

***From Pastor Steve's Desk...***

I'm glad you opened this September edition of Grace Notes! Read on...you'll find all kinds of great information about the happenings in the church, resources for life, and inspiration from the folks who bring us *Grace Notes* each month.

This month, as we've had a chance to catch our breath after all the life-changes we've made, I'll take this chance to share a little more of my story with you. Pull up a chair and let's talk. Paul writes, "*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.*" It's with that in mind that I continue with my story...my call through camping ministry, college, and married life.

When I graduated from high school, I was pretty sure I wanted to be an engineer. I say, "pretty sure," because I liked other things, but wanted to have a good job. So, I registered at SUNY Buffalo and spent two years learning what "engineering" was all about. I enjoyed it, but was restless. I loved God's creation and being out in it as much as possible. I was also environmentally aware of the problems caused by our misuse of the resources God has given us. So, in August 1990, I moved to Syracuse to finish my education (so I thought) at SUNY Environmental science and forestry as a Forest and Environmental Resources Engineer. This was a difficult decision for me. However, during the summer before I decided to leave home, I had a life-altering experience at Camp Findley. I was standing one night in a large field, by myself, praying and looking skyward for guidance. I prayed that God would give me a path...a sign... anything. In the stillness of that evening, God clearly spoke words into my heart that I will never forget. He said, "You will serve me." I had no idea what that meant, but I knew that I would remember it. With that experience, I went to Syracuse.

During those two years away from home, I began to feel God's call in a very strong way. I liked it! I would attend worship at Hendricks Chapel on Syracuse University's campus each Sunday. I enjoyed the preaching of Rev. Tom Wolfe and the singing of the student choir. Even though I never got more involved than worship, my faith was growing because I was making the decision to hear God calling and worship. I graduated in 1992

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and spent 9 months without work in my field. I eventually got a job near home as an environmental engineer. I was serving God through working to preserve the environment. During that time also, Stacy and I got more serious about our relationship and began dating (long distance) in August 1992. More on that next month...

The Apostle Paul reminded the people in Ephesus that God chose each one of them, even before the creation of the world. He chose a set of skills and passions, a path, and resources. We don't always catch on right away, but we grow and learn to respond to God's call every day. He's chosen you, too, to serve Him in holiness and love. Be blessed as you explore what that means and faithfully live it out each day. I look forward to growing and serving together in THIS place...

Shalom,  
Pastor Steve

### *Sunday School BASH!*

WHEN: Sunday, September 12, 9 a.m.

WHO: EVERYONE

WHERE: PUMC Pavilion

WHAT: Fellowship...Food....Games...FUN!

Help us kick off our new Sunday School year! Invite your friends and family who may not have a Sunday School class to join us at PUMC. We are looking forward to seeing you and your friends on the 12th!

YOUTH

There will be a special meeting for youth AND their parents on September 19 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Adam and Tory will share the events schedule, discuss procedural details, and collect info from each family. Please make every effort to attend to help make this the BEST year of Youth Group EVER!

Reverend Stephen M. Taylor, Pastor  
Kathy Peck, Program Coordinator/Secretary  
Tory and Adam Irgang, Youth Leaders  
Jody Marsh, Parish Nurse  
Julie Nagel, Music Director/Accompanist  
Krista Odell, Accompanist  
Art Osborne, Custodian  
Pat Sobolewski & Sandy Crossley,  
JOY Preschool  
Bert and Roberta Anderson in Haiti  
Dr. Mark and Diane Abbott in Spain  
Reverend Peter Perry in Alaska

#### **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - 9 a.m. - noon

Tuesday - 9 a.m. - noon

Wednesday - 9 a.m. - noon

Wednesday Evening - 6 - 6:45 p.m.

## This and That

**Baked goods** are needed for the 10 a.m. Fellowship Time on Sunday mornings between Sunday School and Worship. Please sign up on the Welcome Table.

