

GRAND VIEW

# GOOD NEWS

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



## Bible Sunday is a special time for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

Bible Sunday is a special Sunday that happens each year in the fall: all second graders receive a Bible especially for them from Grand View!

This may be their very first Bible or one of many, but the excitement of this day can be seen in the faces of the recipients.

This year two students from Center Grove who attend Sunday School at Grand View also received their Bibles. It's a special event for a number of reasons, and one of the main ones is that each Bible has the students name in it, along with the signatures from the congregation who sign the Bibles after Worship.

Clayton said he felt very happy to receive his own bible because he can now follow along when his dad reads the bible to him and his siblings. He also said he is excited to read and highlight the bible verses everyone recommended him to read.

"I was excited to get my Bible to learn more about God and Jesus. I have been reading and exploring my new Bible! I love my Bible!" – **SOPHIE MACH**

"I felt very excited! I was counting down the days until I would get a Bible." – **LEAH SANDERS**



# NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>9am</b> Al Anon SW rm. <b>10:30am</b> Staff Mtg., <b>Noon</b> Quilters <b>6pm</b> Men's Cell Group, Cell Gr. rm. <b>6pm</b> Women's Cell Gr., Office Conf. rm. <b>6pm</b> Scouts	<b>2</b> <b>10:30am</b> Cell Group SW rm. <b>10:30am</b> Staff check in, Conf. Rm. <b>Noon</b> Men's Cell, @CG <b>4:30pm</b> Cell Group JW <b>6:30pm</b> YA Cell, Office Conf. rm. <b>6:30pm</b> Yarn Ministry	<b>3</b> <b>11am</b> Prayer Shepherds, SW rm. <b>3pm</b> Cell Gr., SW rm. <b>5:30pm CFX</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Hand Bells, SW rm. Wednesday Worship <b>6:30pm</b> MS/HS Youth Group & Confirmation GV <b>6:30pm</b> Cell Group, JW rm.	<b>4</b> <b>Noon</b> Cell Group SW rm. <b>6pm</b> DBQ Chorale <b>7pm</b> Cell Group The Village	<b>5</b> <b>9:15am</b> Cell Group @ Jessica's House	<b>6</b> <b>9am</b> Al Anon, SW rm.
<b>7—COMMUNION</b> <b>8am</b> Classic Worship <b>9:30am</b> Contemporary Worship in person & Livestream, PreK-Adult Sunday School <b>10:45am</b> Family Worship <b>7-8pm</b> AA, GV rm <b>7-8pm</b> Al-Anon, SW rm. <b>7-8pm</b> Alateen, JW rm.	<b>8</b> <b>9am</b> Al Anon SW rm. <b>10:30am</b> Staff Mtg., <b>Noon</b> Quilters <b>6pm</b> Men's Cell Group, Cell Gr. rm. <b>6pm</b> Women's Cell Gr., Office Conf. rm. <b>6pm</b> Scouts <b>6pm</b> Ad Board Mtg.	<b>9</b> <b>10:30am</b> Cell Group SW rm. <b>10:30am</b> Staff check in, Conf. Rm. <b>Noon</b> Men's Cell, @CG <b>3pm</b> Stephen Min. <b>4:30pm</b> Cell Group JW <b>6:30pm</b> YA Cell, Office Conf. rm. <b>6pm</b> Scouts, GV rm. <b>6:30pm</b> Yarn Ministry	<b>10</b> <b>11am</b> Prayer Shepherds, SW rm. <b>3pm</b> Cell Gr., SW rm. <b>5pm</b> Stephen Ministry training, Office Conf. rm. <b>5:30pm CFX</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Hand Bells, SW rm. <b>6:30pm</b> MS/HS Youth Group & Confirmation GV <b>6:30pm</b> Cell Group, JW rm.	<b>11</b> <b>Noon</b> Cell Group SW rm. <b>4:30pm</b> Stephen Min., SW rm. <b>6pm</b> DBQ Chorale <b>7pm</b> Cell Group The Village	<b>12</b> <b>9:15am</b> Cell Group @ Jessica's House	<b>13</b> <b>9am</b> Al Anon, SW rm. <b>9am</b> Women's Coffee, GV rm.
