

VIEWS AND VISTAS

The Newsletter of the

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From the Minister

Dona nobis pacem

Dona nobis pacem is Latin for *Grant us peace*. It is our signature theme song for Advent at West Granville. Sung in the traditional canon, it becomes a prayer for peace in a season when we celebrate the gift of the *Prince of Peace*.

As people of faith, we are reminded of the spiritual roots for peace found in the Hebrew word **Shalom** meaning: peace, wholeness, well-being, and serenity...for body, mind and soul. More than the absence of conflict, it is the presence of contentment. Jesus, at the Last Supper, gave the promise of *peace that passes all understanding*.

Each Sunday during Advent our candle lighting will be preceded by the *Dona nobis pacem* with a variety of expressions from Choir, piano, and flute. It calls to mind the great announcement of the Angels to the Shepherds ~ *Peace on Earth and Good Will to All*.

May God grant us a season of Peace.

Peace, Dee

THANKSGIVING

November 26 *Thanksgiving Eve*
Soup Dinner and Communion at Church 6:00 PM
Thanksgiving Hymns, Lois Pearson
Soup Dinner provided, please bring a canned food donation for Food Pantry

DECEMBER

December 07 Advent 2 *Peace* and Advent Candles
Sunday School Advent Breakfast 8:30 am
Advent Introit: *Dona Nobis Pacem*, Kathy Weberg & Lois Pearson, Piano Duet
Holy Communion
Special Music: Hand bells
Scripture: Genesis 1 *God Created Light*
Sermon: Sing the Faith: *O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine*

December 14 Advent 3 *Joy* and Advent Candles
Advent Introit: *Dona Nobis Pacem* Sara Ford, flute
Special Music: Church Mice Children's Choir
Scripture: Psalm 121 *I Lift up My Eyes*
Sermon: *Pilgrim Songs for the Journey of Faith*
Decorate the Christmas Tree

December 21 Advent 4 *Love* and Advent Candles
Advent Introit: *Dona Nobis Pacem* Adult Choir
Special Music: Adult Choir
Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 *Announcement to Mary*
Sermon: *Holy Expectation*

December 24 *Christmas Eve*
Color change to red
5:00 PM Family Christmas Service: God of Surprise!
7:00 PM Lessons and Carols
Adult Choir, Brass Choir, Saxophone & Marimba

December 28 *Sunday Christmas Day* No Sunday School
Christmas Caroling: Lois Fuhrman, Pianist
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon: *Visiting Magi – an Epiphany*

January 04 *Epiphany Sunday*
Children's Christmas Worship, led by Dawn Anderson
Special Music: Church Mice Children's Choir

Concerns of the Church

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jon and Amber Luecke on the birth of Isaac Lee Luecke. Isaac was born October 9, 2014, 7lbs and 19.5 inches long and baptized November 16th. We give thanks.

Congratulations to Tim and Taylor Calvert on the birth of James Grafton on October 21, 2014, 7lbs 1 oz, 21 inches long. We give thanks.

Military Deployment

Dominic Bichler, United States Air Force Reserves
Tim Calvert, United States Navy Reserves

Immediate Need

Sue Berray, Bell's Palsy
Sarah Bichler, pregnancy
Tom Grogan, Bell's Palsy
Jean Lanan, bone cancer
Dawn Famularo, cancer treatment
Jeff Ellner, surgery recovery
Rob Pearson, knee surgery recovery
Roger Harry, eye surgery
Jo Ann Olson, oral surgery
Jim Sewrey, surgery recovery

Long Term

Ruby Tylenda-Emmons, awaiting heart procedure
Madison Ford, special needs and continuing care
Harry Reeder, continuing care
Nicki Rupke, special care
Marjorie Holmes, continuing care
Lou Goodman, special care
Francis & Ellen Daniel, special care
Celia Meisel, Lyme's Disease
Susan Allen, health concerns

Hospice Care

Jean Fritz
Kay Baake

Sympathy

We give thanks for the life and witness of LaVern Shirey. Mrs. Shirey Entered the Church Triumphant on October 27th at the age of 92. The Service was held on All Saints Day, Saturday Nov. 1, 2014 at the Krause Funeral Home on Brown Deer Road with Rev. Anderson Officiating. Mrs. Shirey had been a member of the North Presbyterian Church and later West Granville. She was a dear soul with a devoted heart. Thanks Be to God who gives us the Victory.

