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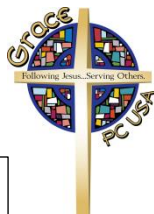
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Pastor Nominating Committee announces Robert Brown as Candidate for Minister

He will be preaching at Grace on August 13, 2017.

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the service for the purpose of voting on candidate Robert Brown and his terms of call.

A letter has been mailed to all members notifying them of the Congregational Meeting and containing some information on Robert Brown and his wife Nora.

What is E-Tithe?

We are now offering the opportunity to our supporters (guests and members) to take advantage of electronic giving. You can continue to support the ministries of Grace by placing cash or a check in the offering plate. Or you can:

- use your bank's online bill pay system.
- use the electronic funds transfer from your savings or checking account
- use a debit/credit card on our church's website
- scan the QR code (quick response code) placed in the bulletin or newsletters. The QR code is at the end of this article.

You might ask why we are offering this option. As our world becomes more and more technologically able, the e-tithe is a way for gifts to be made regularly whether you are present in worship or not. This provides a more even flow of our finances from week to week and month to month avoiding the dips that are experienced when people are gone for the summer or are out of town for extended periods of time.



Our Session has partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation to make this opportunity available. You can set it up to be done automatically or only when you choose. Just go to www.gpcfw.org and click on the link that says: "Give Now" and you will be taken to the site to make your gift.



Dennis Allen – for all your work on the windows, storage room, the Pastor's Office, sacristy, inside the shed and in the workshop.

John Current & Jon Wolf

John Current – for the painting of the Pastor's Office and repair of the lighting, plus all your work on the windows.

Jon Wolf

Tim Bauman – for going above and beyond the call of duty this spring and summer.

John Current

Everyone – for the cards, visits, concerns, prayers, and everything else while I was in rehab. It is good to be home.

Vivian Allen

Jim Wolfe & John Current - for the mowing of the church and manse lawns.

Jon Wolf

Thank you from Heifer International for the Alpaca, Chicks, and Flock of Hope Bundle. This gift will help build hope for future generations.

Thank you from United Faith for the \$311.80 cash donation to the Food Bank. (This was from the Lenten Coin Folders)

Thank you from Crossroad for continued support with Campbell's Labels. In past year, they processed over 36,000 labels which helped get supplies for their education and recreation programs.

Thank you from Associated Churches for our Support.

Pastor Roger

Thank you Grace Church and Presbyterian Women for your support in the celebration of our Dad's 100th Birthday Party.

Bob Guingrich, Roberta, Ellen and families



*Congratulations
Kelly & Brian Paul
On your marriage
July 1, 2017*



Congratulations
Dr. Rachel German
Doctor of Psychology

Dr. German received her degree July 22. She is now working in Selinsgrove, PA at a pediatric clinic where she is doing client counseling and diagnosing.

There is a change in what is being accepted for the Campbell Labels.



The label on the left is the accepted label.

We can still collect the Box Tops for Education.



These labels go to Crossroad and they are very appreciative of our support.
Labels can be given to the PW.



Save the Date
Saturday, November 1
Yard Clean Up – Work Day
46808 Churches & Neighbor Link
Details to Follow



Sunday, October 29, 2017
Reformation Sunday
Past-Present-Future

Come Celebrate our Faith Heritage

Hear how others have left lasting legacies to our church. See how you can also leave a legacy.

Enjoy Scottish refreshments

A committee has been hard at work for over two years looking for ways a person can give to Grace beyond ordinary giving. The Grace Legacy Ministry committee will celebrate the kick-off of all this work on Reformation Sunday. Prior to this day, various information will be given out, like the following:

Many people see the terms *heritage* and *legacy* as almost the same and use the terms interchangeably. But there is a very subtle difference in their meanings. For some, a *heritage* is something that has been handed down from previous generation(s); while a *legacy* is something that is being handed down to succeeding generations. In this sense one generation's legacy becomes the next generation's heritage.

Both terms can refer to tangible things (possessions, property, money), or to the intangible (personal characteristics, outlook on life, talent in the arts). As summer at Grace winds down and fall begins, expect to hear more about these closely-related terms.

Happy Birthday

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

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	Steve Lochry
Sept. 24	Don Stoiche
Sept. 25	Tom Callahan
Sept. 25	Brian Zimmerman
Sept. 27	Todd German

Happy Anniversary

August 9	Matt & Teri Seitz
August 27	Steve & Katie Lochry
Sept. 03	Jeff & Betsy Kachmar
Sept. 08	Ezekiel & Misty Tsamwa
Sept. 12	Rev. Bob & Marjory Leas
Sept. 25	Carl & Cherie Jacobs
Sept. 28	Kevin & Jennifer Mahoney



Presbyterian
Women
Activities

Items for the June 2018 Garage Sale and November 2018 Christmas Sale are now being collected. They can be brought to church and placed in the adult library.

