

GRACE GAZETTE



Grace is a Christian family—Welcoming people to live God’s Word and strengthen their faith.

Prayer and the People of Grace

Prayer is an important part of life at Grace. Because we believe that God is good and that God works for good, we pray in many times and places. For example:

Through the **Faith Formation** program, Kevin helps families learn how to use prayer on an everyday basis in order to strengthen their faith.

Grace’s Mission Trip becomes an opportunity to encourage each other in our ministries. We pray for those who are traveling to Guatemala to serve the dump community in Sumpango.

Prayer Partners is women of Grace connected to one another through prayer. For a whole year, individuals are secretly matched up with someone in order to encourage them by praying for them.

Each week in worship, we pray for our **Ministry Partners** throughout the state, the country and the world. This includes the Hands of Christ Deaf Ministry in Appleton, Desert Streams Church in Arizona, Salaam Arabic Church in New York City, Los Olivos in Guatemala and Condevilla in Peru. Through prayer, we lift them up and remember that the work of Grace goes far beyond our community.

Now, we will be adding something new to our prayer life –
“Families of the Week.”

Beginning the first Sunday in January, we’ll include 5 to 6 Grace families / individuals in our prayers at worship. This will be a way to encourage people in their daily walk of faith. People of Grace will also be asked to remember these “Families of the Week” in their personal devotions. By the end of the year, everyone in the Congregation will have been held up in prayer on a Sunday morning. What a great way to care for one another!

While all this is happening, you are encouraged to continue with your personal prayer life. And as you do, consider how Jesus teaches us to pray – quietly and without fanfare - - and for people with whom we disagree (our enemies), not just our friends - - and for those who lead the Church (like our Bishop and his staff).

All of this is a way to support others, while also challenging us to grow in faith. Thank you for your prayers and all the ways in which you are faithful.

Pastor Kent

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Special points of interest:

- Confirmation Classes begin January 6th at 6:30.
- Dinner Theatre Auditions will be December 27th at 6:00 and January 2nd at 10:00.
- Newcomer’s Orientation will be January 17th at 9:00.
- Discover Your Place in Ministry will be January 24th at 9:00.

How Do I Join Grace?

- Come to Newcomer's Orientation on January 17th at 9:00 am. You'll get a crash course on "all you need to know" about life at Grace.
 - Then, come to Discover Your Place In Ministry on January 24th at 9:00 am. During this hour, people from Grace will share their stories about putting their faith to work.
 - After that, you're invited to Discover Grace on January 31st at noon. You'll get lunch - more info will be shared - you'll give information for the Church records and pick out a day to join.
- Then, it's just a matter of being welcomed in on the Sunday of your choosing.
If you have any questions, just talk to Pastor Kent.



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

*"A way to help us see how many good things are done by the people of Grace -
while making the connection between our faithful giving and
all the ministry we do together."*

Worship - Where do you find comfort? How can you gain a sense of relief about the past or hope for the future? Worship brings us all of this and more. Worship at Grace is meant to be a time when we are inspired, learn something from God's Word, receive consolation and maybe even have some fun.

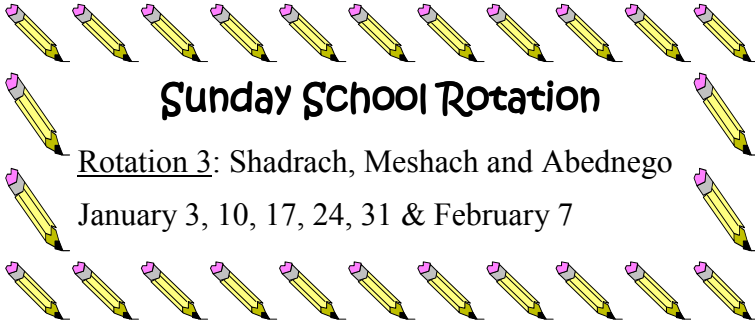
Sunday worship is one basic ministry we all expect and appreciate. From the place where Grace began (Huntington House) to our first worship space (1986) to the new worship space (2007) - - - we have all found ways to come together in worship and then be sent out by God to serve the world.

To make this happen, we need a worship space, a Pastor, support staff, and volunteers who share their talents as ushers, readers, singers, communion help and more. The cost for this one ministry to happen is \$6547. (This includes mortgage, heat, lights, Pastor, staff, supplies and more.)

Obviously, it takes all of us, working together, to make this happen. But this is the way God's Word is spread. Visitors come to Grace - hear the Word - come to faith - and begin to follow Christ.

In other words, your faithful giving makes worship happen - which leads to the Good News of Jesus being shared with others. So, thank you for offering all you do. It

Giving... Giving statements for 2009 will be available for you to collect after January 15th on the Prayer Partners table. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy or Stacy at 423-2330.

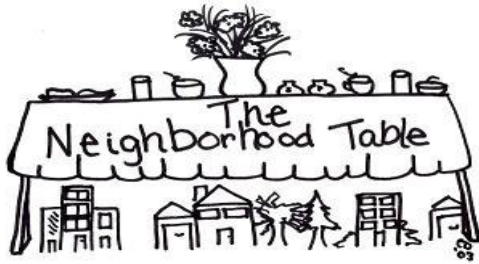


Sunday School Rotation

Rotation 3: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & February 7

IF THE SHOE FITS...

