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November 2022 Newsletter

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.”

Psalm 86:12

As we look forward to November we naturally think of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving, giving thanks to God is not of course limited to the Thanksgiving national holiday but is an important characteristic of all Christians. The Bible tells us in numerous scriptures from the Old and New Testaments to live as people fully aware of God’s presence and power in our lives. Remember this: there is a God who loves us, walks with us, hears our prayers, has saved us from our sins, and promises us eternal life. For all the ways that God has blessed us it is right and good that we give praise and thanks.

On November 6, we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Grace Church’s existence. Grace Church came into being because God spoke into the hearts and minds of Jesus followers in 1872 and they responded to God’s prompting establishing Grace Church. Over these 150 years countless people have come through the church doors, worshipped God, prayed for help, supported each other with love and kindness, and together reached out into the community to draw others to Christ Jesus.

It is now our time, our opportunity, our responsibility to lead Grace Church forward. How can we possibly question whether God wants Grace Church to continue and to thrive? If God did not want us to continue and thrive, the Lord could have left us to our own limited resources and imagination in 2015, when our truss system and roof failed. The Lord did not leave us alone but walked beside us, inspiring us, guiding us, and giving us the determination and energy to keep going.

The Lord led us through a five-year process during which we were blessed to see God work a miracle. Near the end of this process, the Lord brought the St. Mark Church into Grace Church through merger, bringing us reinforcements of great people, energy, and financial resources to finish the complete restoration and remodel of our sanctuary. We PRAISE GOD!

Please come and bring a friend or two on November 6, 2022, at 9:30 AM for worship with fellowship and a light lunch following the service.

Other important news for November is our 150 Challenge (see newsletter for the article explaining the challenge.) Some of you may be wondering why we have not yet had our stewardship focus and consecration Sunday. We usually focus on stewardship and have consecration Sunday in October with a carry-in. We had to delay this because of the Wesley Room floor project. The Wesley Room floor project is completely funded by gifts given to the Grace Church Memorial Fund in honor of God and memory of John Ahlborn. November 13 and 20 we will focus on the stewardship of our time and financial resources. Consecration Sunday is happening this year on November 20, which seems appropriate since it is the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Like all churches I am familiar with, Grace Church is facing challenges paying our General Fund bills because of loss of income through the death of faithful members who tithed, and the rate of inflation that has driven up costs for everyone including the church. I share this so that we can do what we have done before. When we were faced with the challenge of having to fix the building, we turned to God in prayer, we asked God to help us, and we asked the Lord to speak to each of us through the Holy Spirit to help us know what the Lord wants each of us to do. God is ever faithful and will help us to meet every change, as a church and as individual followers. Let me end as I began with a scripture, **1 Chronicles 29:13, “Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name.”** In Christ’s love, **Pastor Vicki Downing**

ALL CHURCH MEETING MINUTES

10-13-2022

Devotions and opening prayer were given by pastor Vicki Downing

Secretary's report: All minutes from September 8 meeting were reviewed and accepted. Motion made by Betty Prosser and 2nd by Marilyn Martin.

Church Calendar: Pattie reported the Church envelopes are on back order. Reported that the papers were signed for the new copier and new price was locked in. Discussed the need for an All Church meeting on Nov 10th as we will just be completing the Annual Church Conference on Nov 2. All decided the Nov 10 meeting not necessary. Discussed the date for Cantata which will be Dec 18.

Pattie reported the West End Association has completed the meetings for this year and will resume in spring.

Church Information: Pastor Vicki reported we have signed new contracts with Utility companies for a lesser rate. Also, a new health plan for Dan, which is less money. Donna Layne made a motion to have thermostats looked at as they are not working. 2nd by Jayme Tatro. She reported the handicap door is completed and working. The wood shepherd outside has been refinished. Wesley Room floors are being worked on now. He is hopefully making the wood trim out of some of the old oak pews from our previous sanctuary. New Bible Study has started on Oct 12. She has called Durable Slate to come out for continued work needed, but they have not called back yet.

Finances/ Treasurers Report: Mary Ahlborn reports money is very tight. We have taken money out of Edward Jones Account to pay bills. In order to make the congregation aware of finance situation, Pattie will publish in the bulletin, weekly intake , amount of bills, and money left. New form made and will be given to treasures weekly for completion.

Outreach: Marilyn reported the Open Hands Free store numbers are going up.

SPPRC: Working on the annual papers needed before All Church Conference.

Trustees: Vicki reports Mike has been working on boiler in the basement. Gene Hart hauled a lot of old useless items out of the basement and put in the dumpster.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pattie Mumma

(Office manager)

In Attendance: Marilyn Martin, Pastor Vicki Downing, Dan Downing, Donna Layne, Mary Ahlborn, Jayme Tatro, Betty Prosser, Donna Myers, Pattie Mumma

No Meeting in November



Thank You, LORD!

