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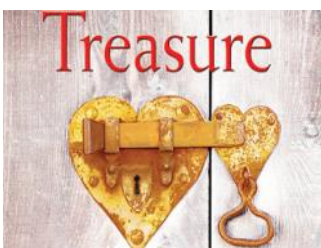
"The Healthy Small Church"

With Dennis Bickers



Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 9a-3:30p
\$20 includes lunch & book
Call church office now to register!

Small churches can be found in every denomination and among every ethnic group but often these churches struggle to survive in the shadow of the larger churches around them. It is because of these ailments that many churches fail to survive. But it is possible for an unhealthy church to become a healthy church capable of experiencing growth—both physically and spiritually. In his new book, *The Healthy Small Church*, small church pastor Dennis Bickers diagnoses the issues that threaten the life of the smaller church and prescribes practical remedies for treating these issues. He reminds churches that transformation and healing are never easy but always worth it.



*Jesus said, "Where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also"*

Matthew 6:21

Often we think that our treasure will follow our hearts, but Jesus suggested something different. He said that where our treasure goes (our time, money and energy), our hearts will follow.

It's no wonder, then, that many of us feel a sense of tension about our lives and finances. We want to give our lives to our churches, our families, our God. Instead, our hearts follow our debts, our bills, our jobs, and often we don't even realize it. We are left feeling stretched, conflicted, and empty. I don't know about you, but I'm ready to change that!

On Sunday, October 16, we will begin a church wide study and worship emphasis called *Treasure: A Stewardship Program on Faith and Money*. Jesus cared about our hearts, so he talked about our treasure. This program over a four-week period, will explore what Jesus said and why, through words, images, sermons, readings, group study, and personal commitment. We will explore what we want to be investing in and what we actually are investing in. We will consider how financial challenges in our personal lives affect our relationships with people and with God. We will see how giving helps to determine the way we feel and act. If you have stress related to money or feel there may be more that God is calling you to do with your resources, this will be a helpful study.

At the end of the four weeks, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of giving to Grace Presbyterian Church for the coming year. All of us will receive commitment cards in the mail, and the cards will also be available on Sunday mornings. We can fill out these cards and bring them to worship on Sunday, November 13.

We look forward to an exciting month considering our treasure and God's treasure. Stay tuned to weekly bulletins and Facebook for the schedule and options for the study. There will be one group during Sunday school time, a Facebook discussion group, and at least one small group that meets during the week in the evening. I pray our congregation will experience the power found in making God our treasure.

Stacey Monnier, Stewardship Chair

Schedule for the Treasure series:

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

A Congregational Meeting to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee was held during morning worship on September 11, 2016. Congratulations to: Al Creager, Todd German, Dot Gilbert, Peg Mahoney, Tom Monnier, Pam Shannon, and Audra Widmann. At their first meeting, Peggy Mahoney was selected as the Chair and Tom Monnier as the recording Secretary. Their next meeting is October 9. The next order of business will be to write the MIF (Ministry Information Form).

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), representative of the whole congregation and elected by the congregation, has the ultimate responsibility for nominating a minister to the congregation for election as the next pastor. Over a number of months, the PNC will journey through the pastoral search process, seeking to hear the call of Christ and “to participate in God’s own choice” for your next pastor. In the pastoral call process, the PNC’s responsibilities include:

- Completing the congregation’s MIF and submitting it to session and presbytery for approval;
- Entering the approved MIF online with Church Leadership Connection (CLC);
- Receiving, reading, and evaluating Personal Information Forms (PIF) in a spirit of prayerful openness to the movement of God’s Spirit;
- Regularly providing reports to the congregation on the pastoral search progress;
- Narrowing the field of prospective pastors through listening to sermons, reference checking (by both the PNC and the presbytery), and phone or video conference interviews—all while sharing, listening, and praying together;
- Interviewing face-to-face the “short list” of prospective pastors, providing for a welcoming and hospitable visit to your church community;
- Arranging with the presbytery for the necessary examinations and approvals of your finalists;
- Selecting one nominee to present to the congregation and negotiating the terms of call;
- Obtaining presbytery approval of the call;
- Presenting the nominee to the congregation for its vote;
- Following the affirmative vote of the congregation, signing the pastoral terms of call for the new pastor;
- Notifying Church Leadership Connection (CLC) when a call has been extended and accepted.

Now that the Pastor Nominating Committee has been elected there is still work for the rest of us to do.

As Interim Pastor I am still responsible for providing pastoral leadership during the congregation’s search for the next pastor. I will continue to provide Worship leadership, including preaching and administration of the sacraments; pastoral care; serving as moderator of session and working with the session to provide for the life and ministry of the congregation; administrative work, including supervision of other staff persons; Supporting the work of the PNC, but not being directly involved with their work; and helping the congregation prepare to welcome the leadership of a new pastor.

