

GRAND VIEW GOOD NEWS

A newsletter focusing on all the good things happening at Grand View!



Marion Derecho Mission Work Trip

"Sixteen people from the Grand View Community ventured on a Mission Work Trip to Marion/Cedar Rapids on April 24. The mostly cloudy day with comfortable temperatures created a great work environment.

After a brief introduction about the recovery program and prayer, Philip Hamilton & Jesse Jacob from **Matthew 25** assigned our team work projects at Squaw Creek Mobile Home Park and the northwest part of Cedar Rapids. The Mulgrew Crew from Wesley UMC (Tracey, Ethan, Nathan, and Trevor) brought construction equipment and worked on retrieving large logs and other tree debris from the back yards of several locations and hauled it away.

The rest of the crew started on Dawn's double wide with a detached garage to remove and replace damaged

siding and skirting on the west side of the structures. The materials and some tools we needed were brought to the site by Matthew 25. Luckily, we had brought along our amazing **GV Tool Trailer** since we needed the ladders and some additional hand tools. Thanks, Colby Bowers & Roger McCarthy for creating this mobile tool shed from a trailer donated by Ron and Marilyn Nash!

Jacob and Karin assisted Jesse and Philip with scouting out additional mobile homes in the park, interviewing the homeowner and estimating materials needed to assist them in their recovery. This was to help line up work for a large group of 50 or more coming from the St. Louis area the following week.

After a lunch break Kelly and Lorelei Williams, Aaron and Ron broke off

and worked on skirting on Archie's single wide home. Diana, Karin, and Dee headed out to clean up tree debris where the Mulgrew Crew was working while the rest of the gang continued on Dawn's home. Dawn's sweet children presented the group with some homemade Thank You cards prior to our departure.

Another opportunity to participate in a mission work trip to the Cedar Rapids area will be planned very soon. Please consider signing up to serve! If you have questions about these mission work trips, please talk with one of the following servants who participated: Aaron Beckius, Matt Mohr, Tracey, Ethan, Nathan and Trevor Mulgrew, Jacob Nastruz, Paul and Diana Shenberger, Greg and Karin Stephenson, Ron and Dee Turner, Ethan Watters, and Kelly and Lorelei Williams." **-RON TURNER**

MAY 2021

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Worship by the Numbers

DATE	ONLINE	IN PERSON	TOTAL
Good Friday, April 2.....	66.....	97	163
Easter, April 4.....	102	512	614
Sun., April 11.....	152	233	385
Sun., April 18.....	130	230	360
Sun., April 25.....	132	235	367

Dear Fellow Parents & Christians:

A Simple Question: Why Not? – BY ETHAN WATERS

With Easter season still fresh on my mind and heart, I feel compelled to address an issue that I have noticed concerning the youth and parents of our congregation. As a parent, I pay attention to what is happening as it pertains to my youths' access to a quality Christian education, and I commit to making that a priority.

First off, I would like to thank Grand View and all those who provide such a great avenue for meaningful Christian education.

I would also like to thank the youth and parents who value these opportunities, and those who do so much to make sure they can participate on a consistent basis.

I strongly believe as a church we have a strong system in place that allows all involved to dive deeper and grow stronger in their faith.

Whether it is at Sunday School, Youth Group, CREW, Youth Events, or other events, our children and youth are learning things here that they cannot learn anywhere else. Furthermore, our children and youth are still learning the same principles and values that they can everywhere else.

What concerns me is seeing empty chairs week after week. Both as an adult involved with the youth program and as a parent, I can't help but wonder— where is everybody?

There are many reasons that cause us to miss out on opportunities and I get that. Real life has a tendency of getting busy and we can lose focus of what is important. My concern is not with those who have legitimate reasons to not take advantage of these great opportunities our Christian Community has put into place for our children.

My concern is for those who are trying to juggle so many things in their busy lives, that when they start dropping things, their faith always seems to be the first to go.