Sarah Circle

Meets 2nd Thursday of month
Starts up - **September 14**
Lunch is at Noon – Arby's
Meeting & Study 1:00 at church

Cancer Pad Sewing

Come and help with this great Mission.
Next dates: **August 16 & September 20**

Lunch Bunch

Come have lunch at 12 noon at
Glenbrook Mall Food Court near JC
Penneys. All women are invited.
Next dates: **August 31 & September 28**

Thank you to everyone who
submitted recipes for the
cookbook!

The Property Committee is happy to announce that new lighting has been installed for the illumination of the West Parking Lot. This will enhance the security and safety during night hours



3B – Body, Brain, &
Belief
Monday - August 28

Days: Monday & Thursday
Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am
Where: Upper Room

This mild movement class will help you with your balance, flexibility, and strength. You can work at your pace. Plus, we do activities involving the brain, spiritual, general information, and humor. There will be a defined time for balance activities and a music routine at least once a week. This class was developed and funded by Smock Ministries. Leaders were trained at no expense to Grace. There is no charge to the class for this class.

As issues of safety and security arise due to the publishing of addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses, the office will no longer print these changes in the bulletins or newsletters. As a church we are careful of what and where something is printed, but it can still be easy for information to get in the wrong hands. A directory will continue to be printed for member usage. Any changes to the directory will be sent with your quarterly giving statement. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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



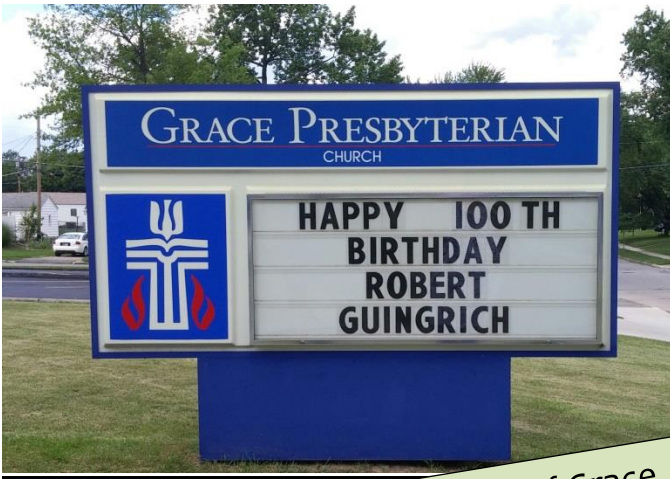
Sunday, September 10, 2017

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| 9:00am | Sunday School |
| 10:30am | Worship |
| 11:45am | Tail Gate Party (Potluck with hot dogs & beverages provided) Be sure to wear your favorite team shirt! |

All children, youth and adults are invited to attend a Sunday School class. For the adults, there are two classes: 1. the Wired Word, led by Todd German and 2. a book study led by Peggy Mahoney.

We also have these weekday classes:

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| Sarah Circle | 1 st Thursday
1:00pm |
| Retired Men's Bible Study | Wednesday
10:30am |
| Friendship Bible Study | Thursday
2:30pm |



The Oldest and Youngest Members of Grace
Bob Guingrich and Mae Margaret Kinder



It's Official
Harley Graduated!



Mall Birthday Party
June 28th

Casual Sunday Potluck
Bill – Great Hot Dogs





Interim Pastor's Farewell & Thank You

"When the Way Be Clear," you will soon be welcoming your new pastor. I thank you all for welcoming me and allowing me to take this interim journey with you. I will fondly remember my time with you as we celebrated the joys and cared for each other through the sorrows that have occurred in the past 20 months.

I thank you for calling me to back to Fort Wayne, a city I look forward to living in during my early retirement. I have purchased a Villa which I plan to move into during the month of August in order to leave the Manse for the arrival of your new pastor. **You have a treasure in your manse.** I have enjoyed living there, especially once we got rid of the unwanted visitors! ☺

In the past, I have moved away at the conclusion of pastorates which makes for a finality different than this time. While I look forward to the possibility of running into you in town, please remember that It is never appropriate for a former pastor to return to do weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc. (unless there are mitigating circumstances like after Chris left and before I arrived when there was a death and Laura was called in to officiate).

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you, but especially to Tammy Menkes and Nancy Current who have really been wonderful volunteering in the office and taking care of organizing the office files (both paper and computer) and rearranging the furniture and supplies ready to welcome a new secretary. Thank you to John Current and Dennis Allen for taking care of me following my move into the manse. They saw to it that an additional banister was added to the stairway in the manse as well as adding banisters on the steps in the breezeway and a grab bar from the garage into the breezeway. They have prepared the Pastor's Study to welcome your new pastor - by building the window framing around the new windows and staining them to match the bookcases. They patched and painted the walls. Thank you to Tim Bauman for his attention to detail in the cleaning of the building and the polishing of the lower walls in the Pastor's Study. Thank you for always being willing to go above and beyond to see that the office ran smoothly and the building was clean and ready for worship on Sunday.

It is always hard to begin listing names as there are so many of you who do things behind the scenes that sometimes, even the pastor doesn't know who is responsible. Thank you to you as well. Without everyone doing their part the ministry can't run smoothly. Know that you will remain in my prayers and in my heart.

Blessings on you,

Rev. Ann