The responsibilities of the congregation, while few, are no less important than those of the other participants in the pastoral call process. The responsibilities of the congregation include:

- Continuing to support the ministry of the church through prayer, participation, and financial support during the time of pastoral transition;
- Praying regularly for the PNC;
- Electing the new pastor and approving the terms of call;
- Welcoming the new pastor as the ministry begins.

While the work of the PNC is important, let us not let up on continuing to do our part to keep Grace Presbyterian Church strong and active, and preparing for the reception of a new pastor.

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

They are 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: Oct. 13 & Nov. 10

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 date: Oct. 27

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: Wed. Oct. 19 and Sat. Nov. 5



PW EVENTS...

October 9—Hot Dog & Sloppy Joe Luncheon after church. Free will Offering with donations going towards updating the church kitchen.

October 15—We need volunteers to help clean the church kitchen. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

October 24—Church Women United Bingo at Byron Center. Pudding cups and bingo prizes are needed.

Saturday, November 5 is our Cancer Pad Sewing and Salad Luncheon 9a-2p. All are welcome for some good fellowship and food. Bring your favorite salad. Desserts will be furnished. We will not meet on Wed., Nov. 16.

Saturday, November 12—Christmas Garage Sale

Saturday, December 5—PW Christmas Party and White Elephant Exchange 12-2 pm!

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FIRE!

Friday, October 28, 2016

6:30 pm at the Zimmerman's home: Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. See You There!

3B, Body, Brain, and Belief

What are you doing at 10:30 am on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday? 3B is happening in the upper room. This easy to do movement (exercise) class has made a difference in how we move and feel. Plus the fellowship is great. Come and give it a try. For more information, call Tammy, 483-4856.

PER CAPITA

Just a reminder 2016 Per Capita is \$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.



Check out the new look in the children and adult libraries. Both have been rearranged and reorganized, thus hopefully, easier to use. The adult library has some new sections on grief, angels, prayer, and cookbook from different organizations. Certain authors, such as Max Lucado, have their books grouped together. The children's library has totally been done over. Be sure to check our mascot too! Grace is fortunate to have such a wonderful asset for the congregation.



Indiana Center for Middle East Peace

Rev. Michael L. Spath, executive director of the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace will be leading his 14th solidarity trip to Palestine/Israel June 7-20, 2017. The anticipated itinerary is available to be picked up in the Narthex. For anyone interested in learning more about the trip and whether this trip would be good for you, there will be an informational meeting here at Grace on Monday, October 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. for you to learn more. You can contact Michael directly at lmspath@msn.com or Rev. Ann for more information.



2017 El Salvador Trip Information
February 17—26, 2017

Cost: \$1,750.00 per person, plus airfare (approx. \$700), and spending money (\$100 to \$200).

If interested, please see Todd German as soon as possible.



Halloween WITH GRACE

Candy collections are underway! We are asking for donations of wrapped candy for our annual Halloween event on October 31st.

Please bring your donations to the church and drop off in the Halloween tub in the Narthex or in the church office.

Trick or treaters are invited to join us Monday, October 31st from 5-7 p.m. for some treats!



Bingo at Byron Health Center is coming October 24th.

Members of Grace can volunteer to help at this event put on by Church Women United.

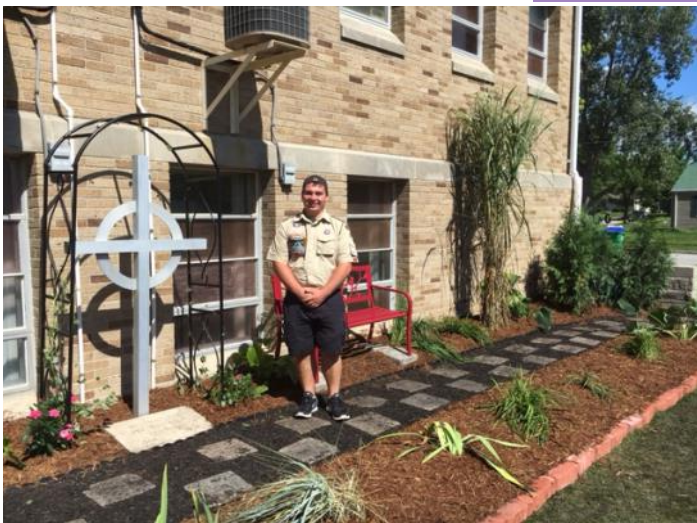
We are collecting bingo prizes for the residents of Byron. Pudding snacks, hygiene products, stationery, crossword puzzles, etc. Please bring in your donations and place them in the basket provided in the Narthex by October 23rd.

