

by the Grace of God



Sinatra Was Wrong

My front page thoughts aren't super devotional this quarter. Rather, I'm intending to share with you those things that make up my current feelings, cares, and concerns.

Anywhere you look right now you'll find division. Seriously, anywhere. You will see division from the macro of the country and state governments, to the micro of families and spouses.

We know without question that division is a primary strategy of the evil one because unity is the predominate characteristic of the church. The weapons that cause division are: fear, miscommunication, pride, anger, misunderstanding or confusion, impatience, envy, a failure to extend grace, a failure of empathy, and being quick to judge and slow to forgive.

However, these weapons aren't the source, they aren't the primary problem. The primary problem is in the heart. God "our" Father desires that all of His children walk TOGETHER. Paul writes in Ephesians 4:

"There is one body, and one Spirit -- just as you were called to one hope when you were called -- one Lord, one faith, one baptism,; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."
(Eph. 4:4-6)

Our problem is our evil desires, and the world around us, and the tempter all seek to influence our hearts to serve ourselves rather than our neighbors or enemies.

Are you a person pursuing unity in Jesus or priority of self? True unity in a fallen world will require a degree of suffering for you, it won't be easy. You will have to eat humble pie, you will have to wait, you will have to change your perceptions and ask for forgiveness, you will have to look for the good in those who you don't-so-much-like and see Jesus in them.

This is what it means to be part of the church, and this is what is on the line. For a connected and cooperative body, there is NO ROOM to just do things "my way." Where the evil one sews weeds of division, may the Spirit mend with forgiveness, and may you be a bearer of grace in a world of confusion.

For further study please see: 2 Corinthians 2:9-11
Ephesians 6:10-12
Colossians 3:5-14

Blessings,
Pastor Ryan

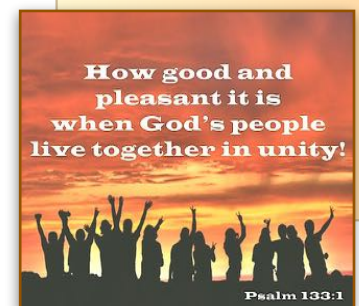
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Church Family...



Summer worship on the lawn (or in cars)



6-7-20 Congratulations and blessings to our Graduates!



6-21-20 Silas Holsworth's Dedication. God bless you!



6-27-20 4th Annual Fishing Derby - fishing, swimming, eating - fun! (See all the fish on page 5)



8-1-20 Community PraiseFest at R Cabins

....Summer Snapshots



8-2-20 Church Service at R Cabins on Biker Sunday (with testimonies) followed by the annual Pastor Dave Memorial Ride



8-21/22/28/29-20 Huge Rummage Sale! (Read more on p. 4)



8-15-20 Back-to-School Carnival with over 30 kids! Check out all the pictures on gracesagola.com at News.

Our Youth



All 5th - 12th Graders!

It's been far too long since we have been able to meet together and we're excited to start those meetings back up again! When we left off last March, we were meeting in our homes at either Jessica Schultz or Jennifer Oman's home. Due to recommendations for social distancing, we will move our youth group meetings to outdoors on the church grounds. **YOUTH GROUP WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FROM 5:30-7pm. Our 1st meeting is on September 2nd.** Please bring a blanket to sit on and your face mask, and parents please know we will take every precaution to ensure your kids are socially distancing while at youth group!

We will serve a meal to our youth and will have hand sanitizer for our use prior to eating our meal together. Our lesson and prayer time will follow our meal. We will close just prior to 7pm so that those of us who wish to attend Bible study with Pastor Ryan can do so!

Our September study: **SET APART** As Christians, we should be set apart. We should look different from the world. God calls us to be holy and to live holy lives. But what does that even mean? In this 5 week plan, we'll discuss what it means to be "set apart."

Any questions, please contact:

Jen Oman 906-221-5071 or Jessica Schultz 906-221-2309.



With the uncertainty in the world, there is also much uncertainty with church. The good news is, GOD is the same, yesterday, today, and forever! We have loose plans for the Fall, but we will be looking to follow guidelines and suggestions by the health department.

For now we are scheduling our **Fall Festival for Sunday, October 4th**. We will be doing Trunk-or-Treat after the church service, and we will have fun activities for the kids and families set up outside the community building after church as well. We are hoping to have a family game night in the Fall also.

We are looking at some options to get our kids back in Children's Church. Right now we don't have concrete plans, but we are praying to be back together again soon. I would like to encourage you to make the most of the time given you as families to be teaching your kids the truth of God's Word at home. *RightNow Media* is a great resource for kids and families, and there are many other great resources to help families grow together in the Lord.

Emily Flunker

Cheyenne Gage & Aubrey Applekamp

Children's Wing Fundraiser



Our **Church Rummage Sale**, in August, was such a huge success that we decided to run it for two weekends! Our entire church came together the weekend before, as a human chain, to haul all the sale items out of the basement. **THANK YOU, CHURCH!** Many of the Grace women came together the week before the sales to help sort and price, and the fellowship we shared with each other was such a blessing and much needed, since the coronavirus pandemic. It was so much fun! It was a great time of food and laughter, and we agreed that it was God's Plan to help us through all that is going on in our world. Our area neighbors, Cheyenne Gage and Emma Oman, were also a great help with sorting through many bags of clothing and setting up the toy area. Also, Aubrey Applekamp was a great help in collecting the money for items purchased. None of this would have been possible without the "coming together" of our church family. I believe this is just what God ordered to help get us back on track. He is an amazing God! Our total for the two weekends is **\$2,389.00**, which will go to pay down the mortgage on our children's wing. Thank you, again, for all who helped make this rummage sale a success!

