



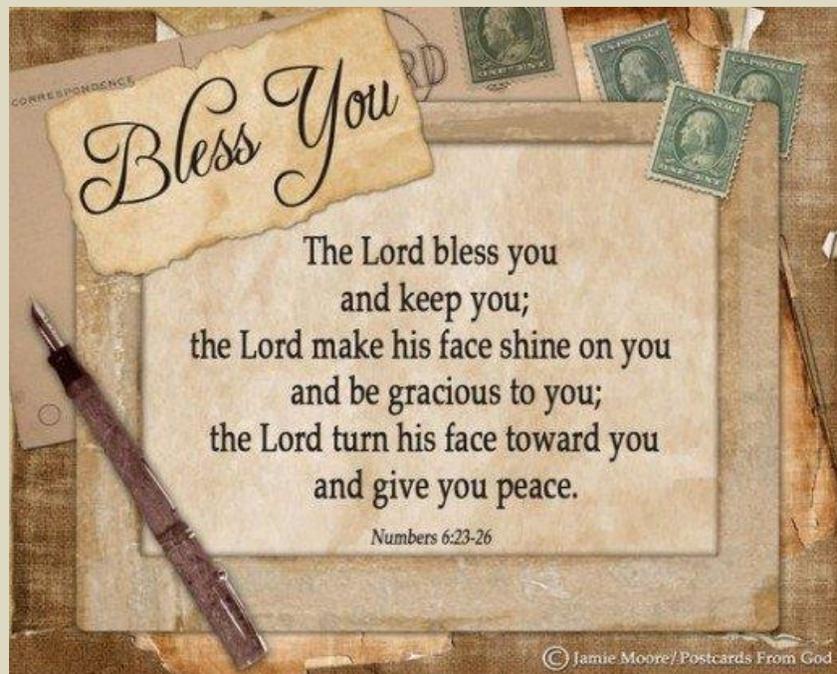
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Grand Ave Church the VINE

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

November 2021

**We'll miss you Nate, but wish you all the best
on your new path of ministry in Wauwatosa.**



Sunday, November 7....

- ✚ *Daylight Savings ends at 2 a.m. – “Fall Back” Saturday night.*
- ✚ *All Saints Sunday will be observed during our worship service. We'll light a candle for our loved ones who have passed since last year's All Saints Sunday.*
- ✚ *Stewardship Sunday – we'll offer our pledge cards for 2022 (extras are on the information counter). Coffee & cake will be served in the fellowship hall following the service to celebrate as we look forward to a new year of ministry and missions.*

A Message from Nate....

Dear GAUMC,

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to be amongst you all over the past 15 or so months. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each of you, especially since we've come back post-COVID. Many of you have shown me love and have been gracious with me and for that I am very thankful. Grand Avenue UMC has something that is special – a feeling of being a part of the family when a person walks in the door. Many churches are missing this aspect of faith community, yet GAUMC has it! You've included me in your family, even if for a short amount of time, and that has not gone unnoticed.

There is so much I want to say to each of you – not because I'm wise enough to impart some deep revelation to you – but because of the urgency I sense in my own life and in the lives of countless Christians today. Our world is looking for people with real and authentic faith lives whose relationship with Jesus has changed the trajectory and course of their life. Our world is hungry for good news, and we as Christians are bearers of this Good News about Jesus. It's our lifelong journey to discover Jesus personally, cultivate that love over the years, and then share it with each other in community and then with the wider world. Living out that Good News in real and authentic ways is what the world is hungry for, whether or not they even are yet awake to the hunger!

Today it is widely possible for most people in our community to go through their lives without ever thinking about deeper questions of meaning, purpose, or whether there is a God in the first place. The broad result of such a cultural worldview is a deadening of the senses as we seek out entertainment instead of community – a dive into deeper meaninglessness – and a general malaise on the faces and hearts of many in our world. Even a short amount of time reading comments on social media has left me with the conviction that our world has chosen it's own path apart from God and is reaping the harvest of disconnection from the Life source Himself.

But those of us who have chosen to follow Jesus find our lives connected to a spring of living water that overflows within us. You (yes you!) are like a walking oasis in a dry world that is desperately searching for a drink. So I'm glad for you all; I'm happy for you all; I'm excited for you all; that the future will be full of sharing the life of God with your community – full of being bold with friends and neighbors. So be bold! Have fun! You hold within yourselves the presence of God who is Life itself. So share it! Your community, your neighbors, and your friends will thank you later.

Blessings,
Nate Gruber

Thank you! *from Pastor Don...*

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you for the time I have shared with you, and for the wonderful celebration of my ministry and retirement. Your kindness touches me deeply. Thank you for gathering and sharing a meal together with me. Thank you for the supportive and gracious comments. Thank you for the gifts of cash, and Wisconsin products including the big cheese head fedora. Most of all, thank you for your understanding, empathy, and blessing in this transition time as I make big changes to attend to family needs in Nebraska. I will always think of you with gratitude. Paul's greeting in his letter to the Philippian church resonates with my soul, *"I thank God every time I remember you, praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you . . ."*

Rev. Don Greer

Social Principles Group



Something to think about

Rethink	your choices
Refuse	single use
Reduce	consumption
Reuse	everything
Refurbish	old stuff
Repair	before you replace
Repurpose	be creative, reinvent
Recycle	last option

The Social Principles Group of Grand Ave Church

will hold their next meeting on

Tuesday, Nov 9th at 1:00 pm.