**Coming soon** - - Women of Faith Conference - October 8 & 9.

**DONATIONS TO HAITI:** Remember, to send your donations in care of CSI Ministries, 1714 West Royale Drive, Muncie, IN 47304-2240. Your checks should be marked for Health Center Haiti or Anderson support.

Remember, every Sunday, we will be collecting **loose change** for the **Food Pantry**.

*Thanks to the little mice (possibly friends of Charlie?) who take the time to clean up after themselves. These little mice also pick up after others who make (and leave) a mess in the kitchen and other places around the church. If you have a cup of coffee, spill juice on the floor, play with the toys, leave bulletins and papers on the pews, etc., please take a minute to tidy up after yourself.*

**Charlie says, "Many hands make light work!"**



## Sunday Morning Worship Team

### September

#### Lay Readers

9/5 - Mark Morton  
9/12 - Kyle Hinsdale  
9/19 - Dawn Sard  
9/26 - Cindy Weise

#### Ushers

Howie and Jan Wheeler  
Joe and Kelly Osborne

#### Nursery Helpers

9/5 - Julia Nelson and Corinne Edwards  
9/12 - Adam and Tory Irgang  
9/19 - Barb and Lauren Tordella  
9/26 - Carol Hay and Emily Waller

### October

#### Lay Readers

10/3 - Dan McGaffick  
10/10 - Adam Irgang  
10/17 - Jennifer Apthorpe  
10/24 - Wyona Wevers  
10/31 - Joel Keefer

#### Ushers

Everett Bensink, Susie Davis  
Debbie and Charlie Loveless

#### Nursery Helpers

10/3 - Stacy and Abby Taylor  
10/10 - Thea Kester and Corinne Edwards  
10/17 - Karen Morton and Brittany Lenart  
10/24 - Yvonne Calcaterra and Alyssa Jaeger  
10/31 - Kelly and Sarah Osborne

## *Tape Ministry*

### ***September 5***

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* Heritage Green  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Jean Edwards  
Art/Jeanette Osborne  
Lester/Wyona Wevers  
Lester/Wyona Wevers

### ***September 12***

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* Heritage Green  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Jack/Linda Sturges  
Bill Peck  
Diane Johnson  
Diane Johnson

### ***September 19***

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* Heritage Green  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Sharon Passarelli  
Barbara Hart  
Pam Ireland  
Pam Ireland

### ***September 26***

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* Heritage Green  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Trudy Anderson  
Julia Nelson  
Rachel Reardon  
Rachel Reardon

**\*No Tape - just a short visit and a bulletin**

### ***Prayer Chain***

If you have a concern you would like others to pray for, please call Susie Davis (782-4611) or Jean Edwards (782-2800). Your prayer request will be passed down the chain to 20+ others who will pray, and continue to pray, about your situation.



### ***Band of Brothers***

#### ***Men's Group***

Well, summer is nearly over and maybe things will get back to normal, whatever that is!

On Saturday morning, August 14, we had a men's breakfast with 13 present. Bert Anderson shared some of the experiences that he and Roberta have had in the mission field in Haiti. Thank you, Bert, for sharing with us. I look forward to someday leading a group of men down on a construction team. (I will be praying about that.)

I would like to get the men's group going again two times a month, with one meeting being a Saturday morning breakfast with a different speaker each month (possibly someone from outside the church or one of our own men). The other meeting would be on a Tuesday night, to make it so everyone could come to at least one of the gatherings.

I want to thank those that have been so helpful to me and look forward to many more good get-togethers.

Your Brother in CHRIST JESUS our LORD,  
Howie Wheeler.

## RFKC THANKS YOU!!!

A GREAT BIG thank you to PUMC for your prayers on behalf of Royal Family Kids' Camps! We had another successful week ministering to 16 boys and 20 girl campers. Also thank you to the Mission Committee for their generous support over the years to help send these children to camp.

