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Sunday, September 4, 2016

46808 Churches Worship in the Park

Mark your calendars for worship at Hamilton Park on September 4th with our neighbors! As in past years, please bring your lawn chairs. More details on the time of the service, potluck lunch, and rain out plans will follow.

Please note: We will not have service here at Grace on that Sunday.



Sunday
SCHOOL
KICKOFF



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Please plan on joining us here at Grace on this special Sunday!

We will enjoy our Sunday School Kick Off, Tail Gate Party, and Zoo Trip.

9:00AM Sunday School Classes and 9:30AM for the Toddler's Class
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Tail Gate Party (Potluck with hot dogs & beverages provided)



Zoo Trip afterwards for kids and adults!
—More information to follow

Signup sheets will be in the Narthex beginning August 14th.

Grace T-Shirts for Sale!

Anyone who is interested in purchasing a t-shirt or polo shirt with the Grace logo is welcome to put in their order through August 31.



Please do not pay now. Money will be collected when the orders arrive. Please pick up a form in the narthex. Shirt type, sizes, and logo placement of shirts are on the form. Please fill out your order and place in the offering plate, give to Todd German, or drop off to the office during the week.

⇒ For those of us helping to host the two upcoming events here at Grace, "Healthy Small Church" workshop in October, and Presbytery in November, it is nice to have a Grace shirt to wear. When members wear church shirts it makes it far easier for visitors to know who to ask for directions or assistance when they need help. It is also a fun way to advertise for the church, when we are out and about as the church (mission projects, excursions, etc.).

Please see Todd German with any questions about the shirts. Thank you!



Mission Study Review Team Report

The Mission Study Review team presented their report to Session at the July 12 meeting. Several questions were asked and the report was approved by Session with the additional changes suggested. The report will be sent to COM for their consideration at their July 27th meeting.

The choir will return to singing during worship on Sunday, September 11!

A big thank you goes to Sue Creager for taking several hot days this summer to go through the miscellaneous items up in the music room. Whew, what a job! Thanks Sue!!!



Next Steps—Election of a PNC

Once the Mission Study Review is approved by the Session and Committee on Ministry (COM) we will be authorized to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Nominating Committee will put together a slate of the members willing to serve. A congregational meeting will be called. The slate will be presented. As Book of Order requires, additional names can be put into nomination from the floor. Prior to putting someone's name into nomination be sure to ask the person if they are willing to serve if elected. The congregation will then vote to elect the members of the PNC.

July 2016 Session Highlights

- ◆ Met with Jean Linville, COM Liaison, Cathy German, and Peggy Mahoney from the Mission Study Team.
- ◆ Set a tentative date to elect the PNC for September 11th.
- ◆ Approved electing a 7 member PNC
- ◆ Approved time off for Professional Development for Rev. Ann August 14-18
- ◆ Reported on the lighting updates

The PNC will be responsible for writing the MIF (Ministry Information Form) which is entered online on the denominations Church Leadership Connection (CLC). It will then be available for anyone seeking a call to read and respond. There is an element of computer matching that is done by CLC based on the leadership characteristics the PNC lists on the MIF. Pastors can also "self-refer" to a church that is looking. In addition, Presbytery staff may make referrals when asked for assistance by a pastor, or congregation. (Some do more of that than others.)

Now is the time to learn "Presbyspeak" 😊

CLC = Church Leadership Connection
COM = Committee on Ministry
GA = General Assembly
MIF = Ministry Information Form
PNC = Pastor Nominating Committee
WWVP = Whitewater Valley Presbytery



Websites you may be interested in:

Presbyterian Church (USA)

www.pcusa.org

Synod of Lincoln Trails

www.lincolntrails.org

Whitewater Valley Presbytery

www.whitewater.org

Mission Responsibility Through Investment

www.pcusa.org/mrti

Indiana Center for Middle East Peace

www.indianacmep.org

Up To Date with Committees & Groups

Committee Chairs at Grace

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



MONTHLY GATHERINGS

SARAH CIRCLE

The Presbyterian Women will not meet in August.

When they meet in September they will be studying "In His Eyes, Becoming The Woman God Made You To Be."

—They meet the 2nd Thursday of each month; 12:00pm Arby's West State for lunch; 1:00pm Circle Meeting at Grace

Next dates: Sept. 8 & Oct. 13

LUNCH BUNCH

Come have lunch with friends at Glenbrook Mall Food Court! All women are invited.

—They meet on the last Thursday of each month at 12 noon.

Next dates: August 25 & Sept. 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.