We'll gather at the church to discuss:

“What Does It Mean To Be A Citizen Of The World.”

This group will be gathering each month on the second Tuesday at 1:00 pm with a basic agenda centering around our earth and the environment.

Join us. Everyone who attends Grand Avenue Church is invited. Get to know the people you worship with in this small group setting.

For more information, contact one of the group leaders:

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Mary Kae Geittmann	pjbruno214@sbcglobal.net
Sue Merrill	dmerrill@wi.rr.com

CONTENTMENT

By Stevie Stibor

There are a lot of things we want in and from life. But, at the same time, we must learn to be okay with what we have. We must learn to be okay with what God has given us. We must find contentment and know that what we have is enough.

While Paul was in prison, he wrote a letter to the people of Philippi. In his letter he spoke of what it means to be a Christian and he thanked the Christian congregation he had established. He said, "I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I am poor. And I know how to live when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens. I have learned to be happy when I have enough to eat and when I do not have enough to eat. I have learned to be happy when I have all that I need and when I do not have the things I need. I can do all things through Christ because He gives me strength (Philippians 4:11b-13).

Living with this kind of contentment brings peace. It relinquishes the burden of constantly striving and hoping for more. Remember, God knows exactly what we need, and He always cares for us. When we put our trust in Him, He presents us with abundance. As Christians we know this is true but the problem with it comes when we are faced with the practical application of it. We tend to doubt that God *will want* to meet *our* need. But think about this for a moment...there is NOTHING that you have that is insignificant in the eyes of God. There is NOTHING about you, about what you have to offer, that is not enough.

So, I challenge you to find happiness in the moment - wherever you are. See the goodness in what you have in the here and now. It is up to *us* to be thankful. And there is always, always, always something to be thankful for. Every day may not bring sunshine and roses, but it will not bring doom and gloom either. My prayer for each of you is to find grace in what is in front of you today. Because developing a habit of contentment will help you to overcome obstacles and release the angst of never having enough.

Everything we have comes from God. He is faithful to provide what we need. And even more than what we own, God can also provide what we need to face whatever happens in our life. God has proven time and again that we can trust Him no matter what. We can complain or become jealous of what others have . . . or we can choose to respond with contentment, knowing that God has a plan for our lives.

I want to leave you with this...at the wealthiest period of his life, John D. Rockefeller had a net worth of about one percent of the entire US economy. He owned 90 percent of all the oil and gas industry of his time. Compared to his wealth, the richest people in America today are mere paupers. Still, when asked, "how much money is enough money?", Rockefeller answered, "just a little bit more." With all that he had, he never had contentment; he never had peace. He was always chasing something more.

Find your peace. Find your contentment. Find your happiness. If you are going through a period of struggle, remember that this too shall pass. You have the grace of God on your side. You are blessed and loved by the King of Kings.

God bless,

Stevie Stibor

Director of Children's Ministries

GIFT-A-CHILD

Every year the Food Pantry encourages people in the community to donate a \$25 gift and wrapping paper. The gifts are then given to their clients with children to ensure every child has a present on Christmas morning.

This year, if you would like a child's name with gift suggestions, please contact Jenni Graham at jgraham3@wi.rr.com



MUSIC ACCOMPANIST AND SONG LEADER

Background Information: Grand Avenue United Methodist Church is a small but active congregation with a vital ministry. The church is located in Port Washington, Wisconsin, 30 miles north of Milwaukee along the shores of Lake Michigan. Currently, it is partnered with Cedarburg United Methodist Church in a regional ministry. The Pastor and some staff are shared, with each church having its own service. At this time, Grand Ave UMC has one weekly service at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

Responsibilities:

1. Provide accompaniment for worship services, including incidental music (e.g., Prelude, Postlude, transitions as appropriate to maintain service flow).
2. Lead congregation in singing while accompanying on keyboard.
3. Provide music accompaniment for Lenten, Easter, and Christmas Eve services.
4. Accompany special music performed by others when scheduled.

Qualifications:

1. Strong keyboard and vocal skills. The ability to play the organ is an added plus.
2. Working familiarity with United Methodist Church Hymnal and "The Faith We Sing" is preferred.
3. A dependable and enthusiastic person able to work with Pastor and congregation on hymn selection, style, and tempo.

