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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Summer 2022



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MINISTRY OFFERINGS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Church

Infants through Pre-K/5 meet during the worship services for songs, Bible lessons, and activities related to our Sunday School lessons.

Time: Sundays, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Registration is required. The forms will be available by Wednesday each week at www.gracepres.org/kidzreg.

Children's Sunday School

Children, ages infant through 6th grade, will meet in their own classrooms as they learn how to be "Disciples for Life." We use The Gospel Project for Kids curriculum which "*takes kids on a Christ-centered chronological journey through scripture.*"

Time: Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

KIDventure

While mothers attend a Tuesday Morning Bible Study or MOPS on Fridays, children attend our KIDventure program. This includes a Bible story, social play, snacks, and craft time.

Time: September - April

Contact: Kristine Byrne at kbyrne@gracepres.org

Special Events

Many special events, such as the Harvest Walk, Bible Sunday, Father-Son campouts, Mother-Daughter events, preteen socials, etc., are scheduled throughout the year. Events may build connections, celebrate milestones, or provide service opportunities while deepening your child's faith.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Boys' Brigade

Boys in 1st through 6th grade find action and adventure as they grow in knowledge of the Lord and in life skills. The boys participate in many activities including campouts, Pinewood Derby, and hands-on projects.

Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., September - April

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (cont'd)

Pioneer Girls

Girls in 1st through 6th grade grow in Christ as they learn more about the world around them by participating in activities such as baking, woodworking, and camping — all while being silly and having fun. The girls also participate in other activities, including a campout, Daddy-Daughter Dinner, and a Pal-Gal Banquet.

Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., September - April

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Kidz Missions Conference

Children ages infant through 6th grade focus on learning more about missions during our Global Impact Celebration. We emphasize the importance of sharing God's Word with those around us and how we can support our missionaries with prayer and encouragement.

Time: Seasonal during the Global Impact Celebration

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Vacation Bible School

This is a fun-filled week as children ages three through 6th grade learn more about our amazing God through engaging Bible lessons, cool crafts, fun games, action songs, and much more!

Time: June 12-16, 2023

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Grace Kidz Volunteer Team

You can join one of our volunteer teams as we strive to "Make Disciples for Life" in our Grace Kidz Ministry. We have teams on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and during Special Events. Positions include room helper, table teacher, preparing crafts, cleaning toys, music leader, greeters, secretaries, special needs buddies, and so much more. All volunteers will be screened and background checked for the safety of our children.

Time: Varies

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRIES

If you have a child with special needs, please contact Lisa Schock at lschock@gracepres.org to discuss how we can help your child feel welcome and included in one of our children's classes. We would love to help your family in this way. The Adult Special Education Class meets every Sunday except holiday weekends from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Rm 172.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

**In the summer, student ministries hosts a number of different gatherings, retreats, and events, meeting on Wednesday evenings instead of Sunday evenings. For an updated calendar, please e-mail John Vanne at jvanne@gracepres.org.*

Jr. & Sr. High Sunday Mornings

Take a deeper look into God's Word as we discuss core doctrines of the Christian faith, culturally relevant topics, and topics that can help you walk closer with the Lord. This is a laid back, teaching and discussion-style format.

Time: Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Contact: John Vanne at jvanne@gracepres.org

Jr. & Sr. High Sunday Evenings

We meet weekly from 6-8 p.m. at the church for fellowship, games, worship and testimonies, and for small groups. We will break apart for small groups at 7 p.m. Students will be divided based on gender and somewhat by grade. They are welcome to request some fellow students they would like to be in a group with. Our leaders will lead small groups based on curriculum/books that are approved by John Vanne.

To sign up for a small group, contact Cara Schuck at cschuck@gracepres.org.

Family Resources

We provide parents with a weekly e-mail that is filled with updates and resources as well as a twice-monthly podcast called "Teleios" (by Grace Student Ministries) that is designed to help parents and leaders make disciples of the next generation. "Teleios" is available on Apple, Spotify, and Google podcast platforms.

Contact: John Vanne at jvanne@gracepres.org to sign up for the weekly e-mails.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Young Adult Ministries

We are a ministry of young adults, ages 18 to around 30 at Grace Presbyterian Church. We strive to grow deep authentic community among each other and the rest of our church that inspires action and is a warm place of connection. We're serious about following Christ and carrying out His mission together. And we're serious about being the hands and feet of Grace, mobilizing our church. Why? Because that's how we roll.

Contact: John Cherne, jcherne@gracepres.org, and Cara Schuck, cschuck@gracepres.org

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (cont'd)

Life Groups

We believe that significant growth in Christ happens best in the context of intentional relationships. Relationships are best nurtured in a small group setting, so we offer a number of different “Life Groups” that meet throughout the week.