I will emphasize that last part: their faith always seems to be the first to go.

I get it though, I have been there. It is a struggle for all of us, and I believe that it stems from wanting to "live in the now". We can get lost in the present and think to ourselves, *"I'm going to focus on what I want now,*

because God isn't going anywhere. My kids are only young once and I don't want them to miss out on what life has to offer." **This way of thinking is the human in us who lives in a broken world.**



One of the problems I have observed is the emphasis we have put on sports, and the precedence they have taken in our children's lives.

I am not saying that sports are a bad thing. I played sports growing up, so I understand the value and fun in them, and I understand the commitment it takes to play them.

Although, I would argue that there has been an unhealthy shift in power regarding how our youth spend their time. If we as parents can dedicate weekend after weekend to tournaments and every night of the week to practices, then **"Why Not?"** show that same dedication to God?

Once again, I would like to be clear in saying that I do not want to abolish sports, but I would boldly and unashamedly state that **God should be the focal point in all our lives.**

So, when you are going through your weekly schedule, **I challenge you as a parent to ask yourself, "Why not?"** I challenge you to think about what Jesus did for us on Good Friday, and ask yourself what is the least you could do to show your love for Him?

"Why Not?" BY ETHAN WATTERS — CONTINUED —

This is a question that I and my family had to ask ourselves when faced between Youth Sports and Youth Group a few weeks ago. We had to ask ourselves, "What's the least we can do, and why not do it?"

So, we had our daughter, Malorie, tell her Softball Coach that she was sorry, but she couldn't make practice on Thursday nights because of her commitment to Youth Group. There are only two times a week our youth can gather in Christian Community, but nearly every day and most nights are set aside to practice sports. **What is stopping you from making God the priority?**

Just simply ask yourself, "**Why Not?**"

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April Member Care Stats

Deaths: 0

Church family who had a death in their family: 2

Hospitalization: 0

Meal Ministry: 3

Online Prayer Requests: 3

Prayer Shepherds: 23 plus, everyone in the congregation

Prayer Shawls: 1

Baptism Blankets: 1

Communion Received by delivery: None in Apr.

Homebound Visits/calls/cards: 18

Miss You Calls: 5

New Births: 0

Average Attendance: 472

Join Member Care Ministry!

Serve God by being the hands and feet of Jesus! Make meals for those who just returned home from the hospital or had a baby, write miss you or get well cards, call those who haven't been around in awhile—and so much more! If you feel called by God to be a part of this growing ministry, contact Terri Nichols: terri@grandviewdubuque.org or call 563-582-8875.

Ad Board Update

April 19, 2021 Ad Board Meeting, 6pm

CDM update: Brandi expressed the continued need for an administrative assistant along with other staffing concerns. They hope to get Rita back in the kitchen next week.

Financial update: All of the PPE loan was forgiven. Regarding the EIDL Pastor Tom needs to call to see what the payoff amount is as his name is on the loan. We would like to pay that all off.

Damka Update: Ad Board approved to pay the Damka teachers and provide the funds for the 2 slots for the middle school/HS kids to be able to go to the next educational level.

Trustee Report: GV will possibly sell some equipment & other items the church no longer needs at the upcoming garage sale.

Sports Complex Project: A meeting will be held next Monday, April 26 to discuss the project.

Campership: Pastor Tom discussed with the group the need to reevaluate the Campership program as the UMC will no longer contribute money to financially help campers (since Camp Wyoming is not a UM camp). Roughly 8-10 campers ask for financial help each year. May 9 is "Fill the Backpack" Camp Sunday to help build up the Campership fund. The cost for our campers to attend is at the lowest tier of \$475-\$510 for the week. GV will pay up to 50% of the cost for camp for those in need.

Multi Campus Implementation: Wesley and CG began livestreaming GV's sermon on Sunday, May 2. Alec upgraded the tech for each church. Each congregation gives \$1,000/mo to Grand View to cover the cost Pastor/Staff/Admin. expenses.

