

# Grace Notes

Newsletter



GUMPRAYER: PRAYERTEAM@SPENCERGUMC.COM JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

**FREE!**



**Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
**@ 7:15 PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**

We will workout together, be supportive of each other and come closer as sisters in Christ.

**All sizes welcome!**

For more information please contact :  
Kristin Schwenneker or Carla Swank

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**Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

**February 22, 2012**

**7:00 PM**

**Sanctuary**

**All are welcome!**

## UMW Quilters

**Mondays: 9 AM to 3 PM**  
**January thru March**

**Bring a sack lunch**

We have various jobs needing to be done. Please come and join in this ministry if you are able.

Every hand makes a difference. Come when you can and leave when you must.



QUILTING GROUP

## 'The Table'

• FREE TO ALL • FREE TO ALL •



**February 23, 2012**  
**5:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Open to all those in need.**

Wow! That is how we would describe the kids at GASP (*Grace After School Program*)!! This is the second year that they have been working in The Answers For Kids Bible Curriculum. This is a 30-lesson apologetics program for upper elementary students. Our goal is to help children develop a truly biblical worldview, and provide answers to the questions that children have about the Bible, history, and science. *Answers For Kids* begins by teaching children about the Seven C's of History—seven foundational events from the beginning to the end of time. They are: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation.

We love exploring questions about the Bible, the earth, creation, evolution, dinosaurs, etc. We want to help young students see how the Bible relates to all of life, and how biblical history helps explain the world in which we live today.

Believe it or not, we still have time for snacks, prayer, games and "The Store."

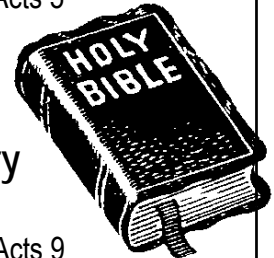
Kids are welcome Wednesday afternoons 3:45-5:00 p.m.--(Grades 1st-5th)

Deb Dvorak & Sara DeWitt



## January

Exodus 14-16; Acts 2  
Exodus 17-20; Acts 3  
Exodus 21,22; Psalm 12; Acts 4  
Exodus 23,24; Psalm 14; Acts 5  
Exodus 25-27; Acts 6  
Exodus 28,29; Acts 7



## February

Exodus 30-32; Acts 8  
Exodus 33,34; Psalm 16; Acts 9  
Exodus 35,36; Acts 10  
Exodus 37,38; Psalm 19; Acts 11  
Exodus 39,40; Psalm 15; Acts 12  
Leviticus 1-3; Acts 13  
Leviticus 4-6; Acts 14  
Leviticus 7-9; Acts 15  
Leviticus 10-12; Acts 16  
Leviticus 13,14; Acts 17  
Leviticus 15-17; Acts 18  
Leviticus 18,19; Psalm 13; Acts 19  
Leviticus 20-22; Acts 20  
Leviticus 23,24; Psalm 24; Acts 21  
Leviticus 25; Psalm 25-26; Acts 22  
Leviticus 26,27; Acts 23  
Numbers 1,2; Acts 24  
Numbers 3,4; Acts 25  
Numbers 5,6; Psalm 22; Acts 26  
Numbers 7; Psalm 23; Acts 27  
Numbers 8,9; Acts 28  
Numbers 10,11; Psalm 27; Mark 1  
Numbers 12,13; Psalm 90; Mark 2  
Numbers 14-16; Mark 3  
Numbers 17,18; Psalm 29; Mark 4  
Numbers 19,20; Psalm 28; Mark 5  
Numbers 21-23; Mark 6,7  
Numbers 24-27; 1 Corinthians 13

**THANK YOU!!!**

Thank you to Pastor Paul & Lucille Hansen, Jean Rowe, Ruby Peterson, Kay Darnell and Megan Hess for the giving of your time to fold the Grace Notes Newsletter. Your ministry is greatly appreciated! We couldn't do it without you.  
Grace Office Staff



# NewsLetter DEADLINE

4:00 PM on the 15th of each month.  
If it is after this time we will gladly put it in the following newsletter.  
Thank you for your help!

Thank you to all who sent cards and prayers when I had my eye surgery. It was greatly appreciated.



Bob Barringer

Thank you...

To my thoughtful church family, I have been so blessed since I have joined the Grace United Methodist Church. "Thank you" all for your caring ways and love.