God's Blessings,

Lois Daleen and Patty Carpenter

Fishing Fun



It was a beautiful day for our annual **Grace Church Fishing Derby** on June 27 at Dawson Lake. This year's turnout was fantastic with many first-timers. With eager poles in the water, there was much anticipation for who would land that illusive luncker! Some of the kids cast way out into the weeds and pulled in some whoppers from beyond the dock, while others dropped a worm just off the edge and pulled in some beauties. Once the fish stopped biting, it was hot-dogs and swimming!

Special thanks to the Channing Bait Shop and Bob and CJ for the generosity of preparation and provisions, and for all who helped make this special day fun for everyone.

We had the official trophy presentation at our Community Meal Fish Fry. Congratulations to Lonnie MacIntyre for again winning the top slot as our → 2020 Fishing Derby Champion, and to all the trophy winners!



Fishing Guides Honor Vets

On Wed. August 5th we ran our 6th annual **Veterans Day of Remembrance** fishing outing. We had a beautiful weather day in which we honored Don Pete, Bill Loeks and his dad Tim (filling in for Veteran Bob Blockland). Each were treated to a guided fishing trip by Mark Mylchreest, Pete Yake and yours truly, including all fishing tackle, lures and soft drinks. Later that evening, we all returned to Grace Church for a catered dinner from Antonios, along with Vets' testimonies and special awards, including new fishing rods, reels, baits, special veterans issue caps and clothing.

A special thanks to our Grace Presbyterian Church, Thrivent, Lews Reel's, Dobyngs Rods, Xcite plastics, Antonios Pizza, and the Back Room Bakery, Channing MI for yummy cheesecake. We have honored 24 men and women Veterans since 2014. -Tom Gursky



MINISTRIES ...for Women

Faith & Friendship

What a blessing it is to meet together, enjoying each others' company in God's Grace while learning new things. That's what Faith & Friendship is all about.

This Spring, Penny taught us all about "God's Wonderful Weeds." We ate and drank many tasty treats, including Spruce Bud Shortbread with Wild Thimbleberry Jam, Fried Dandelions and Ramps, Ramp (leek) Dip, Pine Needle Lemonade, just to name a few.

Penny demonstrated making soap, salves and tinctures using beneficial weeds, that she shared with us to take home.



In August, at the Blue Jar Farm, the flowerbeds always bring joy to your soul! After touring around, Heidi showed us how to make a beautiful wreath using succulents.



Faith and Friendship meets the **third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm.** *Our upcoming meetings...*

September 17: Teresa Cram will talk about the Women of the Bible at Shannon Ditzenberger's.

Oct. 15: Penny Bowser is going to teach us how to make Edible Homemade Gifts for the Holidays.

Mon. Nov. 16 at 1:00 and Tues. Nov. 17 at 6:00: Jorga Stewart will again have the Christmas Wreath Workshops.

Dec. our Christmas Party TBA. Please feel free to join us any time; we would love to have you.

God's Blessings, Jorga Stewart

The Chicks

It has been difficult for all of us in some way over the last several months, and figuring out how to be consistent with our ministries has been difficult indeed. Sadly, the Chick's and our wellness have been a kind of on-their-own endeavor. We did have a Zoom "Fire Cider" class with Lauren Posa. It was exciting to learn how the food God and the farmers provide can be used to make a "powerful punch" in a bottle that will help to boost your immune system and improve your overall gut health, a tablespoon at a time. Plus, how you can use the remaining veggies to make a spice for your everyday food. Amazing Lauren!!! Thank you!!!

We also had an evening of Geocaching with Penny Bowser. She spent time teaching us the finer points of caching and even took us out to some geocache areas so we could work on our new skills. It is very exciting!!! Thank you Penny!!! Penny also set up for us a Family Geocaching Event after church services. We helped our children make a Geo Bug to keep and one to send with their family travel bug, plus one that as a church we will plant to see where it will travel. There were several stations to help our families learn about the different components, such as: what geocaching is and what to look for, container sizes, how a compass might be used, travel bugs, and putting your knowledge to use.



Be sure to check the calendar and emails for upcoming events.

September 1-30: 30-Day Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, September 12: Bike ride and picnic lunch

October 1-31: Using the book "31 Days of Prayer for My Nation"

Saturday, October 10: Hike Sugarloaf Mountain

November 1-30: Month of prayer and accountability with a prayer partner.



(Geo Bug)

In Christ, Lisa Reimer

...for Men



Men's Prayer Breakfast

MPB meets on the **last Saturday of the month** unless there is a conflict on the calendar, in which you will be notified. We have a very faithful core group of 12-14 men since we started in 2016. We have a breakfast starting at 8:00am, devotions, followed by discussion on the scripture applications, prayers for church/family/personal needs and dismissal. We are normally finished before 9:30am.

-Tom Gursky

...for Couples



Marriage Night Simulcast from RightNow Media

On **September 12, 2020, from 6:00-9:30pm**, join thousands of couples in churches around the country for a one-night livestream experience. Every speaker and real-life story will focus on what it means for Christians to honor God in marriage and grow in their faith together as husband and wife. Laugh and learn with your spouse as this will be a fun event with comedy included in the schedule. Grace Presbyterian is hosting the simulcast. Please go to www.gracesagola.com/marriage to register. Cost is \$15 per individual ticket; log in with your RightNow Media account, or create a new account. Watch the trailer at <https://www.marriagenight.org>.

