

WORDS OF GRACE

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LOVING THE LEAST

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me.’”
Matthew 25:37-40

We have just spent seven weeks wrestling with the truths as presented through “The Hole in Our Gospel” campaign. While the series is closed, we never want to close our hearts to these kingdom truths. Indeed, these principles will now be our model for all outreach ministries.

We are calling our expanded model of outreach “whole gospel” ministry. We engage in whole gospel ministry by waging war on four fronts simultaneously.

SERVE: We do whatever we can to meet people’s immediate physical, material, relational, and economic needs.

EMPOWER: At the same time, we come alongside to equip and empower them to live a healthy, Biblical, and economically self-sufficient lifestyle.

LIBERATE: At the same time, we seek to overturn and overthrow the institutions, systems, and people that perpetuate unjust policies and practices.

INVITE: As we serve, empower, and liberate, we also invite those we serve to receive the saving grace offered in Christ and the gospel.

Responding Globally and Nationally

- Support a child, or give an animal, vaccines, water filter, etc. through Christian missions like World Vision, World Relief, Samaritan's Purse, Compassion Int, etc.
- Check before giving at ministrywatch.com or ecfa.org.
- Do a short- or long-term mission. Opportunities can be found at rightnow.org, missionfinder.org, or christianvolunteering.org.
- Choose one cause and become a strong advocate.
- Participate in GracePoint's Mexico Mission trip.
- Pray!

Responding Locally

- Serve in our outreach ministries.
- Participate in the Bridges Initiative.
- Choose one local cause and become a strong advocate.
- Donate regularly to our new Community Outreach Fund.
- Pray!

We engage in whole gospel ministry to bring glory and joy to God, to alleviate suffering, to love Christ in loving the least, to push back darkness, to fight against injustice, and to be God’s comfort to a hurting world. As we do so, we give people a taste of God’s kingdom grace and power, which blesses believers, and allures the lost to Christ.

Pastor Chris



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people to God

LOVING
God and each other

GROWING
in grace and truth

SERVING
Dubuque and the world

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Sort and Save
for the
RUMMAGE SALE
May 20–21, 2011

Participants of the Presbyterians to Mexico 2012 Mission Trip are asking for gently-used, clean, and in working-condition items for the next fundraiser.

Sort and save no longer needed items, then

- Mark each item with a “priced to sell” amount, if possible.
- Box up items by categories.
- Bring boxes to GracePoint during office hours (M–F, 9am–2pm) and place in the unoccupied classroom at the end of the hall.
- Let Pastor Dana know if you need an in-kind donation receipt for “big ticket” items — boat, lawn mower, motorcycle...

Rummage Sale Items Categories

- ◆ Appliances and Electronics*
- ◆ Furniture in good condition*
- ◆ Home Décor
- ◆ Tools
- ◆ Sporting Goods: bikes, fishing gear
- ◆ Books
- ◆ Musical Instruments
- ◆ Children’s items: clothes, toys, books, baby things
- ◆ Craft items
- ◆ Clothes on hangers

* Please do not bring appliances or big ticket items until the week of the sale.

Please spread the word to garage sale enthusiasts and rummage sale shoppers.



Two-Church Rummage Sale ~ Fundraiser

GracePoint Fellowship Center

Friday, May 20 — 1 to 6pm

Saturday, May 21 — 8am to 1pm

Indoor - Concessions - Bathrooms - Child Activity Center

All proceeds go toward the 2012 Mission Trip to Mexico.

Contact people:

Pastor Dana, GracePoint;

Grace Hammer, First Presbyterian Church

UPDATE FROM THE FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM

We are fast approaching **June 1st**, the due date of the last pledged payment to John Knox Presbytery—our final tie to PC(USA). We currently have \$4,980.93 donated toward that payment of \$22,000, so there is a long way to go in a short amount of time. Remember, whatever is not collected for this payment will need to come from the budgets of other programs (Worship, Fellowship, Property, Equipping, Missional Outreach). Only with God's grace and guidance can we, as His faithful stewards, provide substantially more toward that payment.

Please designate "John Knox" in the memo line if submitting a check or on an envelope containing cash.

Praise our Heavenly Father for His loving kindness!

SIGN UP TO SERVE SATURDAY LUNCH AT THE DUBUQUE RESCUE MISSION

- » Arrive 11:15am to help with final preparations.
- » Offer blessing for the meal at 11:45am.
- » Serve and visit until 12:30pm.

Dates: May 14, June 11, and July 9.

See sign-up sheet at the Connect Center, on the GPDBQ.org website, or contact Barb Berg.

