)

And we took this "Prince of Peace" and nailed him to the cross.



46808 Community Good Friday service on March 25th here at Grace.



Easter Sunday service on March 27th. Beautiful!



Youth Sunday and Christian Education

Recognition will be Sunday, May 22. The Youth are planning the service and will lead us in worship that day. Also, all participants and leaders of the Sunday school classes, Bible study groups, and the church-wide book study will be recognized that day. Please be sure to join us in worship and fellowship on this special Sunday!

Stewardship is...



...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say "I believe"

Tax time—we fill out our 1040s and wonder where all that money went. We see the evidence of God's provision for us, but we may not feel closer to our financial goals. If God called us to account in April like the IRS does, what would we say?

For many believers, the year has gone by without significant thought or discipline in the area of stewardship. Many people no doubt would have hoped for greater effectiveness in managing their finances and pursuing their financial goals than they actually experienced in the past year.

Freed-Up Financial Living (FUFL) can help! This flagship Good \$ense resource will help people cultivate a steward's mindset, becoming more intentional about financial decisions and pursuing Financial Freedom.

Our culture pulls us into financial slavery by convincing us of several myths, including:

- Debt is expected and unavoidable.
- Things bring happiness.
- A little more money will solve all our problems.

To the extent that we buy into these myths, we find ourselves enslaved by the expectations of others and by the claims of creditors. Financial Freedom becomes an unattainable ideal.

Freed-Up Financial Living challenges these myths with solid Biblical financial teaching. **Freed-Up Financial Living** will help people to be more intentional about Earning, Giving, Saving, Spending, and Debt. This course will provide participants with financial tools like a simple but effective spending plan and an easy to maintain spending record, enabling them to take control of their finances and putting them on a path toward Financial Freedom.

FUFL's grace-filled approach enables participants to honestly face their current financial situation because it doesn't point fingers for past mistakes. This frees up participants to honestly assess their current situations, the first step toward gaining control and becoming true stewards. **FUFL's** pre-work helps participants to understand their financial motivations and their "money autobiography", preparing them to maximize the benefits of the class.

Comprehensive in scope, grace-filled in approach, and simple in execution, **Freed-Up Financial Living** can help you finally get on the track to Financial Freedom. Participants will have a chance to avoid the mistakes of the past and to make new decisions and establish new patterns of behavior. Make next year's tax season not a time of regret for opportunities missed, but a time of gratitude for God's provision!

Contact Stacey Monnier (260) 338-1039 to have your name added to the list for the next Freed Up class and please share this information with your loved ones.



It's been a joy to welcome some new faces to sing with the choir (Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings) the last few months. As always, we're thrilled to welcome new and returning singers to the choir.



Thank you for the encouragement that each of you have given since I took up directing the choir. It's meant a lot to me to hear you supporting us.

If you have feedback or thoughts about what the choir has done or might do in the future, please contact me anytime. Take a minute after church in fellowship and let me know what you think. Maybe you have a favorite song or hymn that we haven't done in a while, and we may be able to fit it in!

My aim with the choir is always to serve the congregation with the most meaningful and best musical additions to worship we can provide. And I'm always open to ways to improve or add to what we're doing. Thank you all again for the opportunity to serve you.

Tom Callahan



"I do have a diversified retirement plan: 30% hopes, 30% wishes, 40% prayers."

Up To Date with Committees & Groups

Committee Chairs at Grace

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



May Friendship Day is coming Friday, May 6, 2016. It will be at Aldersgate UMC, 2417 Getz Road at 1:00 p.m. Theme: Finding Grace At the Table Registration forms will be put in the Narthex when available. See Pat Morrison or the church office with any questions.



MONTHLY GATHERINGS

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 dates: April 14 & May 12

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

Next dates: April 28 & May 26

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. (see page 5)
 —Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Next dates: April 20 & May 18

PW COMING EVENTS...

May 8, 2016

Mothers' Day Plant Sale

June 11, 2016

Garage Sale with Neighborhood Sale

October 8, 2016

PW Luncheon

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)



Boy Scouts of America Anthony Wayne Area Council awarded the District Award of Merit to Troop 15 Scoutmaster Randy Batchelder. The Thunderbird District, "District Patch Award" was awarded to Pack 3015 Cubmaster Todd Lahrman. These are but two of the quality leaders who put the Scouting Program into the life of boys each week here at Grace.