Jan & Howie Wheeler and Carl Davis were counselors. Carl was honored this summer as this was his 10<sup>th</sup> year as being a counselor. Serving in other capacities were: Anna and Pat Sobolewski, Jenn Sard, Art and Jeanette Osborne, Barb Tordella, Fran Sard, Joann Scolton, Mark and Karen Morton, and Stacy Taylor. We also had the pleasure of Pastor Steve and Ben be part of the drama for the week, along with the whole Stow family...yes...even Mark came and played the part of King Xerxes! Ben has even expressed interest in returning next summer!

Pastor Tim Middleton came for a fifth year in a row to do the Bible Story Time and Nancy Dallas came to cover a night shift. Susi Pegan came and served breakfast every day as well. What makes RFKC so special is that we are one big family in the body of Christ being his hands and feet.

Again, thank you Panama UMC!

Blessings,  
Susie Davis, RFKC Director

### *Welcome, Nikola!*

We would like to welcome Nikola Lehotsk' to the Panama United Methodist Church and to the Panama community, as well.

Nikola is living with the Tremblay family on the Panama Bear Lake Road for this school year. She is 17 and comes to us from Slovakia.

Nikola enjoys meeting and talking to people.

Nikola, we hope you enjoy your year in Panama. We look forward to getting to know you.

### *With Sympathy...*

We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of  
*Marie E. Anderson,*  
mother of George Anderson.  
Mrs. Anderson passed away on  
August 9, 2010.  
Our prayers are with you, George,  
and your family  
in this time of grief and adjustment.

### CONGRATULATIONS

on the arrival of  
**KELLEN HENRY REARDON**

Son of Scott and Courtney  
Grandson of Cliff and Rachel  
Born Sunday, August 22, 2010  
7 lb, 12 oz; 21 inches

We wish God's Blessing on Kellen and his family  
as he grows and experiences God's love throughout his life.

### *Because of your faithfulness...*

Because of your faithfulness, we have received \$17,240.82 through the 4th week of August for the general fund. This is an average of \$4,310.21 per week.

Designated monies received are as follows:

\$632 - Missions  
\$200 - Anderson support in Haiti  
\$110 - JOY Center  
\$20 - Royal Family Kids Camp  
\$1,808.50 - Heart for Haiti  
\$100 - Building/Garden Cleanup  
\$25 - Food Pantry  
\$50 - VBS  
\$335 - Campfire for Christ  
\$3 - Coffee Hour

To date, there is a balance of \$14,614.83 in the Trustees' account.

We thank you for your faithful giving in support of the ministries of the Panama United Methodist Church.

**Thank You!**

*I would like to thank you, my church family, for your cards, visits, food, and prayers during my recent hospital stay and time of healing. I sincerely appreciate all you have done. I am on the mend and am happy to say I'm back to church and feeling better every day.*

*Blessings to you all,  
Jane Nagel*

**E-MAIL AND US POSTAL ADDRESSES**

If you have an e-mail address, please make sure to give it to Kathy in the church office. You can also drop it in the offering plate, and it will be left for her. Pastor Steve sends out a Monday morning e-mail message that starts the week out on a positive note, and you don't want to miss it!

*Kathy also needs updated U.S. Postal Service addresses, as well as e-mail addresses for your college students that may have changed since May.*

**POT LUCK DINNER**

The Mission Team is hosting a Pot Luck Dinner on September 21 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bert and Roberta Anderson will be telling of their experiences in Haiti since the January earthquake. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service...we look forward to seeing you there!

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

A very special thank you goes out to Barb Tordella for her over-the-top enthusiasm and commitment to the children of our church and community who attended this year's VBS. We appreciate all you did to make VBS such a SUCCESS!

The Missions Offering collected during VBS week was \$194.46. This will be sent to 6 Baer Essentials, Tom and Sally Baer's mission project in Ethiopia. The six essentials are FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING, WATER, HEALTH, and EDUCATION.