Bless you with God's love,  
DarLeen Reskie

## Communion Stewards

Thank you to those who have helped set up for communion in the past year. We are in need of people to help set up communion each month. If you would be willing to help with this ministry one month or more, please sign up in the Narthex.



## Hospitality counter

Thank you to everyone that has helped with the hospitality counter. This counter is run totally by volunteers. If you want it to continue, please sign up in the Narthex.



## MEMORIALS

We are thankful for all the memorial that have been given over the years.

A beautiful way to honor a loved one that has departed is by giving a monetary gift in the memory of that person. In the Narthex of our church is a Memorial Book that indicates the memorials given to Grace Methodist Church.

We are thankful to Sue Burdick for keeping the information updated and available for any one to read and we urge you to do so.

Any monetary gift to our church, large or small, is welcome, as is any suggestion you may have for ways to use these gifts in a manner that is beneficial to our church and honors the life of one that meant so much but is no longer with us.

If you have any questions about memorial giving please contact one of our co-chairs

Gerry Runkle- (712) 262-0261  
Jean Rowe- (712) 262-1127

Memorial Committee

### Grace Church Member Celebrates 100th Birthday!

Florence Alma Pullen Rusch has been a member of Grace United Methodist Church all her life. Her number on the rolls is #56 and no other living member has an earlier number. She was born on February 19, 1912, the oldest child of Roy and Ella Pullen. Rev. Bond baptized her on Sept. 30, 1912. In her early years she attended Sunday School and Youth Group. She enjoyed swimming and playing at the Lincoln Boy's Club which was next to the Methodist Church. During her school days she attended North School, Old Lincoln School, and High School, graduating in 1929. She was hired by Mr. Arnold of the Arnold Motor Company where she worked for 37 years. She was hired to do bookwork and later she became Mr. Arnold's secretary. Florence was married to LeRoy Rusch on Nov. 28, 1936 by Rev. Hutchinson at the Methodist parsonage. They were married 57 years. LeRoy passed away in 1994. She remembers when Rev. Lyle Lieder came to Grace to build the new church which was dedicated in 1967. The Pullen family, her father, brothers, and she and LeRoy donated thirteen of the stained glass windows in our present sanctuary. She fondly remembers Rev. Jerry Brown and Alice. Members of Grace Church who are related to Florence are Betty Schwarck, a cousin, and her son Kurt. Florence is still living in her home. She reads from the Upper Room devotional daily and on Wednesday evenings she watches the Grace Church service on SMU. She doesn't have any secrets to her longevity but is known by her family and friends for her positive attitude and her generosity. When asked to comment on her upcoming milestone, she said, "To me it's just another day." It is likely that family members and friends will be planning events to mark Florence's Big Day!

Judy K. Olson

### *New Lay Ministry to Care Center Residents Beginning*

Pastor Chuck Kellogg and the Evangelism Committee have approved beginning a new lay ministry to visit the members of Grace Church who reside in our local care centers. A more intentional ministry by our pastors and lay volunteers is in the planning stage. Needed are Grace members who are willing to give an hour or two a month to visit residents. Currently in place are volunteers who deliver bulletins and Upper Room devotionals on a regular schedule. Are you willing and able to give some time to make someone's life better and less lonely? Please let Pastor Chuck (262-5970) or Judy K. Olson (262-8773) know of your interest in this new ministry.

Judy K. Olson

*"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." - Ephesians 2:10*

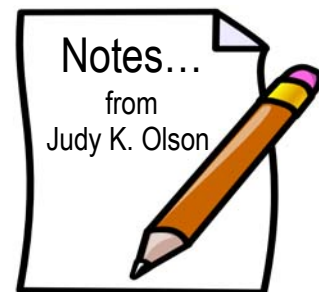
### Thank you...

A Huge Thank You to the Evangelism Committee for Outstanding Outreach Projects in Recent Months! The Roasting Pans were filled by many generous people and received by grateful members and friends of Grace Church. A walk through of the Nativity Tour was a gift given by many and added Joy to our Advent Season. Thanks to those who planned and shared with our church and community.

We were blessed by one of the Advent Study small groups that we attended. The content of Mike Slaughter's book was meaningful and we are appreciative of Travis' suggestion of this material. It was very insightful and led to good discussions. In the New Year we look forward to attending more small group studies and would recommend them to anyone. They are a good way to grow spiritually and to form a bond with the people in your fellowship group.

Thanks again for the excellent work done by the Evangelism group! Praise the Lord!