Master Calendar:

- A Gift for Your Family (info helping to plan funeral arrangements) with Siegert Funeral Home, Sunday, May 16 from 3-4:30pm
- The Great Grandview Garage Sale, Sat., May 15. Set up 7am. Sale 8am-Noon.
- Wednesday Worship May 19, 6:30pm. (This is regular worship, not CREW.)
- Park-n-Shine is Sunday, June 13, Noon-3pm. An outdoor Worship Celebration will be at 10:30am.

From Pastor Tom – May Edition

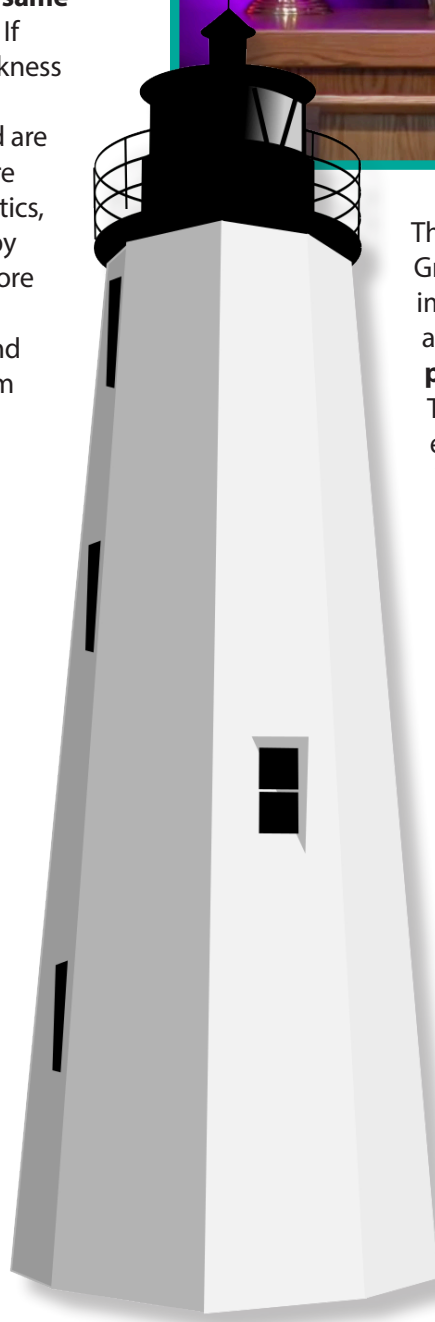
3 Lighthouses

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" – John 8:12

Light and darkness cannot occupy the same space. Picture a room with a dark corner. If you shine a light into that corner, the darkness disappears; it is pushed out by the light. I believe we have been living through, and are in the midst of, a time in our history where the darkness is growing. Not just our politics, but in our popular culture that is driven by social media—and daily seems to grow more secular, more un-godly, and cancels the Jesus ways of grace, truth, forgiveness, and kindness. Consumerism and individualism grows as does skepticism of institutions.

For over a year, the darkness of fear of catching a virus and the confusion about vaccines and masks and distancing has hung over us all like a dark cloud and has not yet dissipated. As well, the influence of the Church continues to diminish, as denominations continue to have internal wars over social issues that drive more and more people away. It seems mighty dark out right now.

We need more light. Specifically, more of the *"Light of the World"* in our neighborhoods, our communities, our home, heads, and hearts. This is the purpose and God-given mission of each Church: **be a Christian Community that shines the light of Jesus into heads, hearts, and homes and in particular places so that darkness is driven away and people can live with hope.**



This is why this new formal partnership between Grand View, Wesley, and Center Grove UMC's is so important right now. This gives us the opening and opportunity to **shine more light into more people**, in three locations in this Dubuque area. This is why all of the time, prayers, money and effort have been expended—and will be extended. We need healthy, active, Spirit-filled people in three distinct locations to serve as the local Body of Jesus, alive, and shining light: **allowing God to bring hope**, and **healing, assurance**, and a sense of **not being alone** in a dark world.

