



**Grace United
Methodist
Church**

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Here's an old story... Some years ago, the captain of the Greenland whaling vessel, found himself at night surrounded by icebergs. He expected any moment to be ground into pieces. As the morning dawned, he saw another ship that was reasonably close.

Getting into a life-boat with some of his men, he carefully made his way through the lanes of open ice toward the mysterious looking craft. Coming alongside, he called out to the other vessel with a loud "SHIP AHOY!" But there was no response.

He looked through the port-hole and saw a man, evidently the captain, sitting at a table as if writing a long book. He again hailed the vessel, but the figure did not move because it had frozen solid.

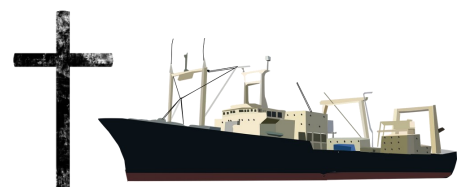
Upon examination, the sailors of that ship were eventually found, some frozen among the hammocks, others in the cabin. From the last entry in the log-book it appeared this vessel had been drifting about the arctic seas for 13 years – a floating sepulcher, manned by a frozen crew.

And there are souls today who have drifted from and refused God's divine offer of life. They have drifted, some for many years, into chilling regions of Arctic-like darkness and frost (Christian Journal). Don't let that be the sad story your life leaves behind for others to see.

Unless heat is applied, the natural tendency of things is that they grow cold. If your dinner sits too long on the table, you'd put it in the microwave because it has gotten cold. But how do you apply heat to your life?

When you sense that you're growing cold spiritually, you have to take the initiative to correct your own spiritual condition and call out to God to save you. Because you are in Christ and because the Holy Spirit lives within you, that means you are not helpless!

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Dan



Council MINUTES

The Church Council met May 20 in the church library. Those in attendance were Pastor Dan Seibert, Jeff Orton, Mark Mosbarger, Mark Lohman, Traci Sigwalt, Karen Doy, Brian Humphries, Gayle Barnes, Lynne Haars, LaVon Swanson, Dave Swanson, Jean Hahn, Coral Minge.

Karen Doy, Missions Committee Chair, reported that Grace has met its 5 Star Mission Challenge for 2024 with its donation of \$1,000 to Midwest Missions and \$1,000 to Red Bird in Kentucky. Chaddock, Baby Fold and Cunningham each received \$500. The committee is also looking into some mission projects that could be done here at church.

Finance chair, Mark Mosbarger presented the current financial reports. He reported that 80% of giving is being met for the expected year while 79.8% of expenses are being covered. The transition to Centennial, the new finance company, will be completed in June. The Finance Committee will next meet when invoices arrive from Wirth, Inc. for the sewer project.

Brian Humphries, the Trustee's Chair, reported that the sewer project is complete, and everything is up to code. The bill from Wirth, Inc. is \$52,000. The new front door for the parsonage has arrived and will be installed soon. Also, a radon test at the parsonage has been completed. The flat roof over the foyer has been evaluated and needs to be replaced. A panel in the belfry needs repair. Insurance and upkeep of the church van was discussed. Mark Lohman moved to dispose of the van with a second by Dave Swanson. After more discussion, the motion was approved. Brian has agreed to continue as chairman. Thank you, Brian.

Gayle Barnes reported that an updated church directory will be available June 2. After allowing members to make corrections, a revised directory will be made available January 1.

Lynne Haars informed the council that Choir rehearsals have ended for the summer. They will resume in September. Also, the reactivated Worship Committee will be having their first meeting on Monday, June 10.

In his report, Rev. Seibert said his sermon series for June will be "Between the Lines," based on five hymns. Because of General Conference changes we will be looking at our Wedding Policies and will make updates soon. SPRC will discuss changes then any change will need to be approved by the Council, then to the Trustees, back to Council, and then presented to the Charge Conference. Rev. Seibert felt the District Superintendent Showalter handled the current issues well and in a timely manner.

Other items mentioned--Women of Grace has a small committee that will be working with the Worship Committee on special event Sundays, and the reactivated Evangelism Committee will meet Tuesday, June 11.

Next Council meeting will be July 22 at 6:00pm.

Submitted by Jeff Orton, Church Council Chair



Pastor Dan Seibert
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Sunday School:
Adult Classes at 8:00am
Ladies Bible Study at
10:00am

Worship Sunday at 9:00am
Kids Worship (Ages 4-11)
Sunday at 9:00am

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PRAYER Requests

Ashley
Joey Eaker
Family Member
Nikki Haars
Kerry
Jeanette Klavine
Austin McDonald
Ellen Rubino
Tony & Ginny Simon
Powell's Brother

Brenna Betcher Callahan
Ruth Ann Eaker
Cathy Gaudet
Cameron Hodgson
Kevin Ketterman
Andrew Lord
Larry & Sharon Owens
Glenn Sigwalt
Sally Swanson
Larry Taylor

Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:

Betty Bowman	Joyce Criddle	Mary Lou Deane
Phyllis Keag	John Riggs	Connie Ryner
Sarah Stees	Rita Webb	Muriel Weber



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June 7 - Friday
7:30am - 12:00pm
in Otterbein

To schedule your appointment, contact
Karen Doy: karensday@gmail.com
Walk Ins Welcome!!

