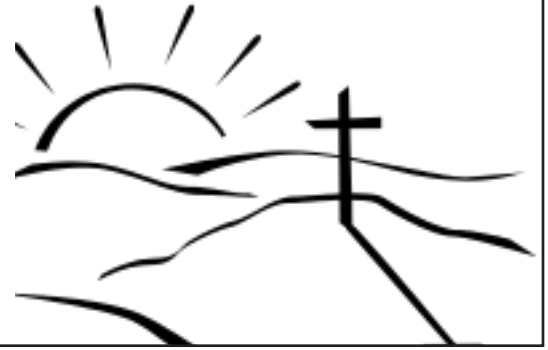


Grace United Methodist Church --
*Built of the Rock;
in the Rock and
on the Rock.*



Summer Happenings

Psalm 96:11-13 "Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness."

When I first came to Grace church, people mentioned to me that when summer comes take advantage of it. There is so much beauty to see in God's creation, especially in this copper country. "Get outside and enjoy it while it lasts", they said. This advice goes along with what we hear in this Psalm. The Psalmist reminds us that creation praises its maker. So as we stand in awe of the wonder of this place, we too are lead to worship and praise.

So how can we as a church take this to heart?

Well, one way is join us at **McLain State Park on Sunday July 24th for an outdoor service and picnic.**

Last year we had our first outside service. The event was well received so we talked about making it an annual tradition. We did, however, figure that it might be better to have it earlier this year, so as not to run into any conflicts with Michigan Tech's schedule. So we will have it in July this year.

Similar to last year we will plan to be at same location (the pavilion at the far end of park). And as far as getting into the park, if you do not have a state park sticker, no need to worry, we will work at having them available at the entrance of the park.

We also decided that in addition to the worship service and picnic we should add some fun games after the picnic. The games will be for all ages. So not only will the children be having fun, but they can help encourage us older folks to get out and enjoy the great outdoors more.

And in thinking of the children enjoying the outdoors, one way we already enjoyed wonders of God's creation this year was in Vacation Bible School. This year the theme was RENEW, as we looked at being good stewards of the earth. We enjoyed planting and working in the dirt. We look forward to having a similar outdoor adventure next year for VBS. It was a wonderful time of praising God (as we joined along with the earth, the sea, the field and the trees as Psalm 96 mentions). Thank you to all those who helped make VBS a success. I especially thank Judy Lell for her work in coordinating.

One more way to enjoy this summer is to have a cookout. And later in the summer we are looking into having a cookout with the youth group. Keep your eyes open then and check for more information to follow.

So whether it's planting seeds, worshiping in the park, or having a cookout this summer, let us take advantage of the time God gives in this beautiful Copper Country, as we join together with God's creation in praising the Lord.

Pastor David Goudie

Grace News You Can Use

GRACE FINANCIAL NEWS

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord and serve the Lord with gladness! What an opportunity we have had in the last month to serve God with our talents and our treasure. Below you will see the most recent information for our church finances through May 2011.

Giving	\$80,106.00	34.6% of budget
Expenses	\$81,073.00	35.0% of budget
Apportionments	\$ 4,500.00	22.2% (this is part of the expense total above)

Mortgage Balance \$352,997.00 (this is now up to date)

The financial position of the church is improving, but the tough months are ahead of us. We are now 42% through the year. So while we have cash on hand to pay our expenses and meet the physical needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ, there are opportunities to still be of service...

- I have mentioned these past few months about the wish list located on our church website at http://www.houghtongraceumc.org/content/resources/church_wish_list. One of the items mentioned in the bulletin on Sunday June 19th, was the need for an electric typewriter. Please take a look at the website and if there is something you can do to help, even a book of stamps once in a while is helpful, consider how you might help our ministry in a small way.
- The parsonage has some repairs that need to be addressed. We do have funds to pay for materials, but workers are needed to do the labor. Please speak to Pastor David about those needs so they can be taken care of this summer, when the weather is typically nicer.

I am reminded of the last four verses of Psalm 100, a song of thanksgiving. I am thankful for all that God has done for me and my family and for the many answered prayers. I am also thankful to be able to serve our church as part of the finance team. Please continue to pray about the financial needs of our church and how we can best serve God through our financial gifts. As always, the finance team welcomes thoughtful ideas to reduce our fixed expenses while meeting the needs of our people, property, and community.

Gods Peace, *Tim Jenkins*



DEADLINES

The July Finance Team meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11th. The July Vision Team meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13th.

The deadline for the August Newsletter will Be Wednesday, July the 20th in the morning. The deadline for Sunday's order of worship and to insert an announcement in the bulletin is each Wednesday morning.

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~ July 2011 Prayer Calendar ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Louisa Wills	2 Karen Arceci
3	4 David Goudie	5 Shirley Bradford	6 Connie Smith	7 Tim Jenkins	8	9 Helen Spence
10	11 Pete Larsen	12 Carol Little	13 Alexandra Larsen	14 Judy Lell	15 Lorraine Konosky	16 Lynn Watson
17	18 Jim Olson	19 Florence Burich	20	21 Rudy Bianchi	22 Jackie Manchester	23 Vi Hedin
24	25 Julie Crowl	26 Laura Moore	27 Lynn Manchester	28	29 Marge Olson	30 Dee Little
31 Deb Bradford	Notes:					

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News Notes...

