

GRACE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2011

Grace Presbyterian Church 2931 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue, Bayview WI 53207

A Month of Sundays

September 4 10 am
Scripture & Song

September 11 10 am
Psalms 114
Matthew 18:21-35

September 18 10 am
Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45
Matthew 20:1-16

September 25 10 am
Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16
Matthew 21:23-32



*Rooted in Christ,
Grounded in the Bible,
Growing in Faith,
Blossoming in Service*

Pastor's Pen

Embrace the new!



Where does the time go? It seems like only yesterday when Janet and I were saying hello and were welcomed into the Grace family. It has been two years of blessings, service, fellowship, and learning. We were embraced with your love and friendship from the beginning. But just as there is a time for hello there also comes a time for good bye.

Janet and I have accepted a call to Texas and our last Sunday with Grace will be September 18th. Accepting a new call is always accompanied with a little anxiety and trepidation. Probably because it involves change; it is new! And sometimes new can be a little scary. Old is comfortable; it is easy; it doesn't take work. Embracing the new includes the willingness to view change as an exciting opportunity.

But I think the hardest part of embracing the new means that we have to say good bye. Leaving behind the old is sometimes like saying good bye to dear friends. The old knows us and we know and understand the old. We have memories of good and bad times that make up the old. We are comfortable with each other. So it is painful to say good bye. But just as the writer of Ecclesiastics tells us: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven; a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to let go."

It is time for us to move on. But just as Janet and I are beginning a new adventure, so is Grace Presbyterian. Soon you will have a new installed pastor who will serve with love and energy. My prayer is that you embrace the new that comes with such a change with enthusiasm and love. I know that if you welcome your new pastor with the same love and fellowship that you welcomed Janet and me that wonderful things are in store for the Grace family.

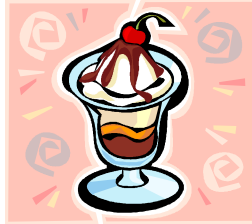
May the Lord bless you and keep you; may his countenance shine upon you and give you peace.

***In His Service,
Pastor Kemper Huber***

BACKGROUND INFORMATION NEEDED!

OUR CHURCH HAS ALWAYS PLANNED FOR THE NURTURE AND CARE OF OUR CHILDREN AND WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE WORKED IN THAT MINISTRY. AT ITS AUGUST MEETING, THE SESSION ENACTED A POLICY TO CHECK BACKGROUNDS OF THOSE WHO WORK WITH OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AS A SAFETY ACTION TO PROTECT ALL INVOLVED. THIS INCLUDES PRIMARILY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND NURSERY CAREGIVERS, AND OTHERS WHO HAVE REGULAR CONTACT WITH OUR KIDS. VICKY STEMWELL, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHAIR, IS HANDLING THE PROCESS OF COLLECTING AND SENDING IN THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION. SHE WILL BE CONTACTING THOSE INVOLVED SOON, ASKING FOR SOME PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION. ONCE THE CHECK IS COMPLETED, THE PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE DESTROYED.

WE NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR NURSERY CAREGIVER LIST. LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP OUT-EVEN IF YOU HAVE LIMITED SUNDAYS AVAILABLE FOR THIS. WE WILL BE GLAD TO SCHEDULE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS. NEW VOLUNTEERS WOULD ALSO NEED TO GET BACKGROUND CHECKS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. SEE VICKY FOR DETAILS.



Sundae Sunday

You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream! Sunday September 11th marks the beginning of a new Christian Education year. To kick off the new year the Grace family will gather in the fellowship hall after worship and indulge in some good old fashioned ice cream sundaes! See you there!



Scripture and Song

On Sunday September 4th, the Grace family will gather for a worship service of favorite Scripture readings and favorite hymns and songs. Bring your bible and share your favorite reading. Open your hymnal and suggest your favorite hymn. Norm has agreed to lead this special time of worship.



THANK YOU

Rev. Roger Hawthorne thanks members of the congregation for their prayers, cards, visits, rides and babysitting during his still on-going recovery from a bout with cancer. A special thank you to Pastor Kemper for rides, counsel and prayers. Rev. Hawthorne will probably begin a new bout of chemotherapy in September.

Church Picnic



On Sunday August 21st the Grace family gathered after worship for food and fun at the annual church picnic. Richard, Dale, and Tony manned the grills and there was plenty of everyone's favorite picnic food to share. There was music to listen to and lots of prizes (thanks to the Special events committee) for the bingo game. Thank you to everyone who helped. It was a wonderful afternoon.



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CHOIR PRACTICE!!
Starting Thursday, September 8th, the Grace choir will begin once again. All are welcome to join.