APRIL FEHR WINS AWARD

Congratulations to April Fehr who was honored Nov. 11, 2014 by the Association of Fundraising Professionals with the **2014 Philanthropic Youth of Today Award**. The award recognizes a young person, between the ages of 12 and 24, who has made a significant difference in Southeastern Wisconsin through philanthropic leadership. It recognizes leadership, dedication, service and creativity. April was nominated by the Girl Scouts of WI SE reflecting her Gold Award work with young girls in Tanzania. In her acceptance speech, April noted that her heart for mission was stimulated by her experiences at West Granville with youth mission trips and assembling Easter Baskets for the Food Pantry. Way to go, April! West Granville is very proud of you!

Tom Roberts had written to Pastor Dee about this event [edited]:

Mary and I were at the annual awards luncheon for the Association of Professional Fundraisers recently because Wildlife in Need was honoring two of our volunteers. I was watching a video and saw that April Fehr was selected as the Philanthropic Youth of Today Award recipient. What an honor! Maybe there is a future for the world if there are more young people like April.

FAMILY PHOTOS

The Member Care Committee will be preparing an updated picture directory for 2015 with Lifetouch Photography. The portraits will be taken right at West Granville and families will have an opportunity early next year to sign up for a time slot. Lifetouch will be shooting on **March 17, 18, 19, 20, & 21, 2015**. If you are thinking about having a new family portrait taken, this is a great way to accomplish that and help our Committee make this directory a success! Lifetouch Photography prides themselves on being very low pressure. All families will receive one FREE 8x10 photo, and all additional portrait orders are 20% off! Save the dates and stay tuned for more info!

There is still time to turn in your **Stewardship Dedication Pledge** for 2015 along with your Time and Talent form. We thank you for responding to God's gracious call by supporting the church. Please contact finance chair, Joe Hrovat, with any questions.

- Consolidated General Fund**
- October 31, 2014**

Income

Expenditures

Balance on hand	1,200
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ADVENT BREAKFAST

The Advent Breakfast and Workshop will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 7 at 8:30 a.m.** in Perseverance Hall. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 followed by a family craft and caroling. We look forward to seeing your family this year. This will be a wonderful event for families to celebrate the time of advent together.

We will have an "impromptu" Men's Night Out on **Wednesday, December 10** at DeMarini's Pizzeria at N88 W15229 Main Street, Menomonee Falls. A little pre-Christmas cheer - so to speak. Start time is 6:00 and pizza is on the menu. Contact Scott Prill for more info at sprill@milwpc.com.

West Granville is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Meisel Music Collective Concert on **Friday, December 12** at 7:00 p.m. (time is tentative). The concert will be held in the West Granville Sanctuary and is open to the public. Bring your friends! The price of admission is free, but we do encourage donations!

Packaged and canned goods may be donated **December 7** and **January 4** to the Communion Sunday Food Drive narthex box.

The Lunch Bunch will meet for lunch and fellowship on **Friday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m.**, and at various restaurants on the second Friday of each month. All ages are invited and welcome! See Nancy Baum for this month's location, 414.355.9111.

Barb Feehan
1226 17th Avenue NW, #5, Rochester, MN 55901

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	October 26	123	
November 2	137	November 9	96
November 16	99	November 23	75

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2015

West Virginia ~ July 18-25, 2015



Welcome to the summer youth Mission trip. The Program is called YOUTHWORKS-our location is Mingo County, West Virginia

https://www.youthworks.com/communities/Appalachian_Mtns_-_Mingo_County

We have reserved **16 spaces** and are planning on two vans. As with last year, registrations will be on a first-come basis. Once registrations are closed, we will begin a **waiting list**. Many of you know that 2015 will be my Sabbatical summer. In West Virginia, we will share the work week with **First Presbyterian Church**, Waukesha and the Rev. Nicole Farley.

<http://www.firstpreswaukesha.org/>

Registrations are now being accepted. The trip is open to incoming freshman through graduating high school seniors.

- **Work Week**-is July 19-24—we are including July 18 & 25 for travel days: *we may adjust the travel days to meet the drivers' needs.*

Registration: The per person cost of the trip is \$279;

we would like a \$150 deposit by December 7, 2014.

Final Payment: We will bill you the end of January 2015.

YOUTHWORKS Mission Statement:

We exist to connect teenagers to God, each other and communities through life-changing Christ-centered mission trips.

Community Experience

You and your youth will have the opportunity to spend significant time building relationships in Mingo County, as participants will serve at the same service site all week. Give the kids from this rural community a constructive way to spend their summer days by enjoying YOUTHWORKS Kids Club. Help folks in the community to care for their homes by doing minor home repair, painting, or yard work. Depending on the skills of your adult leaders, there may also be opportunities to build wheelchair ramps or do other housing rehab work. In the evenings, enjoy the local swimming pool and community center, visit the neighboring community of Delbarton for line dancing and

bluegrass music at the Opry House, attend a worship service at a local church, and celebrate the week at a community cookout in Delbarton.

