



# GRACE NOTES

A Communications Ministry of Grace United Methodist Church

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## Offering Hope...Right Here In Our Own Backyard

Over the course of the last six weeks, 132 youth and adults have traveled approximately 1,800 miles. They have listened for God's call and they have provided hope...in Pikeville, KY, and at home and in communities throughout Chicagoland. Their "jobs" were vehicles to search for and use their intended gifts for God's intended purpose. For some, the search continues, for others the purpose is clear. For all, God paves the way.

—Youth Director Gaye Lynn Loufek, Summer 2011



HOPE@HOME 2011

our own homes! Sometimes we get wrapped up in our own personal problems and forget about some huge issues many others face on a daily basis: like finding a place to spend the night, a hot meal for your family, a safe place for your children. You would think," added Christine, "that being faced by these challenges, you wouldn't have a smile to offer, yet everywhere we went we were greeted with smiles and honest gratitude. Hope at Home was truly a humbling, uplifting experience!"

—Christine Ryan

"The speaker from Wayside Cross gave the details of his life and how many bad choices he made, but he learned from them to become a better man and Christian."

—Christine Miller, Kristen Reidinger and Paige Nadherny at Wayside Cross

"The people at DuPage PADS were all so nice, grateful, compassionate and talkative, which I didn't expect for those who didn't have homes."

—Christopher Blair at the DuPage PADS site

"I was impressed by the testimony of a resident, Gabe, as to the impact of God in getting his life turned around. We can all learn about giving credit to God for our blessings."

—David McWilliams at Wayside Cross

"These trips always remind me of how many people in this country are struggling and also how I can help make things a little bit better for them and for me. We are called to love our neighbor."

—Bob Plummer

"People appreciate you for the smallest amount of help."

—Maura Pauline

Hope at Home really helps people, while we have a great time too, even working three days in a row in 95°+ weather!"

—Claire Correll

"Tabor Hills nursing center really touched me. When we delivered the cards, they were all so excited."

—Joe Conniff at Tabor Hills

"It doesn't take much to make a big difference. Just three days out of 365 days in the year spent giving to others impacts so many of the less fortunate."

—Haley Morrison

"I felt like I really helped the children in Nicaragua at FMSC."

—Matt Kniola at Feed My Starving Children

"You don't have to go far to make an impact on the people that are less fortunate around you. They are so grateful for any act of kindness, no matter how big or small. To them, it reinforces how loved they are and how much people care."

—Chelsea Ryan

"Gabe from Wayside Cross really opened our eyes and ears to what is really going on."

—Chloe Ryan at Wayside Cross

"Our youth have huge hearts; they are not afraid to try new things, are eager to help others, have great amounts of compassion, and deserve to be praised."

—Gaye Lynn Loufek

For three sweltering days last month, July 19-21, 33 teens and adults served others at Chicago's Marcy Center, Feed My Starving Children and Wayside Cross in Aurora, DuPage PADS, and Naperville's Loaves & Fishes. They also visited Grace homebound members and helped out in our Parent's Day Out and Christian Education programs.

### Impressions From Our Hope@Homers...

"What a wonderful opportunity we had to help those close to



Grace youth at Loaves & Fishes.

**Hope@Home**  
**Thanks...**

- Our Shareholders
- Fundraiser Donors, Workers and Attendees
- Tom and Christine Ryan
- Gaye Lynn Loufek
- Meal Providers: Carrie Correll, Margaret Harrison, Melissa Matthews, Barb Miller, Erin O'Brien, Rev. Lisa Telomen, Vickie Wagner, Linda Watkins
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Claudia Hutchison
- Pennie Sawa
- Pastor Bill Bryan



## Pastor's Journal

Most of us live in a throw-away world. When something breaks we fix it by getting a new one and discarding the old. A repair means identifying the part that has malfunctioned and swapping it out. Often we find that the cost of the new part is equal to the price of a whole new unit. So we throw the old one away and buy new. We “upgrade.”

“Old” has come to mean obsolete. For several years I had a smart phone that did everything I needed it to do: email, calendar, text, internet and phone functions worked fine for me. But the phone grew old. I received a letter from my carrier that they could no longer support my trusted phone—it was too old. I had to “upgrade.”