...for All

Life Groups What is a Life Group?



Small groups have been meeting together for the past few years at Grace. What's that about? Fellowship? Bible study? Communal Prayer? Christian mission? How about answer e.) all of the above! **We're "doing life" together, that's why we call them "Life Groups."**

A friend asked recently who I would want to "have in my foxhole?" It brought to mind Ephesians 6:12 *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."* So if the real war is in the spiritual trenches, the first people I'd want in my foxhole would be my Life Group. We accept one another, bring praise to God, encourage one another, forgive each other, and love one another. We study together, and pray for each other as well as for our church and the world.

Come and see this Fall if Life Groups are for you. Let's mirror Christ together before a watching world. If God is tugging at you to have more meaningful relationships in your life – based around Christ – give us a call to find out more!

-Paul and Paula Jacobs

dr.paul.jacobs@gmail.com or 734-945-0874



Helping Hearts

On August 15, 2020 the Helping Hearts had a ministry luncheon to bring some ideas on how we could reach out during this time of pandemic. Many good ideas came out of our meeting and one particular endeavor we are looking to pursue is a **"Card Extravaganza!"** We will be reaching out to the people at ICMCF and Victorian Heights who do not have family or friends that visit them; also hoping to reach out to others on our prayer list and shut-in list. Everyone needs to know they are loved and thought of. It is our hope that we will make cards, send a specially decorated cookie, and have our Grace Kids make something special to put in the cards. It was also mentioned to do an outreach to the VA Medical Center in Iron Mtn. at some point. Thank you to Virginia and those that write out cards to those on our prayer list. Participating with our Helping Hearts Ministry means reaching out to bring the compassion and love of Jesus to those who are hurting.

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Lois Daleen at 906-396-3953.



Weekly at Church

Sunday Worshiping Together

From her beginning, the church is an incarnation creature - which means gathering (the word for "church" itself can refer to "the gathering") that is essential to our DNA. Therefore to worship correctly means to worship corporately.

As we look towards the Fall and our eventual return to indoor gathering, allow me to encourage you, you who are on the farthest ends of the spectrum, to be willing to carry a certain measure of discomfort for the sake of your brother or sister. Mask wearing won't be the future forever, but for now as we enter into closer proximity with each other, please offer generous precautions and gracious liberties, and rest confident in God's smile that your sacrifices made in weakness are perfecting His strengthening of the body. Remember we are in this together - so let's BE TOGETHER while we're in it! -Pastor Ryan

Tuesday Grace's Quilting Ladies

God has continued to work in our hearts keeping us quilting our mission projects at home during these last few months. Some of the ladies are also continuing with mask making to support various groups and schools in the area. We have recently donated four baby quilts to bless young mothers at the *Walk for Life Pregnancy Service* in Iron Mtn. and two lap quilts to VA Hospital veterans.

Two new ideas we are exploring for this fall/winter are:

- 1) Plan a Quilt Expo Day to teach youth in our community basic sewing/quilting skills.
- 2) Explore the opportunity to grow adult quilting skills by offering a group Zoom class from Pam Kauppila (*Time Flies Quilt and Sew*, Negaunee) to all interested ladies.

A special shout out of "THANKS" to the person who donated the three generous boxes of fabric appearing in our stash area last month. What a wonderful gift! Also, special thanks to *Bijoux Lovely* for donating a tub of baby flannel.

With God's grace we are planning to begin quilting again at church on **Sept. 1, convening every Tuesday from 9:30am-2:30pm**. All necessary steps will be taken to keep everyone safe and healthy. Ladies will need a mask and hand sanitizer to keep handy near their sewing spot. Please keep us in your prayers as we start back up gathering in the church building. We always welcome newcomers; all levels from beginning to advanced sewers/quilters. Stop in any Tuesday to see what we are up to and join in on the fun and fellowship. And, as always, please let us know of any needs in our church, community, state, nation, or world that we may be able to fill with the love of warm, comforting quilts.

-Kris Mulder (906-869-2747) and Gail Loeks (231-884-5700).

My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Cor. 12:9



Wednesday Bible Studies

Our weekly Bible studies continue to be a refueling of God's Word to face the days ahead of us. Together we learn and grow, and so together we will advance God's Kingdom rule both in our hearts and in our world.

A "Weekly at Church" addition: **Wednesday Youth Group** - See page 4 for more info.

Friday Prayer Team

We join together to meet with God on **Friday mornings at 9 o'clock**. There are some smiles, some tears as we pray for the requests left in the prayer box. (You can also mail in any prayer requests to the church.) We bring before the Father our church, our community, our country -- and each other. It is so beautiful to hear your name on someone else's lips as they pray for you; we are encouraged and uplifted. You are invited to come and pray with us. ALL ARE WELCOME. - Virginia Lange, & team

Food & Fellowship



COMMUNITYMEALS

Greetings from your Community Meal team! We have had a busy summer, filling in for our friends at St. Rose in addition to our usual meals. We have served between 60 and 70 people each meal, but ballooned to about 100 for our ever-popular fish fry in July. Tom Gursky and his team did a lovely job with the fish, and the Fishing Derby Awards made it even more fun! By the time you read this, we'll have had our fun-filled first ever "Kid-Centered" meal in August.



(See all the awards given out, at the website under News.)



