



GRACE NOTES

A Communications Ministry of Grace United Methodist Church



Gather to Christ
Grow as Disciples
Go to Serve

October 2010

October Brings Bounty of Fall Activity

Autumn...God's glory literally jumps off the natural palette. How can we not take notice of His abundant bounty which is ours to behold—and to hold? Take a look at, and get involved in, all that's happening at Grace this month in celebration of this glorious time of year—something for everyone!

Harvest Home Festival

Oct. 13, 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall



Purchase your tickets for our annual Harvest Home Celebration in the Activity Center on

Sundays and in the church office during the week. As is tradition, this special evening will begin with a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, followed by recognition of our newest and 50+-year members, musical entertainment, and bestowing of the Harvest Home service award. Dinner will include roast turkey, cranberry sauce, rolls and beverage (provided by Grace) and potluck sides and salads. Please bring a dish to serve 12, or two if your family exceeds four people, as well as your own utensils and plates. Tickets are \$3 per person (children six and under are free); proceeds benefit Wayside Cross Ministry's Bridge to Life Campaign, about which two gentlemen from Wayside Cross will share information and personal testimony.

Eurasia Bishop Visits Grace

Oct. 16, 10:00am-12:00pm in the Sanctuary, followed by lunch

Bishop Hans Växby of the Eurasia Episcopal Area of the UMC, along with Russia Initiative Coordinator Rev. Jim Athearn and Global Ministries Staff Vladimir Shaporenko, will be keynote speakers at a Russia Initiative Mini-Consultation. Come

learn about our connectional partnerships with UM churches in Eurasia, hear how other UM churches are participating in this initiative, and find out how we can support and demonstrate Christian witness in Russia and across the globe! Register and learn more at www.peopleofgrace.org/the_russia_initiative, or contact Pastor Lisa Telomen at 630-355-1748.

CROP Hunger Walk

Oct. 17, 1:30pm, leaving from Grace Walk or sponsor a walker in the 28th Annual Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with step-off at 1:30. This year's route has changed from previous years; walk with others from Grace and the greater community (as well as those from other faiths) through our own Grace Church neighborhood! Packages are available in the Activity Center on Sundays, or contact Susan Marseille at 630-717-9374.

FCM Fall Forum

Oct. 22, 6:00 p.m. in Room 234

All men are welcome to Fellowship of Christian Men's "No Man Left Behind" fall forum, focusing on integrity and how it applies to relationships with other men. Dinner included; contact Bob Pacanowski at 630-355-0804 or bobfod@aol.com.

Pumpkin Patch/Soup & Pie

Oct. 24, 10:30am-1:30pm, Fell. Hall

Grace Youth will be selling pumpkins in Fellowship Hall during the youth-sponsored Soup and Pie Luncheon. Stop in for lunch, and purchase some pumpkins, too! Decorate them and enter them in our All-Church Fall Festival's pumpkin decorating contest on October 31! Proceeds benefit Youth Ministry.

Grace Concert Series Hosts Ohio Northern Univ. Choir

Oct. 28, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Ohio Northern University's University Singers, a select 52-voice concert choir, is coming to Grace as part of their fall concert tour! Under the direction of the accomplished Dennis Kratzer, Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Music, this fine college choir will present Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" sung in Hebrew with organ, harp and percussion as well as several a cappella selections and others with flute and harp. In addition to their current tour of churches and high schools in Ohio and Illinois, The University Singers have in previous years toured the American South, California, New York, Canada and Europe. This concert is free of charge; however, free will offerings will be gratefully accepted. **Housing is needed for these choir students** on Thursday evening, October 28, after the concert. Please sign up to host in the church office, or contact Dan Wagner (630-355-1748, ext. 232) for further information.

All-Church Fall Festival!

Oct. 31, 11:00am-2:00pm Outdoors

This All Hallows' Eve, Grace is the place for all things fun and fall for the whole family! Come dressed for worship in your casual clothes; children and youth may bring a costume to wear after worship (no scary or violent costumes, please!). We'll have face painting, hay rides for the little ones, a hay bale maze, Nascar simulator, food for the whole family, cookie decorating, scarecrow building, a pumpkin decorating contest, "trunk or treating"...and more! Invite your friends and neighbors!



