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Grand Ave Church the **VINE**

*I am the vine, you are the branches ...
John 15:5*

September 2022

September 11 10:00 am



Please bring a lawn chair if you have one. The church only has a handful of chairs for outside use. Cook-out with a pot luck lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the service. A dish-to-pass signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Any questions, contact Mark or Sandy Grams.



Drive to church in your classic
or antique vehicle on Sept 11 for
our own after worship car show!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It's hard to believe it's already September. As my kids begin school this week, I feel that summer has officially come to a close. Though summer is over I am extremely excited for the upcoming year here at Grand Avenue UMC. I feel as though we are getting to know one another a little better and my hope is we will continue to grow closer throughout the fall season.

This fall I hope to begin an adult Christian education offering centered on our weekly message. Initially, the thought would be to have a short Bible study after church where we could explore the message in more depth. This would provide an opportunity for people to ask questions and dig deeper into the Biblical message of the week. Christian education is a very important to the health of the church and this is a small step toward strengthening this part of our ministry. I will let everyone know when we plan to begin and the details.

I would once again like to thank everyone for their support and consideration. This year is certainly going to present some logistical challenges for me, but please know, that I wish to support this congregation to the very best of my ability. That being said, if you have questions, concerns or need pastoral help please reach out to me.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 14:3

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Vince

THANK YOU NOTES

I recently heard a quote that hit home: "Gratitude taught me to love something I cannot change." I can't change that Phill is no longer living, but my heart is full of gratitude for my Grand Avenue family. No words can express how grateful I am for your support, your cards, your visits, your food, and your gifts in Phill's memory. Most of all, your laughter with and about him, showing that you loved him too, are helping me every day to see the blessings of his life ... and heal. Thank you.

Mary Kae Geittmann

Dear Friends at GAUMC, With gratitude and deep appreciation, I would like to thank you for helping celebrate my graduation with your generous gift.

Will Kissinger

Dear Grand Ave Church, Thank you for your monetary donation and continued support of The Food Pantry. It is greatly appreciated.

Jeanne Mayer, Food Pantry Volunteer

CHRISTIAN STUDY / SMALL GROUPS

SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

The Social Principles, while not to be considered church law, are a prayerful and thoughtful effort on the part of the General Conference to speak to the human issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation as historically demonstrated in United Methodist traditions. They are a call to faithfulness and are intended to be instructive and persuasive in the best of the prophetic spirit. The Social Principles are a call to all members of The United Methodist Church to a prayerful, studied dialogue of faith and practice.

The GAUMC Social Principles Group will resume its regular monthly meetings again beginning on Tuesday, September 13 at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Area. Everyone is welcome!

SISTER CIRCLE

Sister Circle is an ecumenical women's group that meets monthly and offers women an opportunity to share their faith and support one another.

Beginning with the September meeting, the book, *Jesus Over Everything* by Lisa Whittle, will be the topic of discussion. Please read Chapter 1: The Land of Deadly Overs, for the September meeting.

All women are invited to participate! Thursday, September 15, 7:00pm at Christ the King Church, 420 W Whitefish Rd, Port Washington. If you have any questions about the group, please feel free to contact Mary at 262-377-3720 or mariwags@gmail.com

LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH

Lighthouse Youth Ministry is a collaboration of 5 Churches in the Port Washington and Saukville Area. By combining resources, we can provide experiences that each individual church would be unable to provide alone. Lighthouse welcomes Middle and High School youth of Port Washington, Saukville and the surrounding area to participate in activities, trips, and mission projects.

September 11th from 7:00-8:00 pm – Service Project

Join us for an awesome service project and a chance to get to know one another! We will meet at the Lighthouse building (513 W. Grand Ave. in Port Washington).

September 25th from 4:00-7:00 pm – Spieker's Pumpkin Farm and Pumpkin Carving

Looking for an afternoon of fall fun with some friends? Then join us as we travel to Spieker's Pumpkin Farm where everyone can pick out a pumpkin and try to navigate our way through the giant corn maze! Then, we'll head back to Lighthouse for dinner and end with a pumpkin carving contest. Lighthouse will cover the cost of the activities and dinner, but students may bring along a little money if they wish to purchase something from the concession stand at the pumpkin farm.

