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Pastor's Ponderings

Thank you so much for being so understanding about my recent trips. The opportunity to travel in Israel, Palestine, and Turkey with just two other people was amazing. A small group makes such a difference. We were able to travel in regular sized cars which allowed us to see places we could not get to in a large bus or when traveling with a large group. I saw many places I had not seen before such as the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, Hebron, Nablus & Jacob's Well. We were guests in people's homes. In Bethlehem we ate with Zougbi Zougbi & his son and daughter. In Ibillin, we were guests in the home of Abuna Chacour, the retired Archbishop of Galilee. (His cook was wearing an apron that said: "Have you hugged a Presbyterian Today?" 😊). We had dinner with three members of the Bereaved Parents Committee, one Palestinian couple, and one Israeli. Each member of the committee has lost a child due to the "conflict." (They are searching for ways to live together in peace and have become close friends.)

I have been asked to speak about my trip to the Holy Land on Presby-Day, June 15, at First Pres. We are looking at dates in June when I can share more about my trip here at Grace for those who do not attend Presby-Day.

Though my son, Paul, is not a soloist, there is definitely something about being able to say, "I saw my son sing in Carnegie Hall." He sings with the St. Louis Symphony Choir. The STL Symphony and Choir had been especially asked to sing the Carnegie Hall debut performance of "The Gospel According to the Other Mary," in celebration of the composer's 70th birthday year. My son described it as "Interesting" and "a little Bizarre." That pretty well sums it up! My cousin, Jackie, my daughter, Kimberlee, and I were glad we went even though it poured down rain the entire day we were in NYC.

Rev. Ann

Thank you to everyone for your patience in getting the April-May Grace News. The office is sorry for the inconvenience. We plan to be back on schedule for the June-July edition.

Online Giving Is Coming!

Forget about paper checks, check stubs, donation receipts and handwritten notes. Soon you will be able to track your giving on line.



Youth Sunday was April 30th. The theme was “serving others”. At that time Harley Allen talked about his mission trip to El Salvador. This was Harley’s first trip out of the country and we were excited to hear about his experiences. The Youth planned the entire service that day and wish to thank everyone for their support that morning. The children and youth also sang *Oil In My Lamp* for the congregation.



Sale! Sale!
Sale!

MAY 14TH...

The Annual Mother’s Day Plant Sale is May 14, 2017. It will be held right after church in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to get that gift for Mother’s Day! Sale is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women. Proceeds will help the PW mission pledge.

JUNE 3TH...

The Annual Garage Sale in conjunction with North Highlands Neighborhood will be on Saturday, June 3, 2016. You can rent a table for \$5.00 and keep the money you make. PW is not having a sale this year. However, we are accepting donations for 2018. Items can be brought to the church at any time. See Nancy for more information or to reserve a table.



Grace PC
Graduation Recognition
for Harley Allen
June 4, 2017



Join the Grace Team
for the 2nd year as we participate
in Wellspring’s Miles for Meals
Foster Park 9:00 AM
Registration paid
Contact Todd for details

Christian Education Recognition
and
Sunday School Recognition
May 21st

This will be the last day of Sunday
School before the summer break.

There will be no
Children's Message
during June-July-August.

Words of Thanks

Thank you for the piano.

Hanna & Sam Barchak

Thank you for the weekly mailing of the sermons and readings. They are greatly appreciated.

Lois Walsh & Susan Berndt

Thank you for the very pretty Valentine card.

Mildred Anderson

The family of Ginny Myers would like to thank everyone for their prayers and condolences for Ginny. Thank you to Pastor Ann for the beautiful service and to the ladies of Grace for the wonderful luncheon.

Don & Dee Stoiche and family
Al & Carol Josse and family

Thank you for your on- going donations of food and hygiene items to the Wellspring Food Bank. It is very much appreciated.

Carol Salze
Food Bank Director

Great work John and Dennis! Thank you for all your time & workmanship on the window frame replacements.

Jon W.

Thank you for the 218 cans of soup for the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Clara Cooper
President & CEO
Souper Bowl of Caring

Words of Sympathy

Perhaps it seems a little strange to send a church a card of sympathy... but we can only imagine how much Ginny is being missed. She always made us feel so welcome on visits back – always asked about my Dad. We will surely miss her and all her energy.

Roberta & Franklin Geist



Pentecost Sunday
June 4th
Everyone is
encouraged
to wear red

The Pentecost Offering on June 4th unites us in a churchwide effort to support young people in Christ. Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$11 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. 40% stays with Grace, 25% to Young Adult Volunteers, 25% to Youth Ministries, and 10% to Child Advocacy. Offering envelopes will be in the Sunday bulletins.

Birthdays

March 17	Belated birthday wishes James Kinder, new member
April 01	Joyce Campbell
April 04	Steve Schneider
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 28	Rev. Loran Lewis
April 28	Denise Hatfield
April 28	Carl Jacobs
April 30	Audrey Seitz
April 30	Dave Gilbert
May 01	Alex Bowers
May 03	Jess Ankney
May 03	Tamara Searer-Jenkins
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	Erv Bellis
May 29	Angie Barchak

Anniversaries

April 5	Ken & Peggy Mahoney
April 25	Ken & Maureen Rogers
April 27	Norman & JoAnn Getts
May 1	Erv & Gail Bellis
May 9	Bob & Denise Hatfield
May 23	Doug & Linda Haller
May 25	Todd & Cathy German
May 30	Dave & Nancy Gilbert

Presbyterian Women Activities

Sarah Circle

- 12pm Lunch – Arby's W. State
- 1pm Meeting at Grace
- Do not meet June-July-August
Next meeting - **May 11th**

Cancer Pad Sewing

Join in the fellowship of sewing cancer pads for Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. A simple basting stitch is all that is needed. Come and help with this great Mission.

Next day of sewing - **May 17th**

Lunch Bunch

Come have lunch at 12 noon at Glenbrook Mall Food Court near JC Penneys. All women are invited.

Next meeting - **May 25th**

Thank you everyone for your participation:

- ❖ Lenten & Holy Week Services
- ❖ Lenten Coin Folders
- ❖ Fishes & Loaves
- ❖ One Great Hour of Sharing
- ❖ Easter Egg Hunt

3 B – Body, Brain, and Belief

June 8th will be last class before
the summer break.

Classes will resume in August.