Pastor's Journal

The Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life – <http://pewforum.org> – recently published the results of a survey of the religious literacy of Americans. On average, Americans correctly answered 16 of the 32 religious knowledge questions on the survey. Even when corrected for education level, the average American scored 50%—not passing in most schools.

By all accounts, religion is a powerful force in the lives of most Americans. But when that power is little understood, there is the possibility of power going awry.

The issue is close to home. Mainline Protestants like us scored, on average, slightly lower – 15.8 correct out of 32 – than the national average! When the questions were about world religions, we got five out of eleven questions right. When the questions were about religion in public life, we got two out of four right. When the questions were about Christianity and the Bible, we averaged less than six out of twelve correct.

In other words, we have a religious literacy deficit. Indeed, a Bible and Christianity knowledge deficit. This lack of understanding demonstrates the real need for our Sunday School, confirmation class, adult classes, and the new Grace Church Library. This work Grace does, creating disciples through education, transforms lives by giving people the intellectual tools they need for life in this complex culture.

The good news is that 79% of us can identify the place named in the Bible as the birthplace of Jesus. What about the other 21%?

Grace and Peace,



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

By John Bodine
Church Council Chair

We're back in the groove at Grace with a slate of activities that could make your head spin! As stated so clearly by Bill Abe following an enthusiastic presentation from Youth Council Chair Rick Loufek on our Youth program to the Forum Class, "We have fabulous things happening here at Grace, and we need to make sure everyone knows about them!" Bill is referring to the number of youth (40+) and children (25+) involved on a regular basis in our programs and the scope of their activities, thanks to the commitment and leadership of parents and members working through the Youth and Children & Family Councils.

You'll hear more about how we're channeling our talents and resources to fulfill the mission of Grace from guest speakers during worship services over the next several weeks. Too often our highly diverse and widespread activities and contributions percolate and buzz below the radar screens of the majority of our members.

Stay tuned as well for the All-Church Fall Festival, scheduled for Sunday, October 31, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Twelve activity stations are planned, with contributions from nearly every program committee at Grace. Kids will have a "Trunk or Treat" event in our lower parking lot, scarecrow making, costumes following Sunday School, and much more. Mark your calendars for this fun-filled family fall event!

A preliminary 2011 budget, presented by Stewardship and Finance Chair Julie Kronbach, was reviewed at Church Council. The plan is to remain approximately flat on total budget relative to 2010, with stronger weighting toward Grace programs and external missions than was possible for 2010. Church Council felt this was an appropriate amount and distribution for current circumstances and approved the tentative plan. A final budget will be reviewed for approval in December following the Stewardship Campaign in October and November, when we can tally the support of our members.

Pastor Atkins also prepared some ideas for enhancing Grace members' engage-

ment in church life that were distributed to Church Council members, recognizing that our effectiveness at Grace depends to a great extent on channeling the energy, talents, and interest of all of our members into our mission to "Gather, Grow, Go." We will reflect upon these needs and be prepared to discuss them at the October Church Council Meeting.

Remember your name tag! Reach out to someone, say hello, become acquainted. Everyone is welcome here! And **we** make that happen!

Flu Shot Clinic October 17



Don't let the flu stop you this winter! Grace is hosting a flu shot clinic operated by VNA of Fox Valley on Sunday, **October 17**, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Vaccines offered include the combined H1N1 and seasonal flu shot (\$25), pneumonia shot (\$50), and tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine (\$35). Contact Parish Nurse Pam Riley at 630-355-1748, ext. 229, with questions or for further information.

JOIN THE CIRCLE OF WORSHIP

SATURDAY EVENINGS, 5:30 P.M. IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER

Come be renewed in God's spirit, grow in faith and meet new friends!