My family owns an older ski boat, classed as an antique by the state. This summer the starter went out. My first reaction was that we needed a new one. But someone at the marina said it could be rebuilt. They recommended a shop in another town. It was like stepping back in time. The shop walls were covered in shelves of small parts. No computers, no invoice system, just a guy who wrote my phone number on a scrap of paper and said it would take two days. I left my old starter on the counter next to four other greasy, broken units. True to his word, two days later he called. The starter was rebuilt, tested and working fine.

Resiliency is the opposite of living in a throw-away world. Perhaps we might consider restoring old relationships and rebuilding old commitments, rather than leaving them unsupported, needing an “upgrade.” Church is a place where lives are rebuilt through engagement with God’s Word, connections with other people of faith and simple acts of worship.

Grace and Peace, *Bob Atkins*



## CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

By John Bodine  
Church Council Chair

We’re past the halfway point of summer already, with summer gardens beginning to yield tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, zucchini, beets, onions, etc. While not everyone is a home gardener, most of us share the appreciation of produce picked fresh and sun-warmed from the garden. For me, there’s nothing quite like plucking a few cherry tomatoes while cutting the grass to keep my spirit refreshed.

Our Church & Society team has grown a bountiful garden at Grace again this year out behind the Activity Center, lovingly planted, watered and maintained. If you haven’t been out to see it, go and check it out—it’s impressive! It’s also amazingly productive, and some of the fresh vegetables are being made available for sale to us in the Activity Center on Sundays. Proceeds benefit Loaves & Fishes food pantry.

Church Council was delighted to hear tales of Vacation Bible School, with its “Shake It Up Café” kitchen/cooking theme this year, heightened by the teaching and testimony of Bob Elazan

(a master cook) during the week. With nearly 200 children, 50 youth and up to 40 parent volunteers, the week was a busy, fun affair capped with another great All-Church Picnic on July 17. We again had the pleasure of about 30 members of Trinity UMC in Joliet attending as well as lots of good things to eat and fun things to do. We need to be grateful and express our appreciation for all those involved in the planning, preparation, and execution of this wonderful Grace summer event!

Our summer youth homebound mission, “Hope@Home,” was completed as planned, serving DuPage PADS, Chicago’s Marcy Center, Feed My Starving Children, Loaves & Fishes, Wayside Cross, Grace homebound members, Parent’s Day Out and our Christian Education program. Grace Youth were active in all aspects of service to these organizations around the Chicagoland area. Reflecting the same “afterglow” as those who participated in the Side-by-Side mission, “Hope@Homers” returned having made a wonderful, positive impression in every respect, demonstrating their commitment to service as well as the quality of our youth lead-

ers and programs. Well done to all! Finances remain on track to date, with receipts just about at budget and expenses below plan. We’ll be reviewing our position in September to expand giving to our Mission programs. Grace Trustees reported that there is a security camera project in progress that will play a role in improving our facility’s security. We are also reviewing the policy for locking doors in the evening. Any changes will be communicated broadly to manage expectations. The Trustees also approved a project to install electronic chimes in our steeple. Interestingly, the steeple was already set up with a conduit to run wires when the building was constructed, just in case a project like this ever became reality! Funds for the chimes have been completely donated.

We continue to encourage you to bring your talents to bear, channeling your skills and energy through the coordinating influences and activities of Grace to make a difference in the world. Live your life to the fullest, without fear or hesitation, with appreciation for what you receive and what you can give. Spread your joy!



Pastor Lisa is on vacation. Please watch for her "Linking Up" column next month. Also, be sure to join her in the August book study of Same Lake, Different Boat, by Stephanie Hubach, on Monday, **August 22**, 1:00-2:30 in Room 254. All are welcome; books are available for purchase (\$15) in the church office.

## THIS IS Monday at Grace



Heartland Blood Centers is hosting a Blood Drive in Grace's Fellowship Hall on Monday, August 8, 3:30-7:30 p.m. Sign up to donate blood in the narthex or online at [www.peopleofgrace.org](http://www.peopleofgrace.org). Click the "donate blood" link on the home page to register for a time to donate. All donors will receive a free quart of ice cream! Photo ID required; walk-ins welcome.

