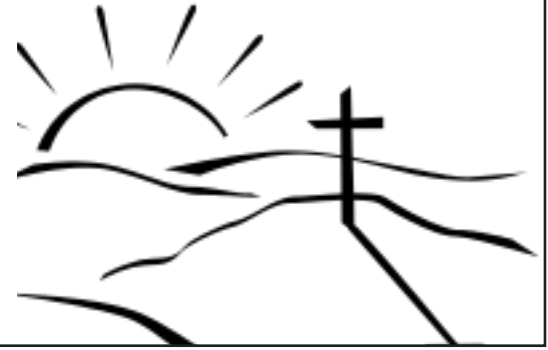


Grace United Methodist Church --
*Built of the Rock;
in the Rock and
on the Rock.*



Building a heritage of faith: Pledge Sunday October 30th

Every now and then I will get visitors who are in town for a short time who want to look at the church building. Often they are from Grace church's past. They grew up here. They had relatives who went here. Some even served as pastors here. In fact, a couple weeks ago there were a number of pastors or relatives of pastors who came to visit throughout that one week. And one pastor who had served here in the 1950s came with his son who's a retired pastor himself.

I mention this because it is a reminder about the long standing heritage Grace church has. In fact while visiting with a younger pastor from another church in the area, as he looked at the names on the stain glass windows he made the comment "Wow; that is a wonderful heritage of faith that you are to carry on". And it made me stop and think how right he was.

I rejoice in those who have gone on before who have invested so much of their time, talents and treasure into Grace church. I am humbled and inspired by those who have served because they wanted to glorify Jesus Christ and impact this community.

Not only though does it remind me of where the past of Grace church. But also it encourages me about our future. As God has been faithful before, God will continue to be faithful throughout.

We can look at the names on the windows and give thanks. And we can look at the faces of the people at Grace church today (particularly some new faces), and once again we give thanks to God. For example, I just have to think of some of the newest faces at church to be reminded of Grace church's future. After all, if you have not noticed yet we seem to have a number of new babies at church. Once again I am humbled and inspired by the privilege to share Jesus Christ with them as it has been shared with me. This is a heritage of faith that we each are invited to take part in and pass along.

We have been especially reminded of this as we have been looking at Nehemiah this fall. For in this situation we see God rebuilding a heritage of faith. Not only was Nehemiah helping to lead the rebuilding of the wall but more than that he led the rebuilding of the community of faith that so God might be glorified.

We then (along with the saints before like Nehemiah) are also invited called to invest our time talents and treasure in helping to build up the church to the glory of Jesus Christ.

One of the ways we can respond to this call is through our yearly pledge. Our pledge for 2012 this year is earlier. Pledge Sunday is Sunday, October 30. You should be receiving a letter soon more about this. As you playfully consider your financial commitment for Grace church, then let us be reminded of both our wonderful heritage of faith that Grace church has and let us be inspired to join together in making a impact for the future here at Grace. – Pastor David Goudie

Grace News You Can Use

Meet Anna Walls, Grace UMC Secretary

Anna Walls brings a wealth of experience, creativity, her smile and her sunshine filled personality to the secretarial position here at Grace Church. Beginning in July and working under the tutelage of Linda Reynolds, our retiring secretary, Anna came quickly up to speed to serve the congregation she loves.

“I first heard about the position opening in December of 2010 at the Grace Women’s Christmas Dinner,” she recalled. “I thought ‘I could do that’; I’d love to do things for the people I like and care about.”

Anna first shared her desire to apply for the job with Judy Lell, her husband’s aunt, who thought she would be good at the job. Next she brought it up at coffee with the younger ladies from church. They too encouraged her to apply for the job.

“I applied and I am glad I did,” says Anna.

Anna hails from downstate Galesburg and prior to filling the position here at Grace she has served as an Americorps worker and provided after school programing for BHK. She also has been a full time student and worked in retail, as a nanny as well as has experience as a secretary at a Ford Dealership.

