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# GRACE NOTES

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Communion  
for the  
Homebound



PRAYER CHAIN  
MINISTRY



## Congregational Care



*Shut-in Visitation*



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**



# SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTRIES

A spiritual care person offers a friendship that is intentionally seeking to "walk with you along your path". The focus is on emotional support and spiritual care.

In difficult and demanding times such as a critical illness or other human traumas in life, we experience stress, which reduces our ability to cope. When this happens the help of others is valuable. Family members and friends are often a good support, but sometimes the presence of a person who is more emotionally detached from the situation can be very helpful.

Every person has her or his own particular spiritual needs, and the offering of spiritual care can be of support. Religious traditions are a source of comfort and direction in life for many. It is our spirituality that is at the core of self-identity and sense of purpose in life.

As we work together to stay in touch with our members who can't make it to church, please consider our Church Members below. The addresses are for your information. These folks always enjoy cards!

Can you visit one of our church members who are in the hospital? Would you take communion to a church member who is homebound or in a nursing home? Could you send a card to a church member so that they know we care? How would you like to help with this ministry?

Here are some other ways to offer spiritual care to our Church Family Members:

The **Prayer Chain** started in 2012. When I receive a prayer request, I email the group to pray for that person or situation each day for one week. If you would like to join our email prayer chain or If you have a prayer request contact Barb Fisher by phone 815-325-1624 or email [crftctr3@comcast.net](mailto:crftctr3@comcast.net), between 9AM & 9PM.

**Stephen Ministers** are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. If you, or a loved one, would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office.

If you or anyone you know is in the **hospital**, please contact the church office directly. Due to a change in privacy policies the hospital is no longer able to let us know when one of our members is there.

**Homebound Meals.** This service is for the members of our Church that are experiencing difficulties in their lives. It may be because of an death, illness, an accident or natural disaster. It's offered, but not limited to, every other day per one week periods.



Virginia Allen	Symphony of Joliet	306 N Larkin Ave.	Joliet, IL 60435
Florence Ball	Cedar Lake	14800 S. Van Dyke Rd. Apt. 1113	Plainfield, IL 60544
Nancy Bokoski	The Timbers	1100 N. River Rd. #3210	Shorewood, IL 60404
Eleanor Findlay	The Timbers	1100 N River Rd #1312	Shorewood, IL 60404
Minnetta Freckman	Lemont Franciscan Village	1270 Village Dr.	Lemont, IL 60439
Shirley French	Senior Star Memory Section	600 S. Edwards Dr.	Romeoville, IL 60446
Jean Lucio	The Inn At Willow Falls	1681 Willow Circle Dr. #403	Crest Hill, IL 60403
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Roy & Joyce Wahl	Heritage Woods	701 Heritage Woods Dr. Apt. 122	Minooka, IL. 60447



## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### September Contributions

Your loose change contributions during the month raised \$189.07 for Right Here Right Now and \$50.86 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 12/3/18				
	September		Year to Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
INCOME	\$26,400	\$45,868	\$264,900	\$296,438
EXPENSES				
Apportionment	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$11,000
Pastor Pension & Insurance	\$2,507	\$2,507	\$22,560	\$22,560
Personnel	\$15,508	\$12,200	\$144,133	\$129,293
Administration	\$1,275	\$561	\$11,475	\$8,188
Programming	\$1,779	\$1,088	\$16,013	\$5,696
Church Buildings	\$6,375	<u>\$6,085</u>	\$71,100	<u>\$75,503</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$28,444	\$25,441	\$274,280	\$252,240
SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT):	-\$2,044	\$20,427	-\$9,380	\$44,198

#### NOTES:

- 1) Income in September greater than expected by \$19k; Expenses in September below by \$3k
- 2) Cash flow in September positive by \$20k: mostly \$13k from the rummage sale and a \$5k bequest
- 3) Positive cash flow of \$44k YTD is far greater than the expected (\$9k).

# Commitment Sunday



The annual Stewardship effort to support Grace UMC ministry in the year 2020 will begin soon with a mailing that will provide information for our membership in this regard. We will have a guest speaker two Sundays in November, on the

17th and the 24th. November 24th is our Commitment Sunday when we "Step Out In Faith" as we receive and bless our pledges of support for the coming year.

Rev. Jeffrey Bross, superintendent of the Aurora District, has set our Church Conference date for Wednesday, November 27 at 7pm. Staff Parish meets at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend.