Connection Nights

Young Adults gather on Thursday evenings for Indoor Volleyball or Outdoor Ultimate, 6–8:30 p.m., merged with social times to promote continued fellowship and provide a chance to initiate new friendships.

Next Generation Sunday School Class

This class is for young adults, ages 23-30. Our class goal is to mature and grow in our faith together.

Location: Room 008 (lower level)

Contact: John Cherne, jcherne@gracepres.org

College Sunday School Class

This class is open to all college students as we grow in our faith together.

Location: Room 015-1 (lower level)

Contact: John Cherne, jcherne@gracepres.org

Activities

We do everything from social outings, service projects, to even weekend camping trips. To find out what we have coming up, check out the Young Adults page on the church website. www.gracepres.org/youngadults. If you are interested in more information about the YAMS, contact John Cherne at jcherne@gracepres.org.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Women’s Monday Morning Prayer

All women are invited to attend a weekly time of prayer for our church, our nation, our missionaries, and our own personal requests. We begin each week with a devotional or a sharing time by a missionary, then we divide into groups and spend time in prayer.

Time: Monday mornings **Contact:** Mary Jane Crowell, crowellm@mtco.com or John Hopwood, jhopwood@gracepres.org

Prayer Ministry

Prayer is a large part of our value of glorifying worship. We have several ways to accomplish frontline prayer, along with some familiar, classic ways that have ministered to many people over the years. We encourage everyone to submit a prayer request on the Connect Cards on Sunday morning or through the website throughout the week. We distribute all of the requests (except the confidential requests which are distributed to Pastors on staff) to our Prayer Team that prays for them throughout the week. In our “Watchman on the Wall” prayer ministry, 168 people have dedicated an hour to pray for the needs of our congregation as well as the community. Whether you choose to pray for an hour or a shorter timeframe, we know that prayer is a powerful tool that changes lives. Let us know if you’d like to become a part of the Prayer Team.

Time: 24/7 dependent upon an hour that you choose

Contact: Allison Ritchie at aritchie@gracepres.org

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Grace Band

The Grace Band plays a prominent part of our Sunday services. Their role is to play to the glory of God and the shepherding of His church. They play music from gospel to rock to pop and all over the genre map. Each musician plays an important role in the band and must have the skill to allow the band to play as a unit. Band positions are by audition only.

Time: Sunday morning rehearsals and services

Contact: Kevin King at kking@gracepres.org

Worship Vocal Team

The worship vocal team serves to lead the congregation in song and point the praise to Jesus. Their role is to love the church by the way they lead, displaying the mercy and might of God through their countenance and singing. They are worshipers who love Jesus and desire to serve His church. Each vocalist must be a skilled singer, capable of learning harmonies quickly, and being able to express the gospel through song. The vocal team is by audition only and serve on a rotation basis.

Time: Sunday morning services and rehearsals.

Contact: Kevin King at kking@gracepres.org

WORSHIP MINISTRIES (cont'd)

Grace Choir

The choir serves to be an integral part of the Sunday service, leading the congregation in worship through music. Be part of a community of artists who pray for each other, share with one another, and sing the truth of Scripture over one another. Be exposed to music from classical to contemporary, learn healthy vocal technique, and improve harmonization skills. Above all, take part in shepherding the church to hear the gospel through song and worship the Lord in response.

Time: Once per month, Wednesdays 6:30-8 and Sunday morning services

Audition is required. **Contact:** Kevin King at kking@gracepres.org

Symphonic Winds

The Symphonic Winds brings out the beauty of the gospel in musical form on Sunday mornings. Be a part of a group that plays pieces from thrilling fanfares to lush ballads. Increase your musical skill and learn how to use that skill as a means of leading worship. The Symphonic Winds is inclusive of musicians from professional backgrounds as well as those who play for pleasure.

Time: Wednesday rehearsal (6-7 p.m.) one to two times per month, and monthly Sunday services **Contact:** Kevin King at kking@gracepres.org

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Midweek Grace

Join us on Wednesday evening for children's clubs, men's and women's groups, ESL, and a class taught by a pastor. Begins September 15.

Time: Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Contact: Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES (cont'd)

Community Groups

At Grace, we call our small groups Community Groups. These groups consist of eight to twelve people and meet weekly at the church or in homes. There are groups of all ages and backgrounds, and we encourage everyone to get involved because God wants us all to connect with others. Our groups connect by sharing life together, studying and growing in God's Word, and partnering in prayer.

Time: Various times

Contact: Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Wednesday Men's Connect Groups

Connect with other men in a comfortable mid-sized group setting where we study God's Word together, have some fun, and build relationships for life.

