

*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!*

## GRACE HAPPENS

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**Sunday School** 9:00 am  
**Sunday Worship** 10:30 am  
**Fellowship Time** 11:30 am

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Kjersti Anderson  
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## October 2023 GRACE PRESS

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Winona, Minnesota

### Keep packing your boxes!

Have fun packing your boxes for Operation Christmas Child! Chris and Kathy have special boxes for you to use for packing. These boxes are great because shipping just one size helps make the best use of space.

Please have your boxes turned in to us by November 5 or earlier. Don't forget to put a label on the outside of the box stating boy or girl and age. Labels to use are available from either Chris or Kathy.

**SHOEBOX LABEL** MARK THE CORRECT AGE CATEGORY

<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old

MARK FOR BOY OR GIRL

**BOY**

**GIRL**

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A very generous anonymous person is paying the shipping costs for all the boxes that your church will pack for Operation Christmas Child. Take a look at the bulletin board in the hall to see all the places our boxes go!

Interesting Facts about Operation Christmas Child

1. The Operation Christmas Child boxes ministry has been working for 30 years!
2. Last year our church filled 19 boxes.
3. Last year the Lacrosse Team (where ours went) collected 8,000 boxes!
4. Worldwide in 2022 10.6 million boxes were filled!
5. The 200 millionth shoebox was handed to Natalya in Ukraine in 2022.

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THE FUNNIES!

Why did the ghost quit his job?  
Because they kept making him work the graveyard shift.

How do you fix a broken gourd?  
With a pumpkin patch, of course.

Did you hear about the gloomy jack-o'-lantern?  
It needed to lighten up.

Where do spiders do their Halloween shopping?  
On the web.

What do ghosts drink? Mountain Boo.

What's a ghost's favorite dessert?  
Ice scream sandwich.



### October Memory Verse


Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

Hebrews 10:23

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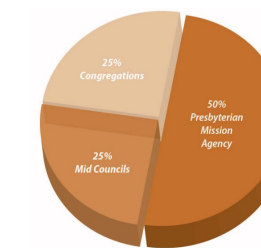
Blessed are the  
**peacemakers,**  
for they will be called  
the children of God.

MATTHEW 5:9

 **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

SEPTEMBER 3-OCTOBER 1, 2023

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



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**Drive Through Chicken—Q**

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
222 E Broadway  
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**11:00 am until gone ~ \$11.00**

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

Of the proceeds, 25% will go to Winona Community Warming Center

**FOR THE CHICKEN Q!!!**

We are looking for bakers for dessert sales at the Chicken BBQ. Proceeds of dessert sales to go the youth group. We need to have the bars at church by 9:00 am on Saturday, October 21st. If you are willing to bake, please sign up on the bulletin board at church or contact Jennifer MacAskill or Jane Dietrich. We are looking for people to bake Monster Cookie Bars and Rice Krispy Bars.

**Monster Cookie Bars**

1 cup sugar	1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 cup brown sugar	
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened	2 teaspoons baking soda
3 large eggs	1/2 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 cups peanut butter	4-1/2 cups oats
	1 cup M&M's

**Ingredients:**

- \* **Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9x13' pan with greased parchment paper.**
- \* **In the bowl of a stand mixer with paddle attachment cream together the sugar, brown sugar and butter until light and fluffy (approximately 2 minutes).**
- \* **Add the eggs to the bowl one at a time beating between each addition. Add the peanut butter, vanilla extract, baking soda and salt. Mix until well combined.**
- \* **Add the oats and mix until just combined. Stir in the M&M's and chocolate chips**
- \* **Transfer dough into the prepared pan, pressing into an even layer. Bake for approximately 30 minutes. Dough should be golden brown on top but may still appear slightly undercooked. Allow to cool in the pan for 30-45 minutes.**

**Birthdays**

Henry Schantzen  
Zinnia Lica  
Michelle Johanson  
Jacob Johanson  
Savannah Bell  
Jean MacAskill  
Skyler Fugelstad  
Chris Schantzen  
Cheri Looman  
Jessica Weitschat  
Ben Hansen  
Jim Arndt  
Derek MacAskill

October 3  
October 7  
October 8  
October 10  
October 11  
October 13  
October 14  
October 15  
October 22  
October 22  
October 22  
October 25  
October 28  
October 28

**Anniversaries**

Derek & Jennifer MacAskill  
Ron & Helen Philipps  
Rena & Nic Wiseman (Wedding)

October 2  
October 13  
October 28

We hope you enjoy seeing who is celebrating a birthday or anniversary. This list includes the best information we have at the time. Please let us know if we missed your special day so we can update our records!