Norm & Judy K. Olson



We thank all those who continue to support Grace United Methodist Church's Ministries. May the Lord guide our church in all we do. May our doors be open to all those who are in need of God's love and mercy. May His love shine through each one of us as Christians. May others see His love not only through our words, but through our actions each day as we try to spread the Good news that He is our Lord and Savior now and forever.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BUDGET  
for 2012  
(Calendar Year Basis)

2012  
Approved  
December 19, 2011

Acct #	Revenues:		
40000	Pledges	\$	167,640.00
40001	Advanced Pledges Earned	\$	-
40100	Loose Plate	\$	-
40200	Church School	\$	-
40300	Donations-Other	\$	-
40301	Upper Room Sales	\$	-
40500	Special Offerings	\$	-
40600	Use of Buildings	\$	-
40700	Hospitality Income - Other	\$	-
40800	Interest Income	\$	-
	<b>Total Revenues:</b>	\$	<b>167,640.00</b>
	<b>Total Budgeted Revenues</b>	\$	<b>167,640.00</b>
	Expenses:		
21001	General Church Apportionments	\$	14,758.04
21002	Conference Ministries	\$	49,357.10
21003	Conference Missions	\$	17,753.86
	Ministerial Support	\$	-
	Administrative Budget	\$	-
	World Service & Conference Benefits	\$	-
	Ministerial Education	\$	-
	<b>Total Beyond Grace Expense</b>	\$	<b>81,869.00</b>
	<b>Beyond Grace (Special Offerings):</b>		
	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	-
	World Communion	\$	-
	United Methodist Student Day	\$	-
	Human Relations	\$	-
	Peach with Justice	\$	-
	Native American Awareness	\$	-
	Disabilities Awareness	\$	-
	Christian Education	\$	-
	Golden Cross	\$	-
	Rural Life Sunday	\$	-
	UM Children's fund Christian Mission	\$	-
	Youth Service Fund	\$	-
	Advance Specials	\$	-
	Other Benevolences	\$	-
	<b>Total Beyond Grace Special Offerings</b>	\$	<b>-</b>

<b>SPRC Expense:</b>			
60001	Salary, Sr. Pastor	\$	72,500.00
60002	Minister of Visitation	\$	-
60003	Salary, Associate Pastor	\$	38,930.00
60025	Mileage (All Pastors)	\$	3,600.00
60027	Conference & Educ. Expense (All Pastors)	\$	600.00
60028	Continuing Education (All Pastors)	\$	830.00
60029	Continuing Education (Support Staff)	\$	500.00
60006	Salary, Administrative Secretary	\$	24,000.00
60007	Salary, Receptionist	\$	5,600.00
60008	Salary, Custodian	\$	27,062.50
60009	Salary, Ass't. Custodian	\$	4,984.08
60011	Salary, Choir Dir.	\$	1,453.33
60013	Salary, Organist	\$	1,327.67
60015	Salary, Accompanist (12 Months)	\$	1,283.55
60016	Salary, Bell Choir Director	\$	786.76
60033	Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$	3,000.00
60032	Pension for Pastors (Church Exp - All Pastors)	\$	22,738.13
60021	Health Ins (Pastors)	\$	24,960.00
60022	Health Ins (Pastors-sal pkg-Church Exp.)	\$	9,840.00
60023	Health Ins (Bob Dirks)	\$	5,000.00
60024	Reimbursable Expense (Sr. Pastor)	\$	870.00
60031	FICA (Medicare, Soc Sec)	\$	7,000.00
60040	Outside Service Provider	\$	11,400.00
60000	Staff Parish Expense Account	\$	250.00
<b>Total SPRC Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>268,516.02</b>
<b>Trustee Expense:</b>			
60100	Trustees Expense:	\$	780.00
60101	Church Property Repair & Maintenance	\$	6,000.00
60102	Grounds Expense	\$	1,000.00
60103	Janitorial Supplies	\$	2,000.00
60104	Utilities	\$	53,000.00
60105	Organ & Piano Repair & Maintenance	\$	2,200.00
60106	Parsonage Maintenance	\$	8,000.00
60107	Insurance	\$	10,100.00
60110	Equipment Maintenance Cont.	\$	3,000.00
60111	Mechanical Maintenance Inspection Contract	\$	1,500.00
60112	Vehicle Maintenance	\$	1,000.00
<b>Total Trustees Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>88,580.00</b>
<b>Ecumenical Affairs:</b>			
60201	Chamber of Commerce dues	\$	-
<b>Total Ecumenical Affairs Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>

