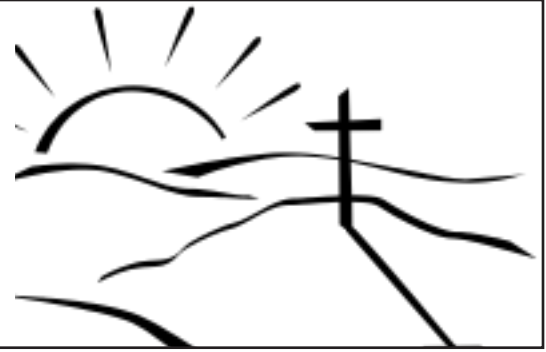


**Grace United Methodist Church --**  
*Built of the Rock;  
in the Rock and  
on the Rock.*



My Reason to Relay

To some of you, Relay for Life may just be another charity looking for money. With all the fundraisers and advertisements, you may think this is the case but let me bend your ear a minute and tell you why that is not the case with me.

My story starts with a little 1 year old boy named Christian who has had a bad tummy ache for a few days. His concerned mom has taken him to the ER to get checked out with what she thinks is the stomach flu. After a few days of testing for this and that and coming up empty, Mom finally gets the diagnosis she never expected for her child, CANCER. Her child has just been diagnosed with a common childhood cancer called a Neuroblastoma around his stomach. The doctor assures her that with surgery and chemotherapy, there is a one in a million chance it will ever return. He will be cured before he can remember what has happened to him. The surgery proceeds along with the chemo therapy and six months later, Christian and Mom are in the doctor's office waiting to hear that he is cured and can continue with his childhood. This is not the news they receive. Christian is apparently the one in a million case. Not only is the cancer back, but now it has transferred to his spine along with his stomach. The real chance that her now 2 year old son may not be here next year is almost too much to bear. Another surgery is done, another round of chemo is administered, and another six months is waited. Time has moved on but the diagnosis is still the same each time she goes in: the cancer is back. She must hear these words an additional four more times. All in all, her child must endure 6 painful surgeries, 6 rounds of chemotherapy and 4 rounds of radiation before she hears the words remission.

This is not just another sad cancer tale to me. The mom is my best friend Dawn and her son Christian is my godson. I was there with them both from diagnosis to remission; supporting, praying, crying, blaming and grieving the loss of his innocence. But this story has a happy ending. Christian, now 13 and over 6 feet tall, has been in remission for six years and has finally been classified as cured. My reason for Relaying is simple; I want more children to hold onto their childhood. I want their parents to hear the sweet words "remission" and "cured". I want to never have another child or adult have to wonder if this will be the last days of their lives. I want a cure. Now. By supporting the American Cancer Society and in turn Relay for Life, we are giving people a chance to hear those words more often. Through research, advocacy and education, we can be part of those people who will be able to one day say that cancer is curable. To support our goal, you can visit our website and join a team, make a donation or just get out there and be educated. Together, we can find a cure!

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Pastor David Goudie

# Grace News You Can Use

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## Financial Team: Latest Report

To God be the glory, Great things He has done! Below you will see the most recent information for our church finances through April 2011.

Giving	\$63,441.00	27.4% of budget
Expenses	\$68,284.00	29.5% of budget
Apportionments	\$ 3,500.00	17.3% (this is part of the expense total above)
Mortgage Balance	\$355,500.00	

We have lost a little more ground in our giving in comparison to our expenses. We are now through one third of the year or 33% as of the end of April. While we are still paying our bills and receiving many gifts in kind from our wish list,

[http://www.houghtongraceumc.org/content/resources/church\\_wish\\_list](http://www.houghtongraceumc.org/content/resources/church_wish_list), our church and Christ's ministries are entering the summer months when giving is typically lower. Our finance team asks each of you to prayerfully consider your financial pledge/commitment to God's ministry through Grace and to make timely gifts so that the momentum we have will continue and be strengthened.