## Grace Rally Day August 28!



On Sunday, August 28, Grace will celebrate the beginning of a new fall season at Grace, when children and youth will "graduate" up to the next level of Sunday school, a new music season will be underway (see below), we'll bless our students' backpacks again, and generally have a great time ushering in the "back to school"—and church—spirit!

## August 2011...Music Ministries Begin

Please register for all music/worship groups on our web site today!

| Sunday, Aug. 21  | Tuesday, Aug. 23  | Wednesday, Aug. 24   | Thursday, Aug. 25   |
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| 4-4:30<br>Youth and Parent Orientation<br>4:30-6:00 Rehearsal<br>(All youth singers plus band) | 7:15<br>Grace Praise Team<br> | 4:00<br>Children's Bells<br>5:00<br>Teen Bells<br>5:00<br>All Children's Choirs<br>7:00<br>Grace Bell Ensemble<br>7:15<br>New Life Singers | 7:15<br>Special Chancel Choir<br>Kick-off Rehearsal Time!<br>8:45<br>Chancel Choir Dessert Fellowship |

Our wonderful music staff is here to help you find your place at Grace! →



### Music and Arts Overview...use and develop your talents this season at Grace!

Call or email Dan Wagner, Minister of Music, for more information on these opportunities. Contact Dan at [danwagner@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:danwagner@peopleofgrace.org) · 630.355.1748, ext. 232 Register for a choir or music group today at [www.peopleofgrace.org/music](http://www.peopleofgrace.org/music)

#### Vocal Music for Adults

- Choirs for Adults, including the Chancel Choir (9:30), New Life Singers (8:15), and the Chamber Singers (as scheduled)
- Some vocal ensembles require an informal interview or audition. Call or email for more information

#### Vocal Music for Children and Youth

- Graded Children's Choirs for Kindergarten through 7th grade, with special presentations and worship leadership
- Youth Music Ministry for

students grades 8-12, including choral music, contemporary praise, global sounds, Student praise band and other live instrumental accompaniment. Drama and musical production

#### Hand Bells

- Ensembles for Children, Youth and Adults

#### Grace Praise Team

- For adults college age and up
- Primary worship leaders for the 11:00 service
- Occasional special concerts and presentations
- Instrumental opportunities! (drummers needed immediately)

- Vocalists scheduled on a rotating basis with Tuesday evening rehearsals
- Requires ability to learn music independently, adapt to contemporary vocal style and a heart for worship leadership

#### Orchestral Instruments

- Opportunities abound for the advanced student or adult player.
- Preludes and service music are scheduled with Grace organist, Nancy Staton
- Advanced players are needed for seasonal orchestral programs and ensembles

#### Music Ministry Support

- Help needed in...
  - ◆ Drama
  - ◆ Choreography
  - ◆ Stagecraft
  - ◆ Audio/Video
  - ◆ Filing
  - ◆ Costumes
  - ◆ Ticketing
  - ◆ Script-writing



As I look to a new school year and church season in just a few short weeks, I can hardly believe the time has flown so

quickly. We all say that every year, but honestly, life seems to fly at warp speed, doesn't it? And while advertisements and school packets and store promotions and all manner of things clamor to psych us up for the "Back to School" hullabaloo, I have always felt a certain kind of melancholy as summer draws to a close. The rise and fall of

the cicada chorus stirs my heart more deeply, the dappled afternoon sun gives me greater pause, and (even with three boys all within two years of one another), I have yet to experience the rejoicing parents are said to feel when their children trudge off to school for another nine months. Yes, autumn is spectacular, with its crisp air, brilliant colors and promise of new beginnings, but for me, summer is that whiff of carefree youth recaptured for a few months, then put to sleep for another long year.