Senior High Trips Master List

SWAP Neon, Kentucky (1986), Bob Streich, Randy and Deb Anderson, Dee Springfield, MO (1987), Randy and Deb Anderson, Dee and Cindy Anderson Camp Clearwater Forest -Minnesota (1988)

Randy and Deb Anderson & Dee and Cindy Anderson

Milwaukee Service Week/Hunger Taskforce (1989), Dee Anderson

Two trips to Camp Stronghold, IL (1990-1) Dee, Tammy and Patrick Wood

Jamaica hurricane repair (1993), Dee Anderson, Tammy and Patrick Wood

Wisconsin Dells and ROPES Course (1994) Dee, Tammy and Patrick Wood

SWAP CCC Camp, Harlan Kentucky (1996), Dee Anderson, Ann Handle

Camp Wesley Woods in Iowa (1998), Dee Anderson, Deb Anderson

Heartland Presbyterian Camp (1999), Dee Anderson, Casey Krueger

Montreat West Youth Conference, Colorado (2000) Casey Krueger

SWAP Isom, Kentucky (2001), Dee Anderson, Casey Krueger

Montreat West Youth Conference, Colorado (2002) Dee, Casey Krueger

Synod Camp Clearwater Forest, Minnesota (2003)

Dee Anderson, Casey & Brian Krueger, Steve Otten, Andrea Fornal

Montreat West Youth Conference, Colorado (2004) Dee, Elizabeth Sandretti

Montreat West Youth Conference, Colorado (2005)

Elizabeth Sandretti & Christine Kordus

Springfield, MO (2006), Dee Anderson, Dick Fischer, Lon Crane,

Amy Tess-Mattner, David Mikec, Pat Lorbiecki

SWAP Hindman, Kentucky (2007), Dee Anderson, Lon Crane, Melissa Karow, Steve and Carol Otten

Montreat Youth Conference, North Carolina (2008), Dee Anderson

SOS Memphis, Tenn. (2009), Dee Anderson, Steve Otten, Lon Crane

Howell Nature Center, Michigan (2010) Dee Anderson, Jen Emory,

Dawn Anderson and Dick Fischer

Montreat Youth Conference, North Carolina (2011)

Dee Anderson, Lynn Fehr, Rev. Fiona

SWAP, Kentucky (2012)

Dee Anderson, Lynn Fehr, Leigh Otten, Haley & David Serebin

Benton Harbor, Michigan (2013)

Dee Anderson, Cindy Anderson, David Serebin, and Jerry Johnson

Montreat Youth Conference, North Carolina (2014)

Elizabeth Sandretti, Ed Kress, Jane Stone

OPEN CIRCLE EVENTS

Open Circle Christmas Party on 12.17.14

All women of the church are invited to attend the *Open Circle Christmas Party* on **Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.**, graciously hostessed by *Marna Tess-Mattner*, at her home in Wauwatosa. We'll sing carols, disburse funds to missions, enjoy scrumptious holiday treats, exchange "Secret Pal" gifts and choose new "Secret Pals" for next year. If you did not have a Secret Pal in 2014, please bring a wrapped gift to exchange.

Directions: Hwy 45 South to North Avenue-East exit. Continue east to Wauwatosa Avenue (76th Street). Turn right on to 76th Street and continue to the first stop light, which is Milwaukee Avenue. Turn left (East) onto Milwaukee Avenue. Go through two stop signs (stopping first!).

At 64th Street/Upper Parkway South, turn left.

Tess-Mattners' is the fifth house on the right: 1542 Upper Parkway South.

Questions? Call Marna at 414-771-7970 evenings.

Open Circle is an informal gathering of women of the church with a focus on fellowship and mission. Our name symbolizes the circle of friendship which is always open to any and all women who are interested in joining any or all of the events we sponsor, organize, and coordinate. Please feel free to join any of the activities. No formal sign-up necessary!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for any of our **2015** events:

January 13: Tuesday \$5 movie at Meno Falls Marcus Theater;

February 2 or 9, Valentine Tea and card-making at Deb Crane's;

March 23 sing/bingo; April 16 book; May flower sale?;

May make fleece no-sew blankets?

all the preceding dates are subject to change!

And there will, of course, be more details prior to each event.

Sunday June 21 ~ Strawberry Festival on Father's Day

Sunday Sept. 13 ~ Rally Day Pie & Ice Cream Social.

ELECTIONS

The **2017 Class of Elders** were elected at the Congregational Meeting on October 26, 2014 and will be installed in January. We extend our congratulations to Hildegard Essoka, Amy Mikec, Aaron Tracy, and Patrick Wood. Also elected were Darren Hartman as Treasurer, Jacques Sewrey as Financial Secretary, and Paul Smith to the Audit Committee, along with Nominating Committee of Noel Adams, Tony Anderson, Nancy Baum, Joy Hartman, Michelle Pogorzelski, and Kent Tess-Mattner.