Married to Patrick and mom to Lela, Anna has a life full of activities. She is a student at Finlandia University studying Business Administration, volunteers with the Girl Scouts where she loves working with the kids and the parents. She likes that it instills good values, serving the community and giving back. She is starting a non-profit student group by the name of “Bike Finlandia” to promote non-motorized travel to and around campus.

When not involved with the above activities, she loves to take pictures do crafts.

“I want people to feel that they can come into the office anytime I am there, even if the door is closed” said Anna. “I love to visit and you won’t keep me from my work. One of my highlights of the week is when Rudy comes in to visit and chat.”

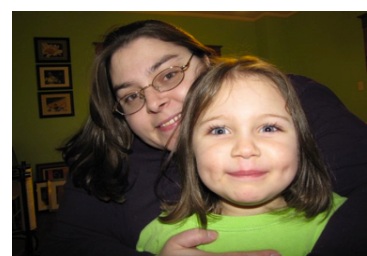
Office hours are flexible while Anna attends school. This fall the hours are: M/W/F 10:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. & T/Th noon-4 p.m. You can reach the office by calling 906-482-2780 or by email at: churchsecretary@houghtongraceumc.org.



On left: Anna and Lela



Anna at play.



Anna and Lela share time together

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GRACE FINANCIAL NEWS

Fall is here and so are the bright colors. If you have a chance, get out and enjoy the glorious splendor that is God's creation. Along the way, say a prayer of thanksgiving. Below you will see the most recent information for our church finances through August 2011.

Giving	\$129,261.81	55.8% of budget
Expenses	\$132,242.22	57.1% of budget
Apportionments	\$ 6,500.00	32.1% (this is part of the expense total above)
Mortgage Balance	\$349,460.53	

We are now 67% through 2011 and quickly approaching the end of another year of serving God through Grace Church. The finance team encourages you to prayerfully look at your commitment to our church and God's mission. Have you kept your promise to God? This coming month we will be preparing to make our commitment to God for the coming year. As Pastor David has explained, we are making our commitment for 2012 in October instead of early next year (2012). This way, the finance team can better prepare a budget that is aligned with our giving commitment. This information will also be available at our Church Conference coming up in November.

The wish list is still active on our church website and needs are ongoing. Please take a moment to look the list over and serve as you are called...

http://www.houghtongraceumc.org/content/resources/church_wish_list..

Finally, remember to pray for our church and the finance team as we go about serving God and being stewards of the financial gifts provided for the church, the mission, and service.

Gods Peace, *Tim Jenkins*



DEADLINES

The October Finance Team meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 10th. A full Grace Leadership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th.

The deadline for the November Newsletter will Be Wednesday, October the 26th 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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~ October 2011 Prayer Calendar ~

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

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childrens Church News/Request: The children have decided that their weekly offering at CC will go toward purchasing things to fill 2 Christmas boxes, one for a boy, one for a girl. We hope that parents will encourage their children to participate in this mission. An activity in October, we will fill both boxes during CC. If you have 2 photos of your child that we can have, we would like to include same in our boxes along with one of the ornaments they made last year.

NOTE: We are still looking for volunteers to come forward to help during CC. We have a very easy program this year. A prayer, offering, story, then we sing songs and play instruments. Everything is available for each week. Please contact Judy Lell 281-4949.

YOUTH GROUP

Grace UMC youth group meets every Sunday night from 6 -7:30 p.m. They are studying Francis Chan's "Crazy Love", will hear from area speakers, do fund raising, have fun and prepare for the 2012 mission trip. If you have a teen, or know of a teen (middle school through 12th grade) let them know about the weekly get together. Contact Mike Moore at 906-369-1952 or Julie Crowl at 906-482-7144 for more information.

