

February's Grace

2018 Council, Deacons and Staff Contacts

For your convenience, here is a list of Council Members, Deacons and Staff for 2018 as of the Voters Assembly voting on January 21, 2018. Their emails are listed here, and their phone numbers are available in the 2018 phone directory. For any corrections or additions, please contact **Dianne Deloe** in the church office.

COUNCIL

President Al Dexter: aldexter@agraceplace.org

Vice President Jim Paterniti: jimpaterniti@agraceplace.org

Secretary: Kathie Holden: kathieholden@agraceplace.org

Co-Treasurer Barb Steinhauer: barbsteinhauer@agraceplace.org

Financial Secretary Mary Paterniti: marypaterniti@agraceplace.org

Trustee Chair Rich Thompson: richthompson@agraceplace.org

Deacon Chair Laura Keesler: laurakeesler@agraceplace.org

CLC Board Chair Jackie Streb: jackiestreb@agraceplace.org

GwG Board Chair: Vacant

Vacant are Boards of Education, Youth Ministry, Church Growth, Stewardship, and second Co-Treasurer.

DEACONS

Chair Laura Keesler (9:00 a.m. Deacon): laurakeesler@agraceplace.org

Dave Arnett: davearnett@agraceplace.org

Michele Evers: micheleevers@agraceplace.org

Robb Evers: robbevers@agraceplace.org

Mary Paterniti: (Saturday Deacon): marypaterniti@agraceplace.org

Ken Rakieski: (11:15 a.m. Deacon): kenrakieski@agraceplace.org

Wally Sander: wallysander@agraceplace.org

Kathy Verbocy: (Saturday Deacon): kathyverbocy@agraceplace.org

Six seats are currently open.

STAFF

Pastor Patrick Cox: patrickcox@agraceplace.org

Secretary Dianne Deloe: glmoffice@agraceplace.org

CLC Director Selene Machuga: selenemachuga@agraceplace.org

CLC Assistant Director Brandon Baney: brandonbaney@agraceplace.org

GwG Director Keelan Miller: directorgwg@agraceplace.org

GwG Assistant Director Laci Wyant: asstdirectorgwg@agraceplace.org

Janitor Robb Evers: robbevers@agraceplace.org

Organist Karen Rakieski: karenrakieski@agraceplace.org

GWG - DECEMBER IN REVIEW

- **C**ommunity- Our kids did a great job collecting food for the Friendship Table, and hand delivered it to them.
- **S**taff “adopted” two elderly adults from the ELF Fund and were able to fill all of the items on their tags.
- **E**nrollment- We had five new students enroll in our center this month (and lost one due to family issues.)
- **F**acilities- WE GOT OUR NEW TOILET INSTALLED!! Thank you Rich!!
- **T**hank you to the Bible study (anonymous) who gave very generous monetary gifts to two hard working struggling families so that they could have a blessed holiday!
- **P**ot-Luck luncheon was a success (Staff Christmas party-during the school day). Thank you to those who participated and contributed.
- **C**ollege students came back to work over Christmas break, and were able to give our teachers a much deserved vacation.
- **F**our of our children went to the Christmas concert service to sing!



Pastor's Pause

First of all I wish to thank you for your generous Christmas gift! We are going to save it toward a special vacation next summer to celebrate our 30th anniversary. I am so thankful for each of you!

Where's Your Focus?

Perhaps the single most important thing that causes a congregation to grow or die is its focus. There are two types of congregations – congregations with inward focus and congregations with outward focus. How do you tell the difference? It's not hard at all.

An outwardly focused congregation loves and lives by verses like these:

[Jesus said,] "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matt 28:19-20

[Jesus said,] "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47

An inwardly focused congregation lives by questions like the following:

What if new people come into the congregation and want to change things?
Will new people accept that we do things a certain way – like we've always done it before?

What if new people don't act like us? Or, what if I'm uncomfortable around them?
We have too many problems of our own to be inviting new people.

Which kind of congregation would you rather be?

Let's move forward this year with a renewed outward focus as we reach the community and beyond!

Blessings!

Pastor Patrick



*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30 NIV)*

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays
not published
on-line.

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

MEMORIALS

In Memory of
Lorrene Hardy

Ernie Loch

Betty Comes
Mike Taylor

Sent by

Paul & Mary Lu Westerburg
Don & Pam Fredeen
Ken & Karen Rakieski
Jim & Virginia Randolph
Rose Hager
Sarah Lanier
Jim & Virginia Randolph
Pastor Art & Hailie Cox
Wally & Vicki Sander
Dave & Jan Swanson
Jackie Streb
Ted & Robyn Hardy
Sarah Lanier
Art & Barb Steinhauer
Ted & Robyn Hardy

Recycling Update

Congratulations - you have again gone over \$6,000 - \$6,671.34 for 2017; that is \$16.66 less than 2016 - still an amazing feat!