Students should be dropped off and picked up from the Lighthouse facility (513 W. Grand Avenue, Port Washington).

Have questions about Lighthouse or want to get involved? Contact Director Christin Flucke at 262-483-9582 or christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

NOISY COLLECTION 3rd Sunday of each month

September 18th Bring your noisy coins (and quiet donations) to help support



Advocates of Ozaukee County

Mission

With a commitment to safety, respect, and compassion for individuals and families, Advocates of Ozaukee works to end domestic and sexual violence through intervention, education, and prevention services.

Some of the services they provide include:

Temporary housing and food; Counseling for children, teens, & adults; Community education services; Arrangements for education of school-age children; Emergency transport to shelter; Referral and follow-up services; and a **24 Hour Crisis Lines: 262-284-6902 • 877-375-4034**

Shout Hallelujah for all the good work and services Advocates of Ozaukee provides in our community.

FOOD PANTRY

A charitable volunteer organization in Port Washington that redistributes food and household items with dignity to qualifying individuals and families primarily in Northern Ozaukee County who earn less than 150% of Federal poverty guidelines. Open Tuesdays 9am-noon and 4-6pm 262-284-1148

Please help as you can, by putting non-perishable foods in the bin outside our church front door. Cathy Smith checks the bin regularly and delivers items to the pantry.

Current needs include: canned tomatoes, peas, tuna, tuna helper, canned chicken, salmon, pears, individual applesauce, hash browns, pasta sauce, taco seasoning & shells, 12 ct empty egg cartons

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise works to rebuild lives with compassion by providing resources and services to individuals and families at risk of homelessness in Ozaukee County.

Are you looking for a way to help Family Promise of Ozaukee County? There are many ways to help.

Meals - Sign up to be a meal leader or donate part of a meal when Grand Ave UMC signs up to serve meals. Next opportunity is the week of Oct. 31.

Monetary - Donations by mail are gratefully accepted. Please make the check to Family Promise of Ozaukee County and mail to: Family Promise of Ozaukee County, 136 W. Grand Avenue, Port Washington WI 53074

Donations - Please bring items to church. Look for the receptacle labeled "Family Promise."

Urgent Needs

Size 5, Size 6, and Size 7 Diapers
Tide pods
Dryer sheets
Ziplock bags
Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)
Garbage bags

Wish List Needs:

Deodorant-Women
Liquid hand soap
Bathroom cleaning supplies
Bath towels
Paper cups
Gas cards
Bottled Water
Fruit juice boxes
Granola bars
Microwave popcorn
Mac & Cheese
Dried soups

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN – FOOD PACKING EVENT

Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack nutritious MannaPack® meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition.

Whitefish Bay UMC is hosting this year's Food Packing Event at Portal Industries in Grafton. Our August Noisy Collection raised \$587.62 to help support this event. If you would like to volunteer as a food packer during one of the 2 hour shifts on September 29, 30 or October 1, please contact Vicky Schafman in the church office to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR

*On **Sunday, Sept 18th**, come join us in celebrating the **50th anniversary of Grand Avenue's first coffee hour!***

Many of you might remember a fundraiser our church had 50 years ago. The offering plates were passed, and each member **took out** (yes!) an envelope containing an undisclosed amount of money, each one with a different amount. With that money EACH of us was to go out and use that seed money to do something to make it grow. We may have been given a month to see what we could do.

The Haackes and the Geitmanns decided to put their funds together, buy coffee supplies and baking supplies and hold a coffee hour. Three of the four people were present that third Sunday in September to serve coffee and cookies ---- SOMEONE felt the need to give birth to Baby Hans. That's how we know it was 50 years ago this year! 😊

And no, we have no memory of how much we made our money grow!

CHURCH CRAFT BOOTH

Located inside The Shoppes of Port Washington, our church craft booth operates solely on donated items and volunteer time at The Shoppes. 100% of our craft booth sales are donated to Grand Ave Church! Sales are posted each week in our bulletin.

Our craft booth is doing well..... but Christmas is just around the corner! Do you have an arts and crafts hobby? Do you have new or gently used items you don't need? To donate your items, please call Margaret Lueptow 262-284-5316 Thank you, from your Craft Booth Sales Team

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Church directories are available in PDF format and paper copies. See Vicky Schafman in the church office if you haven't received an August 2022 Updated Directory.