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, 11/2 or you'll be very early for church on 11/3.



# Missions, Ministries, & More.....

## RIDGEWOOD PANTRY

The next opportunity to serve is November 20 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.

## BLOOD PRESSURE

The fall schedule will be as follows; 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.

## DAYBREAK SHELTER

We will once again be serving meals at Daybreak Homeless Shelter on November 18th. We serve the evening meal the third Monday of the month, and breakfast the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Donations of food items will be needed each month. Sign up sheets for food items needed 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.

## BHS HOLIDAY CONCERT

BHS Music Department performs their famous holiday concert during the day as a final dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. [Arrival should be no later than 9:10am.] BHS invites the local middle schools to this concert, as well as senior citizens from the community. It is free to all who attend! Grace Church "seniors" are invited to attend this event. It is very strongly suggested that you car-pool, as a limited amount of parking spaces right near the door can be reserved for people driving. There will be no stairs involved, and handicap seating is available. The concert will be finished by 11am. If you have not attended this concert in the past, you will be in for a very special treat! Please contact Diane Parro at 630.739.3808 to RSVP for this event by Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.



We will combine the November and December luncheons and meet on Tuesday, DECEMBER 10, 1 p.m., at Al's Steak House, 1990 Jefferson St. Reservations to Rae at 815-725-1120 by December 8. Come and join us---all are welcome.

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### The Will-Grundy Medical Clinic

Located at 213 East Cass St., Joliet, Illinois, the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that provides free medical and dental care to adults who have no health insurance or medical care entitlements and meet prescribed income guidelines. Care is provided by physicians, dentists and other professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to the Clinic.

## SINGLES MOVIE NIGHT

GUMC Singles Movie Night will be on Saturday, November 16, at 1pm. The movie will be "All Saints". Please contact Aimee Eichelberger at 815-258-4792.



## SENIOR Fellowship

There will be a gathering on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 -3:00pm in Grace Place for SENIOR FELLOWSHIP, formerly known as "55 Alive." There will be a planned game-type activity and light refreshments. If you are interested, please join us. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Murphy at 815.280.5346.





# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1—Julia O'Brian

11/5—Edward Bogucki

11/6—Donna Redmon

11/11—Carolyn Dystrup

11/14—Don Nicoletti

11/15—Heather Linko

11/18—Sarah Schoenrock

11/19—Tessa Gray, Nancy Kramer

11/21—Vicki Bogucki

11/22—Dorothy Atkins, Joe McCormack

11/28—Ed Young

11/29—Sebastian Butler



# NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Amber Kolodziej    Jay & Cindy Caswell

November 15, 2014    November 16, 1968

Donald & Diane Lutz

November 27, 1982

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Thank you to everyone who purchased from the wreath fundraiser supporting the ASP Youth mission trip. Wreaths will be delivered to the church sometime during the week of November 18<sup>th</sup>. They will be ready for pick up Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> between 8:45-11:45am.



# Boy Scouts



**Troop 15 News**—September was a busy month for Troop 15 Scouts. We kicked off September by participating in Habit for Humanity's Homes for the Hounds fundraiser. This is an annual event for Troop 15 Scouts, who design, build, and paint a dog house, which is then auctioned off to raise funds for the organization. We had two Scouts, Will & Patrick, complete their Eagle projects during September and October. Well done gentlemen, quite an accomplishment. Another Troop 15 Scout, Adam, was featured in a Rainbow Council promotional video for the upcoming Leadership Luncheon, which will be held in Bourbonnais, IL.

We also spent time with the Cub Scout Pack 15, one night teaching Scouting Skills and another participating in a service project to benefit our deployed Military Personnel. We are excited that the Cub Scouts have joined our Scouting family at Grace and look forward to many more opportunities to work together in the future.

Troop 15 held their Court of Honor in October. 44 merit badges were awarded and 3 Scouts ranked up. We al-

so had one youth, Josh, take on the role of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. In addition, Troop elections were held.

The Scouts attended the Fall Camporee at Rainbow Council in Morris and handled the overnight freezing temps and rain with ease. And completed a 5 mile hike, required for Tyler's rank advancement. The Scouts also assisted with Cub Scout Pack 15's Halloween party & Grace's Trunk or Treat.

On November 10th the Scouts will be at Grace during Sunday worship to pass out the Scouting for Food bags. Bags are to be returned with food donations the following Sunday, November 17th. Donations will be taken to the Ridgewood Food Pantry.

