



**GRACE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2801 GARFIELD ST. TWO RIVERS**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:00am & 10:30am

ADULT STUDY 9:30am

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HIGHLIGHTS IN THE NEWS

EMAILS HAVE CHANGED!

Due to a change in our telephone/internet provider, the following emails have been changed.

Kim Henning: khenning1956@gmail.com, Pastor Colie: pastorcolie@gmail.com Kim

Steckmesser: steckmesserk@gmail.com, and Jean Schwalbe: schwalbejean@gmail.com.

Our Grace Congregational Church email has also been changed to:

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AUGUST 2017

Reflecting Together

Kim M. Henning

Courage

Whenever Fay and I are away from Two Rivers, we look for a place to worship God on Sundays. Worship is a meaningful ritual for us. Whether at home or away, we need and want to be with people who love God; who somehow regard faith as a meaningful part of life.

Some wouldn't think of missing a Packer game. We feel the same about worship. But here's the rub..... whenever we visit someone else's place of worship I always feel some anxiety. I think to myself: will they ask me to stand and introduce myself? (I never like that.) Or I think, will I sit in the wrong place? (I was once asked to move because I blocked a woman's view.) Or, will I know how to participate? (One church used "The Book of Common Prayer" and I was hopelessly lost....)

But let me be clear. Because the worship of God is important, I am willing to muster some courage to rise above my anxiety. So here's a question: What do you strongly believe? I mean, what you really strongly believe in?

Years ago, Jesus sent his disciples out. He just said they were to make a difference. "Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal." (Luke 9) Do you think they didn't feel some anxiety? Think again....

People of faith must have courage. 17% of our population worships God on any given Sunday. That means that 83% are doing something different. It takes courage to practice faith. What does your courage look like? How strong are you?

- So when was the last time you invited someone to worship? (that's not as easy as it sounds)
- So when did you last say, 'I'll pray for you?'
- So what keeps you from hosting Time after Church?
- Have you served at Hope House? Is the thought of meeting a homeless person too much?
- Have you ever shut-off television to read? Or to pray? Or just to think?
- When did you last introduce yourself to a stranger?
- What keeps you from stepping into an adult education class?
- What keeps you from visiting a person in Assisted Living? (they're lonelier than you know)
- When did you last say, "My son is not able to be at that soccer game because Sunday is our day of worship"?
- When was the last time you refused to give up on a troubled person?

When we had our youth at Eden Seminary in late June, they learned again that the Serenity Prayer was written by a UCC pastor, Reinhold Niebuhr. Its power is timeless: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change; courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

“I Can’t Walk as Fast as You.....”

A memorable moment from the trip in Israel of president Trump and the First Lady was that moment at the entrance to the house of President Rivlin. "Nechama Rivlin, President Rivlin's wife, welcomed the Melania Trump at the door. As they were about to walk inside, Nechama whispered to Melania that she will do her best to catch up with the walking pace, but she might be a bit slower because of her medical condition which requires her to use an oxygen tank. Melania took her hand, looked at her and said: "We'll walk at any pace you choose".

And so they walked, slowly and gracefully, hand in hand.

That, is a moment I choose to cherish. That silent gesture has neither any political significance nor any colorful tone to it, but it is everything.

It is the hope we yearn for when we speak of peace;

It is the kindness we wish to protect when we speak of defeating terror;

It is the dignity we want to teach when we speak of stopping hate;

It is the friendship we pray for when we speak of our unbreakable bond.

“In other words, this gesture encompasses everything that is good, kind and human.”

SUMMER 2017 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

“The Basics of Christianity: How Jesus Answers Life’s Important Questions”

(inspired by the book What’s the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian, by Martin Thielen)

- August 6: Jesus’ Grace—Am I accepted?
 - Matthew 9:10-13; John 8:1-11
 - ❖ Even with our flaws, Jesus loves and accepts us as beloved children of God
- August 13: Jesus’ Promise—Who is the Holy Spirit?
 - John 14:15-21, John 3:1-8
 - ❖ The Holy Spirit is God’s empowering presence in our lives, in the life of the church, and in the world
- August 20: Jesus’ Resurrection—Is there hope?
 - Mark 16:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15; John 10:10
 - ❖ Jesus Christ’s resurrection gives us hope for life and even hope for death
- August 27: Jesus’ Vision—What is God’s dream for the world?
 - Luke 10:1-11; Isaiah 65:17-25
 - ❖ The kingdom of God is God’s dream for the world, and we are called to help make that dream a reality, both in our personal lives and in society
- September 3: Jesus’ Legacy—Is the church still relevant?
 - Matthew 28:16-20; Matthew 16:13-19; John 17:21-23
 - ❖ In spite of its flaws, the church is still God’s primary vehicle for doing God’s work in the world, and every Christian needs to belong to one

