

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Bob Bausser - 10/03
 Deb Zimmerman - 10/05
 Gail Bellis - 10/06
 Colbie Geist - 10/06
 Cherie Jacobs - 10/09
 Pamela Callahan - 10/14
 Matt Seitz - 10/23
 Ken Mahoney - 10/24
 Darren Polk - 10/28
 Sue Creager - 10/28
 Alex Monnier - 10/30

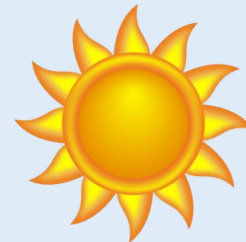
Nancy Gilbert - 11/04
 Dee Cattin - 11/07
 Carl Geist - 11/07
 Nancy Current - 11/09
 Dee Weigel - 11/11
 Gabby Monnier - 11/11
 Gene Allen - 11/16
 Glenda Bragalone - 11/16
 Grace German - 11/18
 Beth Boggess - 11/21
 Jim Wolfe - 11/29

Anniversaries

Dave & Deb Zimmerman - 10/9/76
 Tom & Stacey Monnier - 10/11/97
 Bill & Jill Werling - 10/11/75
 Carl & Bonnie Geist - 10/21/72

John & Nancy Current - 11/01/75
 Tom & Pamela Callahan - 11/10/17

ATTENDANCE



August 4.....not recorded

August 11.....not recorded

August 18.....36

August 25.....50

September 1 (Franklin Park).....12

September 8 (Worship on the Lawn)....40

September 15.....48

September 22.....40

September 29.....43

GRACE NOTES



The Newsletter for
 Grace Presbyterian Church
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 October–November 2019

Sunday School:
 9:00 A.M.

Worship:
 10:30 A.M.

Fellowship:
 11:30 A.M.

Office Hours:
 Monday-Friday
 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

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What is your Grace story?



My Grace story started with an interview and then a phone call. It came at the end of filming a high school softball game. I answered and Tom told me they wanted to interview me again. My friends celebrated with me that I had crossed that hurdle.

(I may have also called back instead of answering; the details got a little hazy).

Then another interview. Nora and I had plans to barbeque with some friends. She went to the barbeque early while I video chatted with the PNC. The interview ended earlier than I anticipated – shorter than every other video interview I had – and I told Nora and our friends that door had closed.

Then the PNC invited me to preach and interview in Fort Wayne. On paper Fort Wayne looked great and we got excited to arrive.

Confession: we did not immediately fall in love with Fort Wayne. Honesty, I do not know if we have yet fallen in love with Fort Wayne – or if we ever will. But by the end of that weekend, I had become your pastor, even if we did not know it quite yet.

A loving family told us, “Goodbye!” when they packed us in a trailer, and another loving family told us, “Welcome home!” when they met us to unpack our cars and then unpack the trailer. We arrived to a stocked pantry, a clean home, and a wonderful church to welcome us, warts and all.

In these past two years we have experienced death, loss, arguments, drama, an often-broken elevator, surgeries, birth, good food, fellowship, budget concerns and generosity, and life together. I do not know if a more loving congregation exists, but I know I have not experienced it.

My Grace is a story of love and welcome beyond what I deserve.

What is your Grace story? I would love to help you tell it.

*Peace,
 Pastor Rob*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Sarah Circle

The Presbyterian Women get together for a circle meeting and Bible study at Grace at 1:00 p.m. Meets 2nd Thursday of each month.

Next dates: October 10 & November 14

Lunch Bunch

Come have lunch at Glenbrook Mall Food Court near JC Penny's on the last Thursday of the month at 12 noon - *All women are welcome!*

Next dates: October 24 & November 21

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. Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00am.

