

WORDS OF GRACE

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From Enemy to Family

“For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.” Romans 5:10

The gospel is all about Christ reconciling humanity from being God’s enemies to God’s family. God created us to be in friendship and partnership with the Trinity, each other, the angelic race, and even the animal kingdom. We sever those relationships by willfully disobeying God’s commands. We are responsible for all the horrific injustice, oppression, murder, rape, abuse, and destruction, which now define human existence. God is rightfully and justifiably furious over our rebellion!

Then comes the sin-forgiving, shame-removing, glory-giving Gospel! God the Father never stopped loving us. The Father’s heart was broken over our sin because He longed to be in friendship with us. God was furious that we had chosen to be His enemies.

So great was the Father’s love for us that He refused to let anything keep us in this enemy state. Jesus Christ the Son looked at the Father’s broken heart. Christ knew what it would take to remove the wall of hostility between God and us.

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The Son looked at the Father and said in effect, *“Father, I’ll go. I’ll be the one. I’ll die in their place. I’ll become sin so that they can become righteousness. I’ll be nailed to the cross and take on my person every sin, every injustice, every abuse, just as if I had been the one to commit every sin ever committed. I’ll take on all your righteous wrath against sin so that they can be called once again your friend. I’ll be rejected by you, have you turn your face from me, suffer the unspeakable moment of becoming all you hate, bearing all their shame, so that they can become your children!”*

That’s the gospel that does so much more than just forgive our sin. That’s the gospel that replaces our shame with the glory of being royal sons and daughters of God in Christ. That’s the gospel of reconciliation that moves us from being God’s enemies to God’s friend. That’s how great is the Father’s love toward us!

Pastor Chris



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**GLORIFYING GOD
BY**

CONNECTING
people to God

LOVING
God and each other

GROWING
in grace and truth

SERVING
Dubuque and the world

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through January 2017

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Vic Learn

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Fellowship

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Prayer

Pam Hillary

Stewardship

Mary Burns

Dan Baker

Worship

Beverly VanDerZyl

GracePoint**Deacons**

through January 2017

Care

Group Deacon

- 1 Lisa Gaylor
- 2 Betty Carlson
- 3 Glenda Temple
- 4 Shirley VanDuser
- 5 Janet Metelak
- 6 Barb Berg
- 7 Suz Birch
- 8 Mary Ann Hopkins
- 9 Carolyn Arnold

Deacon Moderator

Shirley VanDuser

Cry out for Mercy

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." Genesis 3:9-15

A new year brings a gift of opportunity: to reflect, to start over, to forgive, to give thanks, to praise, to repent. As you wind down from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, perhaps you feel guilty and overwhelmed for losing sight of the true meaning of Christmas. Or maybe you are pleased that things went well. Whatever pain you hope dissipated with the end of the year or light you hope will continue illuminating your life, consider this: How is God visiting you with His Mercy?

How does God visit Adam and Eve? There is no question that they did wrong. Instead of coming with fire and brimstone, God visits them with mercy, an invitation to repentance. "[Adam], where are you?" Because the wound of mistrust was already inflicted, perhaps Adam takes the question to mean an accusation. But what if it is a gentle invitation: "My child, where are you? Do not hide from me...turn to me." As God continues in conversation with Adam, He is opening the gate of his mercy for Adam to walk through, calling for repentance. At any point, Adam could've said, "God, I am sorry I disobeyed you and spurned Your love. Please forgive me." But he blames Eve **and** God: "**The woman whom You put here with me**—she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." Then God turns to Eve, offering the same mercy and opportunity for repentance, but rather than confess that she doubted God's goodness and ask for forgiveness for misleading Adam, Eve blames the serpent. By shifting the blame, Adam and Eve are essentially saying they are innocent and free of any responsibility in the matter. They are saying that they do not need forgiveness. By justifying themselves, they are choosing Justice over Mercy.

Before God comes as a Just Judge, He opens the gate of His mercy for the sinner. He who refuses to pass through the door of Mercy shall pass through the door of Justice. The soul **always** gets what it expects. So, as we begin a new year, whatever our disappointments, failings, sins (venial or mortal), let us not give in to the pride of justification, blaming anything and everything else but ourselves. If anyone wounded us and we still struggle with bitterness, resentment, and pain, let us not justify our not letting go. If we are tempted to justify our failings with the belief that we are worthless and unlovable, let us let go and let God's love rush in. In taking joy in the achievements and blessings of the past year, let us not justify them as our own. Rather, let us acknowledge that is God who does all that is good in us, and let the work of our hands glorify Him. Finally, as we set new goals and resolutions (explicitly or not), let us cry out to God to pour out His mercy and bring to fruition the desires of our hearts.

