

# VIEWS AND VISTAS

*The Newsletter of the*

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## *From the Minister*

### ***Sabbatical Renewal/ Season of Joy***

- Psalm 28:7 "My heart leaps for Joy. We will praise God."

The word Sabbatical is rooted in the Sabbath. In the story of Creation, God created the seventh day as a day of rest, renewal, and reinvigoration enabling us to serve God in the remaining six days. In the Gospel of Mark even Jesus gets up in the still of the morning for quiet prayer. The Alban Institute is a congregational resource and training center. They suggest the benefits of Sabbatical are both for the pastor and for the renewal of the congregation. In fact we have nick-named this a ***Mutual Sabbatical***.

For the **pastor** is it a time of intentional *rest, renewal* of spiritual life and *reinvigoration* through study and travel. September 8<sup>th</sup> will be our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in shared ministry at West Granville. Our partnership is a unique gift. Many of you may remember that while I did my internship in Rockford, West Granville is my first congregation out of seminary.

For the **congregation** it is a time of growth and reflection as members step up to fill in the gaps left by the pastor's absence. It may stimulate the congregation to consider new ways of functioning and to grow in responsibility for the mission of the church. As everyone pitches in, it generally reinvigorates a church. Often times this same dynamic occurs when a pastor leaves and the church goes through a new pastor search process. The Sabbatical seeks to re-create that same energy without going through the process of replacing the pastor. We are already seeing evidence of this as each committee makes their final plans for the summer.

**Jean Casey** will serve as our Sabbatical Coordinator. Most questions can be directed to Jean. Jean served as our Sabbatical Coordinator and co-wrote the grant for our first Sabbatical in 2005. During the past three years, Jean has served as our Clerk of Session. We are grateful for Jean's seasoned leadership during this opportunity.

**The Reverend Barbara Jordan** will serve as our Sabbatical Pastor.

Following a thirty-year career in corporate America, Rev. Jordan resigned from her management position at AT&T to respond to God's call in her life. It was the summer of 1998 and Barbara was 51 years old.

Enrolling at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, she moved into the dorm from her beach condo in Jacksonville, FL and began a very new and different phase of her life. Earning her Masters of Divinity degree in May 2001, Barbara was ordained in June 2002. Barbara received a call to parish ministry at Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Mequon, WI where she served nine years as Pastor of Congregational Care.

Once again, sensing God's call in her life, Barbara is prayerfully discerning how and where He wants to use her pastoral gifts for ministry. Barbara has just completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at San Camillo with Father Jojo and will be enrolled in a second unit this fall. Barbara has been called to lead worship for the weekly interdenominational service, Worship Together, here at San Camillo. Additionally, Barbara serves as a supply preacher at a number of local Presbyterian congregations.

Reverend Jordan will lead worship four times during the summer, moderate Session, and be available in case of emergency.

**The Sabbatical Team** will include

- Jean Casey, Sabbatical Coordinator
- Rev. Barbara Jordan, Sabbatical Supply Pastor
- Angie Murray, Church Office
- Joan Schroeder, answering phone messages
- Lil Sullivan our new Parish Nurse, available late-July
- Amy Mikec, Clerk of Session

Here is a brief timeline for my activities:

**Sunday, May 31** 10:30 Worship  
Sabbatical Sending & Mutual Commissioning

**June 1, 2015** Beginning of Sabbatical

**June 1-8, 2015 Asheville, North Carolina  
Logan Lake Conference Center**

**CREDO** Conference, sponsored by the *Presbyterian Wellness Program*. This conference is for mid-career pastors. This conference is by invitation only and by providence I have received my invitation to coincide with the beginning of the sabbatical.

CREDO gives the opportunity to examine four key areas of personal and professional lives: ***spiritual, vocational, health, and financial***. Through prayerful reflection and guided discussions CREDO participants often find greater clarity and renewed purpose to their life and ministry.

Discernment and visioning is a hallmark of CREDO. Participants contemplate who they are and what God is calling them to become. The focus of spiritual identity, wellness and leadership seek to strengthen participants to fully engage their minds and hearts for ministry when they return to their congregations. Surprisingly there will also be opportunity for fly-fishing!