Dear Grace Family,

I want to thank you for the many ways you have supported and encouraged me both personally and professionally these past few years. When I left parish ministry to begin work at Cedar Community, you provided a welcome place for me and my family. I have loved worshiping with you, and referring to Grace as "home". I loved teaching Sunday School, and serving alongside Pastor Colie during Pastor Kim's sabbatical. Many of you know that I am now returning to parish ministry. I begin July 24 as the Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions at First Congregational UCC in Appleton. I am thrilled that this call will allow me to flourish in the areas of ministry I love, and will challenge me to grow in mission and service as well. I will be one of three pastors, preaching about one Sunday each month. Karl and Clare will continue their membership at Grace for now, though they may spend some time in Appleton as well. My admiration for Grace's ministry is part of the "spark" that encouraged me to pursue this call, and I thank you. I feel so blessed that my spiritual journey includes time with all of you, and will continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers! **With much gratitude, Kathryn Kuhn**

REFLECTING ON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST'S GENERAL SYNOD

By Pastor Colie

From June 29-July 4, I was in Baltimore for the United Church of Christ's 31st General Synod. This is a national gathering that meets every-other-year to gather for a time of worship, reflection, and work that sets the standard for our denomination for the present and the future.

One of the things that makes us who we are in the United Church of Christ is our "Congregational Polity". This means that individual churches, or congregations, get to set their own rules and make decisions for themselves. There is no church hierarchy, no popes or bishops who tell us what to do. That being said, our churches are still bound together in covenant, meaning a relationship that we enter into, promising to respect, care for, and listen to one another.

So every 2 years, the wider church gathers to live out this covenant to be together. Each Conference sends delegates to be voting representatives; I was chosen to be a delegate of the Wisconsin Conference. In the months before synod, churches and conferences submit resolutions—statements on issues that they believe are important. As a delegate, I was randomly assigned to one of the resolution committees to learn about the issue and help edit the resolution itself. Once all resolutions were edited and approved by the committees, they came before the whole group of over 700 delegates to be discussed, debated, and voted on. I actually found the whole process was fascinating, with specific rules for who spoke when and microphones that cut people off if they went passed the 1-minute time limit!

Resolutions fell into two categories: some that were designed to be internal church issues, and some that were meant to be "resolutions of witness", issues to encourage the church to make a public, "outside" proclamation on. Internal church issues needed a simple majority of votes, witness resolutions needed 2/3 to pass.

Not all of the resolutions that came up passed through, and it was clear that on many issues we were not all of one mind. But still we committed to be together, to listen thoughtfully and vote with our intelligence, conscience, and faith.

There is not enough time in this newsletter to go into the specifics of each decision. I hope in the coming months to find chances to talk more about many of these issues. But for now, here is a list of the decisions that were made a general synod. If you are interested in learning more, I'd love to discuss it with you! More information is also online at www.ucc.org/synod