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Nov. 1 Galatians 3:27
- Nov. 2 Psalms 13:6
- Nov.3 Job 10:12
- Nov. 4 1 Peter 4:8
- Nov. 5 Romans 13:8
- Nov. 6 Matthew 6:21
- Nov. 7 Isaiah 43:18-19
- Nov. 8 1 Corinthians 13:4
- Nov. 9 Ephesians 5:2
- Nov. 10 Matthew 11:28-30
- Nov. 11 Psalms 121:8
- Nov. 12 Romans 12:8
- Nov. 13 1 Corinthians 13:4-5
- Nov. 14 Matthew 16:19
- Nov. 15 2 Timothy 3:4-5
- Nov. 16 Isaiah 40:11
- Nov. 17 Matthew 6:10
- Nov. 18 Isaiah 30:21
- Nov. 19 Isaiah 48:17
- Nov. 20 Psalms 31:19
- Nov. 21 Acts 2:42
- Nov. 22 2 Corinthians 3:16
- Nov. 23 Luke 12:27
- Nov. 24 Matthew 12:34
- Nov. 25 1 Corinthians 2:13
- Nov. 26 Mark 12:44
- Nov. 27 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
- Nov.28 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Nov. 29 Psalms 51:15
- Nov. 30 Ephesians 5:1



PRAYERS NEEDED

Tom Martin

Larry & Phyllis Garber

Jennifer Sabo

Jeanne Powell

Our 150th Anniversary Celebration



AUGUST SHOWER OF BLESSINGS

FLORA MULLEN

366 ROOSEVELT DR APT 102

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NOVEMBER 2022

POSITION	DATES	NAME
ACROLYTE	NOV 6, 13	LARRY CAMPBELL
	NOV 20, 27	GREG HOSIER

COMMUNION SET UP	NOV 6	PASTOR VICKI

COMMUNION SERVERS	NOV 6	PASTOR VICKI & OTHER PASTOR
		PASTOR MARK W. & OTHER PASTOR

COMMUNION CLEAN UP		BETTY PROSSER

GREETER (FRONT DOOR)	NOV 6	JACK GILMARTIN & GREG HOSIER
	NOV 13	JOHN GILMARTIN
	NOV 20 & 27	GREG HOSIER & DONNA LAYNE

GREETER (SANCTUARY DOOR)	NOV 6	MIKE & BARB MCCOY
	NOV 13	KIM STEHLE & MIKE AMOS
	NOV 20, 27	DEB COOKE & PAM SMITH

LITURGIST	NOV 6	Pastor Vicki
	NOV 13	Mary Ahlborn
	NOV 20, 27	MARY AHLBORN

-USHERS	NOV 6, 13	LARRY CAMPBELL & BILL PINKERTON
	NOV 20, 27	LARRY CAMPBELL & GREG HOSIER

COUNTERS

NOV 7 Kim Stehle & Connie Mitchell

Nov 14 CINDY YEAGER & BARB SHEEHAN

NOV 21 Marilyn Martin & Jackie Gregory

NOV 28 MARY AHLBORN & DEB COOKE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nov 6 Dan Downing, Pattie Mumma,
James Mayhugh, Church Choir

NOV 13 FRANCOUIS

NOV 20 DAN DOWNING

NOV 27 CHOIR

NOVEMBER



		1	2 10 am BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM CHURCH CONF@ HIGH ST MC	3 6:00PM TRUSTEE MT	4 CLOSED	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
150 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 7 PM 12 STEP	7 PM MENS BS	11 AM SOAP MAKING 7 PM 12 STEP	10 am BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM CHOIR		VETERANS DAY CLOSED	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
7 PM 12 STEP	7 PM MENS BS	12 PM UMW 7 PM 12 STEP	10 am BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM CHOIR		CLOSED	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
7 PM 12 STEP	7 PM MENS BS	7 PM 12 STEP		THANKSGIVING 	CLOSED	
27	28	29	30			
LAY SPEAKER ADVENT 7 PM 12 STEP	7 PM MENS BS	7 PM 12 STEP	10 am BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM CHOIR			



THE 150 CHALLENGE

In honor of Grace Church's 150th Anniversary and in recognition of our current financial challenge related to increased costs in every area of church maintenance, we are having a special offering to try to improve our balance sheets.

Here's the idea:

150th Anniversary Challenge with a floating decimal.

You could give \$1.50.

You could give \$15.00.

You could give \$150.00.

You could give \$1,500.

I guess you could give \$15,000, but I'm not sure I know anyone with that amount available, including me.

You can give any amount to this special offering. I hope we can have 100% participation in this 150 Challenge. Like all good ideas this one comes from two of our inventive members who always "think outside the box". Please mark for the General Fund as that is where we are struggling.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Vicki

150th Anniversary

CELEBRATION



United Methodist Woman of Faith

**Christmas is just around the corner and this group will be sponsoring a
"CHRISTMAS MONEY TREE"**

In December.

More details will be coming in December Newsletter.

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OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

November 6th at 9:30 AM will be our Celebration Service at the church. We have sent out over 100 invitations and handed out numerous flyers. The Committee has been hard at work getting the final preparations in order. Since our flooring is still being worked on, we will need a clean up day when the work is completed so the church can be cleaned and ready. Please watch for information on this as many volunteers will be needed.

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New Flooring

The new flooring in the Wesley Room is still under construction but should be completed very soon. Please stop in and check out the new Wesley Room !!

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**Make a list of all you are thankful for and pray each day in November for these things.
Praising God !
Thanking God!
Loving God!**



**HAPPY 150TH ANNIVERSARY
GRACE CHURCH**



*Celebrate with
us by helping
Grace Serve in
Faith for
another 150
years.*

GIVE

\$1.50

\$15.00

\$150.00

\$1500.00



***Roving Decimal Fund
Drive***



For God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Cor. 9:7