To cry out for mercy and resist the temptation of pride is a high call! It is true that to stand naked before anyone (even ourselves), especially One who sees it all, with no justifications or merits, is risky business. But justification widens the chasm and blocks the door. It is much easier to cover up our nakedness with pride. But how deep and exquisitely beautiful is a true encounter devoid of walls! The story is not about the apple—that will always change. It's about trust. May the Spirit of God send us forth into the new year with light, hope, and mercy. And when we fail, stumble, or fall, and God visits us with His mercy, calling, "Where are you?", may we trust that He *is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy*, and respond, "Here I am Lord, naked and sorrowful."

Seabelo



Got Blood? Please Donate Because We Care

**January 18, 2017
2:00-6:00 P.M.**

The time has come once again to serve the people in our community by donating blood at GracePoint through the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. This gives us another opportunity to fulfill our mission of serving Dubuque.

Most of us know people with heart disease and cancer who will likely need a blood transfusion. We cannot let up after the holidays, as there is an even greater need right now. With the help of partnering organizations like ours, blood is on the shelves when patients need it! We are asking you to give about an hour of your time to donate blood on January 18th. ***Please schedule an appointment time at the Blood Donation table in the Connect Way for a time that fits your schedule.***

We plan to pamper our heroes who donate blood with some great home-made chili. In addition, we will have treats such as cookies, bars, and healthy juices.

When you come to donate, please remember to eat a nutritious meal at least 4 hours before donating, drink plenty of fluids, and bring your donor card, driver's license, or social security card.

Questions? Please contact Pam DeMeester.



You crown the year
with Your goodness,
and Your paths overflow
with abundance.

Psalm 65:11



GracePoint 2016 @ A GLANCE

As we begin a new year, we look back with gratitude and praise for God's blessings. We even give thanks for the painful and troublesome moments, trusting that God is with us, and His glory will shine through the fears, doubts, hurts, and challenges. And we continue to honor Him in all our celebrations and accomplishments.

141 members

- Ginger VanderBroek approved as an official member.
- We welcomed Ethan Charles Barsema in the sacrament of Baptism.
- We bid farewell to the Perreard family as Pastor Dana moved on to a new ministry with the University of Dubuque.
- Lorraine Scherf passed on to be with God.
- 3 of our members are shut-ins.

15 deacons & elders

- Victor Learn, Wilma Sanders, & Mary Burns stepped down as elders.
- Beverly VanDerZyl & Pam Hillary renewed their terms.
- Newly elected elders: Robin Wlochal & Doug Storlie.
- Glenda Temple, Mary Ann Hopkins, & Betty Carlson stepped down as deacons.
- Newly elected deacons: Pauline Brimeyer & Nicole Roling.
- Many thanks too to our faithful volunteers in the different ministries!

175

(approximately) attended the Community Christmas Party.

90

(approximately) attended Worship in the Park service @ the Dubuque Arboretum.

In addition, the Sonrise Easter Worship service, a collaboration between GracePoint, First Baptist, First Presbyterian & University of Dubuque Seminary.

160 patients served

3 blood drives – 40 donors.

135 boxes shipped

for Operation Christmas Child, an increase from last year's 100 boxes.

53 families

served by our Food Pantry. Family size ranges from 1 to 14 members.

Spirited Exchanges

Pastor Chris began a new ministry, Spirited Exchanges, which creates a safe place for young adults to express creativity and engage in redemptive conversation.
20 young adults.



GracePoint began a partnership with First Baptist's ProtoStar Youth. The youth group fosters relational discipleship through the creative arts for 7-12th graders.
25 youth.

Music @ GracePoint

- Sarah Morford joined GracePoint as the Praise Team Leader.
- Nathan Colestock joined the Praise Team as a volunteer.
- Kent retired as director of Bell Choir earlier in the year. He officially retired as our musician (organ, piano, and vocal choir) on December 31 after **39 years of service.**

MISSION & FUNDING

\$25,000

-\$40,600

- in missionary support, not including special offerings & Mexico mission trip.
- 20 missionaries supported by GracePoint.
- 13 went on the mission trip to Mexico.
- We support Joanna and her family in Mexico to provide an out from poverty that drove them into prostitution, and to help guide them towards God.
- Ministries & operations cost the church more than it receives in funds.
- GracePoint is experiencing the widespread issue of decreased attendance.
- In response to increasingly limited resources, a task force of 7 members was commissioned to review the church's position and recommend a model that allows for effective ministry.