<b>14—Veteran Celebration</b> <b>8am</b> Classic Worship <b>9:30am</b> Contemporary Worship in person & Livestream, PreK-Adult Sunday School <b>10:45am</b> Family Worship <b>7-8pm</b> AA, GV rm <b>7-8pm</b> Al-Anon, SW rm. <b>7-8pm</b> Alateen, JW rm.	<b>15—Charge Conf.</b> <b>9am</b> Al Anon SW rm. <b>10:30am</b> Staff Mtg., <b>Noon</b> Quilters  <b>6:30pm All Churches Charge Conference at Grand View</b>	<b>16</b> <b>10:30am</b> Cell Group SW rm. <b>10:30am</b> Staff check in, Conf. Rm. <b>Noon</b> Men's Cell, @CG <b>4:30pm</b> Cell Group JW <b>6:30pm</b> YA Cell, Office Conf. rm.	<b>17</b> <b>11am</b> Prayer Shepherds, SW rm. <b>11:30am</b> Ladies Luncheon, Papa Ozz <b>3pm</b> Cell Gr., SW rm. <b>5:30pm CFX</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Hand Bells, SW rm. <b>6:30pm</b> MS/HS Youth Group & Confirmation GV <b>6:30pm</b> Cell Group, JW rm.	<b>18</b> <b>Noon</b> Cell Group SW rm. <b>1:30pm</b> UMW, SW rm. <b>6pm</b> DBQ Chorale <b>7pm</b> Cell Group The Village	<b>19</b> <b>9:15am</b> Cell Group @ Jessica's House	<b>20</b> <b>8am</b> Men's Breakfast at Center Grove <b>9am</b> Al Anon, SW rm.
<b>21</b> <b>8am</b> Classic Worship <b>9:30am</b> Contemporary Worship in person & Livestream, PreK-Adult Sunday School <b>10:45am</b> Family Worship <b>7-8pm</b> AA, GV rm <b>7-8pm</b> Al-Anon, SW rm. <b>7-8pm</b> Alateen, JW rm.	<b>22</b> <b>9am</b> Al Anon SW rm. <b>10:30am</b> Staff Mtg. <b>Noon</b> Quilters <b>6pm</b> Men's Cell Group, GV rm. <b>6pm</b> Women's Cell Gr., Office Conf. rm. <b>6pm</b> Scouts <b>6pm</b> AlAnon Mtg., SW <i>*Newsletter Info Due</i>	<b>23</b> <b>10:30am</b> Cell Group SW rm. <b>10:30am</b> Staff check in, Conf. Rm. <b>Noon</b> Men's Cell, @CG <b>4:30pm</b> Cell Group JW <b>6pm</b> Scouts GV rm. <b>6:30pm</b> YA Cell, Office Conf. rm.	<b>24</b> <b>11am</b> Prayer Shepherds, SW rm. <b>3pm</b> Cell Gr., SW rm. <b>5:30pm</b> Hand Bells, SW rm. <b>6:30pm</b> Cell Group, JW rm.	<b>25</b>  <b>CDM &amp; Church Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9:15am</b> Cell Group @ Jessica's House  <b>CDM &amp; Church Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> <b>9am</b> Al Anon, SW rm.  <b>10am–Noon</b> Kickoff to Christmas Decorating the church
<b>28</b> <b>8am</b> Classic Worship <b>9:30am</b> Contemporary Worship in person & Livestream, PreK-Adult Sunday School <b>10:45am</b> Worship <b>7-8pm</b> AA, GV rm <b>7-8pm</b> Al-Anon, SW/JW	<b>29</b> <b>9am</b> Al Anon SW rm. <b>10:30am</b> Staff Mtg. <b>Noon</b> Quilters <b>6pm</b> Men's Cell Group, SW rm. <b>6pm</b> Women's Cell Gr., Office Conf. rm. <b>6pm</b> Scouts	<b>30</b> <b>10:30am</b> Cell Group SW rm. <b>10:30am</b> Staff check in, Conf. Rm. <b>Noon</b> Men's Cell, @CG <b>4:30pm</b> Cell Group JW <b>6:30pm</b> YA Cell, Office Conf. rm.	<b>DECEMBER Newsletter Prints</b>			

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## October Member Care

Deaths: 0  
Church family who had a death in their family: 0  
Hospitalization: 0  
Meal Ministry: 2  
Online Prayer Requests: 2  
Prayer Shepherds: 15, plus, everyone in our congregation  
Prayer Shawls: 1  
Baptism Blankets: 0  
Onesies: 1  
Home Communion: 5  
Card Ministry: 20  
Homebound Visits/calls/cards: 2  
New Births: 0



# CENTER GROVE CORNER

## PORK CHOP DINNER

"I enjoyed getting to know some of the others from Wesley and Center Grove. We all worked together as one. I could tell we were being watched by God...what a good time and great food."