Forgive me; I realize I am not exhibiting the excitable "Back to School" spirit (there's plenty of that within these pages!), and don't get me wrong—there is much to be excited about in a

new season. Grace will soon be a flurry of renewed activity, friends will return from summer homes and vacations, and youngsters will tire of idle days and welcome a new school routine. In my own family, my eldest son will return to college this fall as an upperclassman, my middle son will embark on his freshman year of college, and my "baby" will begin his junior year of high school, when entrance exams and college visits will occupy his thoughts and mine. And while all of that is wonderful and exciting (and more than a little daunting), I find myself feeling wistful for the summer that officially remains for more than a month, but has already begun to fade like the long shadows on my backyard patio.

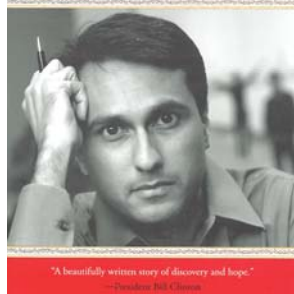
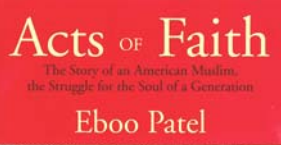
## Muslim American Opens Discussion Among Youth of Different Faiths By Angela McCurdy

As a student at Glenbard South High School, Eboo Patel shared his lunch table with a Cuban Jew, a Nigerian Evangelical, and an Indian Hindu. Beyond the occasional food taboo, religion was not discussed. The group simply didn't know how. Today, Patel works to provide young people a space and a vocabulary to talk openly together about their various religions and cultures. *Acts of Faith: the Story of an American Muslim, The Struggle for the Soul of a Generation* is the story of how he came to find himself, his wife, and his life's work.

Growing up in Glen Ellyn, Patel attended after-school groups

and summer camps at the B. R. Ryall YMCA. In high school, he participated in the YMCA's Leaders Club and Leaders School, which focus on volunteering as a means of leadership development. Looking back, he writes, "The YMCA's secret is simple... the YMCA knows that, deep down, young people need more than just a place...it's not a place young people need so much as a role, an opportunity to be powerful, a chance to shape their world."

In his personal experience and in his work as the founder of Interfaith Youth Core, Patel has seen that "influences matter, programs count, mentors make a difference,



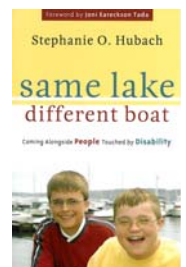
institutions leave their mark." Like many after 9/11, Patel saw the destructive ends to which these means can be used. "Religious extremism is a movement of young people taking action. Hindu nationalists, hate-filled rabbis, Christian Identity preachers, and Muslim totalitarians prey on young people's desire to have a clear identity and make a powerful impact." Echoing W. E.

B. Dubois, Patel sees this century as shaped by the "faith line"; on the one hand, those who believe that "only one interpretation of one religion is a legitimate way of being, believing, and belonging on earth," and on the other, those who seek a "proactive cooperation that affirms the identity of [each of] the constituent [faith] communities while emphasizing that the well-being of each and all depends on the health of the whole."

Patel is, however, explicit that all religions are not the same. It is both his expectation and his experience that participation in Interfaith Youth Core affirms and deepens the faith commitment of the young people

who come together to act on their individual religious values through a shared service project.

Pastor Lisa's summer study group discussed Patel's book in July. They will be looking at Stephanie Hubach's *Same Lake, Different Boat* about people touched by disability (pictured below) on **August 22, 1:00-2:30 p.m.** in Room 254. All are welcome to join the discussion. Copies of Patel and Hubach's books are available in the church library (Room 223) or in the church office if you prefer to purchase your own.



## Animal Attraction!

Here are Marley and Stearman, the Brady family's dogs. Marley (left) has had a difficult life, as he came to a high-kill shelter in Kentucky with BB gun pellets embedded in his right ear. "It's hard to understand why he is so sweet after having been used for target practice," says Cindy. Stearman, a yellow lab named after the Bradys' Stearman biplane, has been a pampered pooch since birth. When people see Marley and Stearman together, they ask if Marley is a miniature yellow lab. "Of course, we all know there is no such thing!" jokes Cindy, who declares that she will never again own anything but rescue dogs after loving and being loved by Marley. "There are so many of these poor creatures."

