



H.I.S. Home For Children is a U.S. registered orphanage located at Delmas 33, Rue Charbonnieres #123, Port-Au-Prince, Haiti.

MILK MONEY

In Haiti it is often physically and financially difficult to get some of the most basic things that are used to care for the health and welfare of children, things such as cloth diapers, shampoo, milk and baby formula. There is always a need for powdered infant formula as babies in Haiti are literally starving due to lack of food, and while formula, as an item that is necessary for children, it is also significantly more costly in Haiti.

The children are also in need of donations of oral antibiotics, fever reducers, cough medicine and vitamins.

CHILD SPONSORSHIPS

At H.I.S. Home For Children they realize that adoption is not right for everyone. If you desire to help needy children but feel that adoption is not a viable option for you, the sponsorship program is a wonderful way to do so. For a small monthly donation, you can help make a difference in a child's life. This monthly gift will cover the costs of food, teachers, staff, nannies, educational supplies and medical treatments for a child in need.

JOB TRAINING

H.I.S. Home also provides nanny training that is open to locals who pay \$50 Haitian (.50¢ USD) to attend and receive a full refund upon completion of the training. The graduates are given a certificate that is then honored at many other Haitian orphanages.

MISSION TRIPS

Teams coming to provide hands-on maintenance at our four houses. (Typically Haitian houses are rented/paid on an annual basis with the renter responsible for maintaining the property.)

- Individuals wanting to come work for a few days. We usually have broken bikes or other projects.
- Medical - for example, Physical Therapists - Our Special Needs home will keep you busy!

- Missional ministry students who want to come and explore what the Gospel means in a place like Port-au-Prince.

On March 4 a group will travel to HIS Home in Port-au-Prince, Haiti as a mission outreach of Grace UMC. The group going is Meredith Schroeder, Steve Meister, Jason Meister, and Stephanie Meister. They will working with the orphanage. They are looking for donations to take baby formula (the

Walmart brand) and other supplies for the children. Checks can be made out to Grace UMC with a note in the memo of "Haiti Trip". Also donations will be accepted to offset the airfares for our college student going.

H.I.S. Home will probably not have fresh paint, high water pressure, and perhaps not even electricity at times when you are there. However, the nursery does get a bacterial cleaning every day; the clothes are washed daily; and all of the children get three hearty meals and regular interaction with the nannies and staff day and night. And all of our children have shoes. (They just don't like wearing them!)



CERTIFY YOUR BACKYARD

One of Grace Church's very own—Russ Ghilain, has a certified backyard through the Illinois Audubon Society. Your yard must have plantings especially suited to attracting birds and butterflies and provide the four basic elements of habitat: Food, Shelter, Water and Space. This may include trees and shrubs to provide nesting cover for birds, berry-producing shrubs, flowers for hummingbirds and butterflies, plants grown specifically for bees and caterpillars. It may also include nest boxes if there is space, and should have a bird-bath, small pond or other source of water.



THE WALK

Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life
By Adam Hamilton

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? Join us this Lent and Easter in The Walk and discover five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God. In each chapter, Hamilton's engaging teaching style will help you explore one of these practices—each of which is intended to be a part of our daily walk with Christ—its New Testament foundation, and its potential effect on our personal lives and our lives together as the church.

Plan to join us March 4 at 10am or at 6pm in the library for this 6 six-week study taught by Pastors Fritz. The cost of the book is \$14.



EASTER FLOWERS

Grace Church will decorate the sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday. The flowers may be in honor or celebration of a special event, in memory of a loved one, or to the "Glory of God". A florist will supply the flowers for \$9.00 each. If you wish to order flowers, please fill out an order form and include your check made payable to Grace UMC. Place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. The flowers are yours to keep. Please take them with you after Easter Sunday service. Deadline is March 29th.





MISSION OF THE MONTH

January Contributions

Your loose change contributions during the month raised \$126.81 for Solar Oven Partners UMC and \$38.62 for the Ridgewood Food Pantry.

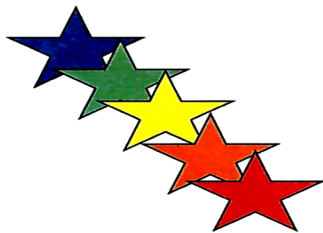
Thanks to all of you for your continued support of our mission(s) of the month.

Grace United Methodist Church

2019 Income & Expense Summary

Comparison to expected cash flow for budget approved 12/15/19

	January		Year to Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
INCOME	\$37,400	\$35,792	\$37,400	\$35,792
EXPENSES				
Apportionment	\$2,707	\$1,794	\$2,707	\$1,794
Pastor Pension & Insurance	\$7,585	\$7,402	\$7,585	\$7,402
Personnel	\$8,148	\$8,047	\$8,148	\$8,047
Administration	\$1,058	\$2,253	\$1,058	\$2,253
Programming	\$1,408	\$703	\$1,408	\$703
Church Buildings	<u>\$11,183</u>	<u>\$11,368</u>	<u>\$11,183</u>	<u>\$11,368</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$32,089	\$31,567	\$32,089	\$31,567
SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT):	\$5,311	\$4,225	\$5,311	\$4,225



World Thank Offering
Gift in Memory
Gift to Mission
Special Mission Recognition
Pledge to Mission

Presented to United Methodist Women of

Grace United Methodist Church of Joliet

In Recognition of Contributions to the

FIVE CHANNELS OF MISSION GIVING in 2019

Presented January 25, 2020 by Aurora District United Methodist Women

Betty Erickson
Betty Erickson, President

Cheryl Soltau
Cheryl Soltau, Treasurer

Missions, Ministries, & More.....