-- **The Prayer Shawl Ministry** We'll continue to knit on and off during the summer. Look for new of knitting dates in the newsletter, the bulletin and in the e-news. If you know of someone who would benefit from a shawl or if you know of a male who might benefit from a lap-gghan, please let us know. Contact Julie Crowl@ 482-7144.

New Ruth Circle Officers for the coming year

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Chair Person - Judy Lell

Secretary - Connie Smith

Treasurer - Barb Koski

Correspondence - Vi Hedin

Phone Calls - Helen Spence & Dee Little

News in the next newsletter about how much the Salad Luncheon raised.

Look forward to the first meeting of the year which will be on Monday, September 12th. Although the group meets the first Monday of each month, Sept. 5th is Labor day in 2011. Looking forward to seeing the women of the church at the meeting.

GRACE UMC STAFF

PASTOR.....David Goudie

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....Carol Little

TREASURER.....Deb Bradford

BUILDING SUPERVISOR.....Gerald Smith

SECRETARY..... Anna Walls

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Jack Lubinski
.....	Sharon Bird
4	Tim Niemi
.....	Matthew Geiger
.....	Annette Lawrence
12	Eric Winsor
14	Randy Little
15	Adam Plichta
16	Amy Evans
.....	Joyce Winsor
.....	Scotty Arceci LeClair
17	Carol Little
.....	Becky Ahola
18	Karen Seely
19	Donna Poplawski
.....	Gina Skipper
24	Julie Crowl
.....	Helen Spence
25	Henry Santeford
27	Davy Sproule
30.....	Dee Little

(Don't see your birthday listed? Contact the office @ 482-2780 and let us know when you celebrate your special day.)

July 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 8:00 Women's 4 th Day at Perkins
3 Salvation Army Day 9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Singing 10:00 Worship	4 Noon Men's 4 th Day at Franklin Sq. Inn	5	6 6:00 Worship Team Bulletin Deadline	7 Noon Women's 4 th Day at Bradford's 6:30 Prayer at Bluffs	8 7:30 PMMF performance Reserved 5:30 to 10:30	9 8:00 Women's 4 th Day at Perkins
10 9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Singing 10:00 Worship	11 Noon Men's 4 th Day at Franklin Sq. Inn	12	13 6:00 Vision Team Bulletin Deadline	14 Noon Women's 4 th Day at Bradford's	15	16 8:00 Women's 4 th Day at Perkins
17 9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Singing 10:00 Worship	18 Noon Men's 4 th Day at Franklin Sq. Inn	19	20 6:00 Worship Team Bulletin & Newsletter Deadline	21 Noon Women's 4 th Day at Bradford's 6:30 Prayer at Bluffs	22	23 8:00 Women's 4 th Day at Perkins
24/31 9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Singing 10:00 Worship 24th Outdoor service @ McLain State Park Potluck follows worship	25 Noon Men's 4 th Day at Franklin Sq. Inn	26	27 6:00 Worship Team Bulletin Deadline	28 Noon Women's 4 th Day at Bradford's	29 11:00 -2:00 Mom's group in nursery fellowship hall and kitchen	30 8:00 Women's 4 th Day at Perkins

2011 Mission Season Is Here!



First day of mission Mike Moore, Ross Michaels and Ryne Hocking unload tools before beginning the work.



Tom Dutcher carefully prepares to take down the garage at the James St. Project where our mission team worked in WI in June. His leadership was a wonderful asset to the team.



Ross Michaels and Colton Neabling, of the Poynette UMC, work hard together to dispose of a broken workbench from the James St. Project garage



Paint Girls cover siding board to replace some on second floor of house on driveway side of the home.



One of the talented painters: Emma Binkley from Grace UMC.



Mihelle Laux and Tyerra Arceci work on helping to replace the flooring at the James St. Project.



Emma Binkley, Karli Michaels bring debris from the basement to the dumpster. Dan Crowl assists in packing it.



Team pauses for prayer of thanks before eating lunch during one of the work days at the James St. Project.



Mike Moore gives instructions to members of the team.

Thank you to all who supported our Amazing Grace Team on their Mission to Poynette, WI., June 11th through the 17th. A great time was had by the team and we were able to help our mission family through hard work in many ways. While there we replaced & refitted doors, tore down a garage, remodeled a bathroom, cleared out a basement and took down walls, removed flooring, painted rooms and more. On Thursday of the week the team, who had completed one week's work in three days, went to Noah's Ark, an area waterpark. There will be other opportunities this summer to help with local mission work. Call Julie Crowl at 906-482-7144.

Message Themes for July

July 3	Matthew 11:16-19,25-50	“Give me your tired, poor, huddled masses”
July 10	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	“Sowing the Word”
July 17	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	“Wheat and Weeds”
July 24	Matthew 13:31	“What is the Kingdom like?”
July 31	Matthew 14:13-21	“More Than Enough”

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 Cafe Open
9:30 Praise Music in Sanctuary
10:00 Call to Worship
11:00 Fellowship