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Grand Ave Church
the **VINE**

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

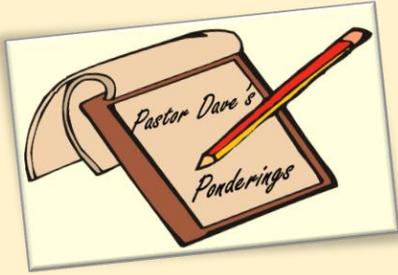
April 2022

Easter Celebration

*April 17
Easter Service
10:00 am*

*Easter Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 am*





Easter People

We are approaching what I call the central core of our Christian faith; the final week of Jesus' life which is commonly referred to as Holy Week. This includes Jesus' ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his final meal with his disciples, and the new commandment he gave to them, "*Love one another as I have loved you*", his crucifixion on the cross, and his being raised from the dead on Easter Sunday. I hope that you will commit to participating in these **Holy Week Services**.

Thursday, April 14	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm
Friday, April 15	Good Friday Service	2:00 pm
Sunday, April 17	Easter Breakfast	8:30-9:30 am
Sunday, April 17	Easter Service	10:00 am

The cross is the symbol of our faith and Christ's redeeming love for us. And yet what took place at Calvary on Good Friday is not the final word. Resurrection is the final word. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and I am life." We come to this new life through the cross. A scripture verse that often gets connected with resurrection is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes and trusts in his name shall have everlasting life". Our understanding of resurrection hope has often been limited to the life we shall have in Christ after we die. But resurrection hope is so much more than just our desire to go to heaven.

New Testament scholar, N.T. Wright, has a profound quote on the meaning of Easter for us as the church, "Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about." We're Easter people! We're committed to doing God's kingdom work as long as we have breath.

Our Staff-Parish relations committee has discerned that this is a good time for us to take a closer look at who we are as God's people and where God desires to lead us in the future.

Mark your calendars for the week of April 18th.

You will be receiving a mailing with a list of questions to reflect upon. These questions are meant to be a springboard for our discussion. The committee has set up five meetings during the week of the April 18th. You can choose a session that fits your schedule. (More details in the SPRC article in this newsletter.) Your presence and input at one of these sessions is vital to our future. Our church community does not use a top-down model in our life together. We are the body of Christ and members of one another. All of us have a part to play in the health and growth of Christ's body. Be assured that you will have added support at these sessions. Jesus promised that "for where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them (Matthew 18:20).

In Christ's Love, *Pastor Dave*

Thank
you

Thank you so much for your calls, cards, and prayers following my 10-day stay at the Aurora Medical Center (formerly called a hospital) in Grafton. I'm grateful for God's protection and look forward to seeing everyone at church.
Sincerely, Pat Craig

Thank you for all of the sympathy cards, prayers, and phone calls during the death of our sister Arlene.
Wanda Keller & Bonnie Pachner

Dear Grand Ave United Methodist Congregation,
Thank you for your ongoing and consistent support of the Food Pantry. We are so grateful for your donations that are used to bless our community.
We are very grateful,
The Food Pantry

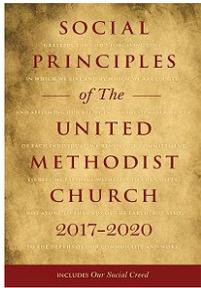
What's the Secret?

By Alice von Hildebrand

I ride on the subway and look at the faces: boredom, despair, sadness. This, in the richest country in the world! But the moment that you relate to God – and thank him for your existence, for loving you, for being your Savior – you can establish a most beautiful relationship with other people. You love and help one another. You realize the meaning of your life is not luxury and fun, but it is helping. Once you radiate joy, sooner or later people are going to say, "What's her secret?"



Social Principles Group of Grand Ave United Methodist Church



Thank you to all for your interest in supporting Grand Avenue's mission to feed the homeless. **We are scheduled to provide meals for Family Promise guests the week of May 2**, Monday through Friday evenings.

Please watch for an email and a signup sheet at church in April to volunteer for specific tasks.

The Social Principles Group meets each month: 2nd Tuesday at 1:00 pm in the Gathering area. Everyone is welcome!



