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## Little Transmitters

United Methodist pastor and theologian, Bill Bouknight, passes on this story...

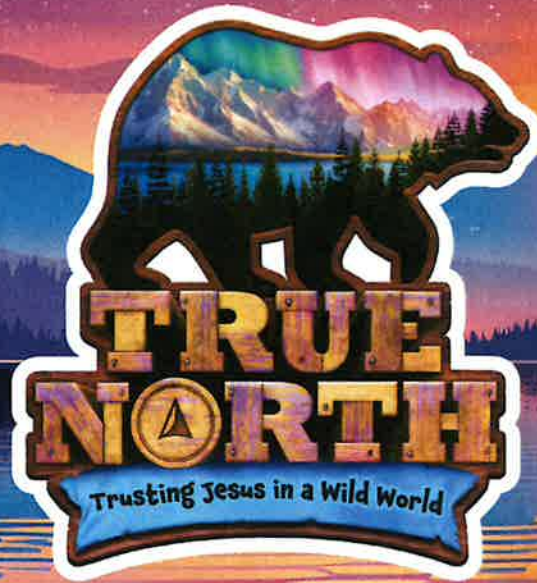
In 1972, NASA launched the exploratory space probe "Pioneer 10." Its main mission was to reach Jupiter and send back information about that planet. It was a bold plan because at that time no satellite had gone beyond Mars. Pioneer 10 accomplished its mission and so much more. It swung past Jupiter in November, 1973, then passed Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. By 1997, Pioneer 10 was more than six billion miles from the sun. Despite that immense distance, Pioneer 10 continued to beam back radio signals to earth. The most remarkable thing was that those signals were powered by an 8-watt transmitter, which radiates about as much power as a bedroom night light. Not even the most optimistic scientist could have ever imagined what that little 8-watt transmitter could do. So it is when you and I offer ourselves to God in faithful obedience. It's just incredible what God can do through little 8-watt transmitters like us when we're turned on for Him.

*Encouraging you In Christ,*

*Pastor Dan*



# VBS 2025



**June 9 - 13**

**9:00 - 11:30am**

**3 yrs old - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ('24-'25 school year)  
Invite your friends & family to join the fun!**

We need YOU to help make our VBS a success!  
"Train up a child in the way he should go..."  
Proverbs 22:6

If you're willing to help, please sign up in the lobby  
or by contacting Director, Molly Hamer  
mollyhamer23@gmail.com / cell 309-945-6934  
or the office geneseogumc@gmail.com / 309-944-4208

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[geneseograce.com](http://geneseograce.com)**

**Pick up copies in the lobby or scan the QR code**



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Church Council met Monday, May 19. I was unable to attend, so I want to thank Mark Lohman for taking over as chair, and of course, Coral Minge for taking notes.

Mark opened with a devotion from James & Philippians and a prayer.

George Farley reported on SPRC progress concerning church policies addressed in the survey. SPRC will also be holding sessions this summer to work on the 2026 Budget and staff evaluations.

Karen Doy announced that a Blood Drive will be held June 26 from 8:30-11:30am. A very worthy and needy endeavor that I suggest all should participate. The Mission Committee voted to donate \$500 towards summer camp scholarships and for Churches United of the QC. Also, \$750 was voted to each of the following: Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Davis Neighborhood House and Baby Fold. \$1000 was set aside for 100 support supply kits that our congregation will assemble on Mission Sunday (September 17). Anyone who sews is encouraged to make the bags for the kits.

The Finance committee met on May 12. At that meeting, Mark Mosbarger went over the financial statements. January to April giving did exceed expenses. Linda Flatt audited our books and sent the report to the West District. Online giving will be available to Grace Church members soon.

Brian Humphries, Trustees chair, said the committee is waiting for an estimate from Sterling Roofing for the foyer's flat roof. He also said that some bricks at the parsonage may require repair. The State Fire Marshall will inspect the elevator & smoke detectors soon. New lights have been installed in the south parking lot. Because of neighbors' concern about the brightness, a timer will be installed to shut off at 10:00pm.

The Worship Committee, according to Chairman Tom Hitzhusen, appreciates Paula Venema, Helen Akers, Mary Gorman & Joy Dwyer for continuing to update the sanctuary's altar decorations, altar cloths and banners. Tom passed along appreciation for Claudia Loucks as she continues in her role of providing the church with greeters. The committee also thanks those who have stepped forward to be liturgists. VBS will present a program on Father's Day. VBS is June 9-13. An All-County church service will be held on June 22 at the Fair Grounds.

Evangelism Committee is seeking a chairperson.

Four confirmands were welcomed as new members of Grace UMC on Sunday, May 18.

Memorial Sunday will be the last time the choir will be in the service until next fall, according to Lynne Haars, Music Director.

Dave & LaVon Swanson, Lay Members to the Annual Conference, and Pastor Dan will attend the annual conference June 5-7 in Peoria. LaVon shared scriptures regarding conflicts amongst church members. Pastor Dan encouraged us to continue to lift our new confirmands in our prayers. It was also announced that James Fielder will be replacing Nic Showalter as District Superintendent.