*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*

*~Malachi 3:10*

<b>Christian Education Expense:</b>			
60301	Curriculum	\$	3,300.00
60303	Supplies & Equipment	\$	250.00
60305	Confirmation	\$	500.00
60307	Seasonal Programs	\$	150.00
60308	Vacation Church School	\$	800.00
60309	After-School Bible Program	\$	500.00
60310	Postage/Freight/UPS	\$	-
New	Confirmation Breakfast (In/Out)	\$	-
<b>Total Christian Education Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>
<b>Library:</b>			
60351	Supplies	\$	100.00
60350	Library Expense - Other	\$	-
<b>Total Library Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Youth Ministries:</b>			
60401	Sr. Youth	\$	1,500.00
60402	Jr. Youth	\$	1,500.00
60403	Youth Mission Trip Fund		
60404	Young Couples/Singles Group	\$	500.00
<b>Total Youth Ministries Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>
<b>Evangelism:</b>			
60500	Evangelism - Other	\$	200.00
60501	Emerging Ministries	\$	300.00
60502	Devotional Periodicals	\$	1,000.00
60503	Catch the Spirit Radio Broadcast	\$	600.00
60504	Advertising	\$	800.00
60505	Christians in Action (CIA)	\$	100.00
60506	Journey to Bethlehem	\$	-
<b>Total Evangelism Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Lay Ministry:</b>			
60601	Educational Materials & Other Misc.	\$	-
60602	Membership in Church Volunteer Central	\$	-
<b>Total Lay Ministry Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Mission Outreach:</b>			
60700	Missions Expense	\$	-
60701	Promotional Materials	\$	-
60702	Special Events - Camperships	\$	-
60703	Local Missions	\$	2,000.00
60704	Regional Missions	\$	2,000.00
60705	International Missions	\$	2,500.00
<b>Total Missions Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>6,500.00</b>

<b>Worship:</b>			
60800	Worship - Other	\$	100.00
60801	Worship Supplies (communion/candles & holders,	\$	400.00
60802	Bulletins	\$	200.00
60803	Bell Choir - Adult (Music/Misc. & AGEHR Membership)	\$	-
60804	Bell Choir - Youth & Chime	\$	50.00
60805	Grace Choir Music - Chancel	\$	300.00
60808	Licensing Subscriptions	\$	500.00
60809	Supplies-Mini Movie for Worship Services	\$	200.00
60850	Decorations	\$	50.00
60810	Media Booth Repairs	\$	-
60800	Worship - Other	\$	-
<b>Total Worship Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>
<b>Administrative Expense:</b>			
70000	Administrative Expenses	\$	-
70001	Office Supplies	\$	3,000.00
70002	Postage/Freight/UPS	\$	2,000.00
70003	Night Deposit Box Rent	\$	-
70004	Telephone	\$	1,400.00
70005	Office Equipment	\$	500.00
70006	Computer Software & Equipment	\$	1,000.00
70007	Website, E-Mail & Satellite	\$	825.00
70008	Annual Conference Delegates	\$	500.00
70011	Finance Charge	\$	100.00
<b>Total Administrative Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>9,325.00</b>
<b>Hospitality:</b>			
60876	Food-Main Kitchen	\$	100.00
60877	Supplies	\$	550.00
60879	Sunday Coffee, Supplies	\$	1,200.00
<b>Total Hospitality Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,850.00</b>
<b>Finance:</b>			
71000	Finance Committee - Other	\$	350.00
71001	Offering Envelopes	\$	300.00
71002	Stewardship Expense	\$	250.00
<b>Total Finance Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>Historical Committee:</b>			
60900	Historical Committee Expense	\$	-
<b>Total Historical Committee Expense</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>471,440.02</b>

**Grace United Methodist Church**

*Administrative Council - November 29, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.*

**Mission Statement:**

*Grace United Methodist Church is a fellowship of believers committed to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. As we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will witness to the Christian message of salvation and minister to the needs of Grace Church and the larger community.*

**Attendance:** Judith Olson, Kay Darnell, Bill Elliott, Claudia Neary, Dennis DeWitt, Chris Stickler, Pastor Travis Stevick, Pastor Chuck Kellogg, Sandy Heerd, Roger Ingledue

**Welcome:** Judith Olson called the meeting to order with thanks for everyone for attending.

**Opening Prayer** was offered by Pastor Chuck Kellogg, with special emphasis on health concerns of members and condolences on the loss of loved ones.

**Approval of Minutes/Roll Call**

Motion by Claudia Neary; seconded by Chris Stickler. Carried.