—They meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at Grace

Next dates: August 17 & Sept. 21

PW ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

We made almost \$300 from our Garage Sale on June 11th. This money will be donated to the Main Kitchen Fund. Thank you all who donated items or helped in any way with the sale.

3B, Body, Brain, and Belief

3B class resumes Wednesday, September 7th, 10:30 am in the Upper Room. There will be some new things added just to shake us up a bit. Members and friends are invited. See Tammy for further Details.

3B weekly schedule:

Monday 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday 10:30 a.m.
Thursday 10:30 a.m.

SESSION MEETING

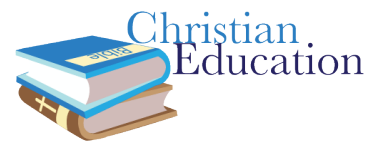
- August—Sunday 8/21/16
- September—Sunday 9/18/16



- August—no meeting
- September—to be announced



Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) will start meeting again in September at First Presbyterian Church. Please see Lauren Knoop for dates & times.
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Check out the front page for the start of Sunday school!

The Christian Education Committee wants to encourage all children, youth and adults to come to a Sunday school class. As we get closer to September 11th we will have more information on the options for the adults.



PER CAPITA

Just a reminder that we are still collecting Per Capita of \$37.70 per member. Per Capita dues help underwrite the expenses of the GA Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAAD) to the General Assembly which was held June 18 thru 25 of this year. Grace German was elected to serve this year. Our Per Capita dues helped with her expenses.



FREE!

CARDS, CARDS, LOTS OF CARDS

We have a nice stock of a variety of greeting cards now. Thanks to the donations of many people and to Nancy for helping to sort them all! They are filed in their respective bins and will be kept in the office hallway in the credenza under the mailboxes.

If you would like to send a card to someone for any reason feel free to pick one up anytime.

Northeast Indiana Honor Flight #20

Pictured at the right are some of us that welcomed back the veterans and their guardians from their one day flight to Washington D.C. Todd German accompanied his father, Staff Sargent Wayne German. For many veterans this was the first time they had seen the monuments placed in their honor. There were a few veterans from WWII, but most were veterans of Korea. Some of the son and daughters accompanying them were Vietnam Vets.

Their return to Fort Wayne was very emotional. Applause erupted when they began to enter the terminal, and continued until the last veteran on the flight proceeded through the terminal. Tears were on many faces as veterans who had not been welcomed home upon their return were honored. Thank you to all who wrote cards, came to welcome them back, and supported them.

Thank you to all the men and women who serve our Country!



Hi Everybody!

Going to the General Assembly out in Portland Oregon was an incredibly amazing experience. It will be a trip that I will never forget! I got to experience the process of the plenary first hand. It was so cool to see how the whole church works. I felt honored to participate in such important issues, and make important decisions for the future of our church. It also makes me feel even more proud to be a Presbyterian than I was before. I also want to say thank you for all of the cards and candy that our congregation had for me every day. The candy really helped during the eight hour meetings! I was proud to represent Grace Presbyterian Church.

Grace German

—Pictured left is Grace with the Young Adult Advisory Delegates and co-moderators from Committee Four.

The new furniture for the Upper Room was ordered to complete the renovation project!

Thank you to everyone who helped pick out the furniture, transport it to church, and set it up. Please feel free to test it all out by enjoying a visit with someone while sitting in it. Thank you to Todd, Cathy, and Grace German for picking it up for us, and to Tom Monnier for loaning them the trailer to move it with. Thank you to John and Dennis for putting it all together and placing sliders on the legs for easy moving!

Pictured right: Todd & Cathy German transporting the furniture.



Pictured left: Bill and Madge Zion June 25, 2016— Camp Chief Little Turtle memorial service for Ranger Jack Zeiger

Bill and Jack were good friends. Jack was the Camp Ranger for the Anthony Wayne Scout Reservation from 1967 to 2000. Jack died April 15, 2016 and the memorial was June 25th. We attended the "Last Campfire", "Broken Arrow Ceremony", and "Last Flag Lowering" for our longtime friend. Nancy Current served on camp staff two years 1988 and 1989 while Jack was the Camp Director. We sailed to the Southern Caribbean with Jack and Marge Zeiger in 1992. Jack was the first person at camp that Bill Zion introduced me to, back in 1979; and I served as Camp Maintenance Chairman and later Camp Property Chairman for 24 years under Jack's leadership. Bill served as Camp Master Chairman for more years than I can remember. Camp Masters are the volunteers who keep the camp open over the weekends and during the off season.