Saturday Evening Worship is a special experience, featuring:

CIRCLE OF WORSHIP IN AN INFORMAL SETTING · INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES FROM PASTOR BOB ATKINS ·

WORSHIPFUL MUSIC LED BY VICKIE WAGNER · HOLY COMMUNION SERVED EVERY WEEK ·

HEALING PRAYER ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH · APPETIZERS AND FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Ramadan Open House Brings People of All Faiths Together

By Ralph Keiser, Religion and Race Commission Chairman

Last month, the Islamic Center of Naperville invited the interfaith community of Naperville to attend a Ramadan Open House at White Eagle Country Club in order to extend goodwill to the community. As part of Ramadan, Muslims are required by God to reach out to their neighbors. The Islamic month of Ramadan is a month of fasting from food and water each day from morning until sunset. Muslims are required to take time each day to ask God to forgive their sins and to meditate on the many gifts God has given them in order to draw closer to God. Approximately 160 persons from local Christian and Jewish faith communities attended the Open House, including pastors, church members from Naperville and surrounding suburbs, members of local synagogues, educators, and elected officials. They filled the room to standing room only capacity.

Pastor Lisa Telomen, Bob Elazan, and I attended in representation of the Religion and Race Commission and Grace Church in general. We came to show our sup-

port for a group of people who are our neighbors, co-workers, classmates, and friends. Following the introduction, the Muslim community knelt in prayer, while Christians and Jews bowed their heads in prayer. Then, together, we broke the fast by eating a sweet date and having a drink of water. We shared an evening buffet meal of delicious Middle Eastern dishes. During the meal, we met each other face-to-face to talk about how our faiths are similar and to discuss how we can live together peacefully.

We all want to live in a world of peace, believing in the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God!

Muslims in this country are appalled by the behavior of militant extremist Muslims who give Islam a bad name, just as Christians are appalled by the actions of extremist members who give Christianity a bad name.

The Commission on Religion and Race, which I chair, promotes the brotherhood of mankind, regardless of race or religion. We seek to lead all members of Grace Church into coming to that same understanding. Furthermore, our Christian beliefs remind us all to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Pastor Bob's sermon on September 26 took part of its Bible text from 1 John 4:20: "Those who say, 'I Love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister whom

they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen." (NRSV) When Jesus Christ was asked which is the greatest commandment, he stated that we are to love God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Deut. 6:5, Levi.19:18)

During our shared meal, we discussed our common belief in One True God, the

God of Abraham. Together, we came to understand that Ramadan, Rosh Hashanah, and Lent all have much in common, as we attempt to reflect on our lives, ask God's forgiveness for our sins, recognize that God is the giver of all we have, and draw closer to God. We came to see that People of God love each other, People of God trust each other, and People of God seek to be Children of God in everything they do.

I ask that each of you open your heart and seek to be a neighbor to our Muslim brothers and sisters. I ask that each of you consider how you would feel if the shoe were on the other foot and you were a stranger in a new land, treated unjustly, and questioned about how you worship.

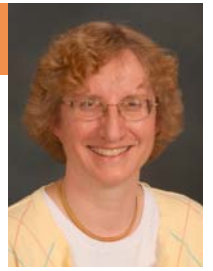
I pray that you will take the next opportunity you have to meet a member of the Muslim faith, in person, and talk with them face-to-face. You will be greeted by a warm smile and you will see the light of God shining in their eyes.

Muslims are asked to go out of their way for a stranger or a neighbor, to show kindness and tolerance toward them. Can we as Christians do any less?

We all want to live in a world of peace, believing in the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God.

Linking Up to Grace

By Pastor Lisa Telomen



Taken. Blessed. Broken. Shared. This is the theme of Henri Nouwen's book, *Life of the Beloved*, which our Monday Sisters group is studying and which was the basis of a sermon I gave this past year.

We are God's beloved, known and chosen and beloved by God even before we are born into this earthly life. We are created in God's image, his Holy Spirit breathed into us, and we carry that blessedness with us wherever we go. God's plan to bring blessing and our own personal creativity to this world while we are here is awaiting our acceptance and action.

This is a profound pronouncement of our true identity! We are taken—chosen by God at our creation in his vision. We are blessed for life, to know and bring blessing to the world. We are broken open at various times, by joy and sor-

row, so that our love can be shared with the whole world. All we are asked to do is to believe this, God's Truth about us and all of his creation, and be this faith, hope and love of God in our daily lives. How hard it is to believe and live this truth and love!