BLOOD DRIVE—SAVE THE DATE

BECAUSE WE CARE---GracePoint will host our 4th blood drive for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center on July 20th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. This gives us another opportunity to fulfill our mission of Serving Dubuque. May 25th is the last date that you can donate blood and be eligible for our July blood drive. Please prayerfully consider donating blood as your decision is critical to ensuring the availability of blood products in our community. If you have any questions please contact Pam DeMeester.

GRACEPOINT'S SUMMER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Last summer we experimented with a new model of placing most of our ministries on a summer “sabbatical.” This proved to be a great success, and so this will be our plan again for this summer.

There are three main purposes of doing so:

- It gives our volunteers a needed and deserved rest.
- It frees up volunteers to do key summer outreach ministries
- It allows us to re-launch our ministries in the fall with fresh excitement.

Our Summer Schedule from May 29 through September 4:

Sunday Worship: We will offer just one worship service, our Horizons venue, at 10:00–11:00am, followed by a time for fellowship.

GracePath: There will be no GracePath or Precepts Bible Studies. However, Triads will continue to meet all summer.

GraceCompany: There will be no children’s Bible studies or Kids’ Worship.

GraceUnderground: Our youth will have no Sunday morning Bible Study. The youth group will have regularly scheduled special events.

Fresh Encounters: There will be no Fresh Encounters venue.

Ministry Teams: Will continue to meet each month.

Session and Deacons: Will continue to meet each month.

Miscellaneous Ministries: Golden Oldies, Missional Project Ladies, Guys and Gals, and Red Hat Ladies will set their own schedules.

Missional Outreach: We have the following scheduled so far and may add others:

Food Pantry: Will follow their usual schedule.

Bridges Out of Poverty: Full day training on June 4

Rescue Mission: We serve the meal on May 14, June 11, July 9

School Supply Give-Away: July 29

Music Theater Camp: August 1–7

CELEBRATING A GRADUATION THIS SPRING?

We want to honor graduates this spring. Please contact the office with the name of a graduate who is a GracePoint member or a regular attender, or the child of a member or a regular attender. In May, our graduates will have special recognition during our worship and fellowship times.



Global Missions Report

John and Nellie Hsu

We have received two interesting newsletters from John and Nellie Hsu so far in 2011. At a visit to one of the Hsu's supporting churches they were honored "for 36 years faithfully devoted to teaching and mentoring pastors and church leaders in Hong Kong and Mainland China." Can you imagine? It has been 36 years since John and Nellie were with us at, (then) Third Presbyterian Church, as Choir Director, teacher, and friends. They left us, and via Minneapolis flew directly to Hong Kong where John assumed the responsibility as teacher/president of Evangel Seminary.



John has recently retired, but they continue to travel and teach extensively. John has just published his fourth book in Hong Kong. This book is on comparative religions with emphasis on the uniqueness and grace of the Christian faith. The other three books are already in circulation and are among the few theological texts available in Chinese. Two years ago he started a book on apologetics, which he is hoping to finish soon.

Although their home is in Washington State, they are rarely there as they travel widely serving the Chinese Church around the world. Nellie writes that "one of the extra benefits from this outreach endeavor is to experience the joy of serving together in unity as a church family."

Please continue to pray for John and Nellie as they enter their 37th year dedicated to God's service.

For the Global Missions Team,
Scott Arnold

FELLOWSHIP TIME

If you want to honor some one's birthday, anniversary, or any other special event during that time, please contact Ray Wloch, Jan Jenner, or Bob Boelk.



May 2011



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45a Traditions 9:30a Horizons Band 9:45a Bible Classes 9:45a Guys and Gals 10:35a Fellowship Time 11:00a Horizons 6:00p GraceUnderground	2 6:00p Food Pantry	3 9:00a Global Missions Team	4 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00p Bell Choir 5:30p FE Praise Band 6:30p Fresh Encounters	5	6	7 11:30a Baptism Class
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22 8:45a Traditions 9:30a Horizons Band 9:45a Bible Classes 10:35a Fellowship Time 11:00a Horizons 6:00p GraceUnderground	23 6:00p Food Pantry	24	25 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:00p Golden Oldies 7:00p Session	26	27	28
29 New Summer Schedule Begins 10:00a Horizons 11:00a Fellowship Time	30 Memorial Day Office Closed 6:00p No Food Pantry	31				

CLERK'S REPORT

Membership to Date	
Active	155
Inactive	3
Perm Inactive	<u>6</u>
Total	164

Two new members, Terry Thompson and Janet Metelak, were approved by Session at Special Session Meetings on March 27th and April 3rd. All 11 new members were received by the congregation on April 3, 2011.

