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## October—November 2020 Grace Notes—Bi-Monthly

### Pastor's Place

#### Random Thoughts

"Dad, I need to make a musical instrument for science."

"Fine—How about a rubber band and cigar box banjo."

"No! I want to make something that's *different!*"

"Oh..."

I could see that I wasn't going to get away with an easy project.

In the end we decided on a set of chimes made from metal electrical conduit, like the wind chimes that hang on porches. After his initial reluctance, Dad started getting into this project.

How about a set of eight chimes cut to sound a musical scale. This would be easy. As an old pipe organ major, I knew that a four-foot pipe sounded one octave lower than a two-foot pipe. Just so, a sixteen-foot pipe sounded one octave lower than an eight-foot pipe.

So, make the low chime twice as long as the high chime in this octave set, then figure out the lengths of the chimes in between proportionally. Nothing to it.

Next—a trip to the hardware store, followed by a session with a ruler and a hack saw, and we were done.

Then we tested it. Nothing worked!

The bottom chime was not an octave lower than the top chime; it was almost two octaves lower, but not quite. None of the chimes played together

came even close to sounding like a musical scale. The calculations had been done; the cutting had been accurate; but something was wrong. We hadn't taken something into account.

Now there's a parable here. It has to do with all of the assumptions we make about people. We size someone up; we put two and two together, and the answer simply has to be four. Except it's not. Something turns out to be wrong about our calculations.

Maybe one of our "two's" isn't really a "two." Or maybe there is a number missing someplace. Somehow, we sized somebody up, and we didn't get it right.

We need to remember that all of our judgments are tentative judgments at best, especially with people. There is no place for an "I am right; you are wrong" attitude. It's never that simple.

Self-confidence is okay, but arrogance is not. Self-confidence is okay, but it should be tempered with a good sense of humor that keeps us from taking ourselves too seriously.

Everything had been carefully calculated in the wind chime project, but clearly, I didn't know everything I needed to know.

Just so we need to be careful in our decision-making, especially our decision-making about other people—always keeping an open mind; always ready to re-think our opinions.

Wisdom and love demand it.

*Skip*

# Wave Crashers (Youth Group) News

*Pastor Allison LeBrun*

## August Youth Group Activities

On August 16th some of the youth joined Pastor Allison & Carolyn Hill for a Scavenger Hunt downtown Vermilion!



## Upcoming Youth Group Events:

Remember to check your emails to hear from Dawn Grygier and Patti Towner (For Oct and Nov) and prep for the hybrid youth group starting in October!

## Save these dates on your calendars!

Sunday, October 4, 6:00 - 7:00PM  
Virtual Youth Group  
Led by Dawn Grygier

October 18, 3:00 - 4:30PM  
Pumpkin Carving  
Led by Patti Towner

November 1, 6:00-7:00PM  
Virtual Youth Group  
Led by Dawn Grygier

November 15, 11:30AM—12:30PM  
Friendsgiving (Lunch)  
Led by Patti Towner

December 6, 6:00—7:30PM  
Virtual Youth Group (Christmas Party)  
Led by Craig & Cathy Bennett & Rachel Shattuck





## Council Chair's Chat

*Dawn Grygier*—Council Chairperson



The Rule of Christ process is a Biblical process for dealing with concerns in a congregation. It is a tool to help congregations build healthy ministry together by developing healthy patterns for communication and designing systems to resolve differences. Every congregation that experiences pastoral leadership change is required to be trained in the Rule of Christ Process.

Grace UMC has been involved in this process since Pastor Allison joined us in July 2017.

It has been used formally and informally in our church for a wide number of concerns.

Based on Matthew 18:8-20 there are 6 steps to the process with the hope that most concerns come to a good resolution in one of the first two steps.

**Step 1 – Look at Yourself** (Matthew 18:8-9) Jesus tells us to take time to examine our role in a conflict.

**Step 2 – One-on-One** (Matthew 18:15) Resolve the conflict.

**Step 3 – Get Some Objective Help** (Matthew 18:16) Others can help the parties see possibilities.

**Step 4 – Take it to the Church** (Matthew 18:17a) Use the resources of the church.

**Step 5 – Shake the Dust** (Matthew 18:17b) Some issues cannot be resolved.

**Step 6 – God is There** (Matthew 18:20) God has promised to be with us in the midst of our problems.

Should you have any questions about the process or want to know more please contact me! Dawn Grygier 216-598-6757, ladydawn@roadrunner.com.