Thank You!

Thank you for all your help getting the Community Christmas Party together. Everybody helped in so many ways. I cannot begin to thank each one personally, but want you to know it is appreciated. Wednesday night decorating was fun, and fellowship wonderful: lots of hands make the load lighter. Thanks for all donations—they minimized the cost. God's will was done and the true Spirit of Christmas was experienced by 175-200 people. God bless you and Merry Christmas. Keep the Love & Spirit alive. *Barb Berg*

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped the food pantry with food and monetary donations this year. We are blessed with your generosity, especially with getting turkeys and hams to help families celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your donations help keep the cost low and allow us to serve more people. May God bless all of you!

Gerry Vandenberg



GLOBAL MISSIONS UPDATE

Samaritan's Purse

The Shoe Box collection for 2016 has been complete and 135 SHOE BOXES were delivered to First Baptist Church and from there will go to Minneapolis and from there to different countries for final distribution. I do want to thank everyone who contributed to giving filled Shoe Boxes, different items to fill Shoe Boxes and for the money for shipping. The SHOE BOX PROJECT GOAL IS 200 Shoe Boxes for 2017—can we meet the GOAL?

Families living in tents to escape the war in Syria experience God's unconditional LOVE through Shoe Box Gifts. Kawergosk is one of nine camps in northern Iraq for Syrian refugees. It is a collection of thousands of dusty white tents in a windswept, tree-less valley, surrounded by chain-linked fences, barbed wire, and armed guards. Here and there are water tanks perched on top of outhouses, and clothes draped across between tents. Makeshift schools have been set up, but this is not a place anyone wants to live.

These families came from a part of north eastern Syria that had been relatively safe from the fighting until August 2014. When their streets and neighborhoods came under attack, they fled in waves into northern Iraq, often bringing nothing but the clothes they could carry. Samaritan's Purse sent food, blankets, shoes and warm winter coats to people living at Kawergosk camp, near the ancient city of Erbil, as well as Arbox Camp near Slaymaniyah. Samaritan's Purse promised 2,000 Kerosene Heaters to comfort the residents of Kawergosk, where temperatures often drop below freezing at night.

Nearly half of the refugees at Kawergosk are under 18 years old, most of them have never celebrated Christmas. That is why Samaritan's Purse organized a special airlift to provide Shoe Box Gifts for almost 70,000 Syrian Children living in Kawergosk, Arbox and other refugees caught in Northern Iraq, The Shoe Box Gifts will be a glimpse of HOPE for many.

Samaritan's Purse is working with ministry partners in Iraq to share the GOOD NEWS with the refugees as they seek safety from war and pray that the thousands of refugees will come to know Jesus Christ as their ultimate protector. "God Is our refugee and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1) So keep FILLING THE SHOEBOXES and pray that our goal of 200 Shoe Box will be reached for 2017 and that many children will come to know Jesus Christ.

A Special Thank You to Lorene Hynes for wrapping all the empty Shoe Boxes; to Suz Birch and Lisa Gaylor for helping me fill 65 Shoe Boxes and last but not least to Roger VanDerZyl for hauling the FILLED SHOEBOXES--135 - to First Baptist Church. Without help from these people the Shoe Box Project couldn't get done. Thank You from the bottom of my heart. My deepest thanks to all of you who participated because without you—this couldn't be done.

Submitted by *Pat Kohler* for the Global Missions Team:

Scott Arnold, Ramona Hennings, Joseph Joseph, Pat Kohler, and Don Sanders

2017 January 2017

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship	2 Office Closed Food Pantry Closed	3	4 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast	5 7:00p Emmaus	6	7
8 8:30a Chapel 9:00a GracePath 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship 1:30p Bethany Home	9 Food Pantry Closed	10	11 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00p Deacons	12 6:30p Task Force	13	14 8:00am Pictures Day
15 8:30a Chapel 9:00a GracePath 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship 11:45a Woman to Woman Noon Pictures Day Newsletter Deadline	16 6:00p Food Pantry	17	18 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 2:00p Blood Drive 6:30p Session	19	20	21
22 8:30a Chapel 9:00a GracePath 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship	23 6:00p Food Pantry	24 6:30p Task Force	25 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30p Session	26	27	28
29 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship Annual Meeting & Potluck	30 6:00p Food Pantry	31				