John Current



222nd General Assembly – first Person Report

I first attended a General Assembly in 1994, one year after being ordained as a “Minister of Word and Sacrament” by the Presbytery of Central Florida, on behalf of Whitewater Valley Presbytery. Since that time I have attended GA’s in Cincinnati, OH, Fort Worth, TX, while serving as Vice Moderator of the Presbytery; Columbus, OH, Detroit, MI, and now, Portland, OR. I am kind of a “GA junkie.” I love seeing the Holy Spirit move through the commissioners, observers, staff and resource persons, overture advocates, **and** Robert’s Rules of Order.

The 222nd GA was the first general assembly since I was ordained that was not predicted to split the denomination in two over one controversial issue or another. By comparison, it was really quite tame, but not without its own history making events!

The 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the PC(USA) celebrated two historic events—electing two women as co-moderators for the first time and electing the first African American as the PC(USA)’s new Stated Clerk, the highest ecclesiastical office in the 1.5-million-member denomination. Always before we have had a Moderator and a Vice Moderator. IF the Moderator was a woman then the vice moderator was ALWAYS a man. The opposite, however did not automatically follow.

There were 14 different committees. I especially wanted to follow the work of Committee #8 dealing with the Middle East issues. Having visited in Israel/Palestine in 2012 with the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace, I have become very aware of how our national media does not report on both sides of the issues evenly. Our national media tends to be very biased toward Israel and against the Palestinians. No one wants to offend the Israelis, as if any complaint might be perceived as being Anti-Semitic, a concern lifted up repeatedly at GA.

On my visit we were intentionally meeting with the local people living there “the Living Stones”, both Palestinians and Israelis in order to learn what is happening to them. We read books before going written by some of the people we met with, and read more when we returned. One of the statements made by Abuna Elias Chacour, Archbishop of Galilee, was: “Please, please tell people, when you go home that not all Palestinians are terrorists!”

We visited with Rev. Mitri Raheb, pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. He has been instrumental in founding the DAR AL-KALIMA University College in Bethlehem as a means of educating the children of Palestine, to live life abundantly, as Jesus promised. (“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10.) Dar Al-Kalima University College is one of the recipients of a loan from the Presbyterian Foundation as a result of the 221st GA’s call for **positive** investment in Palestine when the decision was made to divest from companies unwilling to discuss the use of their products to destroy Palestinian fields, homes, schools, hospitals, etc. (We also visited the College.)

As part of the report during Plenary, the Presbyterian Foundation shared a video describing and showing the investments made which can be viewed by going to:

<http://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/Our-Services/Faith-Based-Investing/Transformational-Investing/Transformational-Investing-Update.aspx>

The PC(USA) General Assemblies have repeatedly and consistently recognized:

- Israel’s right to exist as a sovereign state within secure, internationally recognized borders
- Palestinians’ right to self-determination, including the right to establish a neighboring independent, sovereign state
- The desire of all to establish a just and durable peace – to which the end of occupation is essential

They continue to do so, however, they are also lifting up the social justice issues of people living in the region. Whether the eventual solution can be a two state solution is in serious doubt now as the number of illegal settlements in Palestinian land continues to increase. The facts are available and very disheartening. I am happy to discuss this topic with anyone in further detail.

Rev. Ann

MEMBER UPDATES



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In Memory:

- ◆ James Witzigreuter, Sr.
August 15, 1922—June 3, 2016



JUNE / JULY ATTENDANCE

June 5	50	July 3	33
June 12	58	July 10	52
June 19	57		
June 26	47		



August 1, 1987	Dale & April Lehman
August 9, 2003	Matt & Teri Seitz
August 10, 2008	Tom & Autumn Callahan
September 3, 1984	Jeff & Betsy Kachmar
September 6, 1969	Dick & Tina Weaver
September 8, 2012	Ezekiel & Misty Tsamwa
September 12, 1998	Rev. Bob & Marjory Leas
September 25, 2010	Carl & Cherie Jacobs
September 28, 1996	Kevin & Jennifer Mahoney



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AUGUST

August 08	Charlotte Jacobs
August 09	Carol Fahrenbach
August 11	Michael Werling
August 12	Karen Horner
August 14	Leora Bartusch
August 19	Tammy Menkes
August 20	Frank Lehman
August 21	Jon Wolf
August 24	Bob Fahrenbach
August 27	Jan Gouker
August 28	Tom Weber
August 29	Jackson Bean
August 30	Bill Werling
August 30	Nick Barchak
August 31	Connie Stucky
August 31	Donna Parrish