RIDGEWOOD PANTRY

The Sunday before the third Wednesday of every month, all loose coin offerings will be used toward support of the Ridgewood United Community Pantry, Joliet, Illinois. The food pantry operates every Wednesday in support of the Ridgewood area on the east side of Joliet. The funds will be used to supplement the pantry's budget for purchase of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank for distribution through the pantry.

The next opportunity to serve at the pantry is March 18 at 11:30 a.m. We are happy to receive donations of food in the blue tub in the narthex, and we can almost always use your empty plastic grocery bags. If you prefer to use the purchasing power through the Northern Illinois Food Bank, monetary donations are also helpful.



Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, March 24th at 1 p.m., Restaurant to be determined. Reservations to Rae at 815-725-1120 by March 22nd. Come and join us---all are welcome.



SENIOR Fellowship

We gather in Grace Place for fun, fellowship and games, on March 12th from 1:00-3:00pm. There will be light refreshments served. Men are welcome also! You can play our games or cards or bring your own. If you are interested, please join us. Any questions, please contact Nancy Murphy at 815.280.5346.



SPRING AUCTION & POTLUCK

March 7, 9:30AM

Our Spring Auction is always a fun time. We donate Spring items, for the auction. All money raised supports our mission projects, Blankets, purses for the Guardian Angel Domestic Abuse Program, Haiti home, etc. After the auction of course there is a potluck. All items for the auction happily accepted. Bring a dish to pass. All women of the church invited to join us!

BLOOD PRESSURE

The First Sunday of every month blood pressures will be taken at 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., in the library. If you have any questions, please call Pat Kwasniewski @ 915-325-9007, or talk to her at church on any given Sunday.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Tree of Life Ministry

Tree of Life Ministry, Pierre, South Dakota, addresses the needs of Lakota Native Americans on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations in South Dakota by "nurturing the body, strengthening culture, and enhancing the spirit". This ministry provides groceries and meals to the hungry, repairs to substandard homes, and supports local teachers as they reclaim native culture and language.

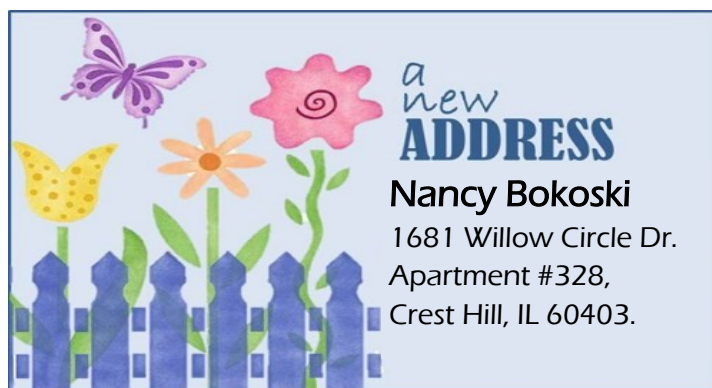




3/1—Loretta Plumley, Roy Wahl, Sarah Whitman
 3/2—Kelly Larson
 3/4—Shelby Fraser, Payton Fraser
 3/6—Ronald Thorndyke, Kathryn Moore
 3/8—Sarah Storcz, Lucas Dolph
 3/9—Bobbie Edwards, Brad Schoenrock
 3/12—Nancy Bokoski
 3/14—Carl Bessette, Mark Daniel
 3/15—Kimberly Kinman
 3/16—Sandy Cowgill, Haydon Nicoletti
 3/18—Roberta Koche, Meghan Dolph
 3/19—Joyce Wahl
 3/20—Carson Cabreda
 3/21—Taylor Shetina, Aaron Field
 3/23—Eric Leggett, Camdon Hocking
 3/26—Bradley Linko
 3/27—Nancy Murphy
 3/30—Sara Coombs
 3/31—Rae Hinton, Arthur Denklau, Emma Overpeck



Jim & Joan Norris	March 21, 1964
Edward & Vicki Bogucki	March 24, 2005
Carl & Nelly Bessette	March 30, 1985