Membership to Date

Active	129
Inactive	8
Perm. Inactive	4
Total	141

Clerk's Report

Special Congregational Meeting was held December 11, 2016 to elect Deacons & Elders. Pauline Brimeyer and Nicole Roling were elected Deacons for a 3 year term (2017, 2018, 2019). Doug Storlie and Robin Wlochall were elected Elders for a term of 3 years (2017, 2018, 2019). Pam Hillary was elected Elder for a 2 year term (2017 & 2018); Beverly VanDerZyl elected Elder for a 1 year term (2017). Nominating Committee Members at-large have not been appointed as yet.

Lifetouch (formerly Olan Mills) will take pictures for the Pictorial Directory on January 14 & 15, 2017. Sign up to have pictures taken.

Global Mission Special Offerings for 2017 was approved at the November 16th Session Meeting and will go to: Clarity Clinic – Easter; Dubuque Rescue Mission – Thanksgiving; EPC Christmas Offering for retired ministers and missionaries.

George Schwartzman was approved as Associate Teacher by Session on November 16th at their meeting.

Vic Learn, Elder, has resigned his position as Elder effective November 16, 2016. Vic was elder to Missional Outreach.

Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 after Worship. We will begin with Potluck, followed by the meeting.

Special Session Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. to approve the Budget for 2017.

“PILL BOTTLE FUND RAISER” to defray the cost of shipping Shoe Boxes is still in progress. Baskets with empty Pill Bottles and for the filled Pill Bottles are in the Connect Center.

Presbytery Meeting will be held at Kishwaukee EPC Church in Rockford, Illinois on January 27-28, 2019.

Treasurer's Report for November

Beginning Balance, November 1, 2016	-\$1,127.04
Direct Transactions	.00
Income	15,835.00
Expenses	-20,312.94
Transfers	-833.33
Ending Balance, November 31, 2016	-\$6,348.31

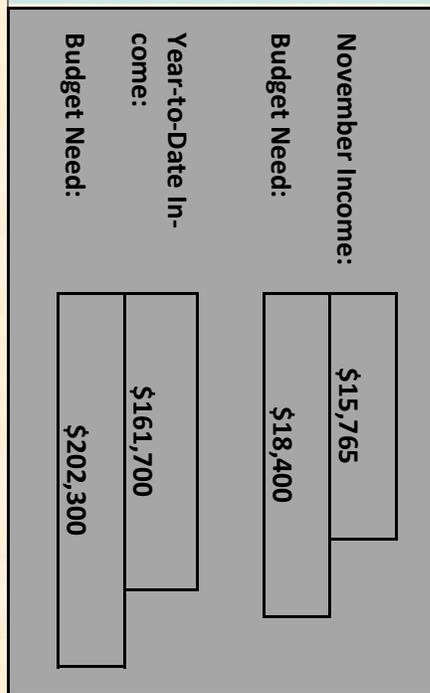
Clerk's Report prepared by

Pat Kohler, Clerk of Session



A sincere thank you to everyone for a great year.

Thank you especially for prayerfully supporting others in their time of need and rejoicing with those who celebrated blessings in their lives. Many thanks to all who shared their generosity through the different projects: Blood Drive, School Supplies Project, Almost Home shelter, Operation Christmas Child, and many others. It was great to worship and grow in faith with you. Let's make 2017 a great one too. Wishing you and your families a year filled with blessings and grace.



BIRTHDAYS

2 Richard Merrihew
 4 Erin Barsema
 10 Elton VanderBroek
 11 George Schwartzmann
 III
 12 Paige Constance
 Barsema
 13 LeRoy Berg
 14 Ann Connors
 15 Amy English
 15 Anna English
 15 Zachary Roling
 17 Austin Roling
 17 Gabe VanderBroek
 22 Ken Irion
 24 Paulette Kress
 25 Bob DeMeester
 26 Wilma Sanders
 28 Brooke Unaru



ANNIVERSARIES

2 Bob & Mable Boelk
 3 Doug & Karen Storlie
 9 Brenda & George
 Schwartzmann
 31 Dana & Katy Perreard

GracePoint Pictorial Directory

GracePoint is excited to publish a pictorial directory for 2017. For this to be a grand success, we need every person (not just official members) who considers GracePoint their home church, to please register for a portrait sitting. You will receive a free 8x10 portrait (\$30 value), and while you will be required to view the package options, we promise you, there is *absolutely no pressure* to purchase *any* additional packages.