Next dates: October 16 & November 9



***PW Christmas Party is going to be
Saturday, December 7th @ 11:30am
Tentative plans at Salvatori's Restaurant***

***All women of the church are invited
to participate with any or all activities***

TREASURER'S REPORT

August Financials

Total Income for August 2019	\$12,460.20	YTD Income	\$126,950.35
Total Expenses for August 2019	<u>-\$13,475.71</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>-\$123,556.10</u>
Operating Deficit for August 2019	-1,015.51	YTD Surplus	3,394.25

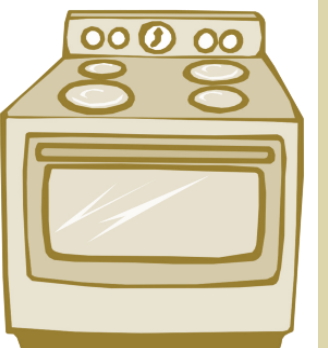


Also, Committee Chairs need to have their budgets into me by October 13

*Sincerely,
JoAnn Getts*

KITCHEN UPGRADE

It's time for our kitchen to get a face lift—stove(s), refrigerator, etc. A special task force is being formed to tackle this change to the kitchen. If you feel called to join in or just suggest a change, please contact Jill Werling. All suggestions will be taken into consideration by the task force. ***Please contact Jill by October 11.***



MISSION

Thanksgiving for East Wayne Street Center

Grace mission committee is collecting donations of food and cash for East Wayne Street Center Thanksgiving dinners for their food bank clients beginning November 4th. This ministry has been serving the central city since 1965; they focus on strengthening families and individuals in order to help them become self-sufficient. The center has gratefully received our help for many years. The items needed are:

- Instant potatoes
- Stuffing mix
- Gravy
- Canned fruits and Vegetables
- Cranberry sauce
- Jell-O



Mission Trip to El Salvador

- The Habitat for Humanity trip to El Salvador is scheduled for **April 18 to 16, 2020.**
- The cost is \$1,865.00, plus airfare
- If interested, please see Todd German

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6

*Your gifts will help more people
experience the freedom and dignity that
Christ wants for everyone. Let
us offer the peace of Christ in all
times and all ways.*

As I write this, it is the first day of Fall. This is that time of year when we begin to see nature getting ready for the winter season. Plants and animals experience changes that God built into them that allow them to tolerate the conditions they will face for the next few months. For them, Fall is indeed a season of preparation for what lies just ahead.

For the Church, a season of preparation is just around the corner, too. We call it Advent, a season where we prepare ourselves for the One who will be coming—for the Incarnation of God as our savior.

As the Church year winds down and Advent approaches, Fall is the ideal time to begin considering our commitments for the coming year, both as a congregation and as individuals. The Church has a mission to accomplish and Grace seeks the participation of everyone to accomplish its part of that mission.

As individuals, God has provided us with resources including our lives (time), our skills and abilities (talent) and our financial resources (treasure), all of which we use to live our lives and serve God. As stewards, we are called to manage these resources in ways that honor God and support the mission of God's Church.

We do well to begin considering how much of each of these three resources we will commit to Grace for the coming year. The generosity of the people of Grace with all their resources has been responsible for her past successes and will permit her to build on them for the future.

The Stewardship Committee has selected November 10 to be Pledge Sunday for 2019 when we will make our commitment of treasure to Grace. Making a commitment of a portion of all three resources is something we can anticipate with eagerness and a sense of thankfulness for what God has graciously provided us.

~ Jim Wolfe

STEWARDSHIP

AROUND GRACE

A NOTE OF



I would like to say Thank you to all my Grace Family for their thoughts and prayers during my recent illness. I cannot express how much they helped. Thank you.
- Robert Bausser

*Celebrating
70 years
of marriage*



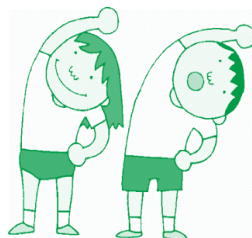
Don & Isy's 70th Wedding Anniversary



Look What You're Missing

3B is happening on Mon/Thurs @ 10am


body · brain · belief



46808 Clean-Up Day

will be Saturday, November 9th

from 9am-12pm

Meet here
@ Grace at
8:30am



All
SAINTS
Sunday

All Saints Sunday
November 3rd

Pledge Sunday is November 10

Potluck will follow!



Shipshewana Bus Trip on October 19!

We will be leaving at 9:00am
and returning at 4:30pm



Come Celebrate Halloween
at Grace!

When: Thursday, October 31

Where: 1811 Fairhill Rd

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

We will need lots of candy and prizes (small trinkets, stickers, spin tops, etc.). A bin has been placed in the Narthex. We will also need volunteers to help with the event.



REMINDERS...