Marley and Stearman



Thanks to all who answered our plea for pet photos and stories. We always have room for more, so please share your favorite animals with us! Send photos and stories to Barb Ceruti at [gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org), or drop them off in the church office, ATTN: Barb. Photos are published in the order received and will be returned upon request.

## Grace Serves DuPage PADS

From Catherine Page



On the night of July 20, nearly 70 people arrived at their "home for the night." Thanks to many volunteers from Grace, including youth and adults on our Hope@Home mission, who cooked and served food that night and the following morning, and to Trinity Lutheran Church for allowing PADS to use their gymnasium. We were able to give these guests a good supper and breakfast, and they left with a packed lunch. Their bed was a pad on the floor with a sheet and blanket. For many different reasons, these people are down on their luck, but they were all grateful for food and a place to sleep. By 7:00 a.m., they had to be out in search of another shelter for the night. Some of them proudly announced that they have a job to go to and need to catch the bus. Imagine having to go to work after sleeping on the floor with 70 other people! Let us not take for granted the simple blessings of a warm bed—our own—and regular meals.

## OUR PEOPLE

### Sympathy to the Friends and Family of...

#### Audrey Book

Ed Cieslak, friend of Maggie Hartigan

Patricia Guerin, aunt of Rick Loufek

Dick Hall, friend of Charlie and Brenda Gregory

Lawrence Khedroo, stepfather of Ron Smith

Betty Porter, mother of Debby Obrieicht

Helen Rogers, mother of Mary Kirby

Marie Schmitt, mother of Bob Schmitt

Joseph T. Schofield, Sr., father of Joe Schofield

Herbert Sharp, grandfather of Traci Nelson

Bonnie Williamson, aunt of Ben Krupowicz

### Baptisms

Jonathan Aidan, son of Jesse and Margaret Schnute, was baptized on July 10

Avery Emily Chui, daughter of Marcus and Kim Chui, was baptized on July 17

Sophia Louise, daughter of Robert and Christina Steva, was baptized on July 24

Elise Mikayla, daughter of Michael and Hannah Arzadon, was baptized on July 31

### Celebrations and Congratulations

Willow Moon, daughter of Andrew and Shannon Getz and granddaughter of Larry and Peggie Getz, was born on June 22

Easton Sydney and Dakota Joseph, sons of Chris and Shanna Hoekstra and grandsons of Lee and Margeret Hoekstra, were born on June 23

Caleb Richard, son of Matt and Sandi Cosgrove and grandson of Terry and Jan Cosgrove, was born on July 8

Missy Hoekstra and Brian Hecht were married on July 1

Jeff Hilsenbeck and Beverly Peterson were married July 1

Tricia Lane and Fred Concannon were married on July 23

Emily Holtman and Jeremy Moon were married on July 23

Arthur Smith celebrates his 90th birthday on August 14; send greetings to 810 Amherst Ct., Naperville, IL 60565

Winn Hynes celebrates her 97th birthday on August 25; send greetings to 1439 McDowell Rd., Unit 122, Naperville, IL 60563

### Letters

We gathered at Rochelle UMC last Sunday. We did sing, pray and praise the Lord. We did also listen and laugh and fellowship and surely the Presence of the Lord was in that place. On a rare pretty afternoon in this year's June calendar, you ceded your plans to send off this one who six years ago came among you. Thank you. I am grateful to the DeKalb District Superintendency Committee under the leadership of Gale Brandner for the gift of the day. And I want to thank you for the generous gift given to me. You should also know that as a result of our gathering, CHRICKET and Lot #12 of the DeKalb District will divide the offering given, \$1,346. And the lives of others will be blessed. How good is that?