You *must* pre-register for a portrait sitting time. Ways to register:

- (1) in our *Connect Center* today,
- (2) by calling the church office,
- (3) online @ www.gracepointdbq.org.

Please help make this directory a wonderful communication resource for GracePoint's people by registering soon. *Thank you!*

Photography Dates:

Saturday, January 14, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, January 15, noon - 6:00pm

What's Brewing at Common Grounds?



- **Open Hours**

Sundays: 10am-12pm

More hours coming soon.

- **Classes**

Thursdays: 6:30-8:30pm

Precepts

Teacher: Mary Hirschey

- **Live Video Streaming**

Sundays: 10:30am

Watch Worship on TV.

Stories OF Grace

Following the Golden Thread of Hope

Today's test is tomorrow's testimony.

Got a story to share?

Glorify God.
Share your testimony.
Encourage.
Inspire hope.

Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.

Romans 12:21

How are we called to respond to evil as children of God, especially when the evil seems widespread and accepted as normal? In Denver, a newly married couple funds mobile pregnancy clinics, and parks them outside abortion clinics, university campuses, and at public events. 4 out of 5 women who board the bus choose life – they are simply floored by the unconditional love they receive from strangers. In a small college, a young man hands out prayer cards to friends and acquaintances, and promises them that he is available at any time if they need to talk. He keeps the promise. In our own family, a young couple adopts four beautiful children, and welcomes them into their home with unconditional love. How do you respond to evil?

Below are quotes and short reflections to help you as you ponder the Scripture above. Spend a few minutes with the reflections and ask yourself:

- How do these words speak to me? What feelings or memories do they evoke?
 - Am I willing to confront evil *when* I encounter it? What is God calling me to confront?
 - Is there something I can change about how I confront issues? How is God calling me to grow?
1. In each of us, good and evil are always at war. This is a battle we must actively wage to the very end. We do possess the power to choose one over the other. What we feed will conquer.
 2. There is no freedom in compulsion, and where there is no freedom, righteousness cannot prevail.
 3. We would like to think that evil *always* presents itself as something repellent. Sometimes evil presents itself as something attractive and quietly weaves itself into our lives. The small evils that do not seem to matter slowly make us not simple victims as accidents do, but active accomplices. Everything matters!
 4. Being against evil doesn't *necessarily* make you good. How you fight against evil also matters.
 5. "He who chases monsters must see that he not become a monster himself." Rafael Perez
 6. "Before the truth sets you free, it tends to make you miserable." Richard Rohr. To heal a wound, we must first admit we are wounded: I am unkind to others, my daughter is an addict. To move forward, we must admit reality: I am lonely, I am confused, I am not making ends meet.
 7. Sooner or later, what we do not do that we must do will convict us.
 8. Worrying or complaining about a problem does nothing to solve it.
 9. "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter." Martin Luther King Jr
 10. "Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, endure in affliction." Romans 12. Do not *let* your heart grow cold.
 11. "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Luke 1:45. Even in the face of the cross...
 12. "...[they] build high places for Baal to burn their children in fire as offerings...something I never consider considered or said or commanded." Jeremiah 19:5

PRAYER CHAIN

To start a prayer, call Pat Kohler.

Daytime Prayer Chain

Pat Kohler 583-8978

Gerry Vandenberg 583-5338

Ramona Hennings 583-8739

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

Glenda Temple 582-0464

Kim or Jerry Bell 582-4956

Barbara Berg 608-732-3035

Sharon Baker 451-4557

Karen Storlie 556-7548

Volunteers are Priceless at GracePoint!

Worship Venue 10:30am

Communion Preparers (January 8) Mary Ann Hopkins
Suz Birch

Communion Servers (January 8) Doug & Karen Storlie
Ben Temple

	Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Room
January 1	Janet Metelak Pam Hillary	Doug Storlie Karen Storlie	Janet Metelak
January 8	Mike Boland Ben Temple	Vic Learn Marilyn Learn	Pam Hillary
January 15	Doug Mulder Mike Vandenberg	Don Sanders Wilma Sanders	Karen Storlie
January 22	Dwayne Intveld Sara Scherf	Ben Temple Glenda Temple	Doug Storlie
January 29	Suz Birch Mike Boland	Rebekah Godwin Sara Scherf	Kevin Hirschey

Please find your own subs. Substitute ushers are Mike or Ralph Vandenberg. Substitute greeters are Pat Kohler or Dixie Shaffer.