**Business Action Items**

- a. Forming a Funeral Committee.

Pastor Kellogg and Kay Darnell introduced the subject of changing the way arrangements are made to provide service to families after the loss of a loved one.

The current method of assigning team leaders and worker groups for funeral luncheons has proven unworkable, primarily due to the changing demographics of our congregation. After lengthy discussion, the following action was taken:

*The Administrative Council of Grace United Methodist Church hereby moves to establish a Funeral Committee for the purpose of creating a more effective method of serving funeral luncheons.*

Motion made by Claudia Neary; seconded by Bill Elliott. Carried.

**Other Business Items**

- a. Foundation Disbursement Report (Items paid since October 2011)  
2010/2011 (2009 & 2010 Interest approved for disbursement in 2010 & 2011)
  - Missions Allocations
    - Thanksgiving Ingathering.....\$1,051.00
  - Outreach & Emerging Ministry
    - The Table Outreach.....\$192.71
    - Christmas Banners.....\$225.65
  - Educational Opportunities
    - Upper Room & Devotionals.....\$196.77

**Committee/Staff Reports**

**UMW** – Mavis Olson (submitted) – The UMW will have their Christmas Program Event on Dec. 1. The five Circles will present Christmas Memories and sharing “THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS!” Christmas cookies and coffee will be served and then plates will be filled to give to friends. The first meeting for 2012 will be Thursday, January 5.

**UMM** – Roger Ingledue – The October breakfast meeting of Grace United Methodist Men was held Saturday, October 29, at 8:00 a.m. in the Wesley Room. The program was presented by Richard Hildebrandt, director of the area Habitat for Humanity Organization and a dedicated missionary to Haiti. Richard shared his experiences on a mission trip he took to Haiti after the devastating earthquake that country experienced.

The Annual United Methodist Men Potato Dinner Fundraiser was held Sunday, Oct. 30. The dinner was very successful and well attended.

The November breakfast meeting of Grace United Methodist Men was held Saturday, November 19. The program was presented by Earl Angell. Earl is a long time member of Gideons International, the worldwide organization dedicated to Bible distribution and evangelism. Earl gave a message about the history of the Gideons, their current worldwide activities, and displayed samples of Bibles printed in different languages.

The next meeting of Grace United Methodist Men is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 17, at 8:00 a.m. All men are welcome to participate in the ministry of United Methodist Men and to enjoy fellowship, a delicious breakfast, devotions, as well as participation in our programs and service projects.

**Missions** – Bill Elliott – The budget proposal for 2012 has been submitted. The committee is planning a calendar of events & projects for the coming year.

Lay Leader – Roger Ingledue – The Lay Leadership Committee did not meet the month of November, opting for email contact from committee members to Pastor Chuck in its efforts to identify and contact prospective candidates for nomination to fill vacancies within the various primary and secondary committees of Grace United Methodist Church. The Lay Leadership Committee consists of Pastor Kellogg, Dennis DeWitt, Roger Ingledue, Brownie (Bronwyn) Small, Kevin Tlam, and Dwayne Nehring. The committee made significant progress in contacting members of our congregation to provide this opportunity to serve the church with their time and talents. The results of these efforts culminated at the charge conference held Sunday, November 13, 2011.

Finance – Claudia Neary for Carla Swank – Printed handouts for Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual YTD and for Bank/Liability Balances as of Nov. 29, 2011 were distributed.

\$10,000.00 was paid on apportionments. Budget requests are progressing.

Judith Olson distributed copies of the Church Remittance Statement from the Conference website.

Evangelism – Sandy Heerd – The committee met on November 10<sup>th</sup>. They encourage participation in the Advent study; over 20 have signed up. The Thanksgiving Roaster project resulted in 34 roasters being filled and distributed. On Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., there will be an open house tour of Nativity sets in Fellowship Hall. Hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies will be served. The Nativity scene, donated in memory of Earl Kooker, is in place on the front lawn. This Nativity is equipped with timed lighting, which was also donated by a church member.

The 2012 budget proposal has been submitted. The next meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Lay Speaker – Dennis DeWitt – His last outing was at Estherville for "Praise the Lord Fun". The Estherville Praise Team sings at 9:00 a.m.; at 9:30 a.m. the camera comes on. The service is broadcast live on radio and on TV. The church was nearly full; 34 youth came forward for the Children's Sermon. Dennis currently has an open calendar.