—CINDY COTTRELL

"Serving at the pork chop dinner was truly a blessing. I was overwhelmed with joy being able to serve with not only Grand View but also Center Grove. It was such a great time and I'm proud to be part of our Christian community." — ETHAN WATTERS



"It's always a joy to be a part of the Center Grove Pork Chop Dinner. This year was even more exciting as we saw people from all 3 campuses come together to eat together and to serve together. This is about more than the pork chops (which is hard to admit); it is about God's people coming together and modeling Christian community, service, and working together to accomplish a goal. It was huge success!"

— ALEC AMOSSON

"Our annual pork chop dinner was a huge success and was accomplished without a hitch due to all the wonderful people that helped. Great to see our building bustling with many supporters. Thank you everyone."

— KEN & DONNA  
SMITH



— BY BARB GORMLEY

## “I Am Always With You”

*This took place about 40 years ago,...*

I woke with a start – though exhausted from the previous day of sharing, searching, and listening. It was 4:30am, as I remember, and something woke me and told me to walk to the lake and sit on my favorite bench and meditate.

I looked over to my husband who was sound asleep on his twin bed. We were in Minnesota at a family program (urged by an interventionist) to learn about alcoholism & addiction, and we had a tiring but revealing day before.

I decided to do what seemed to be silly, and I got dressed, took my books and journal, and proceeded to the lake. I had already picked my favorite bench the day before. The sky was beginning to lighten up and I found peace in the stillness as I prayed for God's will to be done in my life. I cried over lost dreams for my life, prayed for my son's healing, and husband to begin his role in our family.

The sky lightened more as the sun was beginning to rise. I felt calm. All of a sudden, as the sun became larger, a voice appeared saying: "**I am with you always.**" I wanted more – but only a voice, "**I will be with you always**" again.

I sat stunned–frightened–but at peace at the same time. I knew I would be okay with this experience. I felt different

I wondered if others would see the change in me? No, I wasn't losing my mind – though always a Christian, something changed in me and I would be okay because, "*I am with you always,*" from God.

In spite of future hardships, "He" would be by my side. I experienced divorce, sons' mental illness, another son's

addictions, losing a business I started in 1974, deaths of my second husband and son within 2 weeks at Christmas-time.

**BUT. I wasn't alone.** God was always with me and I am forever grateful.

PS–After meeting & marrying my second husband, we honeymooned at the Family Center and we shared the bench together. Coincidence? Hmm....



BEHOLD,  
I AM WITH YOU  
ALWAYS,  
EVEN TO THE  
**END**  
OF THE AGE.  
**AMEN.**  
MATTHEW 28:20

### Thoughts about Gratitude

"Thought about this for awhile & realized that **gratitude** has been the best gift I've been given. My husband & I did our readings & prayers every morning. If we weren't having a good morning (things aren't always perfect), we both would think of 3 things we were grateful for ...sometimes

just coffee, a warm house, etc. It usually changed our mood by mentioning out loud how little things mean a lot. I'm so grateful for those times! I wonder how people can have a meaningful life without gratitude? I am so grateful that God led me to Grand View!" – **BARB GORMLEY**



# ESSENTIALS — BY REV. TOM SHINKLE

As a Church, the 20 months of pandemic mitigations and the disruptions caused by COVID bent us but did not break us.

We were tested and pushed by so many changes and so many opinions and mandates, and yet we continued to be this **unique** and **positive Christian Community**. Think of us as a boat or an ark or a ship: we kept on moving and going throughout the storm and never ever fully pulled into the port.

Throughout it all, we stubbornly insisted that the **Church is essential** and necessary at all times of life, and especially when there is crisis and challenges going on in the world.

I believe that God built Grand View, over the last 10 years, on a rock foundation and with sturdy timbers. And those are what we look to and hang on to as we consider moving into a new year.

Before the Covid changes, Grand View had over **500 active** people involved in worship, Cell groups, other small groups, and in serving and participating in fellowship events. What key foundational things got us to the point of not only lots of people being a part of this Christian Community, but forged us to be healthy, growing, flexible, and filled with an energetic and contagious spirit?