- The Rev. Traci Blackmon was voted in as our Executive Minister of Justice and Witness.
- Passed—Resolution On Becoming an Immigrant Welcoming Church.
- Passed—Resolution On Proposing a New Framework for Covenantal Giving and Implementing Fundraising Best Practices.
- Passed—motion to adopt the Proposed changes to Constitution and Bylaws entering into full communion with the United Church of Canada.
- Passed—action to approve delegating the determination of the % allocation for OCWM National Basic Support for the 2018-2019 biennium.
- Passed—action to adopt a national basic support allocation as recommended for the budget years 2018 and 2019.
- Passed—Resolution for a Call for the UCC to Advocate for the Rights of Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation.
- Passed—Resolution On Enhanced Support of American Missionary Churches that Participated in the Merger forming the UCC.
- Passed—RESOLUTION OF WITNESS: A MORE JUST ECONOMY: \$15 Minimum Wage, Living Wages and Job Creation
- Passed—RESOLUTION: Toward Disability Justice: A Call to the Church and Churches
- Passed—RESOLUTION (as amended): On Corporal Punishment of Children in Homes and Institutions
- Passed—RESOLUTION OF WITNESS: in Support of Adult Survivors of Child Abuse and Neglect
- Passed—RESOLUTION: On Recognizing and Studying Gun Violence as a Public Health Emergency
- Passed—RESOLUTION: Supporting Authorized Ministries of Underrepresented Clergy: A Call for Greater Representation & Economic Justice
- Passed—RESOLUTION OF WITNESS: The Earth is the Lord's--Not Ours to Wreck. Imperatives for a New Moral Era
- Passed—RESOLUTION: Affirming the Coalition of Immokalee Workers' Boycott of Wendy's
- Did NOT pass—RESOLUTION OF WITNESS: The Disparity of Rights of Adoptees to Access Birth Records for Adults (Needed a 2/3 majority vote)
- Passed—MOTION: Adoption of the Proposed Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws concerning governance of the national setting.
- Passed—MOTION (as amended): On Establishing Procedures for Cultural Diversity Training for Authorized Ministers
- Passed—RESOLUTION: Bring Down the Wall in the Caribbean: Ending the U.S. Embargo on Cuba
- Did NOT pass—Resolution of Witness in Support of Legislation Authorizing Aid in Dying (needed a 2/3 majority vote)
- Elected Rev. Penny Lowes as Assistant Moderator of the 32nd General Synod
- Elected Mr. Norman Williams as Moderator of the 32nd General Synod
- Elected the slate of candidates for Nominating Committee submitted by the Business Committee
- Elected the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors submitted by the Nominating Committee.



GRACE UCC EARTH CARE MINISTRY

A fun time and a great learning experience for members of Grace's Earth Care Ministry was held on Saturday, June 24th when we toured Milwaukee's Growing Power at 5500 Silver Spring Drive. Growing Power is a national nonprofit organization supporting people from diverse backgrounds and the environments in which they live, by providing equal access to healthy, high quality, safe and affordable food for people in all communities.



We were greeted by Hannah, a young very informed guide who showed us the greenhouses, the fish tanks, the vermiculture area and the farm animals. Volunteer local residents were at work during our visit. Our Growing Power group included Don and Brenda De Bruyn, Ed and Anita Rappe, Bill and Betsy Freiberg, Betty Becker, Jim and Susie Miller, and Connie Denor and Larry Wensauer.

Grace's Earth Care Ministry encourages and welcomes new members. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, except during the summer so our next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m.**



The United Church of Christ has long been in support of world wide efforts to protect our planet from the effects of climate change. Therefore when the U.S. President announced plans to withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord the UCC Church felt compelled to issue an emergency statement. Written by Rev. Jim Antal, president and conference minister of the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC, the resolution urges clergy to preach on "the moral obligations of our generation to protect God's creation" and exhorts individuals to take political action and "make decisions of integrity on our energy choices. It was important that the church be on record as declaring we are now in a new moral era because of this administration and the ways in which it is compromising truth; in particular on denying the science of climate change." As Rev Jim Antal said, the resolution is also important because it is directed at the church. "What's the church going to do differently." This appears to be the first formal action taken by a major denomination in response to the U.S. President's very recent decision on the Paris Agreement.





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STEWARDSHIP CORNER FOR GRACE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

Total 2017 Expected Expenses for Grace Congregational UCC:	\$409,385
Amount of pledged income needed each month to balance our budget:	\$30,750
Pledged Income Received in June:	\$29,625

Please Note: Our constitution prohibits us from using any proceeds from our Endowment Fund to support our day to day ministry at Grace Congregational Church. Members are expected to support this ministry as an act of faithfulness to God.

A Word from the Trustees: You are to be commended for supporting the church during the summer, when traditionally giving falls short. You contributed \$400 more in June than you did in May. Thank you.

United Church Camps, Incorporated CAMPital Campaign

Grace Congregational Church has been invited to contribute \$300,000 towards a major capital fund campaign for the upkeep and improvement of our two church camps in Wisconsin, Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center. We just sent two adult volunteers to work at an autism camp at Moon Beach, July 16-22. Thank you for believing and contributing.....