**Rice Krispy Bars**

- ◇ 1 12-oz box Rice Krispies
- ◇ 2 16-oz bags Mini Marshmallows
- ◇ 1 Stick of Butter

**Ingredients:**

**Pour the cereal into a large bowl. Melt the butter in a large pan. Once melted add the marshmallows and stir until melted. When melted, combine with cereal. Press into a 9x13' buttered/greased cake pan.**

**Join us at the church on Sunday, October 29th for our Halloween Party!**

We need committee members! Have you ever felt the desire to get more involved at the church but wasn't sure how? Joining a committee is a great way to do that and we would love to see some new faces join our committees. If you would like to join a committee or just have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Sam in the office and she would be more than happy to help.



**Celebrating the Life of Walt Gilbertson**

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the Grace Presbyterian Church in Winona. Visitation will be held Wednesday October 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Fawcett Junker Funeral Home, and Thursday, October 19 from 10:00 a.m. until the service. Interment with military honors will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Preston, MN at a later date.

Services entrusted to Fawcett Junker Funeral Home & Crematory, Winona, MN. Online condolences can be left at [www.fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com](http://www.fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com).

*Also a special message from Gayle Arndt and Lori Fort-Hoerig  
Thank you for the cards and prayers for the loss of our brother, Larry. It's a blessing to belong to a caring church family.*

**Grace Kids will sing during worship one Sunday in October! Don't miss it!**

*News from Session*

**Watch out next month for the Session summary of the Session Retreat and any updates you need to know about!**

# What's New!

# Pastors Page

Stewardship:  
Being Present

"There is no time like the present": at least that's the saying, anyway. Yet most churches don't focus on the present when talking about their stewardship campaigns. Generally, they are meant to spur enthusiasm for the future of the church. For the goals ahead and the vision of what might be. But like an autumn walk to a valley overlook, sometimes we miss the beauty of the trees around us for the photo Op at the end. Which is why this year we wanted our stewardship campaign to focus on the here and now. Right now, our church is facing a financial deficit, low attendance, and declining membership. This is where we need to focus our energy for the moment.