I am prayerfully optimistic that we will continue to meet our obligations (we always do)! Please continue to pray about the financial needs of our church and our mission. 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*

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## RELAY FOR LIFE NEWS

Want to help save a life? Then join our Relay for Life Team "Saved By Grace" as we fight to raise money for cancer research and recovery through the American Cancer Society. We are looking for team members, monetary donations or donations of time and resources. For more info go to <http://main.acevents.org/goto/savedbygrace> or email Andee Goudie at [savedbygracerelay@yahoo.com](mailto:savedbygracerelay@yahoo.com). Together we can find a cure!!



### DEADLINES

The June Finance Team meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13th. The June Vision Team meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th.

**The deadline for the July Newsletter will Be Wednesday, June the 15th in the morning.** The deadline for Sunday's order of worship and to insert an announcement in the bulletin is each Wednesday morning.

# Grace News You Can Use

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Dear Grace Church Family:

Words cannot express how much you all mean to me. Your having placed your trust in me in the fall of 1990 to serve as your secretary for these past 21 years truly was one of the most life changing events in my life. I was emotionally at an all-time low. Looking back, I believe that God brought our family here in 1983 not only because Houghton would be a wonderful place to raise a family of four boys, but also, He knew that I needed Grace Church. All I can say is that you have been absolutely wonderful. The three pastors I have had the privilege of working with were the best I could have asked for.

A simple “thank you” doesn’t fully express my true gratitude, yet it is all I have. So thank you for trusting me to fill the secretarial position. Thank you for teaching me how best to serve in this position. Thank you for being patient, kind and understanding whenever I made mistakes. Thank you for your many kind expressions of appreciation for my service and for loving me all these years. I had the best job in the world as I served you the people of Grace Church...true followers of Jesus Christ.

And what can I say about the “party” you threw for me Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>! WOW! The love and appreciation you showed me was awesome and humbling. And I absolutely love all the many gifts you showered me with. The Lake Superior sea glass and sterling silver necklace is absolutely stunning and one I will treasure for a lifetime. All the many others...another necklace, a trio rock candlestick holders, a local rock tea candle holder (*someone got the word that I loved rocks!*), a copper tree wall plaque, a crystal glass tea pitcher, a birds-eye maple jam spoon and knife set, and a beautiful glass bowl bird bath complete with stand ...all mean so much and will bring back such wonderful memories for me.

It will not be easy to leave all of you behind when we make our final move down to Arkansas. I know that Terry and I both will have tears streaming down our faces when we pull away from our home of 28 years. But, know that you always will have a special place in our hearts and that we will look back on our years here as the best years of our lives.

So thank you...thank you Grace Church for accepting all of us Reynolds into your church family. Thank you for exemplifying Christ to us. Thank you for loving and teaching our sons about the Lord and how they can/should serve him. Thank you for trusting me to serve you as your secretary. Thank you for all the Christian fellowship and potlucks. Thank you for serving Terry and me at the time of my surgery and helping me to recover. Thank you for all the memories. We will treasure them and we will treasure each of you, our brothers and sisters in Christ here at Grace Church.