Looking forward, we will continue to serve our meals as takeout until further notice. If you prefer to stay in your vehicle, we plan to have a runner at the door who will bring your meal out to you. The tentative dates for upcoming meals are **September 23, October 28, and November 18**. Thanks to everyone who helps out, and a special thanks to those who stay to help clean up! You are all appreciated.

We are so blessed to be a part of this ministry, and thank God for the people he leads in to be fed, both physically and spiritually. *"Taste and see that the Lord is good."* Psalm 34:8

In His Service, Bob and CJ



FOODMINISTRY



God is so good! In the midst of this pandemic He continues to guide our two local churches in giving and providing families with food. Thank you for the wonderful giving. Summer baskets have been really fun to deliver with watermelons and berries, being a few of the treats. Now we are adding veggies from gardens and my granddaughter Aspen, who's 10, has donated tomatoes that she grew.

As we move into the fall months remember to continue giving: Our tentative dates are **September 27, October 18, and November 22** and we'll be looking for turkeys again for Nov.



Another way to reach out to our families is by providing emotional and spiritual support through cards, notes or articles. If you have something that has touched your life or somebody in your family, please leave a copy in the basket with the food donations. Even though we are unable to go into the homes, our families greet us with smiles and love, many visit outside and others text and say thank you.

Thank you for helping keep this ministry alive! I close with Romans 12:13 -

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

-Sue Roell

Church Vote

It's been an extremely active summer in our quest to leave the PCUSA and join a new denomination. We've reached two significant milestones on that journey:

First, God has led us to EPC (Evangelical Presbyterian Church) as our future home.

Two representatives of EPC met with Grace Sagola leadership on August 15th and then with the full congregation during service on August 16th.

Both meetings were done in a "town-hall" format so that questions could be asked and answered.

This was followed up by an internal Q&A session without EPC representation on August 26th. The crux of those meetings is that EPC appears to be a good fit for Grace Sagola. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to visit their website (epc.org) and become familiar with them.



August 15th meeting with EPC representatives

Second, on August 30th, members of the PCUSA's Administrative Council came to Grace Sagola to administer a moderated vote of our membership. While we took our own vote back in February, it was not able to be submitted to the Mackinac Presbytery as it was not moderated. In order for the moderated vote to be considered official, 75% of the membership roster needed to be present, and 75% of those present for voting needed to vote the same way. While I don't have the final, official tally at the time of writing this, I do know that we met the criteria for the vote to be counted, and the final word is that we definitively and overwhelmingly voted for dismissal.



August 30th Church service
(Children's message pictured)

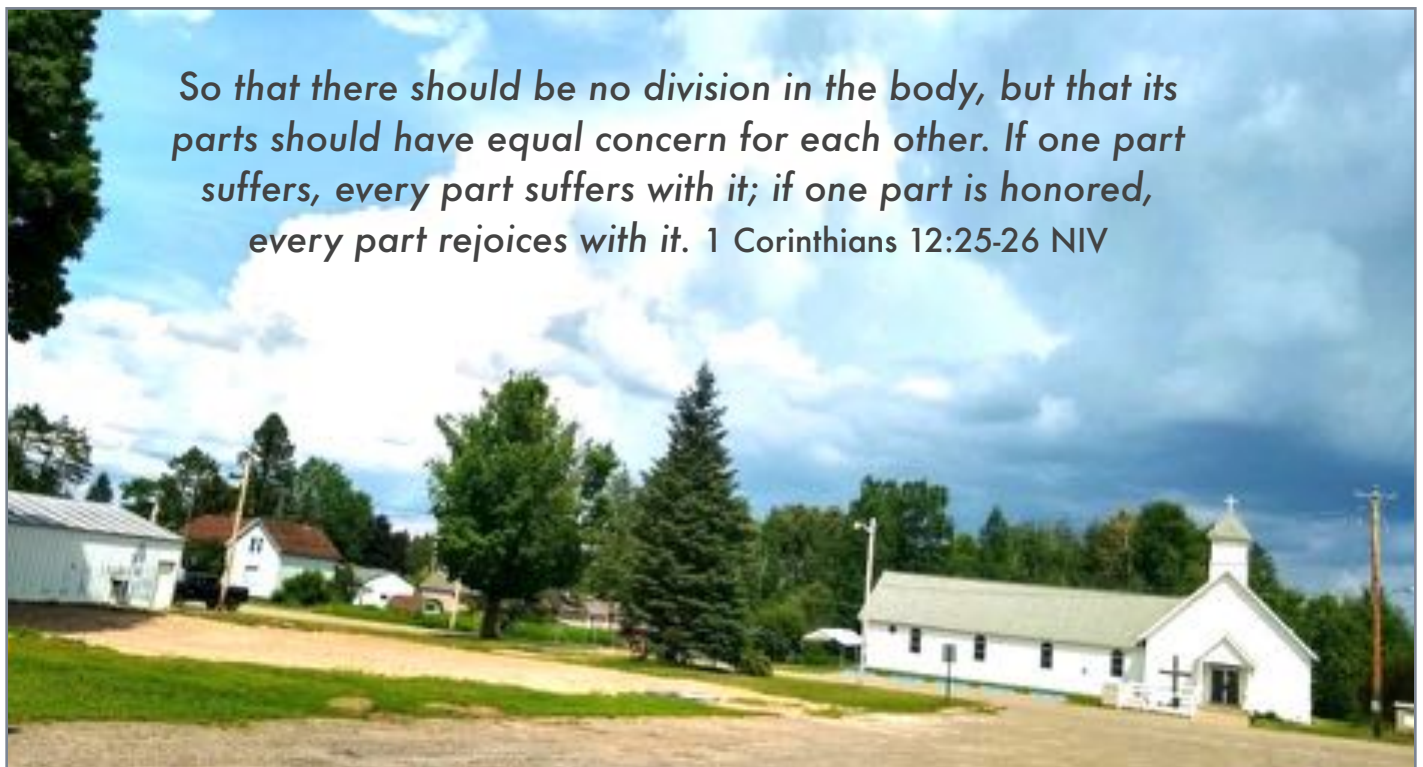
Moderated vote by members
taken later in the service.