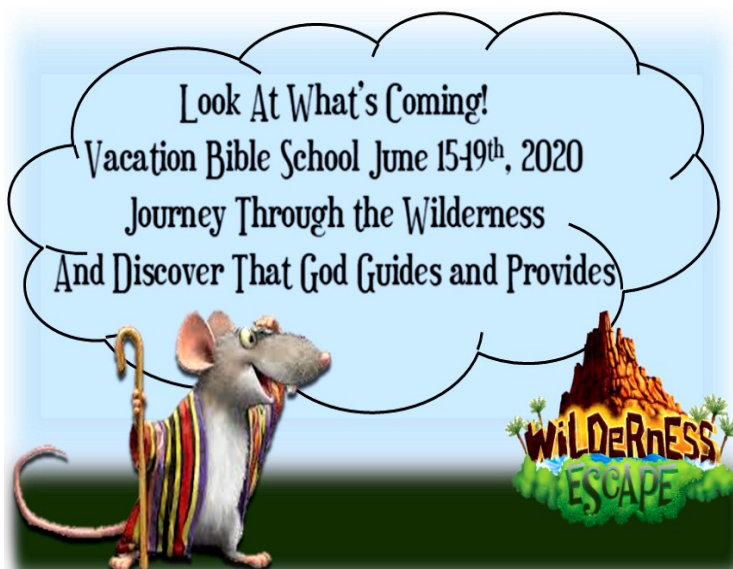


DAYBREAK SHELTER

We will be serving the evening meal at Daybreak Homeless Shelter on Monday, March 16th. We serve the evening meal on the third Monday of the month, and breakfast on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Breakfast is served starting at 5am on March 17th. Sign up sheets for food item donations are posted on the bulletin board. Please help us with this important local mission by donating food, or your time. Any questions contact Diane Lutz.

CAN YOU HELP A BUNNY OUT?

We are collecting
Individually wrapped candies
For Easter Eggs and
Seeking volunteers to help at the party
April 11th 10-11:30am
To volunteer call or text Diane Morrow
815-482-2439
Leave candy donations in the office



TEACHING OUR FAITH:

Observing Lent

This workshop is centered on creating a craft and devotions for Parents/Grandparents and Children

For use during the Lenten Season

Sunday, March 1, 9am -10am

Upstairs in the Sunday School Area.

PRAIRIE WIND GUILD AT GUMC

Experience the Bible as it was intended to be shared – as story told by heart in community! On March 15 at 3 p.m. Grace UMC will host tellers from Prairie Wind Guild: Tellers of Sacred Stories in a presentation of Acts of the Apostles, an abridgement that will share the highlights of the narrow escapes, intrigue and excitement of the new church's Spirit-directed growth from Jerusalem all the way to Rome in two hours. The tellers, including Becky Potter, are passionate about bringing Scripture to life through the ancient-future art of biblical storytelling. Admission is free; an offering will be received for the work of the guild.

Come and SEE!

A One-day Retreat for the Women of Plainfield UMC and Grace UMC

Saturday, March 14, 9:00 -3:30pm
at Plainfield UMC, 15114 S. Illinois Street,
Plainfield. Coordinated by Judy Bartels &
Becky Potter

Come. Join the circle of women as we pause during the Lenten season for 6½ hours to remember that we are God's beloved and to practice seeing ourselves and others as beloved. During this day we will sing, eat, laugh, pray, listen, create, share our stories and rest in God's loving presence. **Invite a friend to come with you.**

Suggested donation is \$20, due by March 8th. We want you to come, so pay whatever works in your budget. All materials, lunch, and a morning snack are included. **Child-care** will be available upon request by March 8th.

Register and pay by contacting Judy Bartels at 815-370-9270 or at church on **Sundays, February 16th, March 1st, and March 8th**. Retreat is limited to 40 participants. *Make checks payable to Grace United Methodist Church.*

2020 DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

CELEBRATING AT THE WELL

PEACE, HOPE & HEALING IN OUR DESERT PLACES

*Featuring internationally acclaimed
Christian speaker and author, Jane Rubietta*

Co-Sponsored by Aurora & Elgin District United Methodist Women

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020 • 8:30AM-2PM

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March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>7:30am Blood Pressure</p> <p>8am Worship</p> <p>9am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7pm Basketball</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30 SPRC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am The Walk</p> <p>6pm The Walk</p> <p>6:15pm Bells</p> <p>7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>6pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30am UMW Auction</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8am Worship</p> <p>9am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7pm Basketball</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30 Trustees</p> <p>6:30 Daycare Board</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10am The Walk</p> <p>6pm The Walk</p> <p>6:15pm Bells</p> <p>7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>1pm Senior Fellowship</p> <p>5:30 Girl Scout Bunco</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8am Worship</p> <p>9am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>3pm Acts Performance</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5pm Daybreak</p> <p>7pm Basketball</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>5am Daybreak Breakfast</p> <p>6:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:30am Pantry</p> <p>10am The Walk</p> <p>6pm The Walk</p> <p>6:15pm Bells</p> <p>7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>6pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8am Worship</p> <p>9am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7pm Basketball</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1pm Lunch bunch</p> <p>6:30 Boy Scouts</p> <p>7pm Finance</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10am The Walk</p> <p>6pm The Walk</p> <p>6:15pm Bells</p> <p>7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30am Men's Breakfast</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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