## Advent Study

*Dawn Grygier*

This year for Advent we will be reading “Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas” by Adam Hamilton. “Incarnation” explores the meaning of the many names we have given Jesus and what they tell us about the child whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.

The study will commence on Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> and will consist of questions posted on FaceBook.

If you are not able to procure the book by other means, please call the church office before November 15<sup>th</sup> and we will gladly order one for you.

## Ladies of Grace—Back in Session!

*Joette McDonald*

The Ladies of Grace have been meeting again inside the church. We are so happy to be back together. We now have two class times: One group meets at 9 a.m, and the second at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays. This is to ensure that we never have over 10 people together at any time. We follow all the rules when we sign in, wear masks, and socially distance. So far it has worked very well.

We are completing our study on Women of the Bible, and will be embarking on a look at the beautiful scriptures of James. All women of the church are very welcome to be a part of this warm, accepting group. Our discussions and questions give us a deeper insight into the Bible as we journey through it together. You will be very comfortable, no matter your level of Biblical knowledge. If you are not already a part of the group, and wish to join us, call Joette—440-967-7621 to decide on a time to attend. Currently we have more people attending the afternoon than the morning session, but if you have a preference we can probably work something out.

**We look forward to having you join us!**

## Pastor Allison's Baby Shower & Meet Agnes!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Pastor Allison's baby shower a huge success!



Happy Family!



## Maternity Leave Information

*Pastor Allison*

Pastor Allison will be on maternity leave from September 10th thru December 8th. During these three months there will be a variety of wonderful and qualified individuals doing pastoral ministry in her stead.

The Rev. Skip Myers will be leading and preaching worship. His contact info will be available through the office.

The Rev. Roger Skelley-Watts and John Hill will be a pastoral care team. Please call either one of them if you desire a prayer, visitation, or have a pastoral emergency.

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Administrative duties will continue and be covered by our already existing and capable Admin Council. The Safe Start Team (regarding building re-entry around COVID-19) will also continue their faithful work. A full list of lay leadership can be found at the beginning of the church directory or through the church office.

Youth group will plan to continue on a hybrid in-person and virtual options for the Fall. Lay volunteers will oversee the youth group.

We ask all church members to respect this needed time off for Pastor Allison and her new family. If there is information she needs to know, Pastor Skip, the SPRC chair, or the District Superintendent will contact her. We ask all other church members to refrain from calling and visiting during this time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We know that this is an important time for our pastor and that the church is in good hands.

## Mission Moment

*Debby Zaugler*—Mission Team Coordinator



**If you read on, YOU are entering a Mission Field!**

### Mission Moment/Noisy Bucket—September—October

**September 20th — Midwest Missions**— was established several years ago to be the collection and distribution center for material being provided to individuals, families and communities after some sort of destructive event has happened in their area and they need outside assistance to recover. We ask you to support Midwest Missions with your Noisy Bucket contribution.



**October 18th — Genesis House—Domestic Violence Awareness Month**—We will be collecting items for “A Safe Night’s Sleep” (Men, Women, and Children). Please bring items throughout October to the totes located at the West entrance under the portico. They will be blessed on Noisy Bucket Sunday.

Body Wash/Bar Soap   Razors/Shaving Cream   Combs, Brushes   Lotion   Towel & Washcloth Sets  
Feminine Hygiene Products   Shampoo & Conditioner   Multicultural Hair Products   Deodorant

New Pajamas   Toothpaste & Toothbrushes   Mouthwash & Dental Floss   Coffee Maker/Coffee Filters   Coffee  
Diapers & Pull Ups   New Bathrobes   Bathroom Sets – including Shower Curtains   Electric Alarm Clocks   Twin  
Sheet Sets & Pillows   Personal Blankets and Comforters   Toilet Paper   Paper Towels   Pillow Cases   Kleenex/  
Boxed Tissue   Box or Oscillating Fans   Contact Lens Solution

### Vital Conversations

The Mission Committee would like to invite you to join a meaningful group to view a United Methodist video series.

The discussions around race and social injustice will include videos such as "Building a Beloved Community" with questions to ponder. We'll be meeting via Zoom for 3 weeks on Wednesdays at 7 pm, beginning October 14th.

If you'd like to join this group - or if you are interested in an in-person group when we can safely meet, contact the church office at 440-967-5206.