These are two very big hurdles to clear, however, we are far from finished with the process. The next significant step takes place on September 11th at the Annual Presbytery meeting where the Mackinac Presbytery, with input from the Administrative Council, will vote on our dismissal request. If approved (and it seems likely that they would approve, but I don't have inside knowledge to that so we will have to wait and see), the Administrative Council will move into a period of property assessment. Much like in a business transaction, this will include a review of our financials, property value, assets, liabilities, etc. While this may feel like a step designed to punish us, it serves an important purpose to the PCUSA, Grace Sagola and the EPC. The PCUSA needs to know that there are no hidden liens or other risks that they could be left with after we leave. Likewise, for both Grace Sagola and the EPC, it will be important to have a full assessment of assets and liabilities so that everyone knows what they are taking responsibility for. Also noteworthy, while I don't know yet how the transactions will take place or whose name ends up on the paperwork, EPC has made it abundantly clear that they will not own our property or have any arrangement to hold it in trust. We, Grace Sagola, will own the property outright at the end of this process.

As I reflect on our recent progress, I do so with mixed emotions. I'm hopeful about the prospect of joining a young, vibrant and growing denomination. I'm excited for Grace Sagola to have the opportunity to be an active participant in a denomination and to experience fellowship with other churches within the same organization. But I'm also saddened by the fact that the situation has come to this. Not the situation between Grace and the PCUSA, but rather the situation between God and His church. While I'm sure Satan is enjoying the result of these issues that are causing so much strife in the church, it's really important to remember that Satan isn't the one at the root of the problems...we are. The problems with PCUSA are a direct result of evil in the hearts of men which has bled its way into a once righteous organization. And the evil I'm talking about is subtle, it's not a small group of rich men in a dark room smoking cigars and conspiring how to bring down the church. It's well-intentioned Christians who, either intentionally or unwittingly, place their own understanding of scripture above God's intent. It's very easy to do. As the world changes, there is an inherent desire in every human's heart to change God's word to follow suit; to modify a hard truth rather than accept it; to justify a sinful behavior rather than stop it; to put our desires above His; to be our own god. We at Grace Sagola have something very much in common with every other Christian on the planet...we are human. Therefore we are not immune to this and we must be diligent in prayer and active in faith so as to ensure Jesus is always Lord of our hearts and calling the shots in our decisions.

One significant component of this is that we must remember that we are abandoning the PCUSA, but not those who worship there. While it's certainly okay to celebrate this milestone in our journey, we should do so with a heart of reconciliation, concern, and love for our Christian brothers and sisters, some of whom are being led astray. We've been fortunate at Grace Sagola to have a Pastor willing to teach the truth and stand on God's word; some other congregations have not been so blessed. God has given us such a tremendous responsibility here and we must be willing to show the world the love that Jesus gives.

Chris Kuzak,
Commissioner



International Missions



Wow! It has been a busy summer! International missions has been busy even with the interruption from COVID. We are meeting once a month. If you are interested, please feel free to attend.



Heather & Nathan Dodrill

In July, Heather Petty got married. She and her new husband needed some financial assistance purchasing new appliances for their new residence in the Dominican Republic where she teaches school. Our church was generous in assisting with giving \$1,000.00 toward this need. Heather sent a huge thank you to our church in helping her with this. We are looking to assist our other missionaries we support with any needs that they have on the mission field, so we have contacted them all to gather ideas in how we can help them.

We will be updating the missions board wall with up-to-date letters and pictures, so keep your eyes open for that change! There will be a bin or binder with extra letters if you'd like to take a letter with you to read. We will also be reading a missionary letter once a month during the church service. We want to keep our church family informed and actively involved in the lives of the international missionaries we support.

Beginning in September we are going to be meeting once a month, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. (If that Tuesday falls on a holiday we will adjust that month's date.) This will provide for consistency in meeting and also make it easier for everyone to set up their schedule. **Our next meeting is Tues., Sept. 8 at 7:00pm.**

We are beginning to plan a future international mission trip. It will take approximately two years to bring to fruition with planning and fundraising. Look for details in the near future!

The International Missions Committee was able to assist Penny Bowser in the geocaching event. Sandy Carey, from our group, was able to show the kids where our missionaries are located in the world on a map. Then they created a geocaching bug to be sent to that place in the world where that missionary is serving. We will be hosting some other events to involve our children in missions coming soon, so look for those opportunities in the church bulletin. Please continue to pray for our missionaries as they serve the Lord overseas!

Thank you!

-Jesse and Shannon Hansen



Shawn & Becca Hill

They have just completed their time in language school in France, and are awaiting their move to Togo, Africa.

Their most exciting news is the birth of their 4th daughter, Talia, born on July 8th. All are doing well.



Pray for their transition to a larger family, and upcoming move to a new country.