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. Classes are in session and will meet through June 23, then take a summer break. We will not meet on the following days, 3/30, 4/21 & 5/5.

Please see Tammy Menkes with any questions.



- April—4/24/16 @ 12 noon
- May—to be announced



- April meeting—4/3/16 @ 12 noon
- May meeting—5/1/16 @ 12 noon

Mission Study Review Team

The Presbytery's Commission on Ministry (COM) has authorized us to review and update the Mission Study completed prior to the calling of Rev. Chris Kirwan rather than having to begin all over again. This should make the process much shorter.

The Nominating Committee will be putting together a team of people to be the Mission Study Review Team. As soon as the Review Team has been selected you will be notified and more will be explained. We plan to make every effort to keep the congregation up to date on where we are in the process of calling your next Installed Pastor.

IF you have any questions about the process, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Session members or Rev. Ann. As soon as we have a timeline we will make it known.



Mark your calendars!

Please join us for a Caring Circle Potluck on May 15, 2016 at 11:30 am

Caring Circles have been part of Grace for many years in some form or another. A Caring Circle is a group of members and non-members who are a meaningful part of our church and cared for by an active Elder and Deacon "shepherd". The purpose is to have more intentional relationships within these smaller circles and hopefully be aware when members are in need of prayer and support in times of trial, and to help celebrate joyful news as well.

This year we have re-organized the circles in a completely random pattern encompassing the active members, friends of the church, out of towners, and home-centered. We hope you will be able to join us for the Potluck and share a meal, a laugh and a story with our newly formed Circles. If you are unable to make it, an Elder or Deacon Shephard will contact you via letter, phone call or visit to see how we can better share Christ's love and concern in our Grace community. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact Deacon Cindy Bowers at 341-3675.

Deacon/Elder Shepherds

- Caring Circle #1—John Current/Dennis Allen
- Caring Circle #2—Holly Bouthot/Todd German
- Caring Circle #3—Karen Doehrman/Laurie Howard
- Caring Circle #4—Diana Eller/Tammy Menkes
- Caring Circle #5—Al Creager/Jim Wolfe
- Caring Circle #6—Harley Allen/Dan Ankney
- Caring Circle #7—Dave Zimmerman/Bill Werling
- Caring Circle #8—Cindy Bowers/Stacey Monnier
- Caring Circle #9—Nancy Current/Pat Morrison
- Caring Circle #10—Norman & JoAnn Getts



Time to clean house!

Starting March 20th through June 19th, Property Committee will have a spring clean out of its own area, plus working on finding storage space for things that are left out in the open. Anything not spoken for will be set out at the curb for trash pick-up. The area's that need attention are:

- Upstairs (where banner's are kept)
- Sacristy (candle prep area/FWCC storage)
- Attic re-arrangement
- Disposing of items that no longer have a purpose

All committee's are asked to please join in. Work can be done through the week if possible or Saturdays starting from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

No sign up sheet—just show up!!

Outside clean-up will also take place. (raking, weeding, planting, trimming)



Please remember, anything without a purpose will be tagged for disposal.

Please see Dennis Allen with any questions. Thank you for your help!



How do we make visitors feel welcome?

One way to make visitors feel welcomed is to introduce yourself to someone you don't know when you see them prior to worship. Don't worry about whether they are members or visitors, you can always begin with "I don't believe we have met. My name is....." IF you discover that the person you are speaking with is a long time member, or grew up in this congregation but has been away, then you have still made a new acquaintance!

Another way to make people feel welcomed is to be sure and reach out to anyone you don't know during the passing of the Peace. There is nothing worse, as a visitor, than to be totally ignored during that time in worship.

Another way is to be sure to invite visitors to **join** you for fellowship time following worship. Someone who has never been in our building will not know their way down to the fellowship hall. It is so much friendlier to invite them to walk with you. When people come downstairs and all the tables are full of members, leaving no place free for them to join the Conversation, people tend not to stay to get to know anyone. If you stand and mingle then a new person can much more easily join in a conversation without feeling like they are imposing themselves.

Habits are difficult to break, especially when we like doing what we have always done. Please try this new set up for a while and see if more visitors stay for fellowship. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be known as a church that makes people feel right at home?!