### “We Believe...” Signs

Our missions committee has purchased a quantity of the “We Believe...” signs:

Signs are available at the church west entrance and FREE to anyone interested in displaying one.

The issues stated are in harmony with Methodist and Grace doctrines. If you have any questions, Please contact our church secretary at 440-967-5206 or email to [office@vermiliongrace.com](mailto:office@vermiliongrace.com).



## Safe Start Reminders

Carolyn Hill—Safe Start Team Spokesperson

### PLEASE! PLEASE!! PLEASE!!!



Please follow the directions the Safe Start Team and Pastor Allison has put in place for the use of the Pavilion and our church building! The guidelines, rules, and directions have been put in place for ALL of us! Please **READ!!!** Please **FOLLOW** them! We want **EVERYONE** to be around and able to attend worship when the sanctuary reopens. In order to do so, we must be healthy!

Take time to read and then follow the directions on the entry doors. Stop at the check-in table to take your temperature. There are directions on the table to assist you with taking your temperature. It cannot be higher than 100.4 degrees F. And if the thermometer is reading Celsius, it cannot be higher than 38 degrees C. Please use the hand sanitizer and wear a mask! If you have forgotten a mask, they are available at the table.



Also **DO NOT ENTER** signs have been placed on many doors. Please respect these signs. Our custodian cannot clean all of these rooms weekly. She does clean and sanitize the restrooms often each week.



A representative or chairperson of any group meeting inside is responsible for the group's behavior in following these guidelines. This person should make sure (1) Temperatures are taken, (2) Hand sanitizer is used, (3) persons sign in and (4) Masks are worn over the nose and mouth the entire time, (5) And persons should disinfect their area before and after use.

If you have been exposed to COVID-19, please choose to stay home. If you find out **AFTER** you have been in the pavilion or church, please let the office know as soon as possible so that cleaning and contact tracing can take place!

The Safe Start Team is not wanting to be dictatorial. We realize there is a lot to remember and follow but we want and **NEED** to be proactive during this pandemic. No one wants anyone from our wonderful congregation added to the COVID-19 numbers. Thank you for your **understanding** and **help** with this matter.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 967-5206 or Carolyn Hill at 963-9512 (H) or 440-242-8530 (C).

## Charge Conference Schedule

### Virtual Charge Conference Saturday November 21, 2020

The United Methodist Church is governed by Conferences. The Charge Conference is the basic governing body of the local church. It's members are all the members of the Church Council. The Charge Conference meets once a year with oversight from the District. Its job, according to the Book of Discipline, is to direct the work of the church and give general oversight to the Church Council, review and evaluate the mission and ministry of the church, set salaries for the pastor and staff, elect the members of the Church Council, and recommend candidates for ordained ministry.

Grace UMC's Virtual Charge Conference this year is Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

**ALL Council and church members are highly encouraged to attend.**

This is a great chance to be informed on the happenings in the church and to see the church operating on a larger level.

Please plan on attending!

There is no need to go into your church to attend the Zoom Virtual Charge Conference. You can attend from home on your computer via a meeting link that Sueellen will send out closer to the date.

**Virtual Charge Conference—November 21, 2020—9:00 a.m.**

## “Shingle Jingle” - (Roof Fund) Update

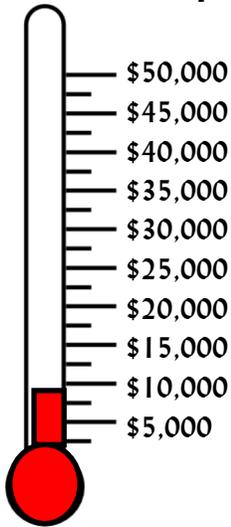
*Carolyn Hill*

**WOW!!!**

**We are an amazing church...**

**a joyous and caring Christian community!**

### “Shingle Jingle” Roof Fund Update



As of the end of August 2020  
We are at \$9,578.68

During these hard Covid times we have raised the amount of monies in our church roofing fund!

When we were last together in our wonderful building, the amount was \$5000.00.

Today it holds \$9,578.68!!!

Thank you for your generosity and for keeping this in the forefront!

If you are interested in contributing to the roof fund all you need to do is mark “roof fund” on your check or envelope.

**Thanks for remembering the "Shingle Jingle!"**

## Prayer Concerns

Please follow the following information in order for us to process your prayer concerns the way you would like during COVID-19.