The Scouts are also hosting a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Appleby's on November 23rd 8-10am. Tickets may be purchased in advance and are also available at the door. \$8 all you can eat pancakes.

Troop 15 would also like to say Thank You to Chris Herzog for his service as Scoutmaster, and Welcome Back to Ben Venegas who is our new Scoutmaster.

Until next time ~ Troop 15 Scouts & Families

## SWEATSHIRTS FOR THE HOMELESS

Missions will do our annual sweatshirt drive for the homeless. We need Men's L, XL & larger size. Bigger is better shirts can be layered underneath for warmth. Dark colors preferred. Sweatshirts can be placed in Narthex under Christmas tree starting after Thanksgiving. We will collect them until December 22. If questions, call Adrian Stoddard 815-353-6032. Thank you for your generosity!



### *Christmas Tea Party*

**Come and Join UMW for  
A Christmas Tea:  
The Twelve Teas of Christmas  
Thursday, December 5,  
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**



## ANGEL TREE

- \* Donors are encouraged to select an angel from the tree, purchase a suitable gift(s) and return the unwrapped gift(s) to the tree with the angel tag attached.
- \* Gift cards may be received in lieu of gifts. Gifts in price should be about \$35 per child. Higher amounts are up to the discretion of the donor.
- \* All items must be new.
- \* Wrapping paper can be included for the parents to wrap the gifts.
- \* All gifts are due back to The Salvation Army by Friday, December 13th.

**They ask that you do not use gift bags. Gift bags break easily when transporting.**

## POINSETTIAS

Grace Church will decorate the chancel area with Poinsettias on Christmas Eve. The flowers can be in honor or celebration of a special event, in memory of a loved one, or to the "Glory of God." If you wish to order, please fill out a form and return it with a check made out to Grace Church by December 8, 2019. Poinsettias are \$9.00 each.

## CANDY DRIVE DONATIONS NEEDED

During the coming weeks our Confirmation class will be collecting candy donations to make holiday gifts for senior citizens and shut-ins being served by the Meals on Wheels program. Hundreds of people each year receive these gifts from us with their meals-it is a real treat for them and a simple way for us to show them that Grace cares.

About 200 pounds of individually wrapped regular and sugar-free candies are needed for this project. Your left-over Halloween candy is an ideal donation. Monetary donations are most welcome,

too; we have a great supplier for sugar-free candy in PA for just \$4.60/lb.- nobody else we know of can beat this price so let us buy candy for you.

Look for our festively decorated candy collection box in the Narthex. For more information, contact Jim Morrow at (815)729-3735. Thanks in advance for your help.



# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<p>1 6:30 Cub Scouts</p> 	<p>2 8am Childcare Training</p>
<p>3 7:30am Blood Pressure 8am Worship 9am Sun School 10:30am Worship</p>	<p>4 7pm Basketball</p>	<p>5 6pm Stewardship 6:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6 10am Unafraid 6pm Unafraid 6:15pm Choir 7:30 Bells</p>	<p>7 5:30am Men's Breakfast 7pm Pack 15 Committee Meeting</p>	<p>8 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 8am Worship 9am Sun School 10:30am Worship</p>	<p>11 7pm Basketball</p> 	<p>12 1pm UMW 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30pm Trustees</p>	<p>13 6:15pm Choir 7:30pm Bells</p>	<p>14 5:30am Men's Breakfast 1pm Grace Senior 6pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>15 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>16 1pm Singles Movie at the Church</p> 
<p>17 8am Worship 9am Sun School 10:30am Worship 12pm Emergency Plan Training</p>	<p>18 5pm Daybreak 7pm Basketball</p> 	<p>19 5am Daybreak Breakfast 6:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20 11:30am Pantry 6:15pm Choir 7:30pm Bells</p>	<p>21 5:30am Men's Breakfast</p> 	<p>22 6pm Cub Scout Pack Night</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 8am Worship 9am Sun School 10:30am Worship</p>	<p>25 7 pm Basketball</p>	<p>26 6:30 Boy Scouts 7pm Finance</p>	<p>27 6pm SPRC 7pm</p> 	<p>28 Happy Thanksgiving Day</p> 	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>

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**DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**10:30 AM**

**HOW**

**the GRINCH**  
**FOUND**

**CHRISTMAS**