Update:

Donations through 2016:	\$39,438
Donations received in May for Campital Campaign	\$361
Donations, January--June:	\$10,323.87

Thank you for caring.....

Women of Grace Highlights

Next Meeting: (Note: Change of Date): Saturday, September 9th @ 9am in the Fellowship Hall. We will start planning the Applefest Cookie sale and the Chili Dinner/Raffle.

Grace Church you did it again! A great big THANK YOU to all who baked cookies and donated ice cream buckets for the ASP trip. We were able to send 62 buckets of cookies along with the ASP group! Amazing - God is Great!! There was even one bucket of gluten free peanut butter cookies that brought pure joy to a Wisconsin staff member. Thank you again, everyone! 😊

Remember that all women of Grace Congregational are automatically Women Of Grace members! Please come and join us - we have a lot of fun doing the Lord's work! If you need a ride, please call Amy LeGreve @ 553-2525 and we will pick you up.

Blessings In Christ, Amy LeGreve and Pamela Van Ess

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

As you may have noticed our parking lot is beginning to show signs of wear. Currently, we are looking at needing to do some repairs to the lot over the course of the next 12-18 months. As we consider this we are looking at how we can improve the lot. A couple of items being discussed is paving over the dirt island at the far end of the lot as well as expanding the lot by squaring off the corners, at the far end of the lot as well as near the education wing. Squaring off the corners will allow us to have space to push and store snow in the winter while reducing the rutting that occurs as a part of the snow removal. And paving over the island will address an unsightly area that seems to be most frequently a mud puddle. Obviously there will be a cost associated with this, but thanks to some of our members like Nick Mueller and Jim Reif we are actually getting out ahead of this before the repairs become excessively costly. We are working through the bidding process and hope to have some work completed this fall with the lot being fully repaired and resurfaced in the summer of 2018.

During the June meeting we were blessed with Don DeBruyn's presence. Don has been instrumental in some energy savings improvements we have been making to the Church. Specifically, we will be replacing several light fixtures in areas of the church that see significant use in order to reduce our energy consumption and electric bills. New fixtures will go in in the office area, entry way and fellowship hall. We will also be switching the spot light that shines on the cupola to a more energy efficient LED.

Lastly we are looking at the overhang above the rounding driveway and entrance to the Church. As you may have noticed the weather has taken its toll on the finish on the wood structure of the overhang. Jim Konitzer is coordinating our efforts to get bids on getting this structure sanded and refinished.

Some other things we would like to highlight include the upgrades we have made to the sound system in the sanctuary and the new flooring in the Fellowship Hall.

The sound system upgrades should provide an improved experience when attending service. We should no longer have spots in the sanctuary that are difficult to hear the service while no longer needing to turn the volume up so high that it creates discomfort for some so all can hear the service. Much appreciation to Bruce Suettinger and Wade Juza for the time and effort they have put into the sound system.

The floor in the Fellowship Hall is a vinyl plank that replaces the carpet we previously had. This flooring should be more resilient to spills and easier to clean up. Thank you to Mickey Veleke for leading this project.

We thank Paul Schmid for addressing the fencing that was around our HVAC system.

Finally, we would like to send out a special thank you to Bill Monka for his many years of care and service of our Church and its building. Bill has been a valued steward of our building and will be missed. Bill graciously assisted in the transition of responsibility to Mike Timm. We welcome Mike and are grateful to have a member with so much knowledge and experience be able to step up and provide continuity in the care of our building.

If you have questions or concerns, or would like to volunteer your time or resources to a particular project or need, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely, Dave Loomis

MUSIC MINISTRY

at Grace begins again in September!

The music ministry of Grace will begin rehearsals again this fall. Music is a rewarding way to serve the church and to praise God. We welcome all musical abilities and any time you can give!

Grace's Adult Choir will begin weekly rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 6 from 7:00-8:15pm.** **Grace's Handbell Choir** will begin weekly rehearsals on **Monday, September 11 from 11:00-12:00am.**

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" Psalm 95:2

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 17 is the date for the Christmas Cantata. We will be seeking extra singers and instrumentalist to help tell the story of our Saviors birth. The choir will be rehearsing for the cantata starting in October. Please see Andrea Allington if you are willing to give your time and talent to this event.