## THE FOLLOWING PRACTICES:

- A constant emphasis on prayer—a constant encouragement to read Scripture everyday.
- Constant invitations and expectations to all people to worship regularly, be a part of a Cell group, and serve God both inside the walls of GV and outside the walls.
- Genuinely warm and welcoming hospitality to all people.
- A commitment to meaningful, relevant and high quality worship celebrations.
- Intentionally providing opportunities for all people to know others and be known by others.
- Working to align all activities towards helping people better love God, love others, and serve.



## THE FOLLOWING ATTITUDES:



- All people are valuable.
- Being in communion with God and God's people is the most important thing in life. These relationships are vital for living well.
- Assuming the best, extending grace and forgiveness, and loving others.
- Open and timely communication as Christians only helps move us forward.
- Gratitude to God for everything; which moves us to have attitudes of generosity and courtesy.
- We are always willing to try and to take risks for the sake of growing relationships with God and God's people.
- Being an active part of GV adds value to life and living.
- Having fun together is important.
- Membership vows matter; if we don't take them seriously and practice them, it undervalues the point of membership.

These are some of our essentials, if you will. These attitudes and practices helped place us in a position for God to help guide, strengthen and grow us as individuals and as a Christian Community.

**And now, heading into 2022, we must continue to focus on these basic, important and essential attitudes and practices.** As the band Asleep at the Wheel sings, "You got to dance with who brung ya to the ball."

# Grand View Missions — BY RON TURNER

A few weeks ago, I was asked by a Sunday morning visitor if our church was involved in mission work.

My first response was, “yes”, and started a conversation regarding the Damka, Nigeria mission project surrounding the establishment and on-going support for education facilities and faculty there. Then I jumped into our most recent work trips to Cedar Rapids doing clean up and rebuilds in areas damaged by the 2020 Derecho.

This conversation, combined with a request to write an article for the GV Good News, led me to thinking it might be nice to share some of Grand View’s previous mission trips. Thus, this could serve a two-fold purpose of being both informational and maybe inspirational enough to encourage others to become involved to “**Serve the World**” in mission ministry outside our church walls, wherever there is a need.

More than a dozen non-profit groups are supported by the United Methodist Women and UM Men. Most of these are local, but some are national or global groups.

However, over the years Grand View has become active in mission work doing cleanup and rebuilds in a variety of locations. This work includes general cleanup, landscaping, drywall installation, painting, roof repair, masonry, flooring, ceramic tile, plumbing, minor electrical work, etc.

Below is a partial list of where Grand View has been in mission through the giving of our talents, gifts, resources, and witness:

- **June 1992**–69 people–to La Puerta Abierta Church in St. Paul, MN.
- **June 1994**–Waterloo for flood cleanup. Families with people of all ages helped since it was close.
- **July 1995**–52 people–Lake Poinsett United Methodist Camp, SD. Helped to clean up camp and help build a rectory for the Camp Director.
- **June 1997**–48 people–Indian Reservation near Peever, SD. The Presbyterian church was reroofed, handicapped entrance built to church and painted the Manse. The Thunderbird quilt that hangs in our Gathering Space was given to us by the members.
- **June 1999**–52 people–Snow Mountain Ranch at YMCA of the Rockies. Silver Creek, Colorado.
- **2000**–52 people–CO Rocky Mountain National Forest: Shelter building construction and forest clean up.
- **Feb. 2008**–20 people–Slidell, Louisiana: Hurricane Katrina Rebuild.
- **2008**–Cedar Rapids flood recovery/rebuild.
- **March 2009**–15 people–Slidell, Louisiana: Hurricane Katrina Rebuild.
- **2013**–5 people–**2014**–3 members–**2015**–4 people **2018**–4 people–Damka, Nigeria.
- **July 2014**–12 people–Brookport, IL: Tornado rebuild.
- **March 2017**–12 people–Galveston, Texas: Hurricane Harvey Rebuild.
- **May 2017**–10 people–Lawton, Oklahoma: rebuild after 2013, 2015 and 2016 tornados and floods.
- **2020 and 2021**–6-8 people–Cedar Rapids/Marion: several trips for Derecho cleanup/rebuild
- **June 2019**–14 people–Marshalltown 2018 Tornado: rebuild projects.
- **January 2018**–14 people– and **April 2018**–12 people–Ingleside, Texas for Hurricane Harvey rebuild.