Our next Council Meeting will be July 14, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Pastor Dan dismissed the Council with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Orton, Council Chair



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**Sunday School:**  
**Adult Classes 8:00am**  
**Ladies Bible Study**  
**10:00am**

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

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Geneseo Grace



**2025 Offering Needed to  
meet Monthly Budget**

**\$31,800.00**

**Received May 4 - 25**

**\$21,503.41**

**General Fund**

## *Our Condolences*

**To the Family of  
Joey Eaker**

who passed away on May 11

Grandson of Ruth Ann Eaker

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted  
and saves those who are crushed in  
spirit. ~ Psalm 34:18*

## *Prayer Requests*

Anonymous Requests

Kim Brake

Joseph Titus Countryman

Family of Joey Eaker

Family Member

Cathy Gaudet

Nikki Haars

Margaret Hitzhusen

Bob James

Norma Lodge

Jane Massey

Bev Radue

Sue Schaefer

Ginny Simon

Taylor

Pat Ufkin

Steve & Charlotte Powell's Brother

Brenna Betcher

Larry Carson

John Davis

Ruth Ann Eaker

Tony Franklin

Lyn Gradert

Hannika

Cameron Hodgson

Jeff Lee

Andrew Lord

Clarice Massingill

Ellen Rubino

Barb Sigwalt

Nancy Stoneberger

Todd

Dean Yoder



### **Food needs:**

tuna, spaghetti (pasta) noodles, spaghetti sauce,  
sugar, baked beans, canned peas

### **Non-food needs:**

shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toilet paper,  
paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant,  
laundry detergent

### **Clothing Room needs:**

all sizes children's summer clothing, bath towels,  
bedding, socks & underwear in all sizes, swimwear  
(good condition)

### **Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:**

Joyce Criddle

Mary Lou Deane

John Riggs

Connie Ryner

Sarah Stees

Carolyn Stenzel

Rita Webb



- 03 - Virginia Clayton
- 04 - Lisa Hodgson
- 06 - Justin Shoemaker
- 07 - Becky Daniels, Lynette Williams
- 08 - Dwayne Blank, Joe Mickley
- 09 - Tom Birmingham
- 10 - Brian Berry, Laney Dunker, Sarah Stees
- 15 - Sheila Clary
- 16 - Shelly Emerick
- 19 - Allen Ernst
- 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



- 02 - Marc & Jillian Curcuru (18)
- 06 - **Mitch & Jennifer Lindberg (5)**
  - Corey & Ann Neumann (27)
  - Ron & Bonnie Obrecht (61)
- 08 - Brian & Dee Humphries (34)
- 11 - Chuck & Rosemary Boardman (59)
- 14 - Roger & Billie Hulting (57)
- 25 - John & Joy Dwyer (48)
- 27 - **Robbie & Jenna Rushing (5)**
- 28 - **Rod & Deb Magerkurth (50)**
- 30 - Mike & Lori Martin (41)



Grace UMC members who have graduated from a 2 year or 4 year college program in 2025

**Emma Dunker**

BS, Nursing, Northern Illinois University

**Annalise Morris**

Associates in Arts, Black Hawk College

**Olivia Mosbarger**

BS, Environmental Horticulture, Colorado State University

**Brennen Smith**

BA, History, Illinois College Jacksonville

**Brayden Williamsen**

BA, Accounting & Business Analytics, Loras College

**Emily Yost**

BA, Psychology, North Central College

*Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will succeed. - Proverbs 16:3*



*Sunday, June 8  
Join us for donuts & juice  
following Worship Service*

## Book Club



Grace Book Club met on May 6 to discuss the book, "Once You Were Mine" by Elizabeth Langston. A very intense conversation about family was the center of this discussion. Attendees included LaVon & her sweet granddaughter, Pat, Sandy, Gayle, and Sharon. We will next meet on **August 5** to discuss "As Bright as Heaven" by Susan Meissner. We will not meet in June & July. Have a happy summer everyone!



## **BLOOD DRIVE**

**Grace United Methodist Church**

**Thursday, June 26**

**8:30am - 11:30am**

**Otterbein Hall**

To book an appointment, contact Karen Doy at [karensdoy@gmail.com](mailto:karensdoy@gmail.com) or scan the QR Code.



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save lives!**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>8:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:00am - Worship 9:00am - KIDS Worship 10:00am - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p> Pentecost</p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p> <p>Donuts &amp; Juice served following Worship Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p> <p>VBS 9:00am - 11:30am</p> <p></p>	<p>10</p> <p>VBS 9:00am - 11:30am</p> <p></p>	<p>11</p> <p>VBS 9:00am - 11:30am</p> <p></p>	<p>12</p> <p>VBS 9:00am - 11:30am</p> <p></p>	<p>13</p> <p>VBS 9:00am - 11:30am</p> <p></p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>HAPPY Father's Day</p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p> <b>Blood Drive</b></p> <p>8:30-11:30am</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p><b>Regular Sunday Events</b></p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>					