

# News from Grace

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## Vacation

I see some of your vacation photos on Facebook. Everyone is smiling, or tanned, or sunburned or goofy. What a great sight to see. People enjoying sabbath rest and time with family. People trying new things or enjoying familiar ones like Boardwalk fries or those crabcakes at that special restaurant at the shore. It's amazing what a vacation can do for the soul and spirit. It's like the word of God in action when it surrounds us with its grace and light. We feel in tune with creation and with each other. We can put things in perspective.

I am glad that so many of you get to have this experience because it reminds us about what our relationship with God can be. Not that God gives us a vacation every day. We are called to serve. We are called to "put our shoulder to the plow and not look back." But God does want us to know that he and his gifts are never far from us. If we think the kingdom has drawn near when we are on vacation, just wait til it comes for good!



## Thank You



Pastor Anne would like to thank the congregation for the gift that was made in her name to the seminary on the occasion of her 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination.



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## Basket Bingo



The Steeple/Organ Committee is having a Longaberger Basket Bingo party at the church on August 8, from 12:30-4:00PM. Advance tickets are \$12.00 and tickets at the door are \$15.00. If you can help by donating baked goods or other items of food, please see Wendy Miller at church or call her at 244-6764. Tickets are available in the church office or from a Steeple/ Organ Committee member.

## Chicken Barbecue

The Steeple/Organ Committee is having a Chicken Barbecue August 21 from 11:00-1:00PM. The cost is \$7.50 for a half chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll and cookies. Tickets are available in the church office or from a committee member.



## Crafters

Crafters – please join us in the Welcome Center every Tuesday starting August 3 from 9-11AM to work on projects for the Christmas bazaar.

Bring ideas and/or projects you have to work on. Bring your own scissors, thread and needles. For more information see Cora Sue or Janet or call Cora Sue at 244-0460.

## Summer Sunday

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL for the children and their families will continue in August and on September 5. It meets in the Social Room at 9:45AM on Sunday mornings. These lessons cover how to be a helper in God's world, ways to praise God, and how to be safe in God's word.

## The boy had it right

Chris Harrison, a minister's wife, likes to tell the story about a day she was running late for an appointment. She needed to take her 3-year-old son to the babysitter's house; however, her car wasn't cooperating. Finally, after several false starts, it started firing. "It's about time," she said with disgust.

"God helped us," the little lad said calmly.

Happy with his response, his mom told him, "Thank you."

"Not me, said the child. "Thank God."



# Those Who Serve and Celebrate

## Greeters

Karen & Ken Turner  
Thalia Jones & Gregory Gromicko

## Altar Guild

Tom Smith

## Acolytes

01 – Alec Crawford & Dalton Fishel  
08 - Joseph Laucks  
15 - Jennie & Jackie Golden  
22 - Paige Fishel & Abby Turner  
29 – Alec Crawford & Dalton Fishel  
09/05 – April Einsig & Rachel Barker

## Crucifers

01 – Wesley Mummert  
08 – Alex Witt  
15 – Suzanne Laucks  
22 – Zach Turner  
29 – Collin Crawford  
09/05 – TBA

## Nursery

01 – Kristi Rexroth & Alec Crawford  
08 – Barb & Amy Hartman  
15 - Nancy Golden & Wesley Mummert  
22 – Marian Warner & Abby Turner  
29 – Kendra Shaffer & Rachel Barker  
09/05 – Sandi Fishel & Joseph Laucks

## Lectors

01 – Amy Hartman  
08 – John Laucks  
15 – Dee Kerr  
22 – Sandi Fishel  
29 – Cora Sue Herbst

## Offering Ushers

Andrew Crawford  
David Dennish  
Leif Ericson  
Roy Grove  
Joe Stauffer  
Jud Stauffer

## Assistant Ministers

01 – Dick Rhine  
08 – Eric Grim  
15 – Alex Witt  
22 – Abby Turner  
29 - Randy Witt

## Birthdays

01 – Kevin Grim  
02 – Colleen Grove  
03 – Cindy Golden  
05 – Philip Golden  
06 – Cassandra Anderson  
06 – Taylor Guhr  
07 – John Fishel  
10 – Betty Laucks  
10 – Kenneth Laucks, Jr.  
11 – Alvin Brown  
12 – Dawn Coeyman  
12 – Cindy Sanders  
14 – George A. Sanders  
15 – Katelyn Norman  
15 – Rev. Joseph Seitz  
16 – Ronald Golden  
19 – Wendy Dellinger  
20 – Kristine Eveler  
22 – Chase Traina  
25 – Denise Kerr  
25 – Margaret Scott  
27 – Deborah Warntz  
29 – Dick Rhine  
30 – Jud Stauffer  
31 – Brenda Witt

## Anniversaries

04 – Joyce & Robert Arnold  
05 – Marie & Marc Martin  
08 – Cora Sue & Lynn Herbst  
10 – Betty & Kenneth Laucks  
11 – Alisha & Kelby Mundis  
12 – Carol & William Coeyman  
15 – Deborah & Andrew Warntz  
16 – Jackie & Michael Atkins  
18 – Janet & Charlie Murphy  
19 – Connie & Gerald Heiss  
20 – Wendy & Edward Dellinger  
20 – Alana & Robert Haag  
24 – Wendy & Bradley Mummert  
25 – Kathleen & Freeland Shaffer  
27 – Ellen & Jack Warntz