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Church**

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What do curtains, sunglasses, band aids, and a shovel all have in common? Well, that's a tough question to answer because they all seem so random. Yet, there is a common component that they all share. You'll see what that shared component is in our new and upcoming message series for November called "MASKquerade."

Here's a little hint... since the early part of April 2020 we were directed by the CDC to wear masks to COVER UP and help prevent the spread of the Corona virus. Some people believed that wearing a mask didn't do any good while others were afraid to be around people who were not wearing one, for fear of getting the virus.

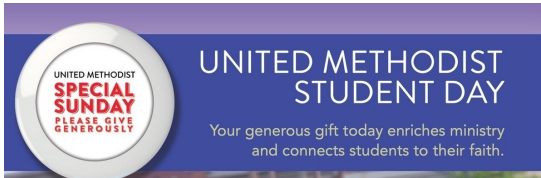
During the month of November, we will be looking into some of the classic Bible stories to see what HIDDEN lessons that there might be for us to learn. As is often the case, there's a whole lot of power packed into every passage of scripture that we take a closer look at. May God help us as we look at the MASKquerade.

**Encouraging you in Christ,
Pastor Dan**



Missions

Celebrate United Methodist Student Day on November 24



What is United Methodist Student Day? United Methodist Student Day is one of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. United Methodist Student Day calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The special offering provides scholarships for qualified United Methodist applicants. How does The United Methodist Church distribute the offerings received on United Methodist Student Day? The treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration distributes net receipts, after payment of promotional expenses, to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for United Methodist Student Day scholarships. How does one apply for a United Methodist Student Day scholarship? To apply for a United Methodist Student Day scholarship, visit the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry website.

Dear Grace Church Family,
Thank you so much for your remembrance of my birthday! How I loved hearing from you!! I want each one of you to know my heart and thoughts are with you. Thank you so much for your prayers.

To My Grace Church Family,
Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, visits, flowers and acts of kindness & love you have shown to me throughout my recovery of my stroke in the hospital, and now after my return home.



In His Love & Mine,
Millie Scales

In Christ's Love,
Norma Lodge

Opal Circle would like to thank everyone for helping to make October 13th's church brunch a success! Blessings to those who contributed food and/or attended the brunch.


Happy
Thanksgiving



Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

~Psalm 107:8-9

We wish you & your family a very blessed Thanksgiving!



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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Geneseo Grace

Let's Pray!

Anonymous Requests

Gwen Burbridge	Ashley
Joey Eaker	Brenna Betcher Callahan
Family Members	Ruth Ann Eaker
Nikki Haars	Cathy Gaudet
Cameron Hodgson	Hannika
Kerry	John
Norma Lodge	Kevin Ketterman
Ellen Rubino	Andrew Lord
Barb Sigwalt	Jan Seibert
Sally Swanson	Jann & Traci Sigwalt
Paula Venema	Doug VanVooran
	Steve & Charlotte Powell's Brother

Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:

Joyce Criddle Mary Lou Deane John Riggs Connie Ryner
Sarah Stees Carolyn Stenzel Rita Webb

Please contact Julie Dahlquist with prayer updates.



**Coral will be out of the office
November 25-27**



November 2 -
Saturday Night
Turn your clocks
BACK one hour.

Date	Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
October 6	83	20
October 13	89	10
October 20	94	23
October 27	93	30

**2024 Offering Needed to
meet Monthly Budget**

\$31,000.00

Received Sept. 29 - Oct. 27

\$36,184.01

General Fund



FALL SOUP SUPPER

All Grace Church Women are invited!
Thursday, November 7
6:00pm

Food will be provided for our
evening of fellowship



VIOLET CIRCLE BAKE SALE & CRAFTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Open from 8:00am - 12:00pm

All proceeds will be donated to supporting our
Youth activities & local charities.



WITH
sympathy

**To the Family of
Glenn Sigwalt**
who passed away on September 28

Husband of Jann
Father of Traci

*Our thoughts & prayers are
with you all.*



- 01 - Dave Swanson
- 05 - Hannah DeJohn, Mark Shoemaker
- 06 - Steve Depies
- 07 - Susan Coleman, Bodey Mickley,
Sue TeStrake
- 08 - Evan Hill
- 10 - Mark Koster, Bev Radue
- 12 - Jerry Hahn
- 15 - Kylie DeJohn
- 16 - Duane Haars, Margaret Hitzhusen,
Tony Simon
- 20 - Dave Johnson, Hilary Lohman
- 21 - Julie Blank, Dick Gradert,
Randy Rutherford
- 22 - Barry Snodgrass
- 23 - Mark Lohman
- 24 - Logan Betcher, Mary Lou Deane
- 25 - Clarice Massengill
- 27 - Nancy Mickle
- 28 - Harrison Hill
- 30 - Libby Anderson, Jenni Lindberg,
Ron Obrecht

OWLS Lunch
Thursday, November 21
11:30am



Bonnie Johnson will present a program titled "Quilts and Their Stories From the Past to the Present". Please sign up in the lobby.



The Grace Book Club met October 1 and enjoyed a lively discussion of the book, *The Women*. The attendees included Pat, Sandy, Joy, Dee and Sharon. Next month on November 5, we will read and discuss *What Alice Forgot!* by Liane Moriarty. Come join our fun group.