**From the Finance Team**

The 2009 books for the J.O.Y Center, Youth Groups, and Food Pantry need to be turned in to Jeff Ireland, Finance Chairman, as soon as possible so the 2009 audit can be completed.

Thank you

**Help Clean Up the Building**

Several people have expressed interest in cleaning up the area along side of the church building on the south side. If you are interested in helping with this project financially, please mark your envelopes accordingly. Monies will help cover the cost of shrubs and mulch.

Thank you!

## VBS; Studio GO! Game Show

Thank you **Pastor Steve** (game show host), **Tabby Butler** (Professor Wordsmart), **Buck Seekings** (Coach Armstrong), **Rebecca Sprague**, **Tena Dills**, **Tina Shaver**, and **Brenda Ireland** (Bible Lesson teachers), **Yvonne Calcaterra & Kelly Osborne** (Crafts), **Stacy Taylor** (Music), **Kyle Hinsdale & Adam Irgang** (Recreation), **Brynne Hinsdale & Tory Irgang** (Snack leaders), **Krista Odell** (Registrar), **Kristine Swanson**, **Kristy Catanese**, **Genesis Tremblay** (Color group leaders), **Abby Taylor**, **Makali Haines**, **Lauren Tordella**, **Katie McMaster**, **Emma Jordan**, **Brittany Lenart**, **Ben Taylor** (Youth assistants), **Orlo Jackson** (Official VBS photographer), **Dawn Sard** (Props & Scenery), **Sound Booth Crew-Denny Furlow**, **Ray Cartwright**, **Duane Baker**, **Kathy Peck**, and **Art Osborne!**

There were 36 young campers who participated in **Studio Go! Game Show** Sunday, August 8 - Thursday, August 12, 2010. Thank you to all who donated supplies, money, and time for preparations!

A special thank you to **Marie Dole**, **Jack & Linda Sturges**, **Dean Sprague** (adult volunteers) and **Julia Nelson** (food for VBS staff), along with those named above, who gave their time to model, lead, and teach our **CONTESTANTS** to "GO LEAD, GO RISK, GO TELL, GO OBEY, and GO SERVE!"

I know there were times when **STAGES** of plans needed to be made and by the end of the day/week you felt exhausted from the pace. Still others ignited that "**COME ON DOWN**" **enthusiasm** with energy to share! Thanks for raising our children to a higher level. You are the reason they are learning about God's kingdom!

Give the staff a well deserved pat on the back from **YOU**, the church family, the next time you see them. It has been amazing to see the Lord at work through them this week.

Thank you, everybody, for your commitment to **Studio GO! Game show**. Everything you have done is to the glory of the Lord.

With Praise,  
Barb Tordella, VBS Director

## *Recipe...from the Parish Nurse*

Frozen Peanut Butter Cups

9 oz. Fat Free Cool Whip  
1/3 c. reduced fat peanut butter  
Hershey's Syrup

Mix Cool Whip and peanut butter together.  
Spoon into cupcake holders.  
Drizzle each one with Hershey's Syrup.

Freeze and ENJOY!

## Footnotes from the Library!

I couldn't believe it! Leaving church last week, I saw leaves that had begun to change color! I don't know about you, but I'm not ready to see summer go. We have had such beautiful weather! I hope you all have found some time to enjoy your favorite book in the shade of a big ol' tree!

But with the changing leaves, come thoughts of fall and all that we have in store. One of those things is the annual Harvest Dinner. Last year the library sponsored a book sale for the first time. It was a great success! We raised \$100! I was very pleased and decided to try again this year! So, I need you to go through your collections at home and weed out those items that you will not read again. Donations for the sale can be placed in the boxes outside the library upstairs or left by Kathy's office. We will again this year offer our sale items for 50 cents.

So, as you are getting ready for those upcoming cold days that inevitably return, mark down the book sale as one of the activities you will attend to prepare! Stock up on some good reads to get you through until those wonderful warm sunny days make their return!

Happy Reading!  
Tabetha