Please submit your resume by November 7, 2021
to Dan Benning: bennida01@att.net



NOISY COLLECTION - 3rd Sunday each month

November 17, Noisy Collection will be collected to help support Lighthouse Youth Ministry

In late 2017, the pastors and lay leaders from a group of local churches, including our church, met to discuss the possibility of forming a shared youth ministry now called Lighthouse Youth Ministry. The churches saw the need for a vibrant Christian group that welcomes youth of all faith backgrounds. They knew Lighthouse would provide progressive and relevant experiences that promote character development in this changing world. Lighthouse has created an environment where youth feel safe asking questions and building relationships with God and with each other.



A vibrant group where YOUTH will:

- CONNECT** with a community of like-minded YOUTH for social and mission-based activities
- ENJOY** targeted faith-based activities
- EXPERIENCE** a greater relationship with God and other YOUTH



MISSION: To provide a welcoming, FUN, and safe community for youth in grades 6-12.

This non-profit youth program is an independent, ecumenical project of Christ the King ELCA, Living Hope ELCA, Grand Avenue UMC, Parkside UCC, and First Congregational UCC.

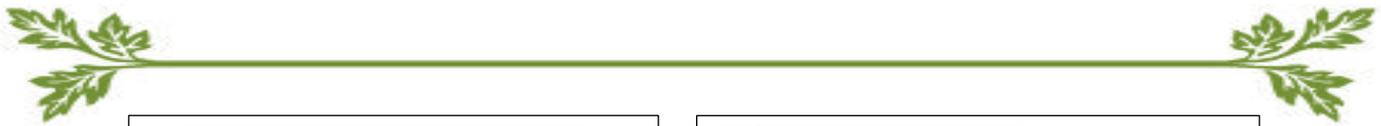
So bring your coins & let's make a lot of noise to help support our Lighthouse Youth Ministry on Sunday, November 17 (of course, quieter contributions are gladly accepted as well).

This is simply amazing!

From Gwen's meticulous notes comes the following interesting information regarding rummage sale totals, dating from 2009 to 2021:

2009	--	\$2120
2010	--	\$3009
2011	--	\$2806
2012	--	\$3991
2013	--	\$4540
2014	--	\$4890
2015	--	\$4066
2016	--	\$8461
2017	--	\$7675
2018	--	\$7708
2019	--	\$7325
2020	--	Covid - no sale
2021	--	\$9015 (\$1638 June outdoor/plant sale + \$7377 Sept rummage sale)

**Add all these years together and the rummage sale has brought in \$65,606!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
What a great all church effort this has been! Huge thanks to EVERYONE!**



	November
Barb Aagerup	1
Sue Killey	1
George Pachner	3
Muriel Ford	4
Dan Weltin	9
Marilyn Nelson	15
Ross Reichardt	15
Gordon Dionne	19
JoAnne Swanke	26
Nolan Draeger	28



	November
Jon & Vickie Meins	11
Peter & Ann Schmidt	20

Barb Aagerup is back!
Her new address is:
Barb Aagerup
Forrest Haven
400 Martin Dr. Rm #110
Fredonia WI 53021

November Volunteers

Thank you for serving in our ministry

November	Host	Lay Reader	A/V
7	Larry Maechtle	Sandy Grams	Scott Penkivech
14	Larry Maechtle	Sue Killey	Vicky Schafman
21	Larry Maechtle	Gailya Geib	Scott Penkivech
28	Larry Maechtle	Jan Young	Dan Benning

Remember to


Think Christmas ...
order your gift cards now!

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

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 church on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

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

 GRAND AVE CHURCH ORDER FORM			
Retailer	Card Value	# of Cards	Total Cost
Exxon/Mobil	\$50, \$250	_____	\$ _____
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	_____	\$ _____
Kohls	\$25, \$100	_____	\$ _____
Walmart	\$25, \$50, \$100, \$250	_____	\$ _____
Target	\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250	_____	\$ _____
Home Depot	\$25, \$100, \$500	_____	\$ _____
Mills Fleet Farm	\$25, \$100	_____	\$ _____
Domino's	\$10, \$25	_____	\$ _____
Pizza Hut	\$10	_____	\$ _____
Papa Murphy's	\$10	_____	\$ _____
Burger King	\$10	_____	\$ _____
Panera Bread	\$10, \$25	_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
		ORDER TOTAL	\$ _____
Your Name _____		Check # _____	Order Date _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 All Saints' Day	2	3 6pm Campfire & Pizza 7pm AA Mtg - FAC	4 5:30pm Private Group FAC	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Ends Stewardship Sunday All Saints Sunday 10 am Worship	8	9 9:30-11:30 Caregiver Connection - Flwship Hall 1pm Social Principles Gathering Area	10 7pm AA Mtg - FAC	11 Veterans Day 5:30pm Private Group FAC	12	13
14 10 am Worship	15	16 10am Stockbox Distr. FAC	17 7pm AA Mtg - FAC	18 5:30pm Private Group FAC	19	20
21 Noisy Collection 10 am Worship	22	23	24 7pm AA Mtg - FAC	25 Thanksgiving Day 5:30pm Private Group FAC	26	27
28 10 am Worship	29	30 7pm Private Mtg sanctuary	1 7pm AA Mtg - FAC	2	3	4