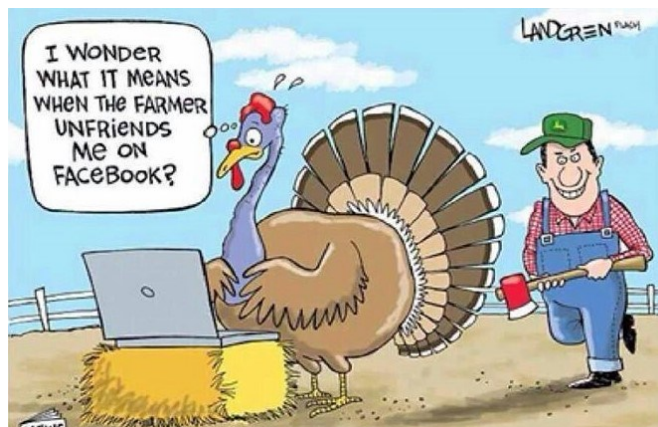


- 03 - Dathan & Betty Kerber (6)
- 05 - Mike & Ellen Rubino (36)
- 08 - Wendell & Helen Akers (60)**
- 18 - Jerry & Jean Hahn (57)
Shannon & Carly Verbeck (7)
- 19 - Dean & Sharon Yoder (64)
Steve & Christina Zobrist (7)
- 26 - Tom & Margaret Hitzhusen (59)



Rev. John Davis, former pastor of Grace UMC will celebrate his **90th** Birthday this month.

Cards may be sent to:
2441 Huber Lane
Terre Haute, IN 47802-3667



IT'S BEGINNING
TO LOOK
A LOT LIKE
Christmas



Our Angel Tree will be up & filled with lots of angels the week of November 4! Grab one, two or more, and help make this a joyful Christmas for these special children & senior citizens. Please place unwrapped gifts under the tree (attach the angel tag to the correct gift).

**** Gifts must be turned in NO LATER than Monday, December 3 ****

♥ bless all the dear children ♥



During the recent meeting of the Grace Church Missions Committee, we discussed using a third party company, "That Daily Deal", a company in eastern Tennessee, as an alternate way to donate to Operation Christmas Child. It involves going to the website and scrolling down to the OCC menu item, only a few items down, and, it is very easily seen. They request a \$5 donation and the company matches the \$5 amount, and they take care of packing and shipping. Dave Johnson has done business with them for a number of years and believe them to be honest and reliable. The website address is:

https://meatball.thatdailydeal.com/good_deals.php should you decide to participate in that way. If this way of donation is chosen, don't hesitate because the maximum allowed number of donations seem to fill very quickly since the audience is so large. Thank-you to any and all participants!

For a number of years, Grace Church has participated in Operation Christmas Child in the traditional way. Shelly Emerick is the OCC facilitator for Grace Church. First Methodist Church of Geneseo is the location for collecting and packing donated shoe box items for OCC. Items marked for OCC and/or monetary donations to offset shipping cost may be left at the First Methodist Church office. Packing of items will occur Friday, November 15 (4:30pm - 8:00pm) & Saturday, November 16 (9:00am - 2:00pm) at their South Campus facility. Empty shoeboxes are also needed to hold donated items. The goal for the number of packed shoeboxes is 1200.



Poinsettia order forms will be available as soon as we are notified with a price for each plant.



2024





Grace Youth Group's community service project Sunday was to weed and rake the Allure prayer garden. They did an amazing job! When asked whether they preferred pizza or tacos for dinner, the response was "tacos?!?!?" Yes!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Community Choir has been invited to sing at the Community Thanksgiving service in the HS Fine Arts Commons on Sunday, November 24. Rehearsal begins at 3:00 in the HS choir room and the service begins at 4:00. We will sing "Hymn to Joy" (Comm. choir sang this summer) and "Cantate Domino" by Althouse. Please reply to Pam Edwards: singplay53@gmail.com by October 31. All are welcome to join us!



The Geneseo Ministerial Association invites you to join the community for Thanksgiving Worship on Sunday, November 24 at 4:00pm at the Geneseo High School Performing Arts Commons. An offering will be collected for the Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry. After Worship, we will enjoy a time of pie and coffee fellowship.

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AND BE GRATEFUL

GUMDROPS

October 2 - Leaves
October 9 - Fire Safety
October 16 - "Put Me In the Zoo"

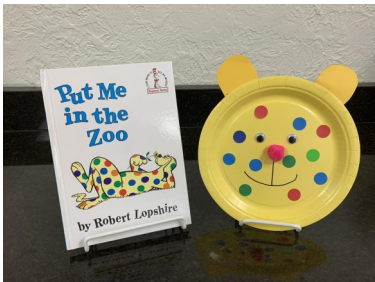
Arts & Crafts



STORYTIME



Snacks!



Let's PLAY

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>8:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:00am - Worship 9:00am - KIDS Worship 10:00am - Women's Bible Study</p>			7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal		1	2
<p>3</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p> <p>6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00pm - Book Club, Library</p> 	6	<p>7</p> <p>Women's Fall Soup Supper 6:00pm</p> 	8	9
<p>10</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p> <p>6:00pm - Opal Circle</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am - Pearl Circle, Library</p>	13	14	15	16
<p>17</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p> <p>6:00pm - Church Council Meeting</p>	19	20	<p>21</p> <p>11:30am - OWLS Lunch, Otterbein</p> 	22	23
<p>24</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>Violet Circle Bake Sale & Crafts 8:00am - 12:00pm</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p> <p>CORAL OUT OF OFFICE</p>	<p>26</p> <p>CORAL OUT OF OFFICE</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CORAL OUT OF OFFICE</p>	<p>28</p> <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Sorry, We're Closed</p> 	30