Please continue to pray for God to be using all of us as lighthouses in our neighborhoods. Lighthouses help ships navigate and keep them from crashing into the jagged rocks when it is dark out. May God build us and grow us, so that we really do shine the Light of the World and help keep people from wrecking in the dark.

And remember, if what we are doing aligns with what God wants, God is going to bless this and bring forth fruit from this coming together as 3 lighthouses. Blessings and fruit that we haven't even begun to imagine!

- Pastor Tom

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

By This Time Next Year – BY BECKY SPECHT

By time next year, I will be rejoicing that my sister has rededicated her life to Jesus! That was my first thought when I read the survey question posed by Pastor Tom in January. He asked us to fill in the blank, “By this time next year _____”. In fact, it’s not just my sister I pray for, but all of my family to give themselves to Christ for the first time or regenerate their relationships with Him and come back to Him with their whole hearts.

I have a large family with four siblings, in-laws, and lots of nieces and nephews. We were raised Catholic and baptized and confirmed in the Catholic church. Being in church every Sunday and following the teachings and traditions of the religion were very important to my parents. I can only speak for myself when I say that I knew who God was. But I didn’t know Him intimately, I didn’t know His Word, and I didn’t know why it mattered.

Growing up, I felt my heart was always open for more of God. It wasn’t until I was in my late twenties and married with my second child that God brought a gentle, Godly woman into my life. She started to disciple me. She walked beside me, taught me how to read the Bible and how to apply God’s teachings to my life. She showed me how to have a genuine, deep relationship with my Lord and Savior.

My heart and my priorities changed the day that I repented as a sinner and surrendered my life to Christ. He gave me purpose and direction and the Holy Spirit had fanned the flames of His presence within me. Through prayer, study, and service I was gaining the understanding and knowledge I was missing.

My family sees me as “the religious one”, “the good one”, and sometimes, “the weird one”. They all have different ideas about who God is and what the responsibilities are for those who claim to be Christians. I don’t know what is in their hearts, only God does. However, I hear, see, and experience through interactions that their faith and trust is not firmly rooted in Jesus. I see them turn to worldly answers to calm their fears and shape their beliefs.

Within the last few years especially (because I think time is short for Christians in this world) the salvation or the returning of my family to Jesus has become my biggest concern and most persistent prayer request. Not only will they possibly miss out on God’s eternal kingdom in heaven, they are missing out on the peace, love, assurance, protection, grace, mercy, blessings, confidence, purpose, and joy that God’s kingdom has for them now!

God has laid this message on my heart not to embarrass or degrade my family. It is in honesty and humility that I want to encourage you to do all you can to help bring your family closer to Christ. If you will not pray for them who will? The following are some things that I have been doing to show my love and be Godly example to my family. I hope they will inspire you and give you courage to share Jesus with your family.



Pray, pray, keep praying, and don’t ever give up! I have prayed for my family for many years. Recently, God has opened up opportunities to minister to a few of them. I do simple things like:

- send cards of encouragement,
- let them know that I am praying for them,
- remind them of a particular promise of God that fits the situation.

I try to be a true friend, not just rely on family-member status to gain trust. Since family relationships are complicated, I always rely on God for strength and wisdom to be gracious, kind, patient, and forgiving. Don’t get discouraged if things don’t happen right away. **God is in control and everything happens in His timing.**

I am grateful that God has placed me in my family at this time in history. I am humbled and privileged to be able to pray for them, develop close, loving relationships with them, and hopefully, by God’s leading, show them what a genuine, deep relationship with Jesus Christ looks like and why it’s important.