Strength to you as you continue to "utter living words,"

—Larry Hilkemann, retired Superintendent of the DeKalb District and former Grace UMC Senior Pastor

# Grace and North Central College Celebrate Partnership in Labor Day Parade

## NCC Alums, Wear Your Colors Proudly!



By Harold Workman

The theme of this year's Labor Day Parade on September 5 is

"A College In Its Community—Honoring the North Central College's Sesquicentennial." Grace Church has a long history of being associated with North Central College. Founded in 1861 in Plainfield, the college moved to Naperville in 1870. At that time, Naperville was a community of both German and English people. Some faculty of the college soon formed a local community group to fill the need for

an English speaking worship and Sunday school. Community interest grew, and in 1890 a meeting was held at Scott Hall to organize Grace Church. The first church building was in place in 1891 on the corner of Benton and Loomis Streets. In 1892, the church became an Evangelical Association Church and, later, a United Evangelical Church. A second church building was erected in 1909 at 31 S. Ellsworth and now belongs to North Central College. Finally, our current building was built in 1970. Over the years, members of Grace Church have been closely associated with North Central College, as faculty members or serving

on college boards and committees.

We will proudly demonstrate this historical association with North Central College with our Labor Day float, titled "Grace and North Central College: Partners in Ministry to the Community Since 1892." Help us proclaim our church past and future by participating in the parade with Grace! In particular, we are looking for church members who are also alumni of North Central to participate in the parade. Wear your NCC colors! Further parade day information is to come, or contact Lisa Telomen at 630-355-1748, ext. 226, or lisatelomen@peopleofgrace.org with any questions.

## Walk to Emmaus Weekends Coming Next Month

By Leslie Rogers

The Walk to Emmaus® gets its name from the story in Luke 24:13-35, which provides the central image for the three-day experience of spiritual renewal. Luke tells the story of that first Easter afternoon when the risen Christ appeared to the two disciples who were walking together along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. It is an adaptation of the Roman Catholic Cursillo Movement, which originated in Spain in 1949. The Upper Room, a ministry unit of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, sponsors the Walk to Emmaus and offers it through local Emmaus groups around the world. Although connected to The United Methodist Church, The Walk to Emmaus is ecumenical. The program invites and involves the participation of Christians of many denominations. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to com-

municate with confidence and depth the essentials of the Christian life, while accentuating those features that Christians have traditionally held in common. The three-day Emmaus experience and follow-up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world.



The Men's Walk is scheduled for **September 15-18**; the Women's Walk is scheduled for **September 22-25**. Both walks will take place at Loyola Retreat Center, formerly known as Resurrection Center, in Woodstock, IL. For more information, contact Eric Jungnickel at 630-983-8339 or Leslie Rogers at 630-325-0169.

## Living the Questions™ Looks at Christianity in Today's World

By Pastor Don Niswonger



Beginning with orientation on **September 12**, Carol [Findon] and I will be offering

a 30-week group study entitled "Living the Questions" (LtQ). This is the curriculum we have been teaching at the 11:00 hour each Sunday for the last few years in our "OHM" class (Open Hearts and Minds). It consists of DVD presentations followed by group discussion of the DVD material and written

materials for each session.

The producers of this series are not professional scholars, but local church pastors responding to a need in their congregations. LtQ does not intend to offer a "systematic theology." It is a thematic overview borne of day-to-day conversation and questions raised in the local church. The major themes are presented as a "survey" of thoughts and ideas discussed in theological circles.

It is hoped that exposure to these ideas and perspectives

will generate continued dialogue among the participants and beyond into their circles of influence. This study is not intended to provide answers, but to become a part of the ongoing reformation of Christianity in the 21st century. It is a tool to help open conversation, give progressive-minded Christians an opportunity to network, and—perhaps most importantly—give them the assurance that they are not alone in their spiritual journey of faith. The testimonies of many who have

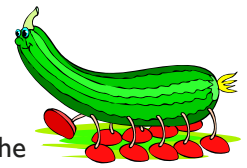
been part of OHM affirm this statement: "This study and our discussions have enriched my spiritual journey and transformed my life."

This month, there will be samples of the LtQ curriculum in the Activity Center. There will also be study participants available to talk about what it has meant to them, and answer any questions. Stop by and find out more! *Note: it is helpful, though not required, for participants to have had prior Disciple class experience.*

# PORTRAITS OF JULY

## Riper Grows Our Garden

The Grace garden has begun to reap its tasty rewards, with radishes, zucchinis, beets, and more! Be on the look-out in the Activity Center for garden-fresh veggies for sale, the proceeds of which will go to Naperville's Loaves & Fishes food pantry. Also, if your own garden has an abundance of produce this summer, please consider donating your excess to the basket in the Activity Center so we can add your harvest to our market as well.



