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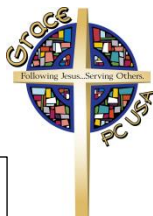
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A Word from the Interim Pastor

Your Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work reading and evaluating the Personal Information Forms submitted to them – not an easy task. Pray for them that their work will be blessed by God and lead to the calling of your next installed pastor. As soon as a candidate is selected and approved by the Committee on Ministry of Whitewater Valley Presbytery, notice will be made and dates announced as to when everything will take place.

The Personnel Committee is moving forward looking for a part-time secretary, and a Nursery attendant. Part time employees can be difficult to find so this may take time to find the right person.

With all the above coming closer to fruition, I have been looking at my next moves. I love living in Fort Wayne: therefore, I decided to retire here at the conclusion of my interim ministry with you. However, I still want to work part time in some form of ministry. First Presbyterian Church announced they were looking for a Part-time Parish Associate for Pastoral Care with support to the Board of Deacons and to help them reactivate their Stephen's Ministry. I applied and was offered the position. This position will include only 2 Sundays a year in their pulpit.

At a called joint meeting of the Session and Board of Deacons on Sunday, May 7, the Session voted to approve, effective September 1, my continuing to work at Grace 2/3 time and at First 1/3 time. This will allow me to continue at Grace for as long as is needed, and still be able to begin my work at First. And the reality is that you may have a new pastor by September 1, in which case it is all academic. The financial details of what this means will be worked out between the stated clerk of presbytery, and the Board of Pensions of the PC(USA). In part, my decision to retire means that the 3-month transition clause which is part of an interim contract is now off the table as I will retire when I am done at Grace, but will then just have a part-time job.

See you when I return from France! ☺

Rev. Ann

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Pam Shannon passed her mock trial. Pam is now one of 5000 worldwide Latent Fingerprint Examiners, one of three in Fort Wayne.

Harley Allen made National Honor Society and is graduating from Northrop High School June 9th. He plans to attend IPFW.

Rachel German has earned her Doctor of Psychology degree. As of June 30, she is Dr. Rachel German. We will recognize her at a later date.

Grace German is working this summer for the non-profit, Greater Fort Wayne, INC.

Meghan Mahoney, 8th grade, became a member of the National Honor Society.

Katelyn Monnier, 8th grade, was accepted into Select Sound an all girl show choir for 2017-18.

Steve Lochry completed his flight training course.

Jon Wolf has retired and is now enjoying the easy life.



Graduation Recognition
for Harley Allen
June 4, 2017



Thank you Angie, Hanna, Grace, Cathy, Todd, and Tyler for representing Grace in Wellspring's Miles for Meals.



Congratulations on the baptism of Mae and James and Welcome to our newest members Maggie, Mae, and James Kinder.



Fellowship is
scheduled through
June 11.

There will be no official Summer Fellowship. As always, members can meet informally, have some coffee/cookies, and talk.

If anyone wishes to do Fellowship on a certain day, please contact the office.

Worship Committee News



Casual Dress Sunday
& Potluck
July 23
May grill out - details
coming

A volunteer is needed to keep the
candles filled for Sunday services.
Please see Jill Werling.

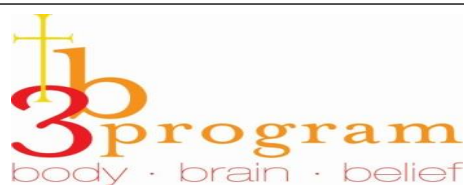


Thank You Tom Callahan

- Being Choir Director
- Doing fantastic job
- Helping us grow
- Having fun with us

You are a blessing!

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



Review of 2016-17:

- Attendance range 3-6 people
- New balance activities added
- Laughter important part of class

June 8th - last class - summer break

FYI - First Presbyterian is having a 7 week
summer session beginning June 5th.
It is M-W-F at 1:30 in McKay Hall.



Pentecost Sunday
June 4th

Please wear red.

The Pentecost Offering on June 4th
helps provide opportunities for young
people to grow and share their faith in
Christ. The Mission Team has designated
the 40% that stays with Grace will go the
Wellspring Summer Camp for children
Pre-K through high school.

Please give generously.
Thank you.



Save the Date

Sunday, October 29, 2017
Reformation Sunday

Come Celebrate our Faith Heritage

Hear how others have left lasting
legacies to our church.

Enjoy Scottish refreshments

Birthdays

June 06	Kara Polk
June 06	Renee Lyons
June 21	Samuel Barchak
June 27	Tyler Bowers
June 28	Bob Guingrich(100 th)
June 28	Stacey Monnier
June 29	Caleb Ankney
July 01	Evelyn Brunnegraff
July 01	Avery Marshall
July 06	Dennis Allen
July 08	Albert Bragalone
July 08	Bob Gilbert
July 08	Jennifer Mahoney
July 10	Bonnie Geist
July 11	Laura Fuller
July 13	Carol Macy
July 13	Katelyn Monnier
July 17	Teri Seitz
July 19	Dave Courtney
July 22	Cindy Bowers
July 24	Delaney Seitz
July 29	Dan Ankney
July 29	Kelly Bellis

Anniversaries

June 13	Dennis & Sharon Allen
June 17	Bob & Ann Bausser
June 19	Dave & Carol Courtney
June 2	Al & Sue Creager
July 8	Richard & Tamara Jenkins
July 9	Tim & Alice Bauman – 40 years
July 12	Brian & Carrie Geist
July 29	Nick & Angie Barchak

Presbyterian Women Activities

MAY 14TH...

The Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale was very successful. A net profit of \$97.90 will go to help the PW mission pledge. Thank you goes to John for driving the van. Thank you to Evelyn, Connie, Nancy, and Tammy for getting the plants.

The Van full of plants!



JUNE 3TH...

The Annual Garage Sale is Saturday, June 3, 2017.

It still is not too late to rent a table for \$5.00.

See Nancy for details.

PW is not having a sale this year. We are accepting donations for 2018. Items can be brought to the church at any time.

Sarah Circle

- June 8 to work on cookbook (see article on next page)
- No meetings June-July-August
Next meeting – **September 14**

Cancer Pad Sewing

Come and help with this great Mission.

Next days of sewing **June 21 and July 19**

Lunch Bunch

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

Next meeting - **June 29 and July 27**



Sending out a call to the great cooks in the Grace congregation and those that just like to eat.

Sarah Circle and Presbyterian Women are collecting recipes for a new Grace cookbook. We hope to have the cookbook completed and printed by the end of October as they will make great Christmas gifts.

We ask that you gather favorite recipes and submit them with the cooks name or names. These can be long-time family recipes, recipes from those that grew up in the church but have moved away, even (and especially) from those that have passed on.

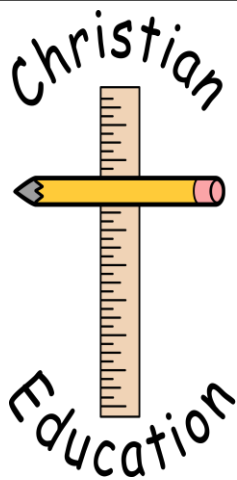
The committee plans to meet for the first time on Thursday, June 8, at 1 p.m. at the church. If you would like to help but can't be at the meeting call Pat Morrison at 812-486-8543.

Recipes can be e-mailed to the church office at graceoffice@gpcfww.org or dropped off at the office or given or sent to a committee member. Be sure to include your name and a phone number in case there are questions about the recipes.

Current committee members are: Pat Morrison, Evelyn Brunnegraff, Nancy Current, Linda Haller, JoAnn Getts, Tammy Menkes and Connie Stucky. We hope to add more members to that list.

For your summer planning...

Grace will not be at Hamilton Park the first Sunday in September. Instead, we will enjoy the September 3rd service here at Grace.



FYI - May 21 was the Christian Education Recognition. There are no Sunday School classes until after Labor Day. The children and youth have used their weekly offering to purchase an alpaca and a "flock of hope" through Heifer International. They wish to thank everyone who contributed to the free will offering during fellowship April 30th. It made a difference in what they could purchase.

Enjoy your summer!



Rev. Peggy McDonald
June 11 Fellowship
Learn about the
Equal Exchange

Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound. Also, it wants to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers. It wants to show the contribution of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade in a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world.

You will be able to sample and enjoy the Fellowship Blend Coffee plus cookies made with their chocolate chips

Retirement Open House

Thursday, June 22, 2017, 4:00-7:00 PM
for

Frank Zirille

Over 12 years as Executive Director

Wellspring Interfaith Social Services

Lincoln Financial Event Center

Parkview Field

Complimentary Parking Tin Caps

Silver Parking Lot

Rev. Ann's Presby-Day talk
about her trip to the Holy Land
has been changed from July
to October.

Watch for further details.



Pat Morrison
attends two
Center for Congregation
workshops

Invigorating Congregational Life through Youth Ministry

This workshop stressed the importance of including the youth of the church in the life of the church. Dr. David Rahn led the discussion of following Jesus' example to let the children come to Him. Rahn gave examples of including youth of all ages in the weekly or twice-weekly service. When youth are shuttled to the side and made to feel "too young" to understand what they are doing, they may never think they're old enough to know what is going on. Or they may just lose interest in joining the party that is praising God.

As usual, it was a very interesting workshop.

Thriving Teams: Promoting Good Leadership, Creativity and Accomplishment

Dr. Aleze Fulbright led a discussion of thriving teams in a church setting by listing the five dysfunctions that can sink a team.

1. Absence of Trust
2. Fear of Conflict
3. Lack of Commitment
4. Avoidance of Accountability.
5. Inattention to Results

Don't be surprised if Pat shows up at a meeting with a hand full of papers to fill out. These will help find out if your committee (team) has any dysfunctions.