Times: Wednesday mornings, 7-8:00 a.m. in the Front Porch Room

Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 172 (Adult Special Ed. room)

Contact: Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Women's Ministries

Check out our web page for details of women's Tuesday morning, Wednesday evening, and Friday morning studies and activities. www.gracepres.org/women

Contact: Brenda Garrison at bgarrison@gracepres.org

Quilting & More

Quilting & More is a close-"knit" group of ladies of all ages who meet for fellowship, encouragement, and prayer. Each morning we have a devotion and time of sharing followed by a project demonstration or work day. While quilting is the focus, there are ladies who knit, crochet, and craft. We find joy in doing community projects, taking field trips, and a yearly retreat to Shipshewana, Indiana. All are welcome!

Time: Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Contact: Pat Ivaska at pjivaska@gmail.com

Adult Membership Class "Discover Grace"

Adults and teens (7th grade and up) who have trusted in Jesus for forgiveness of sins and eternal life and desire to join the church may attend a four-hour class about church membership. We will explain the benefits and responsibilities of church membership and the procedure for joining. We will also discuss baptism for the benefit of those who have not yet been baptized.

Time: Seasonal

Contact: Greg Grindinger at ggrindinger@gracepres.org

Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship Ministry

This is a growing, organic movement among us. As God multiplies mature and equipped leaders through the process of life-on-life, the more people can be involved. Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship can be described as laboring in the lives of a few with the intention of imparting one's life, God's Word, and the gospel in a way to see them become mature and equipped followers of Christ, likewise committed to doing the same in the lives of others. Pray with us for the current Life-on-Life Groups and for patience as we trust God to grow this movement in depth and to stretch in our church and beyond. Visit www.gracepres.org/lifeonlife for more information.

Contact: Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ongoing Adult Sunday School Classes

If you would like to join an adult Sunday School, contact Pastor Kerry at kfrantz@gracepres.org. The current class list is located at the Welcome Center and at www.gracepres.org/adults.

CARE MINISTRIES

55 & Beyond Fellowship

This is a lively group of members and friends of Grace who enjoy social activities for people 55 and older, including bus trips, luncheons, programs and activities. Their purpose is to demonstrate God's love through fellowship with a mission in providing opportunities to perform lasting, solid friendships. Their main focus is to reach out to others in order to brighten their lives. Inviting neighbors and friends to this special group is greatly encouraged.

Time: Quarterly

Contact: Marty Layer at ml2564@gmail.com or John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

Widows Care Ministry

As God proclaimed Himself to be the protector of widows, we uphold His proclamation through care and ministry to widows. We want God's glory to be displayed through caring to widows in need.

Contact: Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Heartbeat

This ministry of Grace seeks to care for vulnerable children through adoption and foster-care. It also resources other partners by educating families and the church, as well as empowering, embracing, and supporting those who wish to adopt or enter the foster care service.

Contact: Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Cancer Support Group

The Warrior Women of Grace Cancer Support Group meets monthly to provide spiritual and emotional support to women who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Time: Regularly

Contact: Pat Edwards at pjelcsw@comcast.net or John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

Friends Visiting

The mission of Friends Visiting is to bring comfort and companionship to those who are shut-in, either at home or a care facility. It includes spending time together and sharing Scripture and prayer. Once a year, homemade cookies are distributed to the homebound.

Time: Regularly

Contact: Bev Wright at billnbevwright@att.net or John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

GriefShare

After the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped coming, most of the people around you return to their normal lives. But your grief continues and you feel alone. If you are struggling with the loss of a parent, spouse, child or friend, please consider attending Grief Share classes held regularly at Grace Church.

Time: Regularly

Contact: Geri Ringelspaugh at ringel31@hotmail.com or John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

Hospital Visitation

If you are facing a serious surgical procedure or you discover that you face various medical challenges, you will soon discover the importance of those who make hospital visits. At Grace we have a team who will support, encourage and pray with you no matter how long your hospitalization may last. We will telephone when hospital protocols prohibit visits.

Time: Regularly

Contact: John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

Weddings and Funerals

We want to minister to you during times of both joy and sorrow. To discuss weddings and funerals, contact Pastor Kerry at kfrantz@gracepres.org.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Global Partnership (Missions) Committee

We want to share the message of God's great grace to those in our home town, across our country, and around the world. At Grace, we support dozens of global partners serving in both near and distant lands. The Missions Committee organizes our work, prays for global partners, and encourages them through letters and emails.

Contact: gchristian@gracepres.org

OUTREACH MINISTRIES (cont'd)

Global Impact Celebration

This is our all-church missions conference where we can meet global partners, hear about Grace's missions outreach, and enjoy training opportunities in missions involvement. Volunteers are needed in the planning, decorating, and organizing of meals to bless those attending the GIC.

Time: October 6-9, 2023

Contact: Glory Christian at gchristian@gracepres.org

English as a Second Language

We offer Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening classes in the levels of pre-beginner, beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Training is available for those willing to serve as teachers and assistants.

Time: September - April

Contact: Mike Uno at mike@unos.net.

