



## *It's All Happening in October*



***World Communion Sunday ~ October 2, 2022***



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

This offering will be taken on **Sunday, October 2**. Of the proceeds, 25% will be given to Winona Afghan Support Network, a community coalition that started meeting to support Afghan refugees in their transitions to creating a home in the United States.

Thank you for your generous giving to help make our Afghan friends feel welcome in our community.



***Prayer Walk at Lake Winona  
Saturday, October 8  
10:00 a.m.***

**As part of our 2023 Stewardship Campaign ~ Practical and Purposeful ~** you are invited to a **Prayer Walk** on **Saturday, October 8 @ 10:00 a.m.** at the small Lake. Park in the Dakota Street parking lot and join your friends from Grace Church in a walk to pray for your church, your community, your leaders, and your friends.

All are welcome! If you can't walk the entire way around the lake, come and find the closest bench and have a seat and pray from there.



**Holiday Fair Craft Time**

***Sunday, October 9***

Following worship on October 9, come and join your fellow crafters and make items to be sold at the Holiday Fair in November.

Bring your own crafts or help out with those that others brought.



**American  
Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

Grace Church  
is hosting a  
Red Cross Blood  
Drive

**Thursday, October 13**

12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Cookie Bakers Wanted!!**

(see ad below!)

Call the office to volunteer to bake  
or to find out other ways you can help!



## Bakers Wanted

Are you willing to  
do some baking to help out?

We are asking you  
to make any one (of more)  
of these 4 desserts for the

Youth Bake Sale:

*Brownies*

*Monster cookies*

*Candi's Frito bars*

(recipe will be provided)

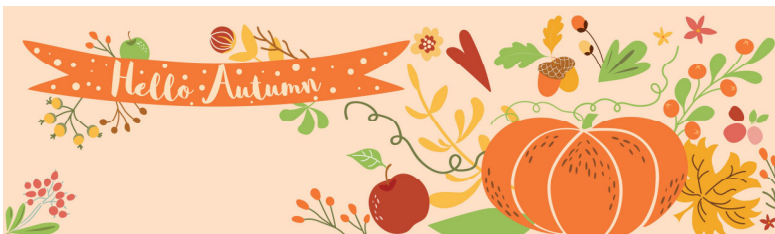
*Pumpkin dessert*

(your favorite kind)

Please pre-cut your desserts into  
15 pieces (9 x 13 pan).

Since your kitchen will already be filled with yummy  
smells, would you please consider making extra for  
the Red Cross Blood drive.

If you are baking for the blood drive, please drop  
your desserts off before Thursday, October 13. If you  
are baking just for the bake sale, have them here  
before Saturday, October 15.



## Drive Through Chicken-Q Saturday, October 15

Grace Presbyterian Church

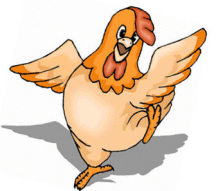
**Enter the parking lot from  
Franklin Street and Exit onto Market**

**Serving 11:00 am until gone ~ \$11.00**

**Menu:** 1/2 chicken, baked beans,  
coleslaw, roll



Of the proceeds,  
25% will go to  
Hiawatha Valley  
Mental Health Center



**Chicken-Q Dessert:** Our Youth Group will be  
having a bake sale brought right to your car. Desserts  
will be sold for \$1.00 per serving. All proceeds from  
the bake sale will help fund Youth Group activities.



## Children's Sabbath

On **Sunday, October 16**, the  
children of our church will  
be participating in the  
Worship Service. There will  
be readings, skits, and the  
Grace Kids will sing.

Don't miss this Sunday that will highlight the youth  
of our church!

# FALL WORK

## Day

**There will be jobs for everyone!  
All hands are needed ~ so bring your  
whole family and make our church  
work day a great success!**

**9:00 a.m.  
October 22  
Grace Church**



## Hymn Sing

Please join us on **Sunday, October 30**, for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month Hymn Sing.

We will sing favorite hymns, celebrate Holy Communion together, and dedicate our pledges for 2023. We will also remember our loved ones who are no longer with us by lighting candles.



**Grace Place** has been serving the Winona and surrounding communities for almost 30 years! One of our programs available to families includes our "Free Shelf." This support service is for families with young children—one visit per month to pick up necessities such as diapers, toiletries, and household supplies, free of charge.

During the month of October they have asked that we host a Donation Drive.