**June 22-26, 2015 Door County, Washington Island, Forum**

The Forum is a 40-year tradition and is sponsored by the Wisconsin Council of Churches and *The Christian Century* magazine. It includes four and one-half days of worship, workshops, discussion, and contemplation in an ecumenical retreat setting on Washington Island, just north of Door County, Wisconsin. The week begins with a welcome and opening picnic Monday afternoon. Tuesday through Thursday enjoy Morning Prayer and workshop sessions at the Trueblood Performing Arts Center.

In a unique connection to my previous Sabbatical at Iona Abbey in Scotland, the presenter will be John Bell. John was born in, resides in, and belongs to Scotland. John is the liturgical director of the Abbey. He is a liturgical composer who writes co-operatively with colleagues in Glasgow; he has a deep interest in music from non-European cultures and a passion for song of the Assembly.

**Mid-July Greece and Turkey ~ The Footsteps of Paul**

Cindy and I will travel to Athens to join a Biblical and historical tour of Greece and Turkey. The theme is following in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. We will visit cities from the books of the Bible such as Philippi, Corinth, Thessalonica and Ephesus.

The Apostle Paul was the first missionary of the Christian Church. His letters compose over 50% of the Christian New Testament. The Christian New Testament was written in the Greek language. As a bonus, we will also travel by sea to the Island of Patmos, where John wrote of gospel.

**August A week at a friend's cabin in Crivitz/Mountain area  
with our family**

We have been going each summer since our first year in the manse.

**September 1** Return to Active Ministry at West Granville

**September 6** Lead Worship and Communion

**September 13** Rally Day and Re-Covenant for Shared Ministry  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with West Granville  
Ice Cream and Pie Social.

The balance of the Sabbatical is dedicated to reading, studying and prayer. In particular, I want to renew my passion for the Psalms. The Psalms often give voice to our spiritual soul in words of anguish, loss, joy and thanksgiving.

May God continue to bless us in mutual ministry together and grant us both  
***Sabbatical Renewal and Season of Joy***

Peace, Pastor Dee

**Sabbatical Contacts**

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***WORSHIP ATTENDANCE***

April 26 - 132; May 3 - 103; May 10 - 132; May 17 - 176

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### Military Deployment

Dominic Bichler, United States Air Force Reserves

### Immediate Need

Brandon Anderson, heart surgery  
Ellen and Francis Daniel, special care  
Dawn Famularo, lymph cancer  
Cindy Clay, breast cancer  
Elizabeth Sandretti, breast cancer  
June Campbell, stroke recovery

### Long Term

Ruby Tylenda-Emmons, special needs and continuing care  
Nicki Rupke, special care  
Marjorie Holmes, continuing care  
Madison Ford, special needs and continuing care

### Hospice Care

Kay Baake, Kenosha

### Maple Tree School Out-Reach Day

***Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 11-3:00***

With our **Faith Based Partners** in the Community we are planning an out-reach day at Maple Tree School and the Millwood Park Neighborhood Association. The Faith Based Partners include local area congregations plus District Four Police, District Attorney's Office, Probation and Parole, Aldermen Joe Davis and Jim Bohl, Granville Business Improvement District, Maple Tree School, and the Millwood Park Neighborhood Association.

### Special Event: Neighborhood Block Party and Out-Reach

June 20, Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
106<sup>th</sup> and Jonen Street, Milwaukee

The goal of the event is to reach out into the Millwood Park Neighborhood to begin building positive relationships. There will be resource tables, a job fair, and outreach from Maple Tree School, Growing Power, and other community services.

**WEST GRANVILLE** will be assigned to the Food Service. Volunteers who want to join this day may contact Richard Rodgers or Lil Sullivan.