Pastor Sreeraj

He has worked on church construction, and has been busy with video and audio presentations for pastors. He currently has some stomach issues, and asks for prayer for good health.

"Dear Brothers & Sisters, blessings & prayers in Christ Jesus our Lord. I am writing this letter to give my personal 'thank you' to each and every one who is praying constantly in this covid-19 pandemic time. I powerfully believe that the power of prayer really and truly works. I wish to thank the many churches, ministers, friends and everyone that contributed to the benefit of supporting our churches & pastors... Your prayers are helping us keep healthy & move stronger & steady. We never know what will happen to us in this life, but God has a plan for all of us."

Sam & Cayla

"Relationship is a large theme we saw God establish this month, sinking us deeper not only into this culture but also into the people we have been given the opportunity to love and be loved by. This month we finally returned back to our language center in person. It was such a breath of fresh air to be able to see our teachers in person and be back at the center with other students. Relationship with our friends in this country sometimes feels like it has a bigger impact on how we know God than it does on them, but we know both is God's plan and purpose in us being here."

Ministry Together



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A Message from Samaritan's Purse:

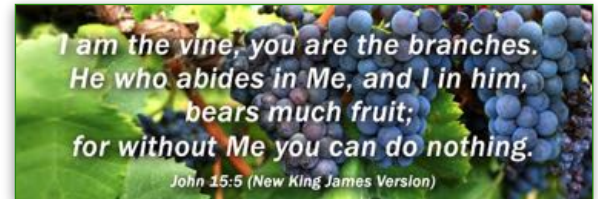
The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life for millions of people around the world. Yet, Samaritan's Purse continues to share the eternal hope of the Gospel and to serve in Jesus' Name. We're looking forward to a great Operation Christmas Child season as we prayerfully consider ways to modify our collection and processing in light of COVID-19. We are already monitoring local, state, and national guidelines and making adjustments to help protect the health of those involved in preparing shoebox gifts.

Our Local Collection:

Pre-printed OCC boxes will be made available in late October, and the final collection day will be on **Sunday, November 15**. Now is a great time to look for school supplies to fill a box. Please remember, no candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. For info you can text me: 906-221-7111 or email: drfcline13@ymail.com

Thanks and I am praying for a great year to spread the love of Jesus through OCC. -Donna Cline

To Meet Budget	General Fund (Weekly)	Building Fund (Weekly)
Needed:	\$3,000.00	\$250.00



Jun 2020	General Fund	Building Fund	Attendance
7	5,048.00	155.00	130
14	3,743.00	270.00	96
21	2,372.00	120.00	110
28	2,617.00	145.00	115
TOTALS	\$13,780.00	\$690.00	Average: 113

Jul 2020	General Fund	Building Fund	Attendance
5	1,727.00	130.00	99
12	5,430.00	260.00	110
19	2,172.00	120.00	91
26	2,094.00	125.00	101
TOTALS	\$11,423.00	\$635.00	Average: 100

Aug 2020	General Fund	Building Fund	Attendance
2	3,087.00	130.00	(R Cabins) 70
9	3,050.40	30.00	110
16	2,440.00	1,130.00	118
23	3,332.00	50.00	115
30	2,457.00	260.00	150
TOTALS	\$14,366.40	\$1,600.00	Average: 113

Session Minutes at a Glance

All meetings moderated by Rev. Janice Reed (PCUSA)

June

- Dates to meet with PCUSA Commission
- Discussion on reopening church
- Discussion on tent use
- Graduates cash gifts and scholarships taken from camp mission funds

July

- Continue discussion on reopening church
- Schedule town hall meeting with PCUSA

August

- Continue discussion on reopening church
- Membership registry
- Alternative denomination town hall meeting scheduled in August
- Call for congregational vote for dismissal on August 30

Birthdays & Contacts

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Pam Minerick, Natalie Rossi
 4 Ron Hesse, Tim Loeks
 8 Charlene Knapp
 9 Ellie Holsworth, Owen Johnson, Brittany Olson, Megan Olson
 11 Natalie Conery, Lizz Holsworth
 12 Cody Bowser
 13 George Davy, Dan Murray, William Smith
 15 David Carpenter
 16 Jean Whitney
 18 Amy Schultz, Nancy LaFleur
 19 Angie Mattson
 20 Grace Flunker
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 3 Nicole Anderson
 4 Paul Blockland
 5 Donna Nelson
 6 Rob Whitney, Lew Maxson
 9 Jim Stewart
 10 Jayna Blockland, Jenny Murray
 11 Laura Giltner
 12 Robin Begarowicz
 13 Gail Loeks
 16 Larry Holsworth
 18 Phil Ketola
 20 Angela Clough
 22 Sydney Holsworth
 24 Jesse Hansen
 26 Megan Murray, Samuel Rossi
 28 Bonnie Johnson
 29 Madelyn Applekamp, Jorga Stewart
 31 Maggie Adams, Gary Murray

NOVEMBER

- 1 Derek MacIntyre
 2 Reese Fleming
 3 David Anderson
 10 Lukas Adams, Sharon Dabb
 11 Toby Fleming
 12 Nicole Kuzak
 15 Joshua Posa
 17 Debbie Gursky
 18 Freda Nutter
 19 Rynn Holsworth, Bruce McKinnon
 20 Marvin Brault, Abigail Reimer
 24 Mel DeGroot
 25 Siri Sholten, Bryan Laurila
 27 Lisa Reimer
 28 Venessa Kuzak
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Sunday Deacon Schedule

1st Sundays: Bruce Johnson

2nd Sundays: Gary Sparpana

3rd Sundays: Josh Towns

4th Sundays: Mike Cline

5th Sundays: Gary Sparpana



As we are now careful to wash our hands more often, and to scrub for 20 seconds, it's been recommended to wash for the length of time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice.