CANCER PAD SEWING

This April our church will celebrate 50 years of sewing Cancer Pads. Joyce Gouwens started North Highlands Presbyterian women involvement with this much needed project. Eva Geist was the leader of this group and we had a large number of women involved. Westminster Presbyterian Church merged with us and our name is now Grace Presbyterian. We have had a few sewing leaders in these years and we have a small group of

dedicated women still sewing.

Since 1995 we have made 5,632 pads for Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana!

Thank you to our members and church friends for the many sheets you have donated. Thank you Ginny Myers for finding us the source for the plastic we purchase. From the original group of women sewing these pads, Mildred Anderson, Lois Walsh and Evelyn Brunnegraff are still members of the church and Evelyn is the leader of the group. Come join Evelyn Brunnegraff, Linda Haller, Dee Stoiche, and Connie Stucky, for a morning of good fellowship. We meet every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m.



FUN, FOOD & GAMES—MAY 1st at Grace!

Let's gather together for an evening of games and a Baked Potato Bar! Congregational Life is hosting a night of fellowship for Grace. Please bring your favorite game and a topping for the potato bar. A sign up sheet will be available soon. All ages are invited to come and enjoy! Just come to the church down in Fellowship Hall by 5:00 p.m. with your friends and family. If you have any questions please see Nancy Current or JoAnn Getts. See you there!



EASTER EGG HUNT

Over 75 kids participated in the Easter Egg Hunt that was held at Grace on Saturday, March 26. This was one of the largest turnouts in recent years. The kids enjoyed the egg hunt, games, crafts, story time, and music. Plus, snacks were provided. The winner of the candy/toy bucket was Janelle. Congratulations!



THE LUNCH BUNCH

The women of Grace gather together the last Thursday of each month for lunch and fellowship. Anyone is invited to the Lunch Bunch which meets at the Glenbrook Mall Food Court at 12 noon.



The next gathering is April 28th. We hope you will join us!



MEMBER UPDATES



New Addresses:

- ◆ **Mary Patten**
Heritage Park Assisted Living
2001 Hobson Rd, Apt. 6
Fort Wayne, IN 46805
- ◆ **Evelyn Pelz**
Park Place Senior Living
4411 Park Place Dr., Rm. 218
Fort Wayne, IN 46845

- ◆ **Kyle Howard**
8410 Forsythia Court
Fort Wayne, IN 46818
260-416-4787

Phone Update:

- ◆ **Al & Sue Creager**—Home Phone: 260-387-6730

College Info:

- ◆ **Andrew Fahrenbach**—*Purdue University*
Harrison Residence Hall/Rm 224, Box 1687
107 MacArthur Drive
West Lafayette, IN 47906
- ◆ **Grace German**—*Northwood University*
4000 Whiting Drive/Minor Hall, Rm.64
Midland, MI 48640
germang@northwood.edu
- ◆ **Rachel German**—*Internship*
Virginia Beach City Public Schools
- ◆ **Brittney Bellis**—*Graduating from IU*
- ◆ **Amanda Neumann**—*Graduating from IPFW*

In Memory:

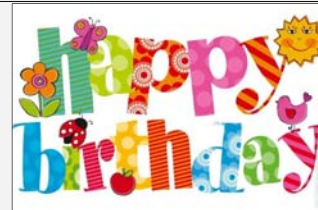
- ◆ **Mary Scribner:** July 4, 1927—February 27, 2016

	Feb. 7	78	
	Feb. 10	27	Ash Wednesday
	Feb. 14	84	
FEBRUARY / MARCH	Feb. 21	65	
	Feb. 28	72	
WORSHIP	Mar. 6	74	
ATTENDANCE	Mar. 13	66	
	Mar. 20	73	Palm Sunday
	Mar. 24	30	Maundy Thursday
	Mar. 25	78	Good Friday
	Mar. 27	120	Easter



In Touch with Our Home-Centered Members

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APRIL

April 01	Joyce Campbell
April 08	Dale Lehman
April 08	Don Foland
April 12	Micah Tsamwa
April 17	Cayden Lyons
April 19	Wil Searer
April 22	Mildred Anderson
April 23	April Lehman
April 27	Autumn Callahan
April 28	Rev. Loran Lewis
April 28	Carl Jacobs
April 30	Audrey Seitz
April 30	Dave Gilbert

MAY

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	Josiyah Tsamwa
May 09	Phyllis Wilkie
May 10	Dave Zimmerman
May 11	Janet Campbell
May 20	Janice Weber
May 26	Dee Stoiche
May 26	Meghan Mahoney
May 28	Ervin Bellis
May 29	Angie Barchak



April 5, 1970	Ken & Peggy Mahoney
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
May 30, 1970	Dave & Nancy Gilbert

- I would like to give a special thank you to the little children of Grace for the beautiful Valentine Card they made for me. And to all my friends at Grace for all the cards that I have received during this difficult time. Also, a thank you to Rev. Pitman for giving us communion, and a huge thanks to Tammy and Nancy for all their visits to see me.