The Board of Church In Society will be set to launch their new ministry, "If the Shoe Fits" in February. Be on the look out for more information in the following weeks!



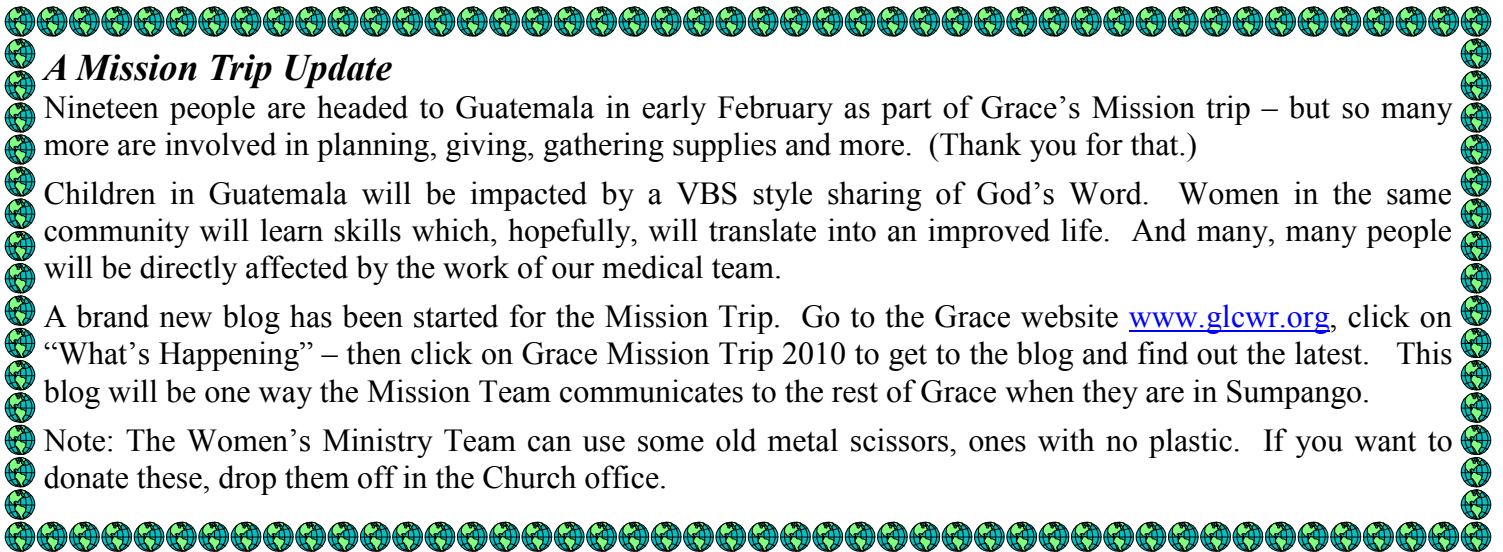
The Neighborhood Table will once again be sponsored by Grace on January 7th from noon until 7:00 pm. Volunteers are needed throughout the day to make or serve food, set up, or clean. Donations of baked goods or money would also be appreciated. To sign up, contact Stacy at 423-2330.

A Reminder - Confirmation Classes Begin Jan 6th at 6:30 pm. This is for everyone in 5th through 8th grade. If you're new to Grace, just come to the Youth Center and get started.



Stay Connected!

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A Mission Trip Update

Nineteen people are headed to Guatemala in early February as part of Grace's Mission trip – but so many more are involved in planning, giving, gathering supplies and more. (Thank you for that.)

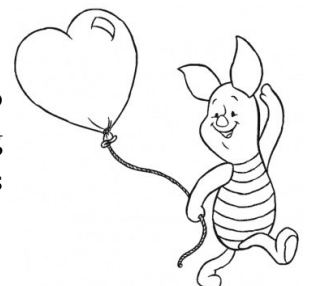
Children in Guatemala will be impacted by a VBS style sharing of God's Word. Women in the same community will learn skills which, hopefully, will translate into an improved life. And many, many people will be directly affected by the work of our medical team.

A brand new blog has been started for the Mission Trip. Go to the Grace website www.glcwr.org, click on "What's Happening" – then click on Grace Mission Trip 2010 to get to the blog and find out the latest. This blog will be one way the Mission Team communicates to the rest of Grace when they are in Sumpango.

Note: The Women's Ministry Team can use some old metal scissors, ones with no plastic. If you want to donate these, drop them off in the Church office.

A Word from Tammy...

I will be out of the office most of January, taking it easy after some surgery. No need to worry, though, since Stacy will be in the office, answering your questions and helping you out. Things which can wait will be put on hold until I return, since Stacy's hours are limited. Have a happy New Year – and I'll see you all soon.



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January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:00 Adult Education 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Contemporary Worship	4 12:00 Coffee House 6:30 Board of Stewardship 6:30 Support Group	5 6:00 Board of Youth	6 9:00 T.O.P.S. 6:30 Adventures in Confirmation 6:30 Choir	7 6:30 Men's Breakfast Four Star 8:30 T.O.P.S. 12:00 Neighborhood Table 4:45 T.O.P.S.	8 Eagle Scout Ceremony Setup	9 Eagle Scout Ceremony
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