But did you know that praying the Lord's Prayer also takes 20-25 seconds? Imagine if we all go to the Lord in prayer many times a day, praying that His will be done on earth just as it is in Heaven. The simple act of hand washing (while praying) could impact the world!



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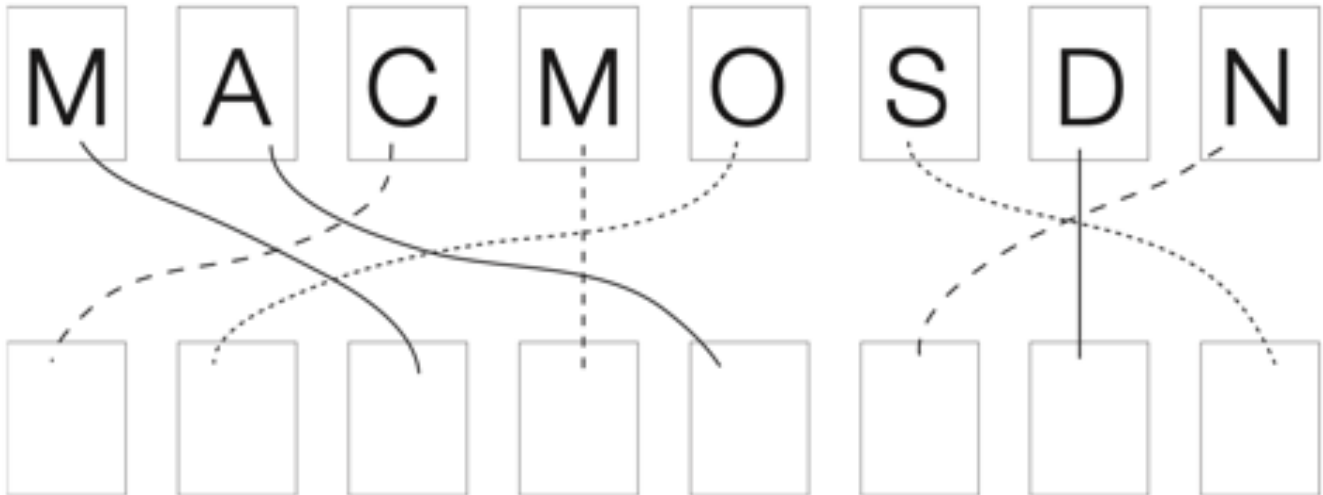
Connect the dots.
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If you love God then you love His ...



Follow the lines and write the letters in the boxes.

If you love God then you love His ...



Find the letters . L I F E

If you love Jesus then you have life.



Name _____

A Taste of Grace

And... a Taste of the Caribbean

Flying to the Bahamas may not be in your plans at this time, but you can still enjoy Bahamian-style food anytime! Pastor Ryan and Emily served as missionaries on the family island of Eleuthera for many years, and acquired a taste for the *Caribbean Cuisine*. Enjoy these island recipes!



Bahamian Macaroni

16 oz. box macaroni
 1 onion, chopped
 1 green pepper, chopped
 1/4 lb. butter
 6 eggs, beaten
 2 cans evaporated milk
 1 lb. cheddar cheese, grated
 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
 Hot sauce to taste
 salt and pepper

Boil the macaroni with the onion and green pepper. Strain and stir in butter. Mix eggs, milk, seasonings and 3/4 of the cheese. Add the macaroni and stir well. Pour into greased baking dish. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Bake at 350° about 1 hour.



Island Coconut Curry

1 lg. onion
 2 red bell peppers
 2 T. fresh ginger, diced
 1 c. grated coconut
 8 oz. butter
 1/4 c. flour
 1 can coconut milk
 Water from coconut to make 1 cup
 2 T. curry powder
 2 t. cayenne pepper
 1 t. salt

Fry onion, red pepper, ginger and coconut in butter. When golden, add flour. Stir well and gradually add coconut milk and water to sauce consistency. Season with curry, cayenne and salt. Add meat or seafood and cook until done.

Banana Cream Pie

1 baked pie crust
 2 c. evaporated milk
 3 T. cornstarch
 3 egg yolks
 1/4 c. sugar
 3 bananas
 1 t. vanilla
 pinch nutmeg

Meringue: 3 egg whites
 1/4 t. cream of tartar
 3 T. sugar
 Beat egg whites and tartar till foamy.
 Add sugar slowly; beat to stiff peaks.



Add a little milk to the cornstarch to make a paste, mix in the egg yolks. Gradually add all the milk, and sugar, pour into saucepan and stir constantly over medium heat. When thick remove from heat. Mash bananas and add all together with vanilla and nutmeg. Pour into pie crust, top evenly with meringue. Bake at 400° until meringue turns a little golden.

Mango Breeze

1 mango, peeled and flesh blended
 1 orange
 1/2 fresh lime
 1 1/2 c. crushed ice

Combine ingredients in a blender; blend and pour into a tall glass. Garnish with an orange slice.