Mary Patten

- A huge thank you to Tim Bauman for cleaning the library after electrical work was done in January.

John Current

- Thanks to Ken Mahoney for helping to paint the new storage room. And thanks to Harley Allen for building paint drop clothes right into the construction so we didn't have to use masking tape.

John Current

- "Please thank everyone at Grace for their generous gift to Campus Ministry at IPFW and Indiana Tech. The support of Grace over the years has been tremendous and encouraging to all of us who serve on campus. Thanks again to everyone at your precious church!"

Ben Gates, Campus Minister

- Thank you to everyone who donated candy or money for the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to everyone who helped in the planning and/or helped the day of the Easter Egg Hunt. It was a great day!

Christian Education Committee

- Thank you Pastor Ann for teaching my Sunday school while I was on vacation.

Tammy Menkes

- Dear Friends at Grace,
On behalf of Turnstone and those we serve, I would like to thank Grace Presbyterian Church for its generosity. The Church's three year Accessibility Campaign has raised a total of \$6,887.48. This funding was instrumental in the building of nine wheelchair access ramps for people with disabilities in our community. That is nine families who can now access the community and all it has to offer. I cannot thank the Grace Presbyterian Church enough for these three years of support, it was truly a blessing for our agency.

*Sincerely Michael Mushett
Chief Executive Officer*

- We want to take a moment to say thank you for your support of Associated Churches. Whether it's providing basic needs or family service, you were there as a partner in caring for our community. Our records indicate your support in 2015 totaled \$420.00. Through your giving you are a part of meeting the real and critical needs of those less fortunate in our community.

*God's richest blessings to you,
Roger Reece, Executive Pastor*

- I would like to thank the children and the people who made it possible to get a very nice Valentine card. It is so nice you took the time to make such a nice card. Thanks.

*May God Bless all the people at Grace
Robert J Morell*

- The Grace Souper Bowl Score was Denver Broncos 52 cans of soup, and Carolina Panthers 39 cans of soup. But regardless of who won, we collected 73 pounds of soup that were delivered to Associated Churches Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Sunday School Youth

- Many thanks to all the readers, ushers, and participants in our Holy Week Services.

Rev. Ann Pitman

- To ALL who donated to our missions this Easter—THANK YOU!
We received the following...

Good Friday Offering for Neighborlink—\$258

One Great Hour of Sharing—\$681

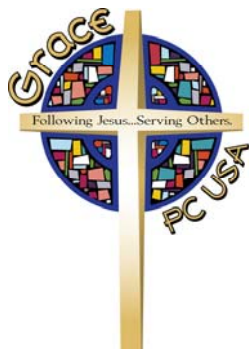
Lenten Coin Folders for PW Disaster Assistance Fund—\$125.50



SCHOLARSHIP

Calvary Third United Presbyterian Church Memorial Scholarship

Beginning this year, all graduating High School Seniors who are members of one of the PCUSA congregations in Fort Wayne, will be eligible to apply for a scholarship from the Calvary Third United Presbyterian Church Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is being administered by First Presbyterian Church. Anyone interested can contact their church pastor for more information. This scholarship is a wonderful legacy that was left to the youth of Fort Wayne. Be sure to make use of it when you are a Senior!



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MAY 8TH...

The Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale is May 8, 2016. It will be held right after church in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to get that gift for Mother's Day! Sponsored by the Presbyterian women.

JUNE 11TH...

The Annual Garage Sale in conjunction with North Highlands Neighborhood will be on Saturday, June 11, 2016. You can rent a table for \$5.00 and keep the money you make. PW will also have their own sale table, and we are accepting donations except for clothing or shoes. Items can be brought to the church at any time. See Tammy for more information or to reserve a table. The proceeds of the Plant Sale and Garage Sale will benefit the church. Thank-you!