SPRC – Chris Stickler – Representatives of the committee met briefly before the Charge Conference. No meeting is scheduled for December.

Pastor Travis Stevick – Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> was the first meeting of the Youth Council. They accomplished some general planning with some specific suggestions, such as having a Sunday worship service prepared and led by youth. It was productive and encouraging as they brainstormed some ideas about changing meetings to make them more streamlined and efficient; maybe have some holiday movies and popcorn. Travis is encouraged by the youths' participation and involvement.

Pastor Chuck Kellogg – Lay Leadership will meet around the middle of January. Items for discussion include the nursery, a funeral committee, and some other areas that need to be addressed.

Other Items – The group held a lively discussion about the various aspects of our church that need special attention. Everyone contributed good suggestions and raised some important questions.

Next meeting – December 20, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Sandy Heerd; seconded by Chris Stickler. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Closing Prayer – Dennis DeWitt

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Darnell, Secretary



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**Welcome:** Judith Olson called the meeting to order and requested that we open with a group reading of the Mission Statement. Opening Prayer was offered by Pastor Chuck Kellogg. Special concern was expressed for a member diagnosed with cancer and for families experiencing tragedies. Judith played a message from Bishop Trimble.

**Approval of Minutes/Roll Call**

Motion by Claudia Neary; seconded by Kristin Schwenneker. Approved.

**Business Action Items**

a. Discussion of Budget:

1. Delete line item 60002, Minister of Visitation, from the budget.
2. Add zero-sum line item for GracErsize for t-shirt sales, etc.
3. Mavis Olson requested money for a donation to take to UMCOR  
*Move to reallocate \$1000.00 from line item 23024 (Red Bird trip).  
Motion by Chris Stickler; seconded by Carla Swank. Approved.*
4. Pastor Chuck reported that some foundation funds will be up for reallocation.  
*Move to accept the 2012 expenditure budget recommendations submitted by the Grace United Methodist Church Finance Committee.  
Motion by Claudia Neary; seconded by Rich Ortman. Approved.*

Judith Olson presented Special Recognition Certificates for Kristin Schwenneker, Sandy Heerdt, Bill Elliott, and Rich Ortman. Bill and Rich were in attendance and received their certificates from Pastor Chuck Kellogg.

**Other Business Items**

- a. Foundation Disbursement Report (Items paid since November 2011)  
2010/2011 (2009 & 2010 Interest approved for disbursement in 2010 & 2011)
  - **Capital Improvement Allocations**
    - Galen's Pro-Mow (Snow Brush).....\$3,529.93
    - Northwest Glass Co., Inc. (New Glass Doors).....\$16,165.00
  - **Outreach & Emerging Ministry**
    - Fareway (The Table Food).....\$323.19
    - Vinyl Banners.....\$290.60
    - Tablecloths.....\$842.50
    - Grace Caring.....\$56.00
  - **Educational Opportunities**
    - GracErsize (Zumba Supplies).....\$268.52

### Committee/Staff Reports

**Evangelism** – Sandy Heerd (submitted) – Evangelism Committee met on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the library. In attendance were members Sandy Heerd and Paula Harris. Pastor Travis Stevick and guest Dennis DeWitt also attended.

The Turkey Roaster program yielded 34 roasters of food being donated and delivered.

Final preparations were discussed for the Nativity Tour that was supported by Evangelism and held on Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 nativities were shared by members of GUMC. Between 80 and 100 people toured the nativities. Special thanks to Whytne Clancy & Emma for their work on serving cookies and hot chocolate. Also, special thanks to all the people who shared their nativity collections, and to those who helped set-up and tear-down.

Sandy presented a detailed list of the many activities Evangelism promoted, funded, or supported over the past year.

Dennis DeWitt shared his desire to plan a *Prayer Encounter* weekend sometime in the next year (funded by Foundation money which has already been approved). He would like Evangelism's help in planning/supporting this event. Pastor Travis suggested a *Lenten 40 Days of Prayer* emphasis to help set the tone and prepare our congregation for participation in a weekend prayer encounter. Planning will hopefully begin with the new Evangelism Committee, which will meet in January.