If you would like prayer support for your loved ones, contact Terri Nichols, Member Care Coordinator: terri@grandviewdubuque.org. All prayer requests are confidential and are lifted up to God by the Prayer Shepherds in our weekly meetings and daily in our personal prayer times.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “**Here am I. Send me!**” Lord, open their eyes so they might see, sharpen their ears so they might hear, soften their calloused hearts so they might understand, turn and be healed.”
—Isaiah 6:8-10. AMEN!

Congratulations Class of 2021



Josh Blum plans to enlist in United States Marine Corps Reserves and attend college at Iowa State University, studying Mechanical Engineering.



Clarissa Wales is graduating from Tri-State Christian School in Asbury, and plans to go to Southwest Tech in Platteville, WI in the fall. She plans to become a Veterinarian.



Emily Schleter is graduating from the University of Northwestern–Saint Paul with an Accounting Major, Data Analytics Major, Bible Major. This Fall she will be the Audit Associate at KPMG in Des Moines.



Maddie Wright is graduating from Senior HS and is planning to attend William Penn University for Elementary Education.



Paige Murphy will graduate with her Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training from Clarke University. Her future plans are to pursue her Doctorate of Physical Therapy Degree from Clarke.



Caleb Brothers will be attending University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. He will be studying Digital Media with emphasis in graphic design.



Trevor Mulgrew is graduating from East Dubuque High School and is attending college but not sure where yet!



Payton Kizer is graduating from Senior HS and plans to go to Central College in Pella for Pre-Physical Therapy.

Jeffrey Saele lives in Itasca, Illinois, and is graduating from Lake Park High School. He will attend Purdue University school of Engineering. (Grandson of Carol and Arvid Saele.)

Michael Heaton is graduating from Emmaus Bible College.

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

Kelli Breitbach	1
Mark Dill	1
Andrew Kennedy	1
Terri Nichols	2
Joshua Nilmeier	2
Chris Aird	3
Luke Lammer	3
Elizabeth Sheets	4
Melanie Dill	4
Blake Schleter	6
Chris Rath	7
Kathy Haylock	7
Alec Amosson	9
Katie Telford	10
Luke Graber	11
Brian Hodgson	11
Michael J. Heaton	12
Jeff Milson	12
Darcy Lansing	13
Brett Pearce	13
Ian Murphy	15
Linda Augustin	16
Blaine W. Telford	17
Randy Decker	17
Jean Delaney	18
Christine Schiesl	19
Diane Bergquist	20
Elena McCleary	20
Thomas Kuehn	20
Chris Frayer	22
Ellie Mach	22
Margaret Schollmeyer	24
Tracy Patrum	24
Becky Schemmel	25
Emily Veach	25
Jake Stevenson	26
Kylee Klepack	26
Thomas Kennedy	27
Mary Kay Patters	29
Maureen Barry	29
Katie Soat	30
Dan Paar	30
Nichole Simon	30
Rachel Borman	31



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Barb Fassbinder (2021)
Nicci Reeg (2022)
Clark Johnson (2022)
Chris Schiesl (2022)
Roger Schoenberger (2022)
Randy Lund (2023)
Verlyn Haahr (2023)
Kelly Williams (2023)

May Pray for our Schools

"Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

"There is truth and there is error." (Meeke Addison)

Adonai, Jesus, Our Lord and Master:

Our children are being deceived by Satan, the Father of Lies. They are bombarded with lies about themselves, others, how to live, what to believe, and especially, about You. We cry out to You to surround them with Your mighty warrior angels to protect them and to fight those spiritual battles.

Give them sound minds and teach them discernment to recognize and turn away from false narratives and to seek out the truth that is so often hidden beneath appearances and rhetoric. Bring godly people and Your Word into their lives to be their guides.

Holy Spirit, lead them into all truth-Jesus Christ, in whom the fullness and scope of all truth is embodied. Open their hearts to accept and follow You. Live within them and be with them. For You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, Amen.