Donations of new, unused items, or gift cards to the Dollar Tree for later purchase, for our Free Shelf program would be appreciated greatly. The most common items requested by families include:

Baby wipes  
Diapers (sizes 1-6)  
Antibacterial cleaning supplies  
Dish soap  
Paper towels

Toilet paper  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Body wash  
Men's and women's deodorant

Feminine hygiene supplies  
Garbage bags  
Liquid hand soap

***There are two totes in the Fellowship Hall for your donations!  
Let's FILL IT UP and support those in our community who are in need!***



## Sunday School News



*"And the peace of God,  
which transcends  
all understanding,  
will guard your hearts  
and your minds in  
Christ Jesus."  
Philippians 4:7*



### Sunday School First Sunday of the Month Offering

Founded in 1978, the  
purpose of Mercy Ships

is to provide free healthcare and improve  
healthcare delivery systems in the poorest of  
nations.

Mercy Ships is an international charity that  
operates the largest non-governmental hospital  
ships in the world, providing humanitarian aid  
like free health care, community development  
projects, community health education, mental  
health programs, agriculture projects, and  
palliative care for terminally ill patients.

For the 2022-2023 Sunday School year, the  
first-of-the-month offerings are being  
designated to this important ministry.



**For more than  
20 years, Grace  
Presbyterian Church  
has been filling shoe  
boxes for Operation  
Christmas Child (OCC)!**

We are excited to see filled boxes already coming in  
for Operation Christmas Child! You may bring your  
filled boxes to church as soon as you are ready.  
Please complete a label and tape it on top of the  
box. Then give the box to any Sunday School  
teacher.

We will store the boxes in the classrooms until  
**November 13**, when the boxes will be dedicated  
during our regular church service, and then  
brought to a collection site. Finally, the boxes will  
travel around the world to be distributed to  
children suffering from war, natural disasters,  
poverty, illness, or neglect. Many have never  
received a Christmas gift or heard the good news of  
Jesus Christ.

If you have questions, please contact anyone from  
the Christian Education Committee.

### Save these dates!



Please note that rehearsal for  
our Christmas Program will  
be held on **Saturday,  
December 17**, from 9:00 to  
10:30 a.m.

The children's Christmas Program will be Sunday,  
**December 18** during our Worship Service.

### Happy Birthday!

Henry Schantzen	October 3
Michelle Johanson	October 8
Jacob Johanson	October 10
Savannah Bell	October 11
Chris Schantzen	October 15
Cheri Looman	October 22
Jessica Weitschat	October 22
Jim Arndt	October 28
Derek MacAskill	October 28

### Happy Anniversary!

Derek & Jennifer MacAskill	October 2
Mark & Tammy Engstler	October 12
Ron & Helen Philipps	October 13
Howard & Gloria Rockwell	October 21
Mel & Mary Rennells	October 25

## Pastor's Page

I've been thinking a lot, this stewardship season, about how to do our best service as a body of Christ. I've been thinking about all the missions we have yet to do, folks we have yet to reach, and opportunities for service we have yet to take. And you know what? All that thinking has me exhausted before I've begun.

Have any of you been feeling a little overburdened lately?

Have any of you been feeling stressed out, like you are carrying just a little too much weight on your shoulders? In the last year or so there has been pressure to get back to all the things we used to do in

church, and in our daily lives. COVID is not responsible for everything bad in our lives. But there is something to be said about the trauma that has stuck in our hearts and minds, and how that affects us now. You see, we feel like we have to do all these things to get back what we lost in the last few years. But putting all the pressure on ourselves to do all that needs to be done to get back to normal doesn't leave much room for God to come in and do something new.

At the same time, we know that God is not going to do our laundry, or run the church bake sale. So how do we balance the work that needs to be done through our stewardship, and this sense of being overburdened in all aspects of our lives?

I think the answer lies in the sabbath. A time of Holy Rest and renewal. Christians in this day and age do not do Sabbath well. We just can't seem to let go enough to find our rest, let alone be truly renewed. This leads to the burnout so many folks in the world are feeling right now.

Holy Rest is not always doing nothing, though it should include rest for our bodies. Holy Rest can also mean doing something that brings you joy. Something that you find gives you energy in your body, mind, and spirit.



That is why this year's stewardship drive is focusing on the *Practical and the Purposeful*.

The **Practical** part of stewardship is all of the things that we need to keep going. We need your tithes and offerings to keep doing what we do. We need your involvement and volunteering to be able to offer all the things that we want to offer to the community.

