

GraceFull Visions

JULY 2017

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June 25th Congregational Meeting Summary

At our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, the congregation took these actions:

- We elected Anne Burson and Iris Saxby to the Congregation Council for 3 year terms. (At the Council Meeting immediately following the Congregational Meeting, the Council elected Anne Burson to be Congregational President.) However, if Iris becomes a Synodical Parish Deacon, then she will resign from her Council position

since the guidelines for that particular program stipulate that Synodical Parish Deacons are not to serve on Congregation Councils. This could apply to Vicki Eis as well.

- We directed the Congregation Council to check with Arry's Roofing to see if their bid from earlier this year to replace the flat roofs and the Fellowship Hall/Office roof was still valid; and to seek multiple bids for

the following projects -

- Replacing the lighting rods on top of the Sanctuary building
- Erecting a new fence around the berm and AC unit on the Highland Ave. side of the property
- Putting in new foliage and painting the Highland side of the Education Building
- Putting a new sign on the corner of Highland Ave. and Otten St. directing those arriving at Grace to the Otten St. entrance to the parking lot
- Replacing the inside of the main sign on Highland Ave. with electronic programmable displays.

Steva's Leave of Absence and Temporary Office Help

At her request, the Congregation Council has granted Steva Gay, the Office Manager for our congregation, a leave of absence from July 1 up to October 31st as needed. Her lease on her apartment was up and she chose not to renew it in favor of another apartment closer in Downtown

Dunedin, which isn't available yet. In the meantime she will be moving to Northern California to live with her son to escape the heat which can present her with health challenges. Rather than accepting her offer of resigning outright and entering into a new search for an office manager, the

council concluded that granting a leave of absence would provide a temporary solution to a temporary issue. In the meantime, the office schedule will change to being open Monday—Thursday 9am—12pm, and Friday 9-11am. Until Steva returns, Yvonne Hauchild will work as

our temporary office manager in the mornings, and Joseph Cox will work 1-4pm (or less as needed) in the afternoons on communications: bulletins, newsletters, our Facebook page, and our website.

2017 Call to Discipleship Goals—How Are We Doing?

(Worship) 1. That this congregation offer 6 Special Worship Services at the 10am time slot

2. That this congregation increase its worship attendance by at least 17%

(Pray) 1. That this congregation reinstate the 5:15 Daily Prayer

2. That this congregation hold a Prayer Vigil on the National Day of Prayer in May

(Study) 1. That this congregation start a bi-weekly evening Book Club

2. That this congregation offer a Bible Basics Seminar by the end of June.

(Give) 1. That this congregation have at least 20 people at each scheduled Work Day

2. That this congregation increase its financial giving by at least 10%

(Serve) 1. That this congregation offer a Parents' Night Out event for the community

2. That this congregation offer 2 Community Dinner events

(Witness) 1. That this congregation lead the restart of Beer and Hymns

2. That this congregation participate in one Dunedin community event

Prayer Group

Prayer Group from 11am-12pm on Tuesdays will continue through the summer at Grace. Enter through the office if you don't have a key or key pad number. Bring your prayer concerns; over the summer we pray for summer traveling mercies, for respite for the stifling heat especially of July and August, for the

children of our congregation as they start a new school year in August, and lots more.

*Prayer is the little implement
Through which Men reach
Where Presence - is denied
them.*

They fling their speech

*Be means of it - in God's Ear-
If then He hear*

*This sums the Apparatus
Comprised in prayer.*

- Emily Dickinson

Military Personnel w/Grace connections...

-Marine Lance Corporal Heather Burson, granddaughter of Anne and Ralph Burson is stationed in San Diego, CA. She repairs planes and helicopters.

Wassen, grandson of Connie Puls, is on a 7 month deployment on the USS Lake Erie. He has been to Hawai'i, Singapore, and Sri Lanka (humanitarian mission).

Wayne and Yvonne Hauschild is in the Air Force in Albuquerque, NM.

-Aldo Granados, son of Pastor Lydia and member of Grace, is in the US Army Reserves locally.

-Seaman Third Class Kyle

-Marc Calhoun, nephew of

Prayer List

Linda Almond, Eloisa Villanueva, Marion Voltz, Stephanie Adamitis, Pastor Lou and Barbara Haseley, Kyle Metzger, Taryn Zimmerman, Duke Tieman, Galen & Betty Biddle, Cathi Adams, Michael Morales, Wade Buehler, Gloria Holtzclaw, Betty Daege, Karen Bacher, Betsy Kitzman, DiAnne William, Wayne Hauschild, Rosemarie Smith, Gary Neal, Christa, Suzanne Norman, Shirley Saitta, Kathleen Wacker, and Bill Cutts.

Young @ Heart

There will not be a Young @ Heart meeting in July or August. We will resume in September in our Fellowship Hall for a lunch and the Prevention Task Force Presentation. Have a happy & healthy summer everyone. Florence B.

Congregation Council Meeting

The next Congregation Council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13th at 6:30 pm. Unless otherwise rescheduled, the Council will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Garden Room.

Elizabeth Circle

There are no meetings in July or August. Elizabeth Circle will resume on September 28th.

Men of Grace

The Men of Grace meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This month's meeting will be at 9am at the Sunset Grill in Clearwater on Tuesday, July 18th.

Birthdays

7/1 Caitlyn McCutcheon
7/2 Karen Gray
7/4 Lluvia Martinez
7/9 Marvin Yoch, Jr
7/13 Jill Grote
7/14 Joseph Valentin
7/19 Paul Taylor
7/22 Maureen Bjorgo
7/28 Greg Nichols

Anniversaries

7/3 Ann & Jay Cousins
7/12 Greg & Michele Nichols
7/14 Frank & Florence Bencivenga

Thank you!

To my friends at Grace, I want to thank everyone for their prayers and condolences in my brother's passing. It was very thoughtful and much appreciated.

Phyllis Dumdie

Daily Prayer Initiative

As part of our 2017 Call to Discipleship Goals that the congregation adopted in the January 2017 Congregational Meeting, we adopted the goal of reinstating the 5:15 Daily Prayer, at 5:15 am and/or 5:15 pm every day. We recommend setting an alarm or making an appointment on your calendar to remind you to pray at those times for one minute, for the mission and ministry of Grace, for those on our prayer list, for our local, state, and national communities and their leaders, for the world, and/or for any other need that comes to mind at that time.

Community Breakfast and Lydia's Closet—With a Special Serving of Gratitude

Our July Community Breakfast and Lydia's Closet will be on Saturday the 22nd from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Jeanne Shrader, Deacon Connie Puls' daughter, will be sponsoring some of the costs of those items that are provided through Lydia's Closet but that must be new, in honor of her mother's birthday.

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**New Office Hours
Through October 31st, 2017**

**Monday—Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Friday
9:00 am to 11:00 am**

Office is closed Tuesday, July 4th