MASTER SINGERS OF MILWAUKEE CHRISTMAS CONCERT



The Master Singers of Milwaukee (in which Marna Tess-Mattner sings) will be performing its "Season of Light" Christmas Concert on **Saturday, December 20 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 21 at 3:30 pm.** Both concerts will be at **ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT CHAPEL, 1501 South Layton Blvd. (27th & Greenfield Ave. in Milwaukee).** This magnificent "chapel" (much larger than WGPC!) is a hidden treasure that rivals the cathedrals of Europe in its architecture and acoustics.

The Master Singers will be joined by the Muskego High School Choir on Saturday evening and by the Brookfield East High School Choir on Sunday afternoon. Both high schools have exceptional choral music programs.

Tickets are \$18 (General), \$15 (Seniors) and \$5 (Students). Advance tickets may be purchased from Marna Tess-Mattner or by mailing your check with your ticket order to:

Master Singers of Milwaukee

7635 West Bluemound Road, Suite 215, Milwaukee, WI 53213

(Tickets ordered by mail will be held at the Will Call table unless you send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to have them sent to you.) For more information about the Master Singers and upcoming concerts, please visit the website at <http://mastersingersofmilwaukee.org>. (Please note that the telephone number listed there for ordering tickets is not current.)



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*A letter from Jodi McGill serving in Malawi
September 2014 - Signs of Progress [Part 3]*

Low-cost options for improved water and sanitation facilities are demonstrated and made available for purchase to individuals and family groups in addition to the common customers of government and not-for-profit organizations.

Mr. Isaac Mkandawire is one of the entrepreneurs who now runs a small water supply business that is supported through the Center. He says: "I was a politician working with a Member of Parliament who gave me an opportunity to learn at the Centre. Now I run my own water company and I have a passion for the water business. And over time as I look back I am quite happy to see people benefiting from services I have rendered. It is quite gratifying. A well that we drill within the compound can provide safe water to everyone, including the elderly, the disabled, some who are orphans, the schoolchildren—they are all benefiting from the water being both safe and within a short walking distance from their compounds.

"The assistance that we are receiving from the Centre and its supporters is developing a passion within us, especially me, to do more than what I am doing now. We have a solution to most of the challenges that people are facing to have safe water in Malawi."

Thank you to all who support our work, which makes these opportunities available to Malawians like Mr. Isaac Mkandawire and which shows how much we all are part of the body of Christ.

Jodi McGill

The 2014 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study, p. 143

[Read more](#) about Jim and Jodi McGill's ministry

[Write](#) to Jim McGill [Write](#) to Jodi McGill

Individuals: [Give](#) online to E200385 for Jim and Jodi McGill's sending and support

Congregations: Give to D506718 for Jim and Jodi McGill's sending and support

Churches are asked to send donations through your congregation's normal receiving site (this is usually your presbytery).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

1	Marcie Mangas-Prill	1	Barbara Hackbarth
4	Darren Hartman		
5	Sally and Bob Schwarz, 1970		
6	Kathy Weberg	7	Heidi Heiser
8	Tim Grogan		
9	Roger Harry	11	Delbert Clay
12	Autumn Zinda		
15	Amy Warden		
19	Jessica Garbarek		
20	John & Nancy Rupke, 1964		
20	Michelle Fitzgerald	22	Becky Wood
22	Nancy Rupke	22	Paul Martens
24	Jean Lanan	25	Eleanor Ellner

If your dates are missing or in error, please inform the church office.

BAD WEATHER CLOSING ALERTS

For Church closing information during inclement weather listen to Weather Watch WISN 12, wisn.com, WKLH 96.5 Classic Rock, 102.9 The Hog, Jammin' 98.3 FM, or Big Buck Country 106.9 FM. If you would like to receive custom messages via email or text when closings are issued in your area, go to <http://wisn.com/closingsignup> or you may visit Today's TMJ4, 620 WTMJ, or 94.5 The Lake FM for Channel 4 closings, via email at snowclosinginfo@todaystmj4.com, or call the Snow Desk Hotline at 414-967-5542. Let's all stay safe this winter!

WEST GRANVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dee M. Anderson, Pastor

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COMMUNION GROUP: Liz Tylenda, Rachael and Farrukh Daniel, Will Emory

USHER/GREETER TEAMS: Llew Tietz, Rachael Daniel, Jeff Ellner, Joy Hartman

24th at 5:00, Jon Buck, Evan and Ella Reiss

24th at 7:00, Rob and Lois Pearson, Pat Grogan

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: 7: LaPorte 14: Meyer 21: Pogorzelski