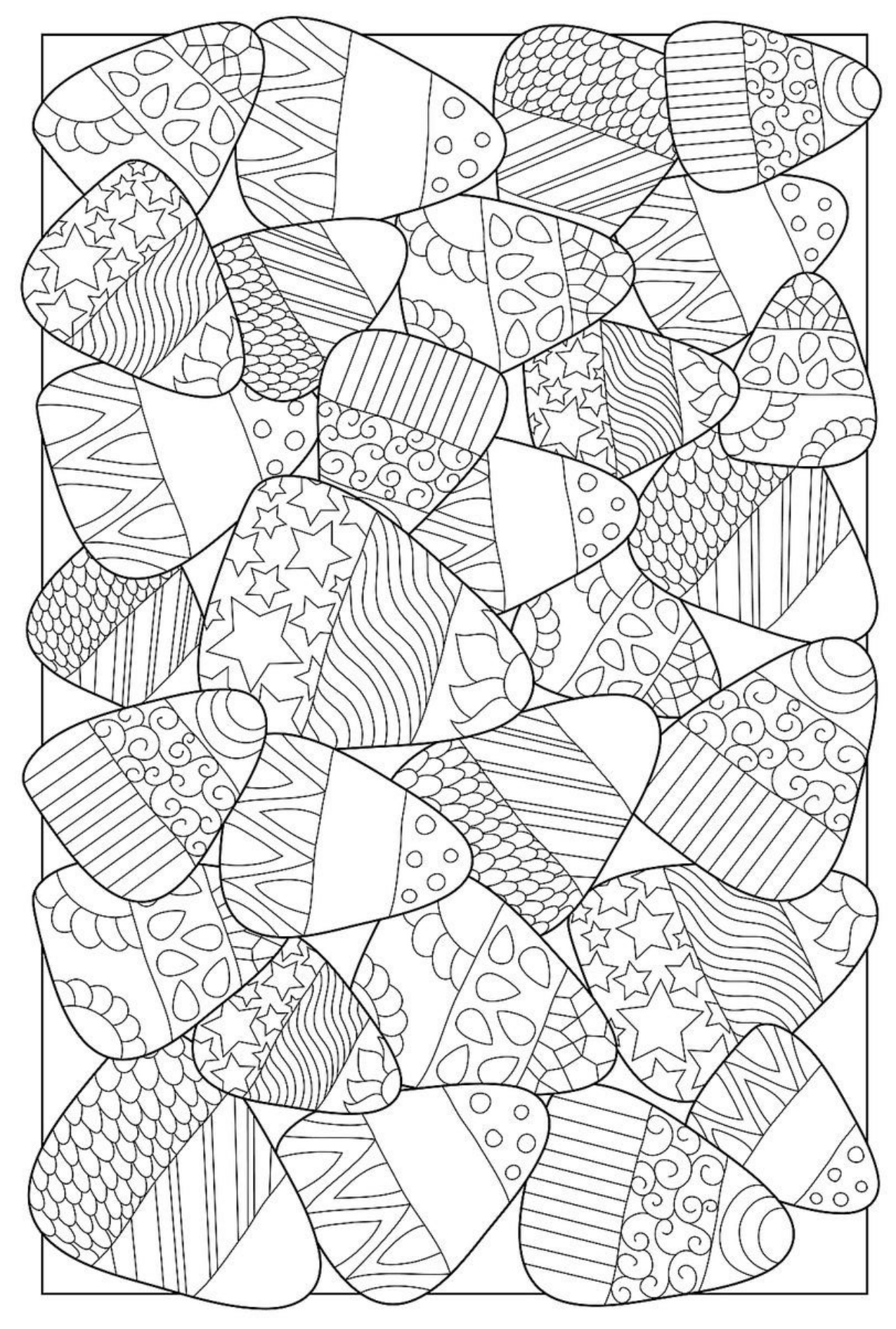
Right now, we are experiencing loss; we have lost several people who were very present in the life of the church. Right now, we are experiencing a large discrepancy between pledged giving and the cost of maintaining the church. Right now, we are experiencing low attendance on Sunday mornings, and even lower attendance at special events. These are the worries of the church, the places that call for your compassion, patience, prayers, and contributions.

Losing the members that we have to death, relocation, and other worshipping communities is a source of grief. We cannot replace those we have lost. But we can know that in grief we do not walk alone. The Lord our God, and our friends and family here at GPC walk with us. The losses we have experienced here will take time to navigate. There are holes that are left in the wake of folks who have moved on that need to be filled. None so much as in the office where our new office manager is figuring out how to do the work required, and I am still trying to get into the new swing of things juggling all the New Mom balls that are up in the air. It is a difficult time that will pass with your patience, prayers, and support.

The church's deficit is over \$27,000 which is needed to cover our operating costs. It is true that we always have a deficit. Much like any Church our size. To be honest, I consider it a sign of the Spiritual health of this church that we continue to have faith that the ministry is more important than the budget. The alternative is cutting back on all that we do, to the point that we only come to worship on Sunday mornings – no missions, no opening our doors to the community, no Sunday School, and part-time staff. The fact of the matter is the reality of our present situation that the cost of living has risen for everyone. Which puts a strain on the church budget, and I'm sure, your own budgets as well. I ask you all to consider what the church means to you, and our present situation to see what you can give over and above your pledged amount. Then I humbly ask that you consider all of this while pledging for 2024.

As we know, stewardship is not just about money. It is also about your time and commitment to the church. What we need more than ever is your prayers and presence. We need to see you in worship and talk to you at fellowship. We need your energy and your encouragement. We just need you!

I know that the Lord Jesus will provide for our future while we concern ourselves with the present. I also know that our small but mighty church has many more joys than concerns. The love and commitment I see in this church is amazing and together we can meet all of these concerns with confidence in one another and assurance in the Lord Jesus. Matthew 6: 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. Jeremiah 29:11 <sup>For</sup> surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.



# Coloring Time