The **Purposeful** part of stewardship is where we encounter this Holy Rest and renewal by pledging something more than our financial time and tithe.

On **Sunday, October 2** we will have several ideas of how to do this displayed in the Fellowship Hall. You will also find pledge cards for 2023.

These subsequent pledges are meant to be things that you find restful and renewing. (Some examples of these pledges are found on the next page.) We ask that you look through them and take some of them home to remind yourself to rest and renew so that we have the energy to be good stewards of God's blessings to ourselves, our families, our church, and our community.

Use these pledges - or come to church on ***Sunday, October 2*** - for more ideas on how to pledge your time, your talent, and your treasures. We look forward to seeing you in church!

### ***Rest for My Spirit***

#### **I pledge**

20 minutes of prayer per week  
**for the health and wellbeing  
of my church.**

#### **I pledge**

35 minutes of quiet time a week  
**to listen to God.**

#### **I pledge**

to listen to my favorite music  
for 15 minutes per week  
**to practice joy.**

#### **I pledge**

to eat and enjoy favorite foods  
at least once per month  
**to practice thankfulness.**

#### **I pledge**

to take at least one  
15-minute nap per week  
**to rest my body.**

### ***For My Church***

#### **I pledge**

to attend a prayer walk on October 8,  
10:00 am at the West Lake Park  
(little lake, Dakota St. parking)  
to walk, talk, and pray  
with my church friends.

#### **I pledge**

to attend the craft day on October 9  
to spend time creating  
with my friends at church.

#### **I pledge**

to volunteer for at least  
2 of the church events  
to purposefully offer my time and energy  
in stewardship to my church.

#### **I pledge**

to serve one of the following roles  
at least 3 times this year  
Liturgist, Usher, Counter, or Coffee Server.

#### **I pledge**

to prayerfully consider the ways  
my time served at Church can be  
rewarding and renewing  
in my own spiritual journey.




## Session Summary

Session held its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, and approved the following items:

- \* To transfer \$500 from the Unrestricted Fund to the Scholarship Fund.
- \* To have the Sunday School first Sunday and Birthday offerings go to Mercy Ships this year.
- \* To take a special offering on Children's Sabbath and have that go to Educate a Child.
- \* To allow the youth group to have a bake sale at the Chicken-Q on October 15, with the proceeds going to the Youth Activities Fund.
- \* To allow the youth group to hold a "personalized cake pan" fund raiser at the Holiday Fair on November 12, with the proceeds going to the Youth Activities fund.
- \* To spend up to \$900 from the Capital Improvement Fund to replace flooring in the manse.
- \* To have the local portion (25%) of the Peace & Global Witness Offering go to the Winona Afghan Support Network.
- \* To hold a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers on Sunday, October 23, 2022, immediately following worship.

Pam Lica, Clerk

# Fall Trivia Quiz

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- What is the first day of fall called?
    - Fall
    - Autumn
    - Autumnal equinox
  - What is the full moon which occurs closest to the autumnal equinox called?
    - The Harvest Moon
    - The Fall Moon
    - The Blue Moon
  - What does September mean in Latin?
    - Scepter
    - Stars
    - Seven
  - In the Norther Hemisphere, autumn begins in September. When does it begin in the Southern Hemisphere?
    - October
    - March
    - November
  - Before the 16th century, what was fall called?
    - Harvest
    - Autumn
    - Close of the year
  - In what “autumn” movie can you see Richard Gere and Winona Ryder walking through beautiful fall trees and leaves?
    - A Walk to Remember
    - Autumn in New York
    - October Sky
  - What country did Halloween originate from?
    - England
    - Spain
    - Ireland
  - According to NASA, autumn is called?
    - Clear Space Season
    - Aurora Season
    - Clear Moon Season
  - What English Romantic poet wrote the poem “To Autumn”?
    - Oscar Wilde
    - John Milton
    - John Keats

Answers: 1 - C; 2 - A; 3 - 7; 4 - B; 5 - A; 6 - B; 7 - C; 8 - B; 9 - C

*Because we are  
unconditionally loved by  
God, we are called to do the  
same in thought, word, and  
deed with our family,  
community, and world.*

**Mission**

*Thank God!*

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8:00 am - 1:00 p.m.

Friday

**Sunday Morning**

**Sunday School**

9:00 am

**Sunday Worship**

10:30 am

**Fellowship Time**

11:30 am

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