Please update your directory with the following new information:

Muriel Ford has a new address: 425 W Walters St #30

Rachal Guse has a new email address: rachalguse@gmail.com

FROM THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

South East District

Beloved Churches in the South East District,

Grace and peace to you all, as you strive to be the church of Christ in making disciples for the transformation of the world. Through our Wesleyan heritage of "The World is my Parish," we reflect this contextually in our localities through the wonderful opportunities we have been blessed with: the grace and gifts of our membership to fulfill God's purpose. Through the years, whether on special occasions such as church anniversaries, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, professions of faith, mission ventures, and more, we have lived to testify and witness God's mighty, miraculous, and mysterious acts in our ministries to his glory.

We have, in many ways, lived the experiences of our biblical heritage, whether hurriedly leaving Egypt, as commanded, to escape the angel of death into the Red Sea with the enemy behind, or miraculously making it into the desert and living on nothing but manna reluctantly with complaints. The journey to the promised land was long and challenging, as seen in trials, temptation, tribulation, tests, trauma, etc. We can relate to the Hebrews of ancient times with our own experiences in the form of joys and challenges we have encountered in our lives. But we have been strengthened at such times by these words of assurance from Paul, who questions, "What can separate us from the love of God?" Is it sickness, persecution, troubles, hardships, or even death? He also stresses the inevitability of these things but affirms that we are more than conquerors because of Christ! Then he calls on us to rejoice, and stresses rejoice again, giving thanks to God in all things, with prayer and supplication, making our request known to God.

Through these scriptures, Paul reminds us of God's faithfulness manifested through Christ who has become our hope of eternity. That has been the anchor of our faith through all these years. God's faithfulness has never ceased, nor have his mercies come to an end. Every morning we have awakened with hope for the day as the sun rises and sets in the evening. God has manifested his love for us through these mighty acts, promising providence, protection, and preservation. What a mighty God we serve!

These acts have been the hope to which we have clung to in times like this bringing us thus far by faith. Through the centuries, we have lived the faith in a wounded world filled with pain, suffering, and what have you. That is our discipleship calling to respond to a world that is crying for help. As we have responded to these, the harvest has been plenty with few labors. So, what can we do? Pray without ceasing for more labors to be sent by the master. Such has been our challenge as depicted by circumstances of COVID-19, with infections and death which have left us frustrated, fearful, and frightened. But we are reminded not to fear, for God is with us as always.

As I step into the role of the District Superintendent for the South East District, it is my fervent prayer and hope that God guides, strengthens, and sustains us to carry on his mission through the life of our churches to his glory. We are a unique district in all sense, given our attributes. Therefore, I thank you all for your ministries over the centuries, from the older churches to the newly emerging churches. To God be the glory.

My prayer and hope are for us to become a beloved community that connects, cooperates, collaborates, and contributes to the church's mission through the priority of the Conference in making disciples with Racial Justice and Radical Inclusion.

Blessings,

Rev. Ebenezer K. Insor

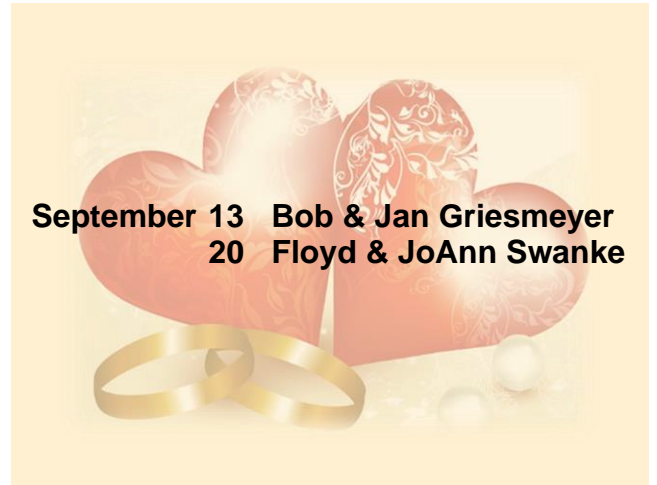
South East District Superintendent

CELEBRATE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September			
1	Larry Maechtle	15	Hope Foster
4	Avery Draeger	16	Scott Penkivech
5	Mike Killey	16	Gailya Geib
5	Joanne Koskamp	16	Jeff Killey
6	Linda Klotz	18	Marc Eernisse
7	Eddie Freier	20	Jayme Johnson
7	Robyn Straughn	21	Mike Draeger
8	Ardelle Dionne	24	Joshua Meins
9	Ermine DeYarman	24	Nicole Didier
9	Rob Schafman	24	Charles Lohr
9	Grahm Weltin	25	Marty Straughn

