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I promised I would say this early and say it often, and my goal is to say it so often that it becomes like nails on a chalkboard every time I say it:

My theme for 2018 is “Communication.”

There are many reasons for my theme, but I do have a selfish one. I had a meeting with Tom and Sue about all matters music, and I made them repeat something twice, something I should have made everyone repeat during the annual meeting:

“Pastor Rob(ert) cannot read minds.”

I cannot. I intuit well, I listen well, and I can often read between the lines, but I cannot read minds. I simply cannot, and that is very unlikely to change.

I will be sure to let you know if it does, but unless that happens, I need you to tell me when things are not going the way that they should. If something is wrong, I cannot help to fix it if I do not know about it.

Period.

In 2018, we are going to work on providing opportunities and pathways to communicate with me and other leadership about concerns in the church, and helping facilitate communication of anything, but right now I just want to encourage you to communicate.

Talk to me. My door is open.

The theme for 2018 is “Communication.” Let us work on making that the standard and regular environment for Grace.

Peace,
- Pastor Robert



“Like us on
Facebook”



One Great Hour of Sharing

Easter Sunday April 1, 2018

Season of Lent

Through this longstanding, ecumenical effort, Presbyterians share God's love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.

32% Restoring Hope

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Working alongside communities as they recover and find hope after natural or human-caused disasters.

36% Reducing Hunger

Presbyterian Hunger Program

Supporting initiatives that create sustainable food systems and alleviate root causes of poverty so all may be fed.

32% Partnering In Progress

Self-Development of People

Providing resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they own and directly benefit from.

Season of Lent Calendar of Events

Feb 14- Ash Wednesday 12pm at United Faith and 7pm at Grace

March 25- Palm Sunday

March 29- Maundy Thursday 7pm Joint Service at Grace

March 30- Good Friday 12pm Joint service at Anchor Community Church

April 1- Easter **One Great Hour of Sharing**



The children's Sunday School Class continues to learn about people from the Old Testament. Recently, they learned how Samuel listened to God and responded that he was ready to do what God asked. The giant ears are to remind us that we need to listen to God too. The following week, the children learned about King Saul. They found out that Saul wasn't such a good listener and decided to do things his own way. That didn't work out very well for Saul. The children made crowns to remind us that God is the true King.



Grace Choir

The Grace choir enjoyed a wonderful Christmas season of music and carols through the services we participated in and sang for, including helping lead caroling to home bound members of the congregation.

We will move into the upcoming season of Lent and Easter, with a mix of some old and some new pieces. As we come up to the heart of the Christian year, we would love to welcome participation from any musically inclined members. We'll also be using more internet-related resources to help support the music learning we undertake. If you even consider singing with us, and I'd encourage anyone to try, please talk to me so I can help share the resources with you also.

Our rehearsals will continue to be Thursday nights with occasional rescheduling to Wednesdays (notably Feb 7 and 21) for other requirements. As always, even if it's just to join us for fellowship with music, we'd love to see new and returning participants for rehearsals and for services.

Thomas Callahan, Music Director

Grace Christmas 2017







A big thank you to all who helped put up and take down Christmas decorations. You help make Grace a beautiful place for the Christmas season.

Jill Werling

I would like to express my deepest thanks to everyone for all your loving thoughts, prayers, and cards. I also would like to thank the women for their delicious desserts and all their help at the funeral dinner. A special thanks to Pastor Rob for the support and guidance he extended to the entire Getts family.

JoAnn Getts

SCRIP Information!

Scrip is a year-round fundraiser for our church! Following is the information you need to get started.

What Is Scrip?

Scrip is a fundraising program that works while you shop. Scrip turns everyday shopping into cash for the Church when families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas and groceries) instead of the usual credit/debit card or other money. Scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They're the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our Scrip program including Kohl's, Bath & Body Works, Meijer, Starbucks, Wendy's, and many, many others.

Here's how it works: Participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount. Member families like yours buy and redeem the certificates for full value. The difference between the full value and the discount is kept by Grace as fundraising income.

So, why not earn money for our church without spending a single additional penny? Just spend your regular shopping dollars with Scrip. The number of retailers that participate is amazing!

Contact Stacey Monnier for more information 338-1039
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happy birthday

Feb. 02 John Current
 Feb. 02 Sage Evans
 Feb. 05 Gabe Evans
 Feb. 05 Marjory Leas
 Feb. 07 Bryan Boggess
 Feb. 07 JoAnn Getts
 Feb. 07 Bob Morell
 Feb. 10 Lois Walsh
 Feb. 10 Karen Doehrman
 Feb. 13 Jennifer Evans
 Feb. 14 Barbara Springer
 Feb. 21 Harley Allen
 Feb. 23 Aaron Bowers
 Feb. 25 Damian Polk
 Feb. 27 Tom Monnier
 Feb. 28 Nathan Bausser

March 03 Ezra Tsamwa
 March 05 Peggy Mahoney
 March 08 Judy Bellis
 March 09 Becky Barnett
 March 15 Ann Bausser
 March 20 Mary Neumann
 March 22 Diana Eller
 March 22 Ashton Lyons
 March 23 Max Achleman
 March 25 Hanna Barchak
 March 29 Karla Polk

Happy Anniversary

February 16, 1985 Aaron and Cindy Bowers

March 12, 1966 Bob & Carol Fahrenbach

March 17, 1996 Jon and Mila Wolf

March 21, 1999 Jeff & Lauren Widman

Sarah Circle

Meets 2nd Thursday of month

Feb 8th and March 8th

Lunch is at Noon – Lee's

Meeting & Study 1:00 at church

Cancer Pad Sewing

Come and help with this great Mission.

Feb 21st and Feb 21st

We meet the third Wednesday of every month 9:00am-12:00pm

Lunch Bunch

12 noon at Glenbrook Mall Food Court near JC Penny's. All women are invited.

Feb 22nd and March 29th.



We are in need of Volunteers for Fellowship.

UPcoming EVENTS

Sunday February 4

Our goal is to collect **250 LBs** of food!

If we raise **300 LBs** of food, Pastor Robert will
take a **pie of the face!**

If we raise **400 LBs** of food, Pastor Robert will
SHAVE HIS BEARD!



Church Attendance

Dec 3 - 65

Dec 10 - 65

Dec 17 - 62

Dec 24 - 52

Dec 31 - 32

Jan 7 - 53

Jan 14 - 54

Jan 21 - 75

Jan 28 - 38

2/4 Souper Bowl of Caring

2/10 Presbytery @ Tabernacle P.C. Indy

2/15 Presby-Day

2/16 Boy Scout/Cub Scout Lock-In @ 6pm

2/17 Boy Scout/Cub Scout Lock-In Ends @2pm

3/15 Presby-Day