Recently, I was at a benefit dinner for Wayside Cross' new campaign to rebuild its structure for the classes and offices of "The Master's Touch" ministry. Several graduates and staff of this ministry spoke to us. It doesn't take much, they shared, for a life to get off-track and a soul to be beaten or drugged into a lost place, for a person to forget who they really are. Wayside Cross takes these broken lives and brings them back into God's beloved hands. (By the way, Wayside Cross is our Harvest Home offering beneficiary this year!)

This story is not unlike sto-

ries shared by some of our friends at Hope UMC in Volgograd—of how broken lives are touched by God's people and word and re-taught to help others remember who and whose they are. Many are those in our world today who never really believed their identity even after many years at a church, and many are those who've never even been to church to be told who and whose they are, really. They wander through life, believing the cheap messages of drugs, the lies from the commercial, business and entertainment worlds that they are less because others are more, that they are valueless without purchases, that they are undesirable without a certain "look," that they will be hopeless without certain investments. I would guess that many of us, even in the church, find it hard to believe how precious and important we are, to God and to the world! Yet Jesus lived

and died and was resurrected to give us this message personally! *It is true*, and it is critical that we live and love this Truth, so that others in our world remember who and whose they are. How will they know, if there is no one willing to tell them?

This fall, we are finding ways to remind you of God's presence and presents in your life, at your church, through your church to the world. Through e-mails, calls, mailings and a website giving you opportunities to serve, we want to help you remember who and whose you are, so that you can share that blessing. We love you and need your love in sharing this Good News with all others in our world!

Remembering God's blessing with you,

Rw Lisa E. Telomen

Investing In a Dream

By Julie Kronbach, Stewardship and Finance Chair



We have heard the news—the recession officially ended in June 2009! That announcement is not much consolation for our families and friends who have been impacted by job loss, underemployment, significant reductions in retirement funding, and other effects of an unstable economy. That's scary, uncertain stuff for many of us as we enter a season during which we have historically made Estimates of Giving. It's also the kind of environment that causes us to carefully consider priorities and make deliberate choices of how we will and will not use our resources.

So just what do we want to invest in, what legacy do we want to leave be-

hind? Changing lives by sharing the message of God's love and salvation is the one truly lasting investment! Whether we commit to a tithe (10% of income), or our offering is a percentage of income and we are working towards a tithe, when we give our lives to Christ, we are called to serve using our lives and our resources.

In a time of continued uncertainty, counter to much of the thinking and behavior of our society, we are challenged this fall to again estimate our giving for the coming year. And that makes me dream. We have managed with effective fiscal responsibility and will continue to do so, but the question "what if?" is in my heart. What if our aggregated estimates of giving are more

than the minimum amount to fund our existing ministries? What ministries could we expand and enhance or add? How many people might experience Christ's love and salvation? Where in the world are we called to go next? With an additional \$10,000 we could support another two new churches in Russia, where people may never have heard "Jesus Loves Me." In Kenya, we could expand our hospital programs. What would we want to do next in Naperville or Chicago? What's your dream?

When we hear God's call, we are called to act boldly, participating in His plan, ministering in His name. That's not the stuff of fear, it is the stuff of redeeming love.

Animal Attraction!

This month, our "Animal Attraction" column centers upon the October 2 Blessing of the Animals service. Watch for our featured animal next month, the Phelps' purr-fect pet Patches!

Pet Service a Blessing to People Too

By Mark Fleming

"The dogs were howling loudly when we sang 'This is My Father's World!'" exclaimed Chris Blair, a junior-high Sunday-schooler who helped with the Blessing of the Animals service on October 2 during the Saturday Evening Worship hour. "They were really into the service." Approximately 25 dogs, two cats, and four birds joined 70 human family members in the Saturday evening worship event held on the north church lawn on a chilly early fall evening.



Christian animal blessings have traditionally been held close to the October 4 birthday of Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), the patron saint of animals. Noting that the idea for a blessing at Grace Church started in the junior high

Sunday school, Alex McCurdy, another student helper, added, "It's good that the church is doing this—it's great when people can worship with their pets."

The service featured emotion-packed solos from Saturday Evening Worship Music Leader Vickie Wagner, a fervent animal lover, as well as hymns focused on the interrelationships among God, humankind, and animals. To student Ben Correll, another important part of the ceremony was "when Pastor Bob and Pastor Lisa went around to give each animal its own blessing." Other youths assisting in the service included Drake McClure, Jonathan Klaiber, Jacob Hajakian, Zack Spear, Kristin Basgall, Emily Blair, Marc Ramm, and Claire Correll.