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 01	Meara Geist
Sept. 03	Bruce Barnett
Sept. 04	Mary Patten
Sept. 05	Maureen Rogers
Sept. 07	Brian Geist
Sept. 07	Doug Haller
Sept. 07	Judi Eckler-Queen
Sept. 08	Rachel German
Sept. 08	Lauren Widmann
Sept. 12	Dot Gilbert
Sept. 14	Anne Courtney
Sept. 16	Linda Haller
Sept. 16	Audra Widmann
Sept. 18	Laurie Howard
Sept. 19	Kevin Mahoney
Sept. 20	Landon Seitz
Sept. 21	Mila Wolf
Sept. 22	Allison Schneider
Sept. 23	Cheryl Fahrenbach
Sept. 24	Don Stoiche
Sept. 25	Tom Callahan
Sept. 25	Brian Zimmerman
Sept. 27	Todd German



- Please thank everyone on your missions committee as well as the entire congregation for their May gift to Campus Ministry at IPFW and Indiana Tech. We are so grateful for the generous support of Grace for so many years now. Your belief in us is so very encouraging. Pray for us as we train our student leaders this summer as we prepare them for their ministry this fall. God Bless.

*Dr. Ben Gates
Director of Campus Ministry*

- We want to take a moment to say THANK YOU for your kind and generous gift to Associated Churches. We will be good stewards of your gift and will use it to care for our community in the name of Christ. Bless you all.

*Rev. Roger Reece
Executive Pastor*

- Many thanks to John Currant and Dennis Allen for their work refinishing the banisters in the Manse while I was gone to GA. They are beautiful!

Pastor Ann

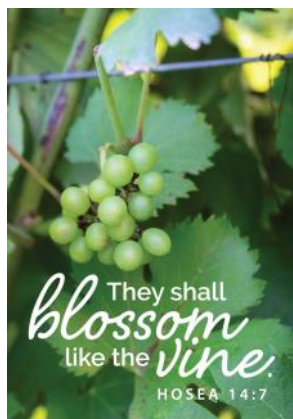
- Thanks to the Property committee members who recognized the real issue of mice in the manse and approved doing something about them! There are now screens on all the air vents on the first floor. John thoroughly cleaned out under the stove and dishwasher – no nests found but definite signs of their presence! Further work is needed, but at least I see an end in sight!

Pastor Ann

- Thank you to Grace German for serving as a YAAD at the 2016 General Assembly!

Tammy Menkes

Joys to be celebrated!



- Ashley Larry had a baby boy on June 15th!
Skyler—6 lbs., 8 oz., 19 inches long

- Rai Wood had a baby girl on July 8th!
Lyzabeth Rai Wood—born at 5:51 a.m.—6 lbs., 7 oz., 19 inches long.

Congratulations Ashley & Rai!



PC(USA) celebrates 60 years of women clergy

This year marks the 60th anniversary of women teaching elders in the PC(USA). On October 24, 1956, the Rev. Margaret Towner was ordained as the first woman minister in the Presbyterian Church. Despite the attention and recognition, she received—her photo was featured in *Life* magazine and other publications—Towner said she "chose to avoid the limelight and continue my work in the local congregation."

Towner recently celebrated her 91st birthday, and though honorably retired, she is still an active member of her presbytery.

In 2015-2016, 110-years of women deacons and 85 years of women ruling elders is also being celebrated. Elder Sarah Dickson was the first woman ruling elder, and Elder Tillie Paul Tamaree was the first Native American woman ruling elder, both ordained in 1930, and there have been numerous women deacons over the past 110 years.

In 1994 when I served the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley as one of their "clergy" commissioners to the General Assembly, my roommate was a clergy commissioner from Ohio, who had just transitioned from one congregation to another. Her daughter, son-in-law, and young grandson had been members of her first congregation since they lived nearby. After she left, her family transferred their membership to a church closer to their home. That congregation had a male pastor. In a phone call with her grandson soon after they began attending the grandson was so excited to tell his grandmother about their new "man" pastor. He went on to say, "Grandma! I didn't know I could grow up to be like you!"

Rev. Ann

Did you know?

With the 4 most prominent leaders in our denomination: 2 are female (Co-Moderators Anderson and Edmiston), two are African American (newly elected Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson, and Co-Moderator Anderson), and 1, Puerto Rican-Mexican-American Latino man, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Tony De La Rosa.

So while many congregations consist of predominately one race, our face is becoming much more multi-cultural.



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Saturday, September 24, 2016

Deacon/Elder Training
for serving home communion

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Dr. Bickers "Healthy Small Church"
9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Here at Grace

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Presbytery Meeting
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Here at Grace
Co-Hosted by Grace P.C. and United Faith P.C.

Volunteers will be needed...More details to follow