Special Music

The music ministry of Grace is seeking the talent of the congregation. Instrumentalist and vocalist are always welcome to share their talent and faith during the year at either service! Please contact Andrea Allington if interested at 242-6240 or email romsosa@yahoo.com.



Thank you to everyone who gave their time and talent to provide special music for the summer services!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BOATING

August 2, 10am-5pm:

Join us for a day of fun on Wilke Lake! We will be boating, tubing, and swimming, and just hanging out on the shoreline. We will leave the church at 10am and return around 5pm. Cost is \$5. You may also choose to bring a few dollars for cheese curds or ice cream---we will make a stop by the Henning Cheese Factory! Bring your own lunch and a snack to share with the group. Friends are welcome, as long as we have permission slips turned in for everyone going. We also need parents to come as drivers and chaperones! Permission slips are available at the information desk at church, or email Pastor Colie: pastorcolie@gmail.com and she can send you one.

THE LAKESHORE MEMORY CAFÉ WILL

MEET AUGUST 2, 2017



Join us for a Hawaiian Luau where we will play Aloha Bingo and share in some tastes of Hawaii. We'll gather **Wednesday, August 2, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.** at the Manitowoc Public Library's Balkansky Room (707 Quay St). There is no charge and all are welcome. Call Kim at 920.683.4180 for more information or if you are interested in volunteering.

The Lakeshore Memory Café provides a comfortable and non-judgmental environment in which persons with dementia, their families, and their caregivers can interact and enjoy the company of others experiencing similar challenges. It provides an opportunity to learn, laugh, and socialize with one another in a small or large group setting offering refreshments, camaraderie, and lots of creative fun. We gather on the first Wednesday of every month. Find us on Facebook. *Safe, Social, Supportive; working to make Manitowoc County more dementia friendly.*

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Nicole Herda
Bryce Moolenaar
- 2 - Becky O'Connor
- 4 - Janet Marx
Deb Keery
Aubrey Bruckschen
Diane Eggers
Lucas Anderson
- 5 - Lesley Huffer
Jennifer Wisnowski
Shelly Randerson
Charlie Mohr
Victor Jones
- 6 - Brandt Gilmer
Charlene Dresang
- 8 - Kole Klein
Owen Willis
Buddy Davidson
Carissa Babino
Jaiden Bohman
Trenten Bohman
Sheila Beyer
Joylyn Moore
- 9 - Rico Robbins
- 10 - Wendy Schlosser
Randy Wilson
Taliah Seefeldt
- 11 - John Schanilec
Brian Gallagher
- 12 - Jeanne Heinsohn
Cayden Skubal
Eric Schramm
- 13 - Linda Peterson
- 14 - Jane Allie
James Taylor
- 15 - Jim Konitzer
- 16 - Joan Meissner
- 17 - Ann Klein
Anna Loomis
- 18 - Kris Klein
Jack Backus
- 19 - Randy Brey
- 20 - Page Sayeski
Colie Bettivia
- 22 - Joan Taddy
Tyler Pribyl
- 23 - Hunter Hayes
- 24 - Brad Holtz
- 25 - Don DeBruyn
Amanda Heinsohn
Rachel Sosnosky
Breanna Wisnowski



- Addison Bauknecht
- 26 - Callie Krueger
Mark Taylor
Megan Bruckschen
Ruth Hauboldt
- 27 - Aurora Schmid
Jesse Bruckschen
Morgen Schmid
Jennifer Reinke
- 28 - Tom Schiman
- 29 - Josephine Allington
- 30 - Arliene Stroud
Ginger Van Ells
Haley Tadych
Linda Rosik-Bohacek
- 31 - Terri Kornely
Scott Linzmeier
Dan Blashka
Bruce Huffer
Joanie Mohr
Kacie Shimulunas
Marsha Heuer