Committee Members: 2012 Chris and Nancy Stickler, Patty Jones; 2013 Mavis Olson; 2014 Donna Todd;  
Ex-officio Member: Travis Stevick – Associate Pastor

**SPRC** – Chris Stickler and Rich Ortman – No report at this time. The committee will meet again in January.

**UMM** – Roger Ingledue (submitted & oral) – The December meeting of Grace UMM was held Saturday, December 17, 2011. The meeting was conducted by Chris Stickler; opening prayer was given by Richard Baker and devotions were presented by Pastor Paul Hansen. The program was presented by Pastor Travis Stevick and the closing prayer was given by Norm Olson.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. All men are welcome to participate in the ministry of United Methodist Men to enjoy fellowship, a delicious breakfast, devotions, as well as participation in the programs and service projects.

Ethan Batschelet is the scheduled guest speaker at the February 25, 2012 meeting.

**Lay Leadership** – Roger Ingledue (submitted & oral) – The Lay Leadership Committee did not meet during the month of December and no official report is being submitted. An effort is underway to inspire members to be song leaders to lead singing during worship. Discussion is continuing regarding the operation, staffing, and supervision of the church nursery during worship. Requirements for the nursery include presence of 1 adult, pager contact with another adult, and/or periodic visits by a second adult. Those under 18 may be helpers.

**Finance** – Carla Swank – Printed handouts were distributed of the proposed 2012 Budget; Profit and Loss vs. Actual YTD; and Bank/Liability Balances as of December 19, 2011. The committee voted to make an apportionment payment depending on the December offering.

Judith Olson distributed copies of the Church Remittance Statement, dated 11/30/2011, from the Iowa Conference website.

**Education** – Kristin Schwenneker – The children's Christmas program was held Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The cookie exchange/sale raised \$343.00 for camperships. Heidi O'Clair and Allison Herman will be co-chairs for 2012; Lisa DeWitt and Jen Small will be joining the committee in 2012.

**UMW** – Mavis Olson – The December program was presented by members of our Circles. The goal for 2011 was to involve Circles to encourage participation by as many unit members as possible. Officers have been selected for the coming year; installation of officers will be done by Holly Kellogg at the January meeting.

**Pastor Travis Stevick** – Thirteen youth participated in the caroling outing, joining with First Congregational to entertain patients and staff at the hospital.

A Young Families meeting was held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Organization and leadership are going well.

**Pastor Chuck Kellogg** – Holly Kellogg is working on the nursery issue. Planning for a worship committee and for a funeral luncheon organization meeting is coming in January.

**Other Items** – Pastor Chuck requested travel prayers for his daughter, Sarah.

Next meeting – January 24, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Kristin Schwenneker; seconded by Mavis Olson. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Closing Prayer – Roger Ingledue

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Darnell, Secretary



"Celebration is at the heart of the way of Christ... It brings joy into life and joy makes us strong." from the book, Celebration of Discipline by R Foster.

The last chapter of the book, Celebration of Discipline focuses on the importance of celebration in the life of the church. Following our study of the book the Wednesday night Bible class feels led to host an all church Celebration to be held on Sunday, January 29.

In this event we desire to celebrate the talents and gifts we have received from God. We envision a talent show with several components.

1. The traditional performance style of talent show, with singing/music, dance, skits, acrobatics, poetry, stories, joke telling, and the like.
2. Nonperformance talent show, in which people can bring examples of arts, crafts, or photo or video presentation of things they do that they feel good about (auto mechanic? Carpenter?).
3. Talents shown in decorating the fellowship hall, in cooking, or other forms of preparation and participation in leading a game or activity.

Our celebration will begin with worship at 9:30 AM.

10:30 AM to 11:15 AM: time to look at the non performance talents displays, to engage in some fun planned activities, to enjoy your church family.

11:15 AM to 12:00 PM: the performance portion of the talent show will be given.

12:00 Noon– Potluck meal.

**WE Want You!**

We invite you to participate individually and or in groups. There are a myriad of ways you can be involved.

Praise God for his marvelous Love towards us!