GRACE UMC STAFF

PASTOR.....David Goudie
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....Carol Little
 TREASURER.....Deb Bradford
 BUILDING SUPERVISOR.....Gerald Smith
 SECRETARY.....Anna Walls

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Olivia Witting
 4 Stacey Michaels
 6 Jeff Binkley
 Robert Simmer
 7 Robert Richards
 9 Robert Sundstrom
 10 Jan Killmar
 Billy Lell
 Shirley McKee
 12 Levi Moore
 Kevin Goke
 13 Chris Walls
 14 Lela Walls
 16 Matthew Bird
 17 Angela Piket
 Kristen Kelley
 20 Nina Cox
 21 Ted Fredrickson
 Nancy Chartier
 Teresa Trehwella
 22 Cyndee Engel
 Katherine Olson
 Laura MacInnes
 23 Trent Lawrence
 24 Avis Trathen
 25 Michael Seely
 26 Alexia Ahola
 27 Alan Larsen
 30..... Ashley Laux

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

October 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:00 Women's 4 th Day at Perkins
2 Salvation Army Day 9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Singing 10:00 Worship 1:30 CROP registration 2:00 CROP walk 6:00 Youth Group @ Grace	3 9:30 Ruth Circle Noon Men's 4 th Day at Franklin Sq. Inn 6:00 Choir	4 6:00 Financial Peace	5 9:30 a.m. Basement Ladies and a guy 6:00 Worship Team 7:00 Guitar Bulletin Deadline	6 Noon Women's 4 th Day at Bradford's 6:30 Prayer at Bluffs 7:00 Revelation Bible Study @ Lell's	7 8:00 Women's 4 th Day at Perkins	8 8:00 Women's 4 th Day at Perkins
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Around and About Grace UMC

Stewardship: Recycling Fun For Church Family

We all know and hear about recycling this and that. Well, you can help this month! And have fun while doing it! Thanks to Michele Miller, we will be learning how to make paper from, YOU GUESSED IT, recycled paper. The class will be held in the fellowship hall, Sat., Oct 22 at 1:00pm. Come make some paper for cards, wrapping, decorating, and more.

If you have a blender you NO Longer use, please bring it along to use for project. (Note: Once its used for this activity, it can NO longer be used for food.) If you have a screen that would also be helpful as the paper is put on it to dry and allow the moisture to leave the paper. Also, bring paper, any color, you can be mix depending on what effect you want. Also, bring dry leaves, flowers, and let your creativity go wild.

This will be great fellowship, and I hear that dessert may be served, YUM. For questions, please contact Michele Miller about supplies, or Judy Lell about the activity.

New Member Class begins Oct 16th

Are you interested in learning more about Grace church? Have you thought about becoming a member of Grace?

On Sunday Oct 16th during Sunday school, Pastor David will be offering a three week class.

We will meet in the pastor's office on Oct 16th , Oct 23rd, Nov 6th @ 11:15. All are welcome. If you are interested in coming please contact Pastor David.

Grace Church's Charge Conference Now scheduled -- 4:00p.m., Sunday, November 6

This meeting is open to all at Grace church. We will celebrate the past year's ministry. We will approve recommendations for who will serve on each ministry committee. We will also report on financial items for next year. Mark your calendars now so that you can come celebrate and help plan for Grace church's ministry.



Grace Youth Group kick off meeting and Pizza Party

Coming Soon...Grace Youth Group Presents: Dessert Theatre

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 19th and plan to enjoy Dessert Theatre presented by the Youth of Grace. The play is "The Verdict" a novel way of presenting a story we know but will surprise in its unique presentation. Desserts and beverages will be available. This will be a fund raiser for the June 2012 Mission trip to Wisconsin. Look for more information soon. If you love theatre and would love to help out contact: Julie Crowl at 482-7144 or Mike Moore at 906-369-1952.

Message Themes for October



Oct 2	Nehemiah 5:1-13	Helping the hurting
Oct 9	Nehemiah 6:1-14	Overcoming Scare Tactics
Oct 16	Nehemiah :8:1-12	Unleashed Joy
Oct 23	Nehemiah 9:5-21	Keeping Covenant
Oct 30	Nehemiah 10:35-39 Luke 12-33-34	A pledge towards God's house

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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