## JUNE SCHEDULE and

**WORSHIP IN JUNE** indicated in red in the e-mail version  
indicated by \*\* in the print version  
*Summer Worship: 9:30 AM*

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| June 1-8   | Rev. Anderson in North Carolina,<br>CREDO Renewal Program  |
| **June 07  | 9:30 Summer Worship begins<br><i>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>Holy Communion<br>Rev. Barbara Jordan  |
| **June 14  | <i>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>Elder Tony Anderson and<br>Professional Storyteller Mark Steidl  |
| June 15    | Session Picnic at the Daniel home,<br>hosted by Rachael Daniel and Amy Mikec   |
| **June 21  | <b>Father's Day    <i>Strawberry Festival</i></b><br>Men of the Church lead Worship<br>coordinated by Kent Tess-Mattner and Richard Rodgers<br>Homemade Strawberry Shortcake and Ice Cream |
| June 22-26 | Rev. Anderson attends the<br>2015 Washington Island Forum, with John Bell  |
| June 25    | Sunday School visits the Wild Life in Need Center<br>Preserve in Dousman   |
| **June 28  | <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>Rev. Volina Cross-Dukes  |

## WEST GRANVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Dee M. Anderson, Pastor**

Angie Murray, Church Secretary

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Our next newsletter covers July and August; deadline June 21.

### Commissioning of Parish Nurse ~ Lil Sullivan

Parish Nursing is a **specialized ministry** which seeks to provide a healing presence on behalf of the church. It affirms that we are whole people in Body, Mind and Soul. Parish Nursing provides a personal touch at a time when health care for some may seem quite impersonal.

**Lil** has been a registered nurse for over 45 years. She has worked in a variety of settings in hospitals and in the community. She has experience in medical nursing, Coronary Intensive care, Hospice care, Public Health nursing, Child, Adolescent and Adult psychiatric nursing, and school nursing.

She is currently employed at Milwaukee Public Schools as a case manager providing safe care to the many school children with chronic health conditions. She participates on multi-disciplinary evaluation teams for Children with Special Needs, assuring that their complex health issues are managed safely when they are at school.

Lil is humbled and honored to be the Parish Nurse at West Granville Presbyterian Church. She looks forward to the opportunity to minister in a special way at West Granville.

- On April 20<sup>th</sup> the Session voted unanimously to accept Lil as Parish Nurse.
- On May 3<sup>rd</sup> Lil was Commissioned during morning worship.
- In June Lil retires and in July she will begin her service with West Granville.

### Welcome to our new Music Coordinator ~ Kristen L. Weber

It is with pleasure that we announce the hiring of Kristen L. Weber as our new Music Coordinator. Kristen is a Carroll University graduate and is on staff as the Office Manager at Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church. Kristen has a broad career in Choir Directing including with the Cream City Chorus.

Kristen writes:

*I believe that music is a powerful force and that voices raised collectively as part of a worship service have the power to communicate in ways that cannot be accomplished with words alone. My early training with music in worship came from my mother, herself a church choir director, and has continued throughout my life both formally and informally.*

Kristen will formally begin on June 1 which we hope will allow Kristen to experience West Granville during the summer and be ready for our fall worship in September. Welcome Kristen!

### Congratulations to Dr. Tom and Mary Roberts

Dr. Tom and Mary will be recognized this summer at the Wildlife in Need Center with a room being dedicated in their honor. The Center is located in Dousman. Dr. Tom and Mary have been tireless volunteers at the Center including days when they rescued wild animals and nursed them back to health in their garage! This summer the Sunday School will meet to have a special tour of the Center.

### **WILDLIFE PRESERVE PROGRAM, Thursday, June 25, 5:30 pm**

### **Consolidated General Fund      30 April, 2015** **Operating Statement**

Income	
YTD pledged receipts	\$48,307
YTD prepaid pledged receipts	15,400
YTD Non-pledged receipts	4,029
YTD per capita	3,955
YTD other income	757
2014 balance forward	<u>6,238</u>
TOTAL	\$78,686
Expenditures	
Payroll	\$36,633
Programs	1,332
Mission	2,398
Operations	<u>27,516</u>
TOTAL	<u>67,879</u>
Balance on hand	\$10,807

As the church Sunday school program is ending and the Malawi chickens are on their way, please remember that the church's financial obligations are never ending. Have you considered paying your pledge electronically from your bank account? You can go on vacation knowing your pledge is always on time. Your continued financial commitment helps keep our church programs running. Thank you! *The Finance Committee*

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Marvin and Susan Abraham have been received as new members by Session on May 18. Please extend a warm greeting of welcome and congratulations.