Special thanks to **Dave Swanson** and his dog **Mandy** for venturing out every day to collect cans; thanks to **Bruce** and his crew: **Vern Holden** and **Al Vanderpoel** for sorting and counting. If interested in helping, talk to one of them. It's the Derrick City Diner for breakfast and then on to Duke Center.

Keep saving the aluminum cans (DO NOT CRUSH) and any plastic water or pop bottles or glass beer bottles that have a 5¢ deposit for NY on them. Leave them in the Social Hall by the Pepsi machine.

This money has been earmarked to help replace the worn carpet and furniture.

With God All Things are Possible! **Bruce & Chris Schuessler**

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Kathie Holden

ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb. 4 -
Feb. 11 -
Feb. 18 -
Feb. 25 -

LOVE is caring
LOVE is daring
LOVE is time to share our thoughts
LOVE is understanding others
LOVE is our faith in action
LOVE is God at work!

Covenant United Presbyterian Church
West Des Moines, IA



Council Meeting

Church Council meeting is **TUESDAY, February 13th at 7:00pm** in the Social Hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome to attend the monthly Council Meetings! There is also a suggestion box in the Welcome Center.



Please remember our shut-ins

Pastor and the deacons try to ensure that each person gets visitation and Communion at least once a month. BUT, a card, a phone call or a brief visit brightens the day for our brothers and sisters who can no longer attend services regularly. Cards and a list of our shut-ins are available in the Social Hall.

Sara Christjohn

Ecumenical Home-Rm. 201
100 St. Francis Dr.

Dan Denning

Bradford Manor
50 Langmaid Lane

Marsha Denning

354 Interstate Pkwy.
362-6429

FYI

For anyone wishing to rent the Social Hall or the Community Life Center for an event, your contact person is **Selene Machuga - 362-1236 or 598-0893.**

Deadlines for Weekly Slides, Bulletin Items

Just a reminder that the deadline to have items placed in the weekly bulletin is Wednesday morning and the deadline for slides is Thursday morning. Please write the information up in the manner you would like church secretary **Dianne Deloe** to print it.

Grace Memorials / Altar Flowers

Prayerfully consider donating to the Grace Memorial fund when you wish to make a memorial donation. When you donate to the Memorial Fund, a card is sent to the family of the person that you are remembering.

Also, you may sign up for Altar Flowers on the chart posted in the Social Hall. This can be in memory of a loved one or friend or to commemorate a special event.

To make a donation you may use one of the envelopes in the Welcome Center and place in the collection plate, the safe or call **Sharon Long at 368-6711 or the Church Office at 362-3244.**





Lent / Easter Schedule



February 14

Ash Wednesday

Distribution of Ashes at Noon

7:00pm Worship Service with Ashes

February 21 & 28

6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner

7:00pm Worship Service

March 7, 14 & 21

6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner

7:00pm Worship Service

March 25

Palm Sunday

March 29

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

March 30

12:00 Noon Community Crosswalk Service

7:00pm Good Friday Service

March 31

NO 5:15pm Service

April 1

8:45 - 10:00am Easter Breakfast

10:00am Easter Service

Please note: There will not be a 5:15pm Service on March 31; we will be having ONE Easter Service (with Communion) at 10:00am on Sunday, April 1, following the Easter Breakfast at 8:45am.



Decking the Halls 2017



Crosswalk Happy Birthday Jesus Party



WHAM! First Night Fundraiser



**Church Office Hours:
Monday thru Friday - 7:30am to 1:30pm**



**Grace
Lutheran
Church**

Rev. Patrick J. Cox, Pastor

331-0074

Lisa Cox

779-1783

(alternate phone number for Pastor)

79 Mechanic Street
Bradford, PA 16701

(814) 362-3244

Fax (814) 362-6085

Community Life Center

(814) 362-1236

Growing with Grace

Christian Preschool

814-362-(GROW) 4769

glmoffice@agraceplace.org

www.agraceplace.org

Join Us For Worship!

Friday

6:30pm Crosswalk

Youth Worship

Saturday

5:15pm Praise Team

Sunday

9:00am Praise Team

11:15am Blended

Family Education

10:15am

***We're On
The Web!***

www.agraceplace.org

Like us on Facebook:

***Grace Lutheran Ministries &
Growing with Grace
Christian Preschool***

**CURRENT AND
UPCOMING EVENTS
AT GRACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

February 14

Ash Wednesday

12:00pm Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm Service with Ashes

February 21 & 28

6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner

7:00pm Worship Service



The Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter is published monthly. Submissions for newsletters can be left for the newsletter team in the church office. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, please e-mail them to: newsletter@agraceplace.org or leave them in the church office.