Thank you again for helping with this annual event!



The Christmas Garage Sale is Saturday, November 12th.

We are now accepting good, used Christmas items. Seasonal items for Thanksgiving and winter are also wanted. Like new and used gift items will be used for a "gifts" table. All items can be brought to the double door closet on the lower level. Proceeds from the sale will go to the main kitchen fund.



Riley Batchelder, of Boy Scout Troop 15 which meets here at Grace, has finished his Eagle Scout Service Project!

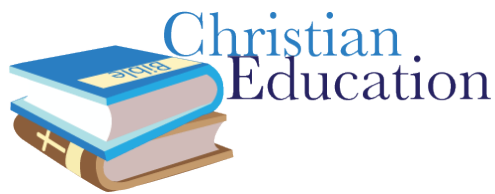
Riley wanted to do something for the church for allowing the troop to use the building and for being our sponsor. He proposed a plan with costs and had it approved; and proceeded to report on how the project went with final costs. He will be submitting to their board of review to become an Eagle Scout! Riley took great pride in doing this for the church and it made a dream of his come to life.

Riley and a team of helpers put together a beautiful prayer garden by the ramp entrance on Huffman Blvd. A BIG thank you goes to Riley for a job well done!!



A group of Grace members helped at the Kid's Against Hunger event held at the Memorial Coliseum on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Thank you volunteers!!

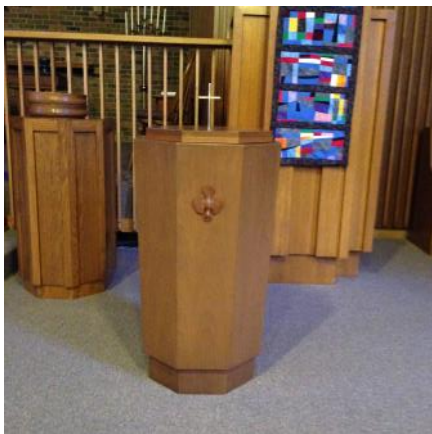
Pictured above: Todd German, Alex Monnier, Katelyn Monnier, Gabby Monnier, Stacey Monnier, and Nick & Angie Barchak.



Christian Education offers something for everyone from toddlers to seniors. The Christian Education Committee invites you to join one or more of the classes. Sunday classes begin at 9:00 AM unless noted. This is a great way to become closer to the Lord.

Classes offered here at Grace

- Toddlers—Miss Holly (9:30a on 2nd & 4th Sundays)
- Elementary (K-5)—Cathy German
- Youth Class (grades 6-12)—Tammy Menkes
- Adult Wired Word/Lectionary—Todd German and Tom Monnier
- Peggy's Class—Book Study—Peggy Mahoney
- Retired Men's Bible Study—Jim Wolfe (Wed. 10:30 AM)
- Friendship Bible Study—Peggy Mahoney (Thur. 2:30 PM)
- Sarah Circle—Evelyn Brunnegraff (1st Thursday 1:00 PM)



The baptismal font has been refinished! Repairs consisted of:

- Replacing the top of the cabinet where water had badly damaged the wood
- Cut hole for the new bowl to fit (the original bowl has not been seen in years)
- Stain and finish new wood
- Repair mars and scratches on the cabinet, stain and finish to match
- Polish the cross and repair the loose mounting
- Repair the centering ring and replace rusted hardware with solid brass hardware

The bowl is NSF certified, which means we can sanitize or sterilize the bowl. The bowl can be removed for cleaning. The bowl is stainless steel so if dropped it will not shatter.

A big thank you goes out to John Current for organizing and following through on this project; and also for polishing all the brass candelabra and candle holders that are used in the Sanctuary!



Congratulations to Lt. & Mrs. Lochry!

Katie German & Steve Lochry were married on August 27, 2016 at Grace Presbyterian Church. Steve has now returned to Oklahoma for his final class in flight school. He anticipates being stationed at Grissom Air Reserve Base upon completing his training. Katie will continue teaching second grade at Whispering Meadows Elementary.

MEMBER UPDATES



New Addresses:

◆ Glenda Bragalone is at Kingston Care Center on Washington Ctr. Rd. Albert Bragalone still lives at home.

◆ Anne Courtney
1128 Via Fellini
Henderson, NV 89052

Weddings:

◆ Katie German & Steve Lochry were married on August 27, 2016 at Grace Presbyterian Church.

◆ BreAnn Johnson & Bradley Taylor, grandson of Don Foland, were married on September 3, 2016, at Grace Presbyterian Church.