All-Church Picnic July 17



Vacation Bible School July 11-15



FCM Bean Bag Tourney July 22



Moscow Seminary President Dr. Sergei Nikolaev at Grace July 17

Photos courtesy of Dick Trondsen; FCM photo courtesy of Bob Pacanowski

## "Antiques Road Show" Comes to Grace!

On Thursday, **September 8**, the first Over 50 Fellowship gathering of the new season will feature the "Antiques Road Show," back by popular demand. Two eminent antique dealers, Glenn Lynch and John Leonard, will be our special guests. Bring a few of your treasured heirlooms for discussion and evaluation. Lunch is at noon, followed by the program. Cost is \$6 per person. *No reservations can be accepted after 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 6!* Reserve your spot in the church office (630-355-1748).

## Have You Considered E-Giving?

**E-Giving** Grace continues to offer E-Giving as an easy, secure option for paying your pledges, contributing to a special project or mission, or purchasing tickets for a Grace event, including concerts. Visit our website ([www.peopleofgrace.org](http://www.peopleofgrace.org)) and click the brown E-Giving logo (shown here) on every page of our site to get started. Please contact Bob Poland at 630-355-1748, ext. 250, with questions or for further information.

## Family Small Groups Starting

Groups are currently forming to allow Grace families to meet together, provide an opportunity for children to play, and spend study time together with God (adults). Contact Amy Song at 630-222-4712 or [amysong@gmail.com](mailto:amysong@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining a small group, whether as a participant or leader. Groups will begin in September and will meet 1-2 times per month at church or in homes, depending on preference. Childcare will be provided during study time.

## Special Ed. Expert to Speak to ODM

On Saturday, **October 8**, 8:00am-1:00pm, Grace's Open Doors Ministry will host a workshop for the parents, teachers and caregivers of children and youth with special needs on how to better integrate these children in church education and activities. This workshop features dynamic speaker, author and Special Education teacher Barb Newman.

News deadline for the September issue of *Grace Notes* is:  
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Submit news to [gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org), call 630-355-1748, ext. 240, or drop in the church office, ATTN: Barb



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Unscramble these five words to make three: SOVEREIGNS WITH A YARD PUN

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Answer on back, but it's something you should try at 5:00pm!

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## **Disciple Bible Study Begins In September—Sign Up This Month!** *By Leslie Rogers*

**W**hy Study Disciple? Disciple is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. It focuses on the disciple as learner, believer, follower, proclaimer, and servant, while providing the fellowship of a small group for study, prayer, preparation, support, and servanthood. Disciple assumes that the Bible is key to renewal in the church and affirms that the canon was formed as it is in order for God to speak to us.

The first study in the program is **Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study**, a 34-week overview of the entire Bible. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God and draws upon the work of scholars to aid in understanding the Bible. The participant's understanding is enhanced

# DISCIPLE

through personal Bible reading and study and dynamic group discussion. Classes will meet on Monday evenings or Thursday mornings.

**Disciple II: Into the Word Into the World** is the second study in the four-phase Disciple program. This study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. The importance of keeping Bible study related to witness is reinforced, as participants are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines arising out of Scripture for the purpose of changing habits and transforming lives. The study also emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God

and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world individually and corporately. This study understands the growing Christian as under discipline in community and in ministry to the world. *Into the Word Into the World* approaches all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service. The study is 32 weeks long. Classes will meet on Monday evenings. All classes will begin the week following Labor Day.

**Sign-ups begin August 21** in the Activity Center between Sunday worship services. Books will be available for review and purchase. For more information, contact Pastor Lisa Telomen at 630-355-1748, ext. 226, or Leslie Rogers at 630-325-0169.

*For information about Pastors Don Niswonger and Carol Findon's "Living the Questions" study beginning September 12, see page 6.*