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



September 13 Bob & Jan Griesmeyer
20 Floyd & JoAnn Swanke

VOLUNTEERS

September Volunteers *Thank you for serving in our ministry*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>A/V</u>	<u>Coffee Host</u>
9/4	Larry Maechtle	Mark Grams	Vicky Schafman	
9/11	Larry Maechtle	Rama Bharadwaj	Scott Penkivech	Cook-out/pot luck
9/18	Larry Maechtle	Mary Downing	Scott Penkivech	Mary Kae G. & Nancy Haacke
9/25	Larry Maechtle	Kay Hamann	Dan Benning	

To host a coffee hour, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Join us each Sunday for worship at 10:00 am

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Bishop: Rev. Hee-Soo Jung / District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Insor

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◀ August September 2022 October ▶						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC	2	3
4 10:00 am Worship Service	5 Labor Day Church office closed	6 Scrip orders due by noon	7 7pm AA Mtg - FAC	8 6:30 pm Ad Council 5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC	9	10
11 Patriot Day 10:00 am Outside Worship and cookout	12 9:30-3:30 PW Women's Club Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	13 9:30-11am Caregivers Connection – library 1pm Social Principles Group Gathering Area	14 7pm AA Mtg - FAC	15 5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC	16	17
18 10:00 am Worship Service	19	20 10am Stockbox Distribution FAC	21 7pm AA Mtg - FAC	22 Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox) 5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC	23	24
25 10:00 am Worship Service	26	27	28 7pm AA Mtg - FAC	29 5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC	30	
				FMSC Food Packing Sept 29 – Oct 1		

RaiseRight

formerly ShowWithScrip

Due to the holiday, September orders can be submitted until Noon on Tuesday, Sept 6th. Feel free to drop off your order in the mail slot in the west door near Pastor's office.

Orders are due in the church office on the 1st Sunday of each month. Please remember to include your payment. You can also order on-line at www.raiseright.com Your order of gift cards will be ready for pick-up at church on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Questions? Contact Vicky in the church office at 262-284-9478 or office@portumc.org

*Each retailer makes a donation to the church for every gift card purchased.
For a complete list of over 700 participating retailers, go to www.raiseright.com*

RETAILER	QTY	TOTAL
Amazon.com (e-card) \$25		
Amazon.com (e-card) \$100		
Arby's \$10		
AutoZone \$25		
Barnes & Noble \$10		
Barnes & Noble \$25		
Bath & Body Works \$10		
Bath & Body Works \$25		
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25		
BP \$50		
BP \$100		
Burger King \$10		
Cousins Subs \$10		
CVS Pharmacy \$25		
CVS Pharmacy \$100		
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25		
Dick's Sporting Goods \$100		
Exxon \$50		
Fleet Farm \$25		
Fleet Farm \$100		
Home Depot \$25		
Home Depot \$100		
Jiffy Lube \$30		
Kohl's \$25		
Kohl's \$100		
Kwik Trip \$25		
Kwik Trip \$50		
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RETAILER	QTY	TOTAL
Meijer \$25		
Meijer \$50		
Meijer \$100		
Mobil \$50		
Noodles & Company \$10		
Panera Bread \$10		
Panera Bread \$25		
Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10		
Pick'n Save(WI) \$25		
Pick'n Save(WI) \$50		
Pick'n Save(WI) \$100		
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL) \$25		
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL) \$50		
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Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25		
Sendik's Food Market \$25		
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Speedway \$25		
Speedway \$50		
Starbucks \$10		
Starbucks \$25		
Subway Restaurants \$10		
Target \$25		
Target \$50		
Walgreens \$25		
Walmart \$25		
Walmart \$50		
Walmart \$100		

Total number of gift cards ordered: _____

Total amount due: _____

Name _____ Date: _____

*Make checks payable to
Grand Ave Church*