The animals were not the only ones blessed by the experience. "Chris and I felt that it was good to have our dog Scarlett blessed on our wedding anniversary," said Gail Lindsay. "I hope that we have more of these services in future years."

OUR PEOPLE

Sympathy to the Friends and Family of...

Karen McCarthy Dolan, relative of Jan Clewett
Paul Gritten, uncle of Debbie John
Willis B. Hanson, father of Linda Eifler
Roger Holdeman, husband of Sherrie Holdeman
Elmer S. Quammen, father of Jill Sally
John F. Scholfield, father of Holly Fabbri and Paula Scholfield
Jean Thomsen, mother of Kevin Thomsen
Cecil Wilkins, cousin of Erma Bryan

Celebrations and Congratulations

Christi Allison & Nathan Odenbach were married August 26
Edie Northfield & Doug Peterson were married September 12
Erin Webb & Jeffrey Smielewski were married September 18
Ed & Marti Steigelmann renewed their vows on September 18
Molly Antos & Dan Morey were married October 2
Delaney Grace Gates, daughter of Rebecca and Geoff Gates and granddaughter of Claudia and Bob Hutchison and Pam and Russ Gates, was born September 13
Sofia Marie, daughter of Ryan and Tanya Ferguson and granddaughter of Jim and Sharon Ferguson, was born September 20
Lily Hanrath, Kelsey Heyson, Tad Schmitt, and Charlie Tschirhart are National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists
Don Burney celebrates his 95th birthday on October 17; send greetings to 535 W. Ogden Ave. Apt. 216, Naperville, IL 60563
Winnie Graver celebrates her 93rd birthday on October 20; send greetings to 200 Village Dr. Apt. 248, Downers Grove, IL 60516

Baptisms

Parker Richard, son of René and Erin Brignac, was baptized on September 19

Welcome, New Members!

Names in **bold** indicate new members

Bud and Lois Berger...**Julie Gatz** and daughter Riley...**Ray and Carol Hamilton...****Mark and Diana McIlvane...****Jim and Carol Nelson**

Letters

Dear Grace Church,
Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls, visits, carry-in dinners, and the use of equipment borrowed from Grace Church. The spirit of Christ is seen through you.

—Sue Churchill

Dear Grace Church Family,
Thank you for all your cards, calls, prayers, and expressions of concern during my hip replacement surgery and recovery. Thank you especially to Pastors Don and Bill, who visited me in the hospital.

—Sandy Leedy

Dear Women of the Church,
I live in the middle of New Mexico in a small town named Socorro, which means "help" in Spanish. We have a yearly city-wide yard sale in our plaza in the middle of town. That is how I got your wonderful 1995 cookbook. Sue Hendrickson, thank you for the most delicious oatmeal cookie recipe. When we have our weekly friendship meetings with our friends, these cookies are a big hit each time, and they travel very well. God Bless to all of your wonderful cooks!

—J.C. Winegeart

trip to the holy land

Pastor Bill and Erma Bryan will lead a trip to the Holy Land, departing **February 14, 2011**. The ten-day pilgrimage will include visits to Bethlehem and the Church of the Holy Nativity, the village of Capernaum (the traditional baptismal site on the Jordan River), and other locations important in the ministry of Jesus near the Sea of Galilee. In or near Jerusalem, we will visit the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Mount of Olives, and the Garden Tomb.

The cost of the trip is \$2,396 plus tax and other charges, including round-trip air fare from Chicago to Tel Aviv, hotel accommodations in first-class hotels, dinner each evening and breakfast each morning, tour bus transportation to tour sites, and a trained and knowledgeable guide. Extensions are also available to Egypt, to Jordan, or to spend three extra days in Jerusalem.

Contact Bill and Erma Bryan for a descriptive brochure or for further information.