September 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Quilting 9:30-2:30	2 Bible Study 8am & 7pm Youth Group 5:30-7pm	3	4 Prayer Circle 9am	5
6 Worship 9:30am	7 <i>LABOR DAY</i> Session Meeting 6pm	8 Quilting 9:30-2:30 International Missions Comm. 7pm at Church	9 Bible Study 8am & 7pm Youth Group 5:30-7pm	10	11 Prayer Circle 9am	12 Chicks Bike Ride & Picnic Lunch (Time TBA) Marriage Night Simulcast: Church 6:00-9:30pm
13 Worship 9:30am	14	15 Quilting 9:30-2:30	16 Bible Study 8am & 7pm Youth Group 5:30-7pm	17 Faith & Fr. 1pm at Shannon D.'s -Young Married's Life Groups 6pm (Childcare 5:30-8:30 -arrange with Dawn) -Bucks & Does 6pm at Lois Daleen's	18 Prayer Circle 9am	19
20 Worship 9:30am	21 R Cabins - Christian Comradery 5:30pm	22 <i>1st DAY of FALL</i> Quilting 9:30-2:30 Iron Co. Ultreya 6:30pm Guardian Angels, Crystal Falls	23 Bible Study 8am & 7pm Community Meal 5:30pm Youth Group	24	25 Prayer Circle 9am	26 8-9am Men's Prayer Breakfast
27 Worship 9:30am Food Ministry Collecting	28	29 Quilting 9:30-2:30	30 Bible Study 8am & 7pm Youth Group 5:30-7pm	<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 10px;"> <p>He leadeth me O blessed thought O words with heavenly comfort fraught What'er I do, where'er I be Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me (Gilmore, Bradbury)</p> </div>		

October 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>This is my Father's world And to my listening ears All nature sings and round me rings The music of the spheres (Maltbie Davenport Babcock)</p> </div>				1 Young Married's Life Groups 6pm (Childcare 5:30-8:30 -arrange with Dawn)	2 Prayer Circle 9am	3
4 Worship 9:30am After Church: Fall Festival (incl. Trunk or Treat)	5 Session Meeting 6:00pm	6 Quilting 9:30-2:30	7 Bible Study 8am & 7pm Youth Group 5:30-7pm	8	9 Prayer Circle 9am	10 Chicks Hike Sugar- loaf Mountain (Time TBA)
11 Worship 9:30am	12 <i>COLUMBUS DAY</i>	13 Quilting 9:30-2:30 International Missions Comm. 7pm at Church	14 Bible Study 8am & 7pm Youth Group 5:30-7pm	15 Faith & Friend. 1pm at Penny Bowser's -Bucks & Does 6pm at Lois Daleen's -Date Night 6-8pm (Childcare 5:30-8:30 -arrange with Dawn)	16 Prayer Circle 9am	17
18 Worship 9:30am Food Ministry Collecting	19 R Cabins - Christian Comradery 5:30pm	20 Quilting 9:30-2:30	21 Bible Study 8am & 7pm Youth Group 5:30-7pm	22	23 Prayer Circle 9am	24
25 Worship 9:30am Operation Christmas Child Boxes Available	26	27 Quilting 9:30-2:30 Iron Co. Ultreya 6:30pm -St. Cecelia Caspian	28 Bible Study 8am & 7pm Community Meal 5:30pm Youth Group	29	30 Prayer Circle 9am	31 <i>HALLOWEEN</i> Men's Prayer Breakfast 8-9am Remember to set your clocks back one hour. 

November 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1 <i>TIME "FALL BACK"</i> Worship 9:30am	2 Session Meeting 6pm	3 <i>ELECTION DAY</i> Quilting 9:30-2:30	4 Bible Study 8am & 7pm Youth Group 5:30-7pm	5 Young Married's Life Groups 6pm (Childcare 5:30-8:30 -arrange with Dawn)	6 Prayer Circle 9am	7	
8 Worship 9:30am	9	10 Quilting 9:30-2:30 International Missions Comm. 7pm at Church	11 <i>VETERAN'S DAY</i> Bible Study 8am & 7pm Youth Group 5:30-7pm	12	13 Prayer Circle 9am	14	
15 Worship 9:30am Operation Christ- mas Child Boxes Due Back	16 Faith & Friend. 1pm at Jorga Stewart's R Cabins - Christian Comradery 5:30pm	17 Quilting 9:30-2:30 Faith & Friend. 6pm at Jorga Stewart's	18 (No Bible Study) Youth Group 5:30-7pm	19 Bucks & Does 6pm at Lois Daleen's Date Night 6-8pm (Childcare 5:30-8:30 -arrange with Dawn)	20 Prayer Circle 9am	21	
22 Worship 9:30am Food Ministry Collecting	23	24 Quilting 9:30-2:30 Iron Co. Ultreya 6:30pm Guardian Angels, Crystal Falls	25 (No Bible Study) Community Meal 5:30pm Youth Group	26 <i>THANKSGIVING</i> 	27 Prayer Circle 9am	28 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8-9am	
29 <i>1st SUN ADVENT</i> Worship 9:30am	30	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices Who wondrous things has done In whom His world rejoices (Winkworth, Cruger, Rinkart)</p> </div>					



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Church Elders have the responsibility for the leadership, guidance, and government of that portion of the church that is under their jurisdiction, so that all things will result in "the peace, purity, unity and progress of the church under the will of Christ."

Church Session Members:

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Kris Mulder, Judy Steinbrecher

It is the duty of church Deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the Session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper.

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*Remember to save Super One and Tadych's
Family Market receipts and turn them in.*

Thanks for recycling at church!