Food Pantry needs, in no particular order:

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|----------------|--------------|
| Rice Sides | Oatmeal |
| Pasta Sides | Fruit Cups |
| Ketchup | Cereal |
| Salad Dressing | Canned Veges |
| Mayonnaise | Toilet Paper |
| Tuna Helper | Hand Soap |
| Canned Meat | Toothpaste |

Shoppes of Port Washington

Our church booth at the Shoppes of Port Washington is having a great year so far, but we need more items to sell and people to help sell them!

Do you have a talent for making things? Do you have collectables or items in good condition that you no longer need?

How about a few hours on a Saturday to help sell items at our sidewalk sales?

To get involved with our booth, please contact Margaret Lueptow at 262-284-5316

100% of proceeds are donated to our church.



2022 Easter Basket Project



Thirty-six (36) children served by **Family Promise** will not have Easter Baskets this year unless we help. Lighthouse Youth have asked each of the Lighthouse congregations to donate items for the baskets. Lighthouse Youth will assemble the Easter baskets and deliver them to Family Promise.

Each Lighthouse congregation has been assigned a category (ie: books, candy, baskets, toys, etc). *Grand Ave has been assigned books.* If you'd like to purchase a book(s), a sign-up sheet and bin for the books are on the information counter. The goal is for each child to receive a book.

Age 1: (babies)	3	1 boy, 2 girls
Ages 2 – 4: (toddler/preschool)	9	7 boys, 2 girls
Ages 5 – 10: (elementary school)	11	10 boys, 1 girl
Ages 11 – 13: (middle school)	6	4 boys, 2 girls
Ages 14 & up: (high school)	7	1 boy, 6 girls

A Lighthouse volunteer will pick up the books on Friday April 8th.

Lighthouse Youth will meet on Sunday, April 10th, for a pizza lunch and assemble the baskets.

Outdoor Sale Questionnaire

- Do you have extra plants?
- Do you have outdoor items you no longer need?
Lawn/patio furniture, bikes, lawn games, etc.
- Would you be interested in helping with a 1-day sale?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, please contact Gwen Freier or Netta Freeland.

NOISY COLLECTION - 3rd Sunday each month



April Noisy Collection will be collected on April 17 (Easter) to help support Northcott Neighborhood House

Northcott Neighborhood House, Inc. is a multi-purpose community center originated by the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the General Board of Global Ministries in 1961. Their mission is to support family stability, provide educational and recreational programs for youth.

Youth Programs – provide after-school and summer programs for teens and pre-teens that serve approximately 3,000 youth annually on-site and at two Community Learning Centers (Keefe Avenue School and Greenfield School).

Fresh Start/Milwaukee Builds—Northcott has become a significant center of job training for the construction trades with the young adult-oriented Fresh Start and the adult Milwaukee Builds programs.

Neighborhood Development – In addition to significant home-building efforts, the agency has a long history of working with neighborhood organizations in many joint projects and collaborations. The Juneteenth Day Celebration is nationally recognized as one of the longest continual celebrations of signing the Emancipation Proclamation.

Emergency Services/Health – These services include a food pantry, a commodities program, a clothing bank, and information/referral services. The health fairs provide residents with health information and screenings.



Bring your coins & let's make a lot of noise to help support Northcott Neighborhood House on Sunday, April 17th (of course, quiet contributions gladly accepted too).

Questions from the SPRC



Our Mission Statement reads:

***By the grace of God, we seek to love God
and to serve humanity as Christ did.***

Pastor Dave also adds:

***We are proud of our Methodist Theology of
love of God, love of neighbor,
a strong set of values and a strong foundation of social
justice, and outreach in ministries of compassion.***

With this as our background, it's time to think about Grand Avenue, your theology, your participations, your church. SPRC sees our congregation as small, but vital. We'd like to expand on that and want to get YOUR input!

We are forming 5 groups of 6 to 10 participants each to discuss the same set of questions in each group. The questions will be sent to you before the meeting with the expectation that EACH PERSON answers the questions IN WRITING before the group discussion.