During the 10:15AM Livestream service please comment on Facebook at the beginning of the worship service; it will be given to the pastor to read during the Joys and Concerns.

If someone has a prayer request that they would like shared on Sunday mornings, please call or email the office by Thursday every week.

We will continue to take prayer requests, joys and concerns during the livestream, but by communicating it in advance, it is another way to ensure that we know about the prayer request.

If you want your prayer concern to be shared on Grace's email chain please indicate this when sharing your concern, otherwise it will be shared on Facebook Sunday morning only.

## Trunk or Treat Parade

*Dawn Grogier*—Interim Sunday School Chair



The Trunk or Treat Parade will be Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

The kids will parade around the parking lot in their costumes (social distancing rules in place) while the congregation watches from their vehicles. At the end each child will receive a bag filled with goodies.

If you would like to contribute to the treat bags, please bring your treats to the church before Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a big blue container outside the east entrance to accept your donations. A team using gloves and safe practices will put the bags together.

Please plan on treats for 30 children ages 1 to 18.



Food Pantry Collection

## Sunday School Update

*Dawn Grogier*—Interim Sunday School Chair

Sunday School this Fall consists of take-home packets for our children ages birth through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

The material studies the Bible in a year's time, concentrating on familiar stories and characters.

The packets will be placed outside the church at the east entrance every Sunday morning and remain there until that Wednesday. Each packet has a child's name on it, so they receive age appropriate material.

If you know of a child who would enjoy receiving a weekly packet, please contact the church office 440-956-5206.

## 2020 Flat Rock Dinner

*Joe McDonald*—UMM President

There will be a Flat Rock Dinner but it will be quite different. No one will be coming to our church. The dinners will be taken to the Flat Rock Service by Flat Rock personnel and served "family style". They will also take them their Christmas presents so they can have a party.

Our job is to provide and cook the meal. We will make dinner for the 11 homes they serve. They will let us know how many people there will be in each individual home. It should range from 6 to 8 for each home.

Where help will be needed is in the cooking of the food and packaging it into the proper amount for each home. Since we will probably not be allowed to use the church to prepare the food, members will be asked to help by cooking and packaging one of the items in their home. Roasters and all food and packaging items will be provided.

Items to prepare and cook will probably be ham steaks, scalloped potatoes and green beans and corn.

Some one will also need to make up salads.

Other things we will need to assemble will be rolls, butter, salad dressing, napkins and bowls for each of the 11 homes.

We will also need 11 pies. We will give each home a whole pie and let them cut it. Pie tins will be available.

The dinner is planned for Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> so we have some time yet to work out any details and or changes. If you are interested in helping please contact Joe McDonald—440-967-7621.

With church members help I think we can do it.



## Trustee Tidbit

*John Heideman*—Trustee Chairperson

Just an update from the Trustees and the ongoing activities that keep the Trustees busy throughout the year. In summary, the last two months has had a lot of activity:

- ◆ Killing weeds around the mulch areas around the church is a weekly activity.
- ◆ There are five lawn mowing teams that cut the enormous grass at the church every weekend. This has gone well for the last two years and the teams are very faithful taking their respective turns.
- ◆ Weed killer has been applied to the entire lawn. Big job.
- ◆ The Prayer Garden, although not formally a Trustees project, has had support from the Trustees and is finished except for planned lighting. This included sealing the concrete, adding benches and statues and completing landscape bushes/grass seed around the structure. Ready for use.
- ◆ Both septic systems (church and parsonage) were checked for appropriate levels. No additional cleanouts are required at this time;
- ◆ The landscape bushes around the entire church building were trimmed.
- ◆ Three areas of the church building eaves were touched up with paint
- ◆ The Live Streaming Project (permanent technical solution for Sunday Morning Virtual Services) is being worked on and final installation expected during the first half of October.
- ◆ A “Tri-Color Beech Tree” is planned by John Hill to replace the dying tree directly across from the East Portico sometime in Oct.
- ◆ Additional yard drains for the front yard has been put on hold till next year.
- ◆ Boiler repairs and upgrades were completed Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.

As you can see, Trustees are very busy throughout the year with maintenance and new items that have to be dealt with on a continuing basis. We have a great group of Trustees and their efforts are much appreciated.

## Finance News

*Brice Blackman*—Finance Chair

In this year of the pandemic, things are different for everyone. Some good; some bad. Lots of it difficult. We are all getting tired of it, and we just want it to end.