In Memory:

◆ Laura June Lowen
October 21, 1947—July 21, 2016

◆ Helen Ruth Ricker
May 3, 1925—July 30, 2016

◆ N. Maxine Ford
November 23, 1925—August 29, 2016



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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

August 7	55	Sept. 4—worship in park	
August 14	56	Sept. 11	53
August 21	62	Sept. 18	63
August 28	61	Sept. 25	72



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
October 24, 2015	Wes & Brittney Allen

November 1, 1975	John & Nancy Current
November 22, 2008	Dan & Jess Ankney

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR
BEFORE BEDTIME SATURDAY NIGHT!



Submit Birthdays to
the church office!
426-4712

OCTOBER

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	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

NOVEMBER

Nov. 04	Nancy Gilbert
Nov. 07	Dee 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. 29	Jim Wolfe

- Dear Brothers & Sisters of Grace Church,

Our apologies on the tardiness of our thank you! We are so appreciative of you all letting the folks from the Presbytery of Lake Erie Youth Triennium stay the night at your church. It was incredibly kind and we are giving thanks for your gracious hospitality; we are so glad we are connected together! Many thanks! Please know you all are welcome should you need a place in Pennsylvania!

In Christ,

Jamie Fowler, Josh Botts, Dawn Sears & Youth from PLE



- I cannot explain how grateful I am for the donations of school supplies towards my classroom and school. Thank you for helping the students at Harrison Hill. In times of need the congregation at Grace is always willing to support the community. Thanks again!

*Teri Seitz, Kindergarten Teacher
(Norm & JoAnn Getts' Daughter)*

- Thank you's go out to the Property Committee for updating lights in the Sanctuary, updating lighting in the Conference Room, and work completed in the Upper Room to increase connections for telecommunications.

- Carri and I want to thank you for your many prayers for her and Addi during the uncertain months of her pregnancy. Everyone is doing well.

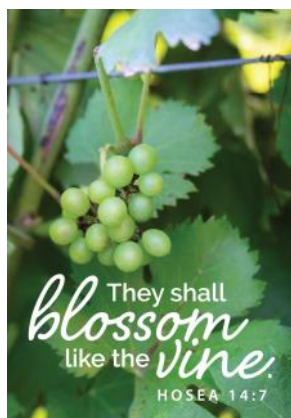
Thank you,

Carri Haller and Linda Haller

- The Sunday School Kickoff – Tailgate Picnic – Zoo Trip was fun for all! It was a busy day of activities. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day possible. And thank you to all who participated.

Christian Education Committee

Joy to be celebrated!



- Alex Bowers achieved rank of Staff Sergeant; he will be stationed for one year in South Korea starting in November.

Mildred Anderson's grandson Dillon is now teaching architecture at Cornell University.

Best wishes to Alex & Dillon!

Dear Friends,

The letter to the Colossians urges us, *above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,....and be thankful.* I am thankful today—and know I represent just one small voice in a mighty chorus of grateful Presbyterians and survivors of disaster from all walks of life—that you have heard this call, and, acting out of love, have given with such extraordinary generosity to support those in need.

It seems in these days that responding to need after disaster is something of a growth industry, with needs made more acute by the many challenges our varying political, economic, and community circumstances demand of us. In such seasons, I find myself not only challenged, but comforted: because we know that, as we rise to the vision of Christ-like generosity, the spiritual gifts of harmony and peace are ours....and a perfect harmony binds us all together, beyond our differences. More importantly, we are bound as one to those whose circumstances after catastrophe strikes are far more acute than our own, and we know God gives peace to them as well.

Your generous gift(s) given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support emergency and disaster response in the United States and around the world is a gift that clothes those who are naked with shelter, support, harmony, and peace. For those gifts, we know they are thankful . . . and so are we. May the peace of Christ continue to rule in your heart, and may God's love clothe you and yours with joy.

With deepest appreciation,

The Rev. Dr. Laurie A Kraus
Coordinator, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



Wednesday, November 2

Grace Presbyterian Church and United Faith Presbyterian Church will be co-hosting the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley here at Grace for their November meeting. If you have never attended a Presbytery meeting please come and observe how a Presbytery works.

We will need volunteers to:

- Greet at each entrance
- Usher to collect the offering
- Communion Preparers
- Lunch & morning refreshments (set-up/clean-up)

Thank you!
Rev. Ann





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*Grace will be sponsoring a
Salvation Army Christmas Family for 2016.*

We will have one large family of 5-7 members
to provide a nice Christmas for this year.

Information about the family, collection times, and
items needed will be posted for you in the Narthex
here at church. Please watch for the display.

Donations such as gift cards, new clothes, new toys,
and household items are needed.

The Deacons of Grace will be collecting items for this
family in time to deliver by the deadline of
December 6, 2016.

Please consider helping this Christmas season!