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES

Greeter Team

Greeters welcome our members and guests at each of our different entrances with a warm smile before entering the building and worship center. Greeters also provide a caring and discerning eye watching for unique opportunities to serve those they encounter or that need assistance.

Time: Sunday mornings, monthly rotation

Contact: Jonathan Welch at jwelch@gracepres.org

Welcome Center

The Welcome Center serves both guests and members by providing information about Grace, whether answering a general inquiry regarding various ministries or groups or escorting individuals to specific areas of the church for an event, meeting, or class.

Time: Sunday mornings, monthly rotation

Contact: Jonathan Welch at jwelch@gracepres.org

Café Team

With over 30 gallons of coffee brewed each Sunday, the café is truly a ministry of the church not only as an opportunity to serve guests, but also adds to the atmosphere of fellowship it fosters. As a café team member, you'll assist with the brewing, distributing, and serving of coffee while helping to maintain an overall environment of hospitality.

Time: Sunday mornings, 8-9:30 or 9:30-11

Contact: Jonathan Welch at jwelch@gracepres.org

Usher Team

Ushers create a welcome atmosphere within the worship center. Ushers hand out bulletins, assist with seating, and collect the offering. Ushers also have the opportunity to assist and interact with members and guests which helps further contribute to a home-like environment that helps hearts prepare for worship.

Time: Sunday mornings, monthly rotation

Contact: Jonathan Welch at jwelch@gracepres.org

Special Events Team

Join a fun-loving team — as well as the whole church — in the planning and set-up for our Annual Church Picnic, Family Fun Nights, and other special events throughout the year.

Time: Year Round

Contact: Jonathan Welch at jwelch@gracepres.org

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

Grace Media Ministry

The Lord has provided for Grace to have a significant media presence through local radio and TV broadcasts, as well as through national and international programming available in over 900 cities and 80 nations. Volunteers at all levels of media recording and production are welcome.

Contact: Christopher Summers at csummers@gracepres.org

Church Library

Find great books, DVDs, Audio Books, and CDs available for you to check out. You can find fiction, non-fiction, reference books, and children's books for all ages.

We are always looking for volunteers to serve in the library. **Contact:** Jennifer Reay at glibrary@gracepres.org

SUPPORT MINISTRIES (cont'd)

Mercy Ministry

Grace Church provides financial support and local leadership for a great variety of local and international mercy ministries including Peoria Rescue Mission, Southside Mission, Salvation Army, Right to Life, Samaritan's Purse.

Contact: Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Benevolence Ministry

Financial planning, counseling and advice for wise living and caring stewardship are available through Grace's Whole Life Stewardship Team, the Deacon's Fund, and the Benevolence Committee.

Contact: Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Decorations Team

Join a creative team of men and women who decorate the church for special occasions such as Grace Family Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, VBS, and other events.

Time: Seasonal **Contact:** Randy Whitman at rwhitman@gracepres.org

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MINISTRIES

Parking Team

The parking team has a critical role as they are the first contact with people when they arrive here at Grace. A warm welcome and friendly hello is accompanied by a strategic plan to direct traffic flow and promote pedestrian safety.

Time: Sunday mornings, monthly rotation

Contact: Mike Proehl at meproehl@comcast.net or Steve Minner at steveminner@gmail.com

Monday Morning Men's Work Fellowship

Come and join the camaraderie of a team of faithful men who enjoy serving around the church by using their talents to help with various projects every Monday morning. Our time together also includes a mid-morning Bible study, snacks, and fellowship.

Time: Monday mornings, 8:00am

Contact: Randy Whitman at rwhitman@gracepres.org or Tom Spillman at tomspillman38@yahoo.com

SNORTS Ministry

Snow and ice removal teams provide a safe and welcoming entrance to the Grace facility on Sundays and weekly events. Scheduling is flexible and usually bi-monthly.

Time: Sunday mornings and/or intermittent weekly needs

Safety Team Ministry

Men and women are needed to help assure a safe environment for everyone at Grace's special events, children's ministry, and Sunday services.

Time: Sunday mornings and/or intermittent weekly needs

Lawn Care and Maintenance Ministry

Men and women use their love for the outdoors and "green thumbs" to maintain the lawns, flowers, prayer walk, and general maintenance while also enjoying fellowship together as they work.

Time: Midweek mornings or afternoons

For all Buildings & Grounds groups, Contact: Randy Whitman at rwhitman@gracepres.org

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We seek to be a church that depends on God's unlimited grace, inspiring all generations and peoples to follow Christ.

We believe God's grace provides faith in what He has done for us, freedom from what we have done, and fuel for what God calls us to do.



Love God.
Love Others.
Make Disciples.



Grace Alive!

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WEEK-TV 25 — 9 AM
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Sunday Services 8:30 & 11 a.m.

For a full list of events and information visit: www.gracepres.org

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