Administrative Bookkeeper's Report:

General Fund Beginning Balance, March 1, 2011	\$20,217.71
Total General Fund Receipts	<u>26,454.85</u>
Subtotal Beginning Balance & Receipts	\$46,672.56
Disbursements	\$27,968.90
Allocations	<u>1,658.35</u>
Subtotal Disbursements/Allocations	\$29,627.25
General Fund Ending Balance, March 31, 2011	\$17,045.31

Pat Kohler, Clerk of Session

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The keyboard in the sanctuary had major problems a few months ago and it was determined it was in the best interests of GracePoint that it be replaced. After considerable searching for the right unit for us, we found one in Madison, Wisconsin, that will serve our current needs as well as what we will need for the future. We also needed a new computer to support the sanctuary video system. The Memorial Committee was asked to help cover the cost of this new equipment for our sanctuary. The Committee is pleased to be using memorials for Janet Kirmse, Betty Muir, and Phyllis Goodman, to cover a portion of their cost.

We also received a special gift from Bob and Pam De Meester to cover the balance of the cost of this equipment. Bob wanted to make a memorial gift in the name of his aunt, Jeanette Tanis. She was a church organist and had taught Bob to play the Hammond Organ. Bob tells us this new keyboard has the ability to sound like a Hammond, a sound that is very popular in contemporary music.

Don Sanders,
Memorial Committee

GOLDEN OLDIES

Golden Oldies will meet on Wednesday, May 25th, 5:00pm, at Sunshine Family Restaurant.

Sign up at the Connect Center on the Sunday before the event or call Bob Boelk, 557-9166.

**All seniors are
welcome!**



GUYS AND GALS

On the first Sunday of the month, after the first service, a group of seniors meet for brunch at Chuck and Jo's restaurant on Iowa Street. All seniors are invited to join us. If you have any questions, contact Betty Muellich at 582-3505.



Tuesday
May 17

BIRTHDAYS

1 William Watters
 1 Dick Cottrell
 2 Ramona Hennings
 2 Carrie Shepherd
 4 Petey Jenner Jr.
 5 Tim Walsh
 7 Miriam Lind
 8 James Davis
 8 David Kelley
 8 Amy Wilhelm
 9 Stephanie Gibbs
 12 Caleb Perreard
 12 Eileen Schulze
 13 Mike Barsema
 13 Arika Montgomery
 14 Paul Fricke
 14 Sharon Baker
 15 Jonathan Duehr
 17 Dixie Shaffer
 17 Dale Zschoche
 17 Ann Kress
 18 Margaret Fah
 19 Phyllis Kelley
 19 Tera Montgomery
 21 Micah Godwin
 24 Dan Plisek
 25 Jan Crandall
 30 Georgia Schwarzmann
 31 Christian Harknett



ANNIVERSARIES

22 Scott & Carolyn Arnold
 22 Frank & Carrie Shepherd
 23 Matthew & Jennifer Shaffer
 25 Nick & Dawn Buol
 27 Harry & Gerry Vandenberg
 30 Chris & Kelly English
 30 Cary & Paulette Kress

Check Out the Library

We receive donations of new and used books and videos all the time. There is always something new in the library.

The library is open Sundays from 8:30am till noon. If you have any new books or videos to donate to the library, contact Mable or Bob Boelk, 557-9166.



WAYS TO SERVE THIS SUMMER MAY–AUG

RUMMAGE SALE OUTREACH & FUNDRAISER—MAY 20–21

- Hosts to greet people and show them the layout / Contact: Ann Kress
- Cashiers
- Baggers to help people with purchased items
- Hosts for children's activity center / Contact: Pastor Dana

CONNECT CENTER HOST—SUNDAYS JUN-AUG

Stand behind the Connect Center and help people learn more about GracePoint / Contact: Beverly VanDerZyl

SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY NIGHT—JULY 29

- Bring school supplies / Contact: Rachel and Steve Lemon
- Help organize and serve hotdogs

MUSICAL THEATER DAY CAMP—AUG 1

Contacts: Pastor Dana, Katelyn Wiest, Mary Burns

- Registration people on the first day
- Kitchen experts to organize and serve snacks
- Set design and construction crew
- Drivers to transport children





Middle and High School Youth
6:00 to 8:00pm
 Sunday evenings

SUMMER IS COMING

May

May 1 GraceUnderground 6-8pm TEENAGE POLITICS
 "Teacher Appreciation Day"

May 8th GraceUnderground 6-8pm (unless you're taking mom
 out to dinner!) TEENAGE POLITICS "Fights on the
 Playground"

May 15th GraceUnderground 6-8 p.m. WE ARE GO FOR
 LAUNCH! "God's Purpose for Your Adult Life" part 1

May 22nd GraceUnderground 6-8 p.m. WE ARE GO FOR
 LAUNCH! "God's Purpose for Your Adult Life" part 2

May 29th NO GRACEunderground TONIGHT.