God loves you and so do I

Linda Reynolds



# June 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 Worship Team <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	2 11:30-1:00 Salad Luncheon Noon Women's 4 <sup>th</sup> Day at Bradford's 6:30 Prayer at Bluffs	3	4 8:00 Women's 4 <sup>th</sup> Day at Perkins 9:30 Cinnamon roll bake 10:00 Memorial Garden Clean-up 10:00 VBS pre-registration
5 <b>Salvation Army Day</b> 9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Singing 10:00 Worship	6 Noon Men's 4 <sup>th</sup> Day at Franklin Sq. Inn	7	8 6:00 Vision Team <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	9 <b>10:00 Tear down of classrooms to prepare for VBS</b>	10 <b>9:00 Setting up for VBS</b>	11 8:00 Women's 4 <sup>th</sup> Day at Perkins <b>VIM leave for WI</b>
12 9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Singing 10:00 Worship	13 Noon Men's 4 <sup>th</sup> Day at Franklin Sq. Inn	14	15 <b>9 AM-12:00 PM Vacation Bible School</b> 6:00 Worship Team <b>Bulletin &amp; Newsletter Deadline</b>	16 <b>Vacation Bible School</b> Noon Women's 4 <sup>th</sup> Day at Bradford's 6:30 Prayer at Bluffs	17	18 8:00 Women's 4 <sup>th</sup> Day at Perkins
-----Volunteers in Mission Team serving in Poynette, Wisconsin this week-----						
19 9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Singing 10:00 Worship	20 Noon Men's 4 <sup>th</sup> Day at Franklin Sq. Inn	21	22 6:00 Worship Team <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	23 Noon Women's 4 <sup>th</sup> Day at Bradford's	24	25 8:00 Women's 4 <sup>th</sup> Day at Perkins <b>Relay for Life</b>
26 9:15 Connections Café 9:30 Praise Singing 10:00 Worship Potluck follows worship	27 Noon Men's 4 <sup>th</sup> Day at Franklin Sq. Inn	28	29 6:00 Worship Team <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	30 Noon Women's 4 <sup>th</sup> Day at Bradford's		

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# 2011 Mission Season Is Here!

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## Poynette Mission Team Roster

The team heading for Poynette, WI is days away from departure, leaving June 11th. The team is comprised of members of Grace and members of two other area churches: Hope Fellowship Church of Houghton and Northwoods Assembly of Calumet. The adults and teens will be working side by side on two specific projects.

The focal project will be for Jesse and her family at their home in Beaver Dam, WI about 40 minute away from Poynette. Jesse has been fighting cancer and we will serve the family by making repairs inside and outside to the home.

One day during the week we will split the team and those not working on Jesse's family home will paint the interior of an area Habitat Home.

Please pray for the team (more committing as I write this article):

Mike Moore  
Ryne Hocking  
Kevin Kelley  
Katelyn Kelley  
Dylan Whittaker  
Tyerra Arceci  
Emma Binkley  
Ayla LaRoe  
Karli Michaels  
Ross Michaels  
Katherine Orr  
Julia Lean  
Alecia Palovaara  
Aubrianna Palovaara  
Breanna Gagnon  
Taylor Tienhaara  
Sheryl Davis  
Jordan Hatter  
Tom & Jean Dutcher  
Julie & Dan Crowl  
Ashley Laux  
Michelle Laux

Blessings, Julie Crowl



Teams sign underneath the marvelous work they do for the people they serve. This signature is from Nicole from Pennsylvania who worked on a porch for an elderly woman.



AGMK/Grace at worksite takes a break for lunch and prays before eating.

*...Three teams now scheduled to work in the Copper Country this Summer; one more may also come on mission here in Keweenaw...*

In June we will welcome a team of about 10 folks from Bath, MI UMC which is nearing Lansing. This team will be staying at the Calumet UMC and a private home. They will work on The Fifth Street Project and at a local project to frame in an addition. In July we will welcome a team of 30 people from Covenant Lutheran of Stoughton, WI. They will stay at our Church and will continue work on the aforementioned projects. We are excited to report that we will be joined at the end of August by a Team from Gladstone UMC to come to work at sites in the Copper Country. Please be to pray for all these mission teams and efforts. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us any of the mission weeks. God Bless.

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# Children, Youth, & VBS At Grace

## ***RE-NEW: THE GREEN VBS***

**FOR KIDS**

**Place:** Grace United Methodist

**Dates:** June 13-17, 2011

**Time:** 9:00 to 12 noon

Registration will begin May 22nd thru May 31st at Grace. For more information you may contact Judy Lell at judylell@yahoo.com or phone 281-4949.

We all look forward to having a wonderful VBS to honor and glorify our Lord.