Please sign up on the bulletin board for one of the following meetings:

Monday, April 18	1:00 pm	FAC
Tuesday, April 19	7:00 pm	FAC
Wednesday, April 20	1:00 pm	FAC
	7:00 pm	Church-Gathering Area
Thursday, April 21	1:00 pm	FAC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

	April
Valerie Johnson	2
Helen Zyvoloski	2
McKenna Zwicker	8
Vicky Schafman	12
Kaylee Meins	14
Erica Bastianello	18
Patricia Draeger	20
Kelly McGarry	21
Lynn Benning	25
Scott Zwicker	25
Margaret Lueptow	26
Jonathan Meins	28
Mary Jo Lueptow	29
Beth Breuer	30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rick & Ermine DeYarman April 13

Directory Update:

Phill Bruno's new email address:
Pjbruno9015@gmail.com



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN food packing is scheduled for Sept 29 – Oct 1 at Portal Industries. Watch for more information as we get closer to the date.

APRIL Volunteers

Thank you for serving in our ministry

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>A/V</u>
3	Larry Maechtle	Kay Hamann	Vicky Schafman
10	Larry Maechtle	Jan Young	Scott Penkivech
17	Larry Maechtle	Sandy Grams	Dan Benning
24	Larry Maechtle	Cathy Guse	Scott Penkivech

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

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Remember to

ShopWithScrip ...where your regular shopping becomes a fundraiser for our church!

Scrip orders are due by the 1st Sunday each month. Please remember to include your payment. Of course, you can always order on-line or through the RaiseRight app.

Your order of Scrip Cards will be ready for pick-up at the church on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Questions? Contact Vicky in the church office at 262-284-9478 or office-gaumc@wi.twcbc.com

For a complete list of over 700 participating retailers, go to www.shopwithscrip.com

<u>Retailer</u>	<u>Card Value</u>	<u># of Cards</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Exxon/Mobil cards are temporarily unavailable		_____	\$_____
Kwik Trip	\$25, \$50, \$100	_____	\$_____
BP	\$50, \$100, \$250	_____	\$_____
Meijer	\$25, \$50, \$100	_____	\$_____
Piggly Wiggly	\$25, \$50, \$100	_____	\$_____
Sendik's Food Market	\$25, \$50, \$100	_____	\$_____
Big Lots	\$25, \$100	_____	\$_____
Kohl's	\$25, \$100	_____	\$_____
Walmart	\$25, \$50, \$100, \$250	_____	\$_____
Target	\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250	_____	\$_____
Home Depot	\$25, \$100, \$500	_____	\$_____
Mills Fleet Farm	\$25, \$100	_____	\$_____
Burger King	\$10	_____	\$_____
Cheesecake Factory	\$25	_____	\$_____
Domino's	\$10, \$25	_____	\$_____
Noodles & Co	\$10	_____	\$_____
Panera Bread	\$10, \$25	_____	\$_____
Papa Murphy's	\$10	_____	\$_____
Pizza Hut	\$10	_____	\$_____
Qdoba	\$25	_____	\$_____
Starbucks	\$10, \$25, \$50	_____	\$_____
Taco Bell	\$10, \$25	_____	\$_____
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ORDER TOTAL _____ **\$_____**

Your Name _____ **Check #** _____ **Order Date** _____

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April 2022						
◀ March						May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 April Fool's Day	2
3 Communion 10:00 am Worship Service Take down tables & chairs In fellowship hall	4 City set-up for Elections Fellowship Hall	5 Elections Fellowship Hall	6 7pm AA Mtg - FAC	7 5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service	11	12 9:30-11am Caregivers Connection – kitchen 1pm Social Principles Group - Gathering Area	13 7pm AA Mtg - FAC	14 Holy Thursday 7pm Maundy Thursday Service 5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC	15 Good Friday 2pm Good Friday Service	16
17 Easter 8:30-9:30am Easter Breakfast 10:00 am Easter Service	18 Tax Day (Taxes Due) 1pm SPRC Questionnaire Session - FAC	19 10am Stockbox Distribution FAC 7pm SPRC Questionnaire Session - FAC ----- Vicky on vacation/office closed April 19-25	20 1pm SPRC Questionnaire Session - FAC 7pm SPRC Questionnaire Session - church 7pm AA Mtg - FAC	21 1pm SPRC Questionnaire Session - FAC 5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC & 28 -----	22 Earth Day	23
24 10:00 am Worship Service	25 (office closed)	26	27 Administrative Professionals 7pm AA Mtg – FAC	28 (office closed) 5:30pm Private Mtg – FAC	29 Arbor Day	30