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	<b>Staff Parish Relations Committee</b>
2012	Jeff Swank, Sara DeWitt, Chris Stickler (Chair), Glen Chenhall
2013	XXXX
2014	Shirley Kooker, Dorothy DeGroot, Brian Neary, Vesta Ravn, Frank Rose
	Sr. Pastor Chuck Kellogg, Assoc. Pastor Travis Stevick
	<i>Ex-officio Members:</i>
	Lay Leader- Roger Ingledue
	<b>Finance Committee</b>
2012	Carla Swank (Chair)
2013	Jane Ingledue, Les Zobrist, Sonja Wimmer
2014	Rich Prentice, Richard Studer
	<i>Ex-officio Members:</i>
	Sr. Pastor- Chuck Kellogg
	Treasurer -Claudia Neary
	Lay Leader- Roger Ingledue
	Trustee- Gary Small
	Ad Council- Judith Olson
	<b>Lay Leadership Committee</b>
2012	Dennis DeWitt, Bronwyn Small
2013	Kevin Tlam, Dwayne Nehring
2014	
	Sr. Pastor-Chuck Kellogg (Chair)
	<i>Ex-officio Members:</i>
	Lay Leader- Roger Ingledue
	<b>Trustees Committee</b>
2012	Randy Woolery, Richard Baker, Becky Prentice, Gary Small (Chair)
2013	Dan Harris, Tim Schwenneker, Barry DeLoss
2014	Grant Schenk, Jerry Wirth
	<i>Ex-officio Members:</i>
	Pastor Chuck Kellogg
	Bob Dirks- Custodial
	<b>Evangelism Committee</b>
2012	Chris and Nancy Stickler, Patty Jones
2013	Mavis Olson
2014	Donna Todd
	<i>Ex-officio Members:</i>
	Travis Stevick- Associate Pastor
	<b>Mission Committee</b>
2012	Keith Bress, Jim Herman, Jannie Baker, Lorraine Conley
2013	Mike Carlson (Chair), Kay Darnell
2014	
	<i>Ex-officio Members:</i>
	Travis Stevick- Associate Pastor
	<b>Education Committee</b>
2012	Alison Herman (co-chair), Julie Schwarck, Heidi O'Clair (co-chair)
2013	Melanie Peterson, Vicki Nehring
2014	Lisa DeWitt, Jen Small
	<i>Ex-officio Members:</i>
	Travis Stevick- Associate Pastor

# LEADERSHIP AT GRACE

	Memorial Committee
2012	Carol McQueen, Jean Rowe (Co-Chair), Gerry Runkle (Co-Chair)
2013	Deb Dvorak, Dorothy DeGroot
2014	Verna Peterson, Lorrie Huffman
	Library Committee
2011	Pat Muller (Co-Chair), Gerry Runkle (Co-Chair), Verna Peterson, Delores Barringer, Carol McQueen, Patty Jones, Judy K. Olson, Julie Krull, Shirley Woodford,
	Worship Committee
2012	
	Music Committee
2011	Sr. Pastor- Chuck Kellogg
	Piano Accompanist- Teresa Ortman
	Chancel Choir Director- Nancy Patrick
	Youth Bell Choir Director- Judi Calhoon
	Organist- Gretchen Hagedorn
	Lay Leader- Roger Ingledue
	BenTena Room Committee
2012	
	Decorations Committee
2012	Congregation
	Historical Committee
2012	Pat Johnson, Lola Campney, Gretchen Hagedorn
	Story Lecture Committee
2013	Lenny & Sandy Heerd, John & Mavis Olson
2014	
	Policy Committee
2012	Jeff Swank, Jodi DeLoss, Ruby Peterson
2013	
	<i>Ex-officio Members:</i>
	Linda Bress- Wedding Coordinator
	Kay Clancy- Office
	Administrative Council Committee
	Senior Pastor- Chuck Kellogg
	Assoc. Pastor- Travis Stevick
	Chair- Judith Olson
	Secretary- Kay Darnell
	Treasurer- Claudia Neary
	SPRC Chair- Chris Stickler
	Finance Chair- Carla Swank
	Trustees Chair- Gary Small
	Education Chair- Alison Herman, Heidi O'Clair (co-chairs)
	Mission Chairs- Mike Carlson
	Evangelism Chair-
	UMW Chair- Mavis Olson
	(Co-Chairs) UMM Chair- Roger Ingledue & Chris Stickler
	Lay Speakers- Dennis DeWitt
	Lay Leader- Roger Ingledue
	Annual Conference Representatives

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*Leadership*

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*Listening*

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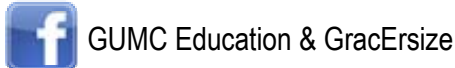
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Organist: Gretchen Hagedorn  
Pianist: Teresa Ortman  
Choir Director: Nancy Patrick  
Joyful Ringers Director: Judi Calhoon  
Administrative Council: Judith Olson  
Treasurer: Claudia Neary



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## **Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast**

**Troop 123**



**Spencer**

Sunday, February 12  
8:30 AM to 1 PM

**Fellowship Hall**



**FREE will offering**

Money will go towards the scout camp account and supplies that are needed.

*\*Orders for products provided by Schwan's for their fundraiser will be taken that day as well.*