## ***ATTENTION ADULTS***

**Date:** June 13-17th

**Place:** Grace United Methodist

**Time:** 9:00 to 12 noon

We are planning on having an adult ReNew: The Green VBS. We are inviting any and all adults interested in exploring God's work through Jesus' Parable of the Mustard Seed, which will be lead by Carol Plichta and Alexandra Larsen.

Registration will begin May 22nd through May 31st at Grace. For more information, contact Judy Lell at judylell@yahoo.com

## ***News Tidbits***

1. UMW Annual Salad Luncheon will be Thursday, June 2 at 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Suggested donation of is \$7.00. Salads and dessert bars are needed. In addition, there is always need for help the day of...setting up, serving during and cleaning up afterwards. Please contact Florence Burich (482-4505) or Dee Little (482-5688) to offer your help. Monetary donations are also accepted. All proceeds from the Luncheon goes to support the missions of Gace Church as well as local missions such as Little Brothers, Salvation Army, etc.
2. Cinnamon Rolls can be ordered no later than this coming Sunday, May 29th for delivery on Sunday, June 5th. A single cinnamon roll is \$2.00; half dozen is \$6.00; full dozen is \$10.00. Proceeds from the sale of cinnamon rolls goes in support of Relay for Life.
3. Volunteers in Mission 2011 will head off to Poynette, Wisconsin on June 11th to serve through June 17th. Ways you can help: join the team; sponsor a team or an individual; provide food or other supplies; provide bottles of water; pray. Contact Julie Crowl at 482-7144 or jcrowl@mac.com. OR Mike Moore at 337-4064 or mdaisy@up.net
4. Life Walk (support Life Outreach Center) will be Saturday, June 11, 2011. Gather at College Ave. Park next to Evangel Baptist Church to register at 8:30 AM. The walk will begin at 9:00.
5. Vacation Bible School is 9 AM to Noon -June 13th-17th. There are countless ways to help here besides volunteering your time to help. There will be a green insert in the bulletin each Sunday that lists all the other ways. If you miss that, then a monetary donation is always helpful. Please contact Judy Lell (281-4949) for more information.
6. Parsonage needs trees taken down. A tree has fallen on the church parsonage property and is threatening to fall which if it does will fall on the newly installed fence. If anyone has experience in tree removal and is willing to help with its removal, please call the church (482-2780). On second thought, it might be better to email us as our phones have been on the blink for a couple of months and right now, they aren't working at all. Our email addresses are as follows: churchoffice@houghtongraceumc.org or churchsecretary@houghtongrace.org
7. Relay for Life is June 24-25. Andie Goudie is our team leader for Relay for Life. For more info go to savedbygracerelay@yahoo.com

# ~ June 2011 Prayer Calendar ~

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

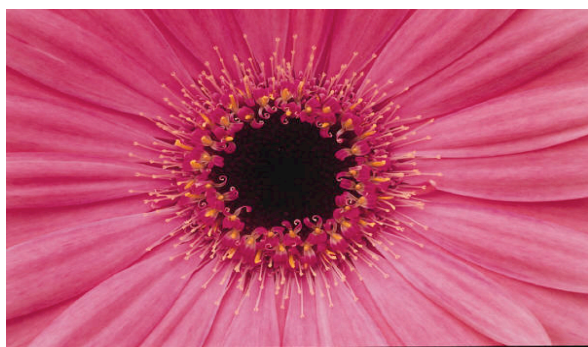
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# Message Themes for June

June 5	Acts 1:6-14	"Rising above it all."	Ascension Sunday Life outreach center presentation and baby bottle collection
June 12	Acts 2:1-21	"The Spirit Goes On"	Pentecost Begins VBS
June 19	Gen 1:1-5 & Matthew 28:16-20	Sent on a Mission	Father's Day Baptism Evans
June 26	Gen 22:1-14	"What do you hold most precious?"	

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### *SUNDAY SCHEDULE*

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