All Saints' Day Memorial Service in Lacy Garden

From Ginny Lacy

A Memorial Service in the Lacy Garden will be a part of the All Saints' Day commemoration on Sunday, **November 7**. This service will begin in the

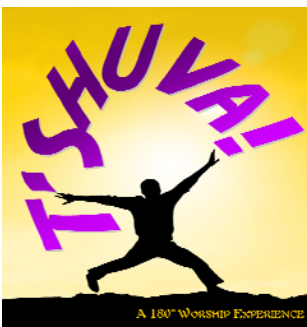


Garden at 12:15 p.m. in honor of those buried in the Garden and others who are being remembered On All Saints' Day. Pastor Bob Atkins will conduct this short service, followed by the lighting of votive candles as loved ones are honored. I hope you will join me for this meaningful day. Please call me at 630-420-7440 if you have any questions or would like further information.

Coming in November...

תשובה

If you're wondering what this foreign looking scrawl is, it is Hebrew for T'Shuva. Still confused? Youth, find out all about it on Sunday, **November 7**, when T'Shuva—a 180° Worship Experience—comes to Youth Fellowship! T'Shuva means to return, as in returning to God, changing from the person you are to the person you want to be. Much change is happening in the life of Youth Ministry at Grace...many are engaged, creating a real energy. Come join us November 7 and learn more about T'Shuva—take a 180 turn in your walk in faith and your relationship with Christ! Tell your friends! Chat it up on Facebook!



**IT LL
TURN
YOU
AROUND!
Sunday,
Nov. 7
Be there!**

Mistletoe Marketplace Saturday, November 13

Looking for a unique, hand-crafted Christmas gift for someone special? Stop by United Methodist Women's Mistletoe Marketplace on Saturday, November 13, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This annual event features lovely hand-crafted items, baked goods, our UMW Mission Quilt and Silent Auction. All proceeds benefit UMW missions.

Sarah Circle Seeks Marketplace Auction Items and Services

United Methodist Women's Sarah Circle is soliciting donations for the Silent Auction they are chairing as part of Mistletoe Marketplace. Items should be new, unused and auction-ready (no "white elephants", please!). They are also looking for donated services, such as home-baked monthly pies, pet sitting, car washes, painting, raking leaves, etc. Get as creative as you want! Julie Cunningham knows of an artist who donated her talent to make a pen-and-ink drawing of the bidder's home and a firefighter who donated a dinner for six at the firehouse. Please drop off items and service offers outside Margaret Harrison's office (lounge area) by November 8.

Great Expectations: An Advent Celebration

On **November 28**, the first Sunday of Advent, Grace families will gather in the Activity Center at 4:30 p.m. to make Advent wreaths, learn about the wreath's symbols, and enjoy a potluck dinner. Join us for this interactive, kid-friendly event that brings us all together as one, unlike in previous years, when participants have been situated throughout the church.

Advent presents an opportunity for Christians to fully embrace the anticipation of the coming Christ. Alternately, Advent is also the time of year when commercialism and consumerism are at their peak. It is our hope and, yes, expectation that "Great Expectations" will help us celebrate the sacred over the secular, bringing us fully into the joy of Advent and Christmas. Watch for further details, or contact Margaret Harrison at 630-355-1748, ext. 241.



WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

Please note: Comprehensive church announcements appear weekly in "Grace in Mission," our Saturday/Sunday bulletin insert, and online at www.peopleofgrace.org. Click "Grace in Mission Weekly Announcements" under "Our Church Media" on the home page.

Opportunities Abound to Help Fight Hunger

From the Grace Hunger Committee

Members of Grace and the community have several opportunities before the year is out to help alleviate the hunger plight faced by over a billion people in the world today. Let's look at that again: a **BILLION**, and some of those people are right here in our local area. Please consider these simple (and fun!) ways to help:

Sun., October 17, 28th Annual CROP Hunger Walk (see page one for details)

Sun., October 17, "Soup's On" Fundraiser After burning some energy and calories in the CROP Walk, enjoy some fabulous food at the Naperville Rotary Club's Soup's On event, 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Tellabs atrium (1415 W. Diehl Rd. in Naperville). This event features 25 area restaurants and merchants offering a wide variety of culinary delights, musical entertainment from musicians and vocalists in School Districts 203 and 204, and children's activities. Proceeds benefit DuPage PADS, Hesed House and Loaves & Fishes, all missions of Grace. For tickets and further information, visit www.soupsonorotary.com.

