

VIEWS AND VISTAS

The Newsletter of the

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Building Community West Granville Style

What does community partnership and bridge-building look like?

Rev. Dee Anderson had this report on a recent event at his church, West Granville Presbyterian. The West Granville congregation is involved in interfaith and intercultural activities in the neighborhood. The following is shared by Pastor Dee:

We had a terrific visit at West Granville from 20 young people and friends from **Masjid al Qur'an**, led by Hafiz Shafique.

The Youth Classes of 12-16-year-olds were welcomed by our