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

The Lunch Bunch will dine together on **Friday, June 12 at 1:00 p.m.** and on the second Friday of each month. All ages are welcome. See Nancy Baum for location and directions.

### **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

The Strawberry Festival will be held on **Father's Day, June 21**, immediately following Worship. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay after church for fresh strawberries and homemade shortcake. There will be a free-will offering which will go to support Mission.

Open Circle needs people to bake shortcakes, prepare berries, and bring various other supplies. Please see Eleanor Ellner for the sign-up sheet. Thanks! *Open Circle and/or anyone ~ please meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 20 to set up.*

### **SUMMER COFFEE HOURS**

The Member Care Committee is looking for volunteers to provide Coffee Hour for **July 19, July 26, August 2 and 16**. If interested, please sign up on the cork board in Perseverance Hall. Thank you in advance for your fellowship ministry!

**WGPC GOLF OUTING ~ Saturday, July 11, 9:00**

**WGPC MEMBER CARE BONFIRE ~ Friday, July 17, 6-10 pm**

**WGPC CHURCH PICNIC ~ Sunday, August 23**

### **THANK YOU NOTES**

*Dear Scholarship Committee,*

*Thank you very much for the scholarship. It will be wonderful to have while paying for college (I have decided on UW-Madison), and I will be sure to make the most of it. I know there were other good candidates; I appreciate being one of the chosen applicants. Once again, thank you!*

*Sincerely, Melissa Hrovat*

Dear West Granville Family,

Thank you very much for the Perseverance Scholarship. It will be very helpful in paying for my books! I appreciate all of your support while growing up at West Granville. While I am excited about my future I will miss my Sundays with you.

Thanks again, Zack Pogorzelski

*Dear Friends:*

*We thank you so very much for the lovely Easter lily plant you sent us for Easter. It is so beautiful and fragrant. Would you believe the Christmas plant you sent us is still in full bloom and looks almost as beautiful as it did for Christmas. It's amazing!*

*Lovingly, Virginia and Karolyn Kummer*

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES**

**Diana Essoka** is graduating from Brown Deer High School. She is going to the University of Marathon County in Wausau, WI. It's a two-year university from which she will continue her studies at University of Stevens Point for nursing. Eventually, she wants to become a neurosurgeon or a psychiatrist.

**April Fehr** is graduating from Brookfield Central High School and will continue her education at San José State University in California to major in kinesiology and join the San José judo team.

**Kali Grogan** is graduating from Germantown High School. She has enlisted in the U.S Navy. She will do her basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Center starting on August 26, 2015 and will go on to school after her service.

**Melissa Hrovat** is graduating from Menomonee Falls High School and will attend UW-Madison. She plans to major in either actuarial science or biomedical engineering, with a minor in German.

**Zack Pogorzelski** will be graduating from Menomonee Falls High School. He plans to study Biology / Biochemistry at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. After earning a Bachelor's degree, he hopes to continue with graduate studies and become a Plant Pathologist/Geneticist helping create healthier, stronger, and more resilient crops that can help feed the world's hungry.

**Julia Spina** is graduating from Brookfield Central. Her plan right now is to attend WCTC in the fall in their Nursing program.

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE**

1	Sally Schwarz	2	Michelle Pogorzelski
6	Travis Serebin	7	Angie Snowden Murray
7	Joy & Darren Hartman, 1997		
9	Tony & Shellie Andersons' Silver Anniversary!		
9	Patrick & Tammy Woods' 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary!		
11	Ken Alderden	12	Calley Savage
12	Scott Prill & Marcie Mangas Prill		
14	Tom Suyama	14	Joseph Roy
16	Lynn & Matt Fehr, 1984		
17	June Campbell	17	June Herman
17	Paul & Cindi Smiths' Silver Anniversary!		
18	Anne	20	Emily Prill
22	Dennis Clay	24	Maureen Jones
24	Lea Grigg	24	Jacob Roy
25	Mark & Calley Savage, 1977		
26	William Emory	27	Dee & Cindy Anderson, 1981
27	Lou Goodman	27	Tom DeBuhr
30	Alexis Berlin		

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