Mission work trips are a great opportunity to be in ministry and service. Often participants have wondered, “what would I be doing”, or if they had any skills that would be useful. However, I don’t recall anyone ever returning from a mission trip and thinking they were not an integral part of the ministry that happens there.

Even if you don’t cook, clean, paint, sand, mud or tape, run electrical wires, patch the roof, lay brick or pound nails, there’s needed opportunities to visit, console or pray with the homeowner, learn a new skill (we have patient teachers), lead a class, share your experiences with a few others or maybe even preach to hundreds of seekers.

If God is calling you to become more involved in mission work and/or mission trips, provide your contact information to the church office and someone will be in contact with you.





# Holiday Fair

**Our Holiday Fair was a success!** The United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone who volunteered, donated food, items or money. I can not begin to name everyone individually who had a hand with the Holiday Fair. There were people who enjoyed the time to have a conversation with their old friends, new friends, and possibly saw someone they had not seen for a while. The success was because the Lord pulled us together as a faith community and we enjoyed all of our talents and abilities. Because of all of this, we were able to raise about \$3,700. Ten organizations around Dubuque will receive a contribution from all of you. Thank you to Everyone!"

**-KAREN RATTERMAN, UMW President**



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tracy Mulgrew . . . . .	2
Greg Blum . . . . .	4
Kelly Williams . . . . .	6
Kelly Patterson . . . . .	6
Ann Snodgrass . . . . .	8
Sue Miller . . . . .	9
Jo Gustafson . . . . .	9
Pete Odegard . . . . .	10
Roger Leibfried . . . . .	11
Carol Kifer . . . . .	12
Maura Wright . . . . .	12
Claire Baker . . . . .	13
Braxen Birch . . . . .	16
Cole Oftedahl . . . . .	16
Hallie Paar . . . . .	17
Doug Potter . . . . .	17
Owen McCleary . . . . .	17
Jeff Sheets . . . . .	17
Jane McCall . . . . .	18
Daisy Miller . . . . .	20
Megan McWethy . . . . .	21
Jim Miller . . . . .	23
Dave Murphy . . . . .	23
Nicci Reeg . . . . .	24
Jaylen Hodgson . . . . .	25
Lisa Bowers . . . . .	26
Tinley Franzen . . . . .	27





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Let us know! Email  
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org or call 563-582-8875. Share  
your testimonials and God  
sightings with others who  
need to hear your story.

## MS-HS Youth Group

Middle school & high school youth will now meet every Wednesday at Grand View, 6:30-7:30pm. The youth are watching "The Chosen" series, along with having a time of conversation related to topics the youth chose, and games, activities, and a few snacks. If you have a child or know someone in middle school or high school and they're not in Youth Group yet - now is the time!

This is a wonderful and loving Christian group of youth who are excited to learn more about the God's Word -- while having fun and creating lasting friendships too! For more information contact the Church Office: office@grandviewdubuque.org.





# FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL 2021

The Family Fall Festival was once again a huge hit for all those associated with Grand View, Wesley, and Center Grove. Kids, adults, families and individuals of all ages had a wonderful time Trunk-or-Treating, pumpkin painting, riding the hay rides, and eating s'mores, hot dogs, and drinking hot chocolate & cider at Barney Park.

Thank you to ALL who helped serve and those who participated to make this a wonderful event for our Christian Community. Thank you also to Tigges Logging in Durango, Adams Architectural Millwork Co., and Caring Transitions in Dubuque for the donation of the wood and materials for the bonfire.





# CHRISTIAN FAMILY Xperience



**CFX** (Christian Family Xperience) kicked off on Wed., Nov. 3 with a great group of families excited to check out this new Wednesday event. Over 40 people attended, and we hope & anticipate more to attend the following days. CFX is scheduled for **Nov. 10, 17, and Dec. 1, 8, & 15** with future dates to be determined based on scheduling, availability,

access to materials, servers, etc. Each night, CFX starts off with a Christian family gathering around a meal at 5:30pm. At 6pm, Pastor Tom presents a kid-friendly message based on the theme for Sunday School (November is "CONTENTMENT"). Then at 6:20pm the family activities begin, along with MS-HS Youth Group & Confirmation class. This

is a great time for families to get to know other families better, and also spend quality time with their own children doing fun activities & games. If you're interested in helping serve at CFX let us know! We'll need 2-4 people each week to help serve. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this a successful event!