Summer is a great time to change things up a bit. Here's what
 I've got in mind.

June

June 1st-19th Pastor Dana's family vacation

June 22nd-25th General Assembly

June 26th Campfire at the Perreards! Roast hot dogs and
 marshmallows over an open fire, attempt to pet our neurotic
 labrodoodle, play ultimate frisbee in the Sherrill city
 park. It's all right here! 6-8pm.

July

July 3rd: No Grace Underground. Family and fireworks!

July 8th-10th Lifest. We'll meet mid morning at the church and
 be back Sunday early evening.

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Connecting
 Loving
 Growing
 SERVING



PRAYER CHAIN

To start a prayer, call Pat Kohler or Lois Trausch-Wolfe.

Daytime Prayer Chain

- Pat Kohler
583-8978
- Gerry Vandenberg
583-5338
- Ramona Hennings
583-8739
- Edie Ege
583-1974
- Wilma Sanders
582-7346
- Mable Boelk
557-9166
- Sue Lemon
583-4454
- Lois Trausch-Wolfe
583-0534
- (Lois starts the evening chain.)**
- Evening Prayer Chain**
- Sharon Baker
588-2115
- Glenda Temple
582-0464
- Pam Hillary
556-5846
- Karen Storlie
556-7548
- Kim or Jerry Bell
582-4956

SERVANTS OF THE LORD

Traditions (8:45am)

- Ushers (May)** Don and Wilma Sanders
- Greeters (May)** Tom Scherf, Pat Kohler
- Communion Preparers** Joe Burns, Pauline Brimeyer
- Communion Servers** Dan and Sharon Baker
Paul Jensen, Verna Davis

Prayers of the People Prayer Ministry Team

- | | | |
|---------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| May 1 | Sue Lemon | Steve and Sue Lemon |
| May 8 | Sue Lemon | Don and Wilma Sanders |
| May 15 | Sue Lemon | Pete and Jan Jenner |
| May 22 | Mary Hirschey | Beverly VanDerZyl, Connie Walsh |
| May 29* | | Suz Birch, Mary Burns |

Horizons (11:00am)

- Ushers (May)** Frank and Gaye Grote
- Greeters (May)** Sylvia Trofimchuck, Beverly VanDerZyl
- Communion Servers** Pam Hillary, Jennie Burns

Child Care (Horizons)

- | | Infant | Preschool |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| May 1 | Verna Davis | Lorene Hynes |
| May 8 | Paulette Kress | Erin Barsema |
| May 15 | Alex Wiest | Pauline Brimeyer |
| May 22 | Suz Birch | Beverly VanDerZyl |
| May 29* | | |

***Please Remember**

On May29th there will only be one venue which will meet at 10:00am. This service will be the Horizons venue with the addition of the prayer ministry team right after the service.

The ushers and greeters from the Traditions venue will serve at 10:00am on the 29th and for the summer months. (See 2011 Hand-book)

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July 17th: Need a host family for GraceUnderground at someone's home.

July 24th: Possible canoeing or need a host family.

July 31st: Possible canoeing or need a host family. (Mission Peoria on hold to support the Music Theater Camp.)

August

Aug 1st-7th Music Theater Camp. Helpers needed.

Aug 7th No GraceUnderground.

Aug 14th Water wars and giant slip and slide?

Aug 21st River night?

Aug 28th GraceUnderground season premiere.

Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop

June 4, 2011

Saturday, 9:30am—3:30pm

Registration fee: \$6.00* (includes lunch)

Many of you responded enthusiastically to Jim Ott's recent presentations on poverty. Now, due to a growing interest in how we can show Christ's compassion to the poor in our neighborhood, GracePoint will host Jim's complete six-hour workshop "Bridges Out of Poverty."

This workshop will help us understand how those in poverty live and the hidden "rules" that keep them from getting ahead. We will learn how the Dubuque Bridges Initiative is challenging the culture of poverty in Dubuque and why the poor need "allies" like us. We will learn how we can enter into intentional relationships with folks who long to move ahead to a better future. Handouts will be provided during the workshop. An optional book that describes the Bridges philosophy in detail is available for \$25.00.

Please register by signing up in the GracePoint lobby or by calling the church office, 583-3929. Checks should be made out to GracePoint with Bridges on the memo line. They can be mailed to or left in the church office. If you have questions, please call Alan Crandall, 557-0327.

*(This is a special rate for GracePoint members and regular attenders only)

What Teens Need

From Suite 101:

4. Positive feedback and encouragement. Look for their strengths and support them to use them. (Note from Dana. I have been told, whatever you draw the most attention to is what you will see repeated.) Thanks for praying for our children and young adults!





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