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Timothy and Kathy Hirvela
- 4 - Jeff and Sally Kintgen
- 5 - Kim and Fay Henning
- 6 - Todd and Mandy Moolenaar
- 7 - James and Beverly Schleif
Mark and Debbie Rhein
- 9 - Chris and Jodi Lewis
Joel and Keenie Evenson
- 13 - Derek and Maren Slickman
- 14 - Jeff and Carey Schmid
Bob and Shelly Randerson
- 15 - Bruce and Lesley Huffer
Larry and Wendy Schlosser
- 17 - Per and Ginny Engstrom
- 17 - Karl and Cindy Schindl
- 18 - David and Karen Loritz
- 19 - Craig and Nancee Rysticken
- 19 - Matthew and Kay Olker
- 20 - Gary and Patty Heise
- 21 - Ric and Marsha Heuer
- 22 - Glenn and Sue Kurtz
- 25 - Brian and Kathleen Boomgarden
Mark and Michelle Taylor
Todd and Joyce Tome
- 26 - Randy and Jean Ammerman
- 28 - Chris and Laura Rozmarynoski
- 30 - Tom and Deb Keery

GRACE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

HOSPITALIZED

Becky Mueller was a patient at Holy Family Memorial Hospital.

Tom Herrmann was a patient at Aurora Medical Center.

Yvonne Holzer had surgery Monday, July 17th and is recovering at home.

Marsha Donlon had surgery Friday, July 21st and is recovering at home.

A CHILD IS BORN.....

Elijah Peter is the name given the newborn son of Erik and Shannon (Kakes) Van Lankvelt. Elijah was born on Thursday, July 13th and was a patient at Theda Clark in Neenah. His grandparents are Jim and Shelby Bohman.....

A MARRIAGE TO CELEBRATE

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for the wedding of Kevin and Karen (Burrows) Teutschmann, who exchanged marriage vows in our sanctuary on Saturday, July 8. We pray for God's blessings of love and strength as they begin this new journey together.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to Linda Peterson and her family as they grieve the death of Linda's mother, Mary Gottinger. Mary died on Thursday, June 22nd and a private funeral service was held week of July 2.

We also offer our sympathy to the family of Natalie Gauthier who died on Sunday, June 18. A memorial service was held on Friday, July 07, at Klein and Stangel Funeral Home.

We offer our sympathy to Jim and Beverly Schleif as they grieve the death of Beverly's father, Norman Kutz. Norman died on Monday, July 17, and his funeral was held in West Bend on Thursday.

IN MOURNING.....

We pray for the family of Marianne and Steve Smith as they grieve the death of Marianne's sister.



Two Rivers Mishicot Ecumenical Pantry
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I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, naked and you clothed me.
Matthew 25:35-36

Thank you for helping us to help those in need,
with your generous donation of \$317.00
Blessings Lynn Skarvan, Coordinator

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS for AUGUST

Pork and beans, baked beans, chili beans, soda crackers, hamburger helper, tomato sauce and paste, juice, canned fruit, toilet paper, tooth paste, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, jelly, peanut butter, boxed potatoes, flavored rice, tuna helpers...



July 23 - 29. was our host week a big Thank you to all of the Volunteers who gave generously of their time for this worthwhile endeavor..

The new location is 1000 South 35th Street, this is the entrance they want all to use (it's the one with the locked doors that use the buzzer to allow entry). The phone number is still 686-1436.

Hope House Wish List: garbage bags (kitchen), bus tokens, gas cards, laundry detergent, twin sheet sets, pillow cases, towels, bath mats, dish towels, Ziploc bags, dish detergent, hangers....

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON GROUP

We would like to invite ALL women of the church to our Women's Luncheon Group.

Announcements are usually in the bulletin and in the newsletter. If you need a ride we can usually provide it. **August 8th we are going to be at Two River's Lighthouse Inn at 11:30 a.m.** Contact Chris Blimel at 793-2204 or Sandy Monka at 553-2047 if you will be going.



Moon Beach Retreat

HOLINESS AND WHOLENESS

September 22-24, 2017

Join us at Moon Beach Camp in St. Germain for a weekend of sabbath rest and renewal. Come as just yourself, or come as a couple or family.

We will stay in the cabins at Moon Beach, and delicious meals will be provided by the camp. We will offer group activities but you are free to choose your own schedule of how you wish to spend your time.

In the hectic lives we live in today's world, we can often get so busy that we stop noticing the wonder and holiness that is all around us. And many of us often feel less than enough. So come for a weekend when we will remember that signs of God are all around us, and God loves us, our whole selves, just as we are.

More info, including cost, in on sign up sheets at the information desk