Sun., November 7, Food Collection for Loaves & Fishes Bring your donations of non-perishable grocery items to the Narthex on November 7, or make a monetary donation to the ceramic "love loaf." Because of the buying power of our food pantry partners, \$5 can turn into \$50 for a hungry family! Please make checks payable to GUMC, noting "love loaf" on the memo. **Let's "Stick" Together!** Currently, local Jewel grocers are running a promotion whereby shoppers' purchases are rewarded with stickers that can be applied toward new cookware. If you're a frequent Jewel shopper and would be willing to donate your stickers, the Grace Hunger Team is collecting them in the church office so that those moving out of Transitional Living at Hesed House can have new pots and pans. In addition to stickers, donations of gently used pots are appreciated.

The Cow Cometh... After the last CROP walker is in, the last envelope is counted, and it begins to look a lot like Christmas, the Heifer cow will appear. At a time of year when gift giving and goodwill is at the forefront of our minds, let's also think of those who are less fortunate and of giving a "hand up, not a hand out." Heifer Project details to come.

Office Receptionists Needed Mon./Thurs. Mornings

The Grace Church office is in great need of volunteers to serve at the reception desk on Monday and/or Thursday mornings, 9:00am-1:00pm.

Substitutes are available when regular volunteers cannot come in. Women **and men** welcome! Contact Joan Meador at 630-898-0375.



"Casablanca," 1942

November Over 50—Hollywood Goes to War

From Dick Trondsen

America went to war on December 7, 1941, and all U.S. industry was united in supporting the war effort. Hollywood was no different, as the film industry—studios, actors and executives alike—devoted themselves not only to direct involvement in the war, but the production of post-war propaganda as well. On Thursday, **November 11**, Veteran's Day, Grace's Over 50 Fellowship will watch and discuss some memories of that time in our history with Dick Trondsen's presentation of "Hollywood Goes to War." Lunch will be served at noon, followed by the program at 1:00. Cost is \$5, payable at the door; please reserve your spot by Nov. 9 at noon in the office.

Hungry to Serve?

Youth Ministry's Wednesday night Bible Study is in need of dinners. If you would like to cook or cater a meal for approximately 20 youths on a Wednesday evening, please contact Sherry Schmidt at sherry.4421@yahoo.com or 630-369-9298 to set up a date. Individual volunteers are needed for only a meal or two—not every week!

Youth/Questors

Game Night Challenge Junior and Senior High youth have invited the Grace Questors group to a Game Night on Sunday, **November 14**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the newly renovated Room 234. Youth and Questors will "battle it out" playing Wii and other fun card and board games with one another. Snacks and drinks will be provided by youth. Last names A-I, please bring a salty snack; J-Q, a sweet snack (cookies, brownies, etc.); R-Z, a 2-liter beverage. Youth, keep in mind you must have a current Safe Sanctuary form on file to participate in this event!

SAVE THE DATE!

"Celebrate the Season"

WOMEN'S ANNUAL EVENT
Wednesday
DECEMBER 1

Featuring Christmas table viewing, catered dinner in Fellowship Hall served by the men of Grace, and the musical presentation of "Only Love" from the Grace Praise Team.
Ticket info coming soon!

News deadline for November
Grace Notes: **Monday, Oct. 25**
Submit news to gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org or call 630-355-1748, ext. 240



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Go Green with Grace Notes! E-mail gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org and type "online only" in the subject line. You will be linked to new issues as soon as they're online. It's easy to be green!



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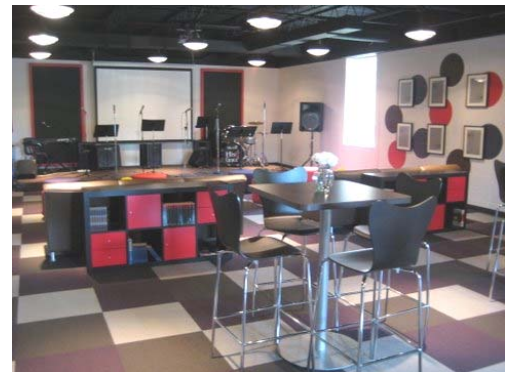
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From Gaye Lynn Loufek, Youth Director

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