It is like when I play golf, and hit a putt toward the hole too hard, and I yell "STOP!!!". And my partner says "it will". And it always does. But not always where I want it to stop.

We just have to get thru it. And then things will get better.

Finances have been difficult this year for a lot of people. It has been a tough year for the church also. We are OK. BUT we have not met all of our financial obligations. We have not paid all of our bills. We just have to get thru this year, and then things should get better....hopefully for all of us.

You can help that happen when we ask you to consider your donations for the coming year during our stewardship campaign, which will be next month. We ask you to prayerfully consider your percentage giving, and adjust it if you find it lacking. You should donate what you can afford, and what you want, based on your beliefs.

We hope you will continue to be generous to the church, as you have been in the past.

**Earn, Save & Give All You Can  
2021 Stewardship Campaign**

## Endowment Update

*Eric Blackman*—Endowment Chair



### Special—Limited Time Offer!

Most of you know that the ENDOWMENT FUND is a great resource for our church, allowing us to do things that are outside our everyday budget. The funds that are donated are invested, and the returns from those investments can be used by the church for many, many years to come.

If you have ever considered making a bequest to the Endowment Fund from your estate, upon your death, we can now help you get that set up. From now thru March 31, 2021 we have funds available to cover your legal fees, up to \$500.00, to make this bequest to Grace UMC's Endowment Fund. Call the church office for more details.

We hope that this will make it easier for some of you to make this donation, that will help support the church in the years ahead.

## Thank You's

Dear Grace Church Family,

During a time like this we realize how much our church family means to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Cathy's father, Albert White, died of COVID-19 on September 13, 2020. Any memorial contributions will be sent to UMCOR.

Sincerely, Craig & Cathy Bennett & Heather

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Grace Church—Thank you!, so kind so thoughtful so appreciated. So nice of you -

The church community has always been there for my family & I. There are no words that can thank all of you enough for all the love, support, prayers & encouragement. Even more so during all my cancer journeys AND even more so with the love you give to my Miles!

It means more then you will ever know!

I think I've won my battles because I have a wonderful group of people standing behind me!

YOU!

With all my love! Thank you!

Renee (aka Miles mom), Dawn's daughter, Joe & Joette's grand-daughter.



### October

10/03 CAROLYN Hill  
 10/05 Fran Chapman  
 10/07 CAROL Kress  
 10/08 SAMUEL Herron  
 10/09 AMY Kropf  
 10/15 MELOYDE Gay  
 10/17 JOYCE Snyder  
 10/26 William Ferenczy  
 10/29 BONNIE Crate  
 10/29 BRICE Blackman  
 10/31 MARIAN Fodor

### November

11/04 MONICA Cook  
 11/08 TERRY Pena  
 11/11 Austin Strama  
 11/14 Sebastian Smith  
 11/16 HEIDI Turner  
 11/19 HEATHER Bachman  
 11/21 BETTY Klebe  
 11/21 JANET Miller  
 11/23 Jason Turner  
 11/26 Michael McHugh  
 11/29 Steve Hottinger

### December

12/02 KELLY McMahan  
 12/06 LEE Kress  
 12/10 MIKE McHale  
 12/15 JACKIMassey  
 12/17 HARVEY Rieth  
 12/22 THOMAS Pena  
 12/23 JILL Herron  
 12/23 HOLLY Maki  
 12/23 MARGY Millis  
 12/26 THOMAS Hissem

Just a reminder that October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

## Pastoral Care & Emergency Contact Information

### Pastoral Care During Pastor's Maternity Leave

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**Please don't assume we know about your personal health issues, emergencies, etc..**

**If you don't contact us or have a member of your family contact us, we probably won't be aware of your needs.**

**PLEASE NOTE: THE NORMAL CHURCH "IN PERSON" OFFICE HOURS FOR SUEELLEN HAVE BEEN REDUCED—IF YOU NEED TO GET IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE, PLEASE EITHER CALL & LEAVE A MESSAGE OR EMAIL US!**

### Office Hours—Secretary

**Currently in Phase2B Sueellen will be in the church office Wednesdays from 11:00AM to 3:00PM**

If you need something during non-office hours, please call or email the church office.

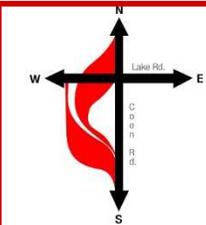
Sueellen checks the phone messages and email messages daily and will contact you as soon as possible.

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