ChildCare

January 1 Mary Ann Hopkins, Suz Birch
 January 8 Sue Lemon, Glenda Temple
 January 15 J'Neane Briden, Rachel Lemon
 January 22 Pam DeMeester, Martha Intveld
 January 29 Judy Godwin, Steve Lemon

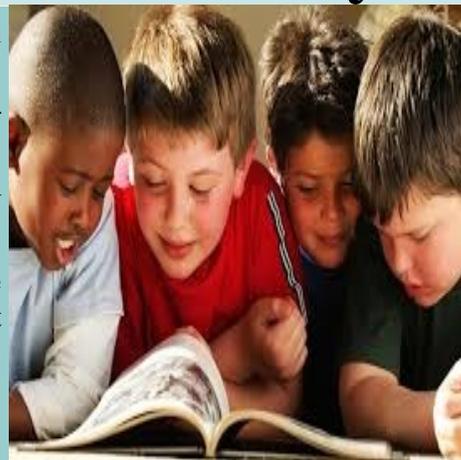
Check Out the Library

The library is open Sundays from 9:00am—noon.

Videos and books are available for checkout.

Stop by on Sunday to see the recently updated library!

Donations of new books or videos are always welcome. Questions? Contact Bob Boelk, 557-9166.



GracePath for All

Module 3

January 8 – March 26

Companions in Christ

This small group will continue in the format and content of module two, but new participants are warmly welcomed to join. This class will give an overview of the Christian spiritual life and the practices that help people enter into the formative pattern of Christ's life: a life of prayer, study, and service. It touches on topics such as spiritual formation, scripture, prayer, vocation, and spiritual companionship. Companions in Christ offers small groups a powerfully transforming experience in opening yourself to God's presence and guidance. The class will explore classic spiritual practices and develop new daily patterns that will open your life to a deepening relationship with God and with your group. Taught by Pastor Chris English; optional participant guide for \$17.

Bible Survey

At GracePoint there are a lot of folks who love the Bible and read it often; most of us here are Biblically literate. But, have we considered God's Word carefully and thoughtfully as a whole? That is our goal for the Bible Survey course. We'll consider the Bible as a whole while at the same time exploring each book and its place in God's Word. Every book of scripture points to Jesus Christ; that is a theme that we will emphasize. This is a DVD course, prepared by author's John Walton and Mark Strauss, accompanied by a study guide. We'll also use Rose's Bible Overview for some of our lessons. Please join us for this look at the Bible as a whole. Taught by Mary Hirschev & George Schwarzmam; optional participant guide for \$12. *Bible Survey* book (recommended) for \$13.50.

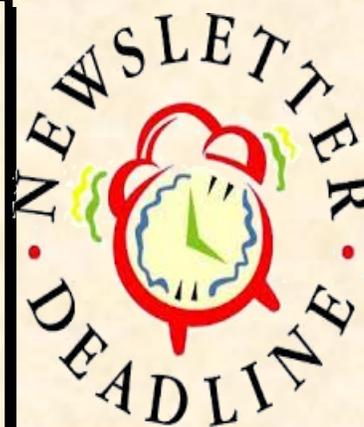
High School GracePath

We meet in the conference room to focus on Matthew 22:36-40, trying to memorize it. We also learn about the change in Paul's life following his dramatic life-transforming encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. Taught by Steve & Sue Lemon. No cost. Skittles & Starburst!

Pill Bottle Fundraiser

The Pill Bottle Fundraiser is still in progress and will be all year long. In the next Newsletter I will be able to give the full amount that has been collected. I thank everyone who has participated--keep it up. The empty Pill Bottles are in a basket in the Connect Center along with a basket alongside for the FILLED PILL BOTTLES. This will be an ongoing project as the money collected helps defray the cost of shipping the Shoe Boxes. Again thank all of you who has participated in this project.

Pat Kohler



**Sunday
January 15**

Don't forget to sign up to bring treats for fellowship time on Sundays.

You may also honor a birthday, anniversary, or special event.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Center.





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ANNUAL MEETING & Potluck

Sunday, January 29

Immediately following Worship.



We will begin with a potluck, followed by the meeting. Please bring a dish or two to share.

Bring your own table service.

Drinks provided.

Note: Annual Reports available in the Connect Way on Sunday, January 22.