2024 Offering Needed to meet Monthly Budget

\$31,000.00

Received in May 5 - 19

\$35,982.67

General Fund



Food needs:
pasta sauce, cereal, ready to eat soup,
canned meat, canned fruit

Non-food needs:
laundry detergent, cleaning supplies,
shampoo, conditioner, diapers



July 1-7
John Deere Classic

Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry
is a 2024 Birdies for Charity
Recipient

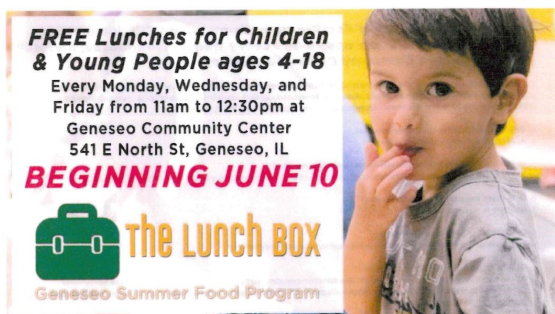
To pledge to donate,
please pick up a sign up form
in the lobby!



- 03 - **Virginia Clayton (90)**
- 04 - Lisa Hodgson
- 06 - Justin Shoemaker
- 07 - Becky Daniels,
Lynette Williams
- 08 - Dwane Blank, Joe Mickley
- 09 - Tom Birmingham
- 10 - Brian Berry, Laney Dunker,
Sarah Stees
- 15 - Sheila Clary
- 16 - Shelly Emerick
- 19 - **Allen Ernst (95)**
- 20 - Molly Hamer, Connie Yager
- 21 - Pam Johnson
- 22 - Nancy Lund
- 25 - Will Daniels
- 26 - Cindy Hudson, Sophie Rushing
- 27 - Owen Lindberg
- 30 - Lori Martin, Brian Tindall



- 02 - Marc & Jillian Curcuru (17)
- 06 - Mitch & Jennifer Lindberg (4)
Corey & Ann Neumann (26)
Ron & Bonnie Obrecht (60)
- 08 - Brian & Dee Humphries (33)
- 11 - Chuck & Rosemary Boardman (58)
- 14 - Roger & Billie Hulting (56)
- 25 - John & Joy Dwyer (47)
- 27 - Robbie & Jenna Rushing (4)
- 28 - Roger & Deb Magerkurth (49)
- 30 - **Mike & Lori Martin (40)**



Sunday, June 9
following Worship
Served by United Methodist Men

JUNE MEETINGS

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Worship Committee will be Monday, June 10 @ 6:00pm. The purpose of the Worship Committee is to support the pastor and those who lead the service.

Thank you to the following committee members:

Helen Akers	Becky Daniels
Lynne Haars	Tom Hitzhusen
Mark Mosbarger	Paula Schulte
Cal Venema	Paula Venema

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the reactivated Evangelism Committee will be Tuesday, June 11 @ 6:00pm. We, as Christians, are directed by Jesus to bring the Word of God to all. The Evangelism Committee will help guide the members of Grace Church in ways to achieve that goal.

Thank you to the following committee members:

Terry Anderson	Julie Dahlquist
Margaret Hitzhusen	Mark Koster
Claudia Loucks	Mike Rubino
Gloria Shoemaker	LaVon Swanson

Congratulations



Daniel Coleman

Molly Neumann

Sam Mosbarger



BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.
DO NOT BE AFRAID OR TERRIFIED BECAUSE OF THEM, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD GOES WITH YOU; HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU
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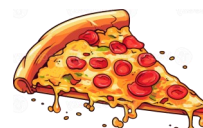
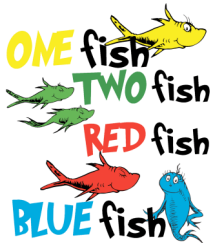
We are the
FUTURE



HOT OFF THE PRESS!! CHURCH DIRECTORY

An updated Church Directory will be available in the lobby beginning June 2. Sheets for corrections are available in the lobby or the office. You are encouraged to fill one out and leave it in the office so errors can be corrected in a timely way. We will have a 2025 Church Directory available in January 2025.

**Gayle Barnes & Jean Hahn,
Membership Committee**



JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Sunday Events 8:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:00am - Worship 9:00am - KIDS Worship 10:00am - Women's Bible Study						1
2 Regular Sunday Events	3 8:00am - Prayer Group, Library	4	5	6	7 Blood Drive 7:30am - 12:00pm Otterbein	8
9 Regular Sunday Events Following Worship Breakfast Served By Grace Men	10 8:00am - Prayer Group, Library 6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting	11 6:00pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting	12 5:30p - SPRC Meeting	13	14	15
16 Regular Sunday Events HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	17 8:00am - Prayer Group, Library	18	19	20	21	22
23 Regular Sunday Events	24 8:00am - Prayer Group, Library	25	26	27	28	29
30 Regular Sunday Events						