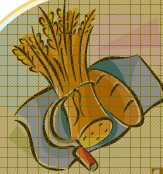


SOUTHEAST INTERFAITH

For several years we have sold mum plants as a fund raiser for Southeast Interfaith. For every plant sold, there would be a profit of \$3.00. Thus, if Grace sold its allotment of 30 plants, then Southeast Interfaith would realize \$90. That seemed simple enough, but it wasn't. As we got to the end of the sale, there often were several plants left. This meant that some people ended up buying additional plants that they really didn't need or have a place to plant them. After all, they couldn't be sent back to the green house, could they? Further, when the plants did come, there was a vast majority of one color, rather than an even mix of colors. Because of this, it has been suggested that we make a donation to Southeast Interfaith in lieu of buying mum plants. One of the comments we have heard is "I have planted so many mums over the past several years, I just don't know where I could put any more." Sound familiar? If you want to know more about Southeast Interfaith, just ask Dorothy Babcock or Charlene Block. They will be happy to tell you all about what Southeast Interfaith means to the community and to our older generation. In making your donation, please put it in an envelope and write Southeast Interfaith on it. Checks can be made out to Southeast Interfaith as well.

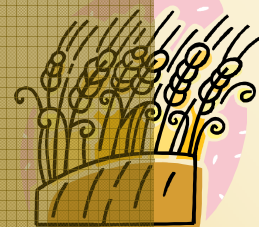
Special Coffee Hour

A special coffee hour will be held following worship on Sunday, September 18th in honor of Pastor Kemper and Janet Huber. Pastor Kemper has accepted a call to serve as an interim pastor in Texas. He and Janet have been a special part of our Grace family for the last two years and they will be sorely missed. Please join us on the 18th to wish them well and God's richest blessings as they begin this new journey.



CROP WALK 2011

The 2011 Annual Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 9th. The Grace family has always been a huge part of this annual event. Please set this day aside. More information will be available in the Sunday bulletin insert or by contacting Dorothy Babcock.



MEMBERS IN MINISTRY – SEPTEMBER

DATE	USHERS	COUNTERS	NURSERY CARE
SEPTEMBER 4	MIKE & VICKY STEMWELL, CHARLENE BLOCK, DALE PENNEBECKER	TONY & CHAR RAUSCH	MARIA TAMMI
SEPTEMBER 11	JACK & VIRGINIA PENNEBECKER, KEITH & JUDY JOHNSTONE	SCOTT & KELLY FISLER	JOANN STEMWELL
SEPTEMBER 18	TONY & CHAR RAUSCH, CHARLOTTE CRYSDALE & VERA STOLBERG	BILL DIONNE & CAROL OSBORN	DOROTHY BABCOCK
SEPTEMBER 25	GEORGE & JANET STEVENSON, BRUCE & MARIA TAMMI	JAN BUCHMANN & DIANE CHANDLER	MIKE STEMWELL
GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER		CHARLOTTE CRYSDALE & TONY RAUSCH	
COMMUNION SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 11		TONY RAUSCH, VERA STOLBERG, RALPH & DOROTHY BABCOCK	

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 2 – Mary Evalyn Krick, birthday
Emery & Elaine Botcher, anniversary
September 3 – Jack & Virginia Pennebecker, anniversary
September 4 – Robert & Beverly Ewing, Joe & Barbara Janicek, anniversaries
September 6 – Joe Block, birthday
Joe & Sue Block, anniversary
September 7 – Jessie Wulf, birthday
September 10 – Ralph & Dorothy Babcock, anniversary
September 11 – Judith Pilutti, Dan Kalista, birthdays
September 14 – Dee Manyen, birthday
September 15 – Maria Tammi, birthday
September 17 – Frank Stemwell, birthday
September 19 – Amy Elmer, Renee Segel, birthdays
September 20 – Vera Stolberg, birthday
September 23 – Keith & Judy Johnstone, anniversary
September 25 – David Elmer, birthday
September 27 – Robert Pennebecker, birthday
September 28 – Jim & Linda Johannsen, anniversary
September 30 – Eric Tammi, birthday





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September 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					The Uncolas, Narcotics Anonymous meet at 7 p.m.	The Hmong worship & Christian Ed. 10 a.m. until noon
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship 10 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous meet 6:30 p.m.	Acacia Clinic Counseling 	Acacia Clinic Counseling	Alcoholics Anonymous meet at 6:30 p.m.	Choir practice 7 p.m.	The Uncolas, Narcotics Anonymous meet 7 p.m.	The Hmong worship & Christian Ed 10 a.m. until noon
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 10 a.m. Communion Sundae Sunday Alcoholics Anonymous meet 6:30 p.m.	Acacia Clinic counseling South Shore Garden Club meets 5 -9pm	Acacia Clinic counseling Faith/Hope Circle meets at noon	Alcoholics Anonymous meet at 6:30 p.m.	Choir practice 7 p.m.	The Uncolas, Narcotics Anonymous meet 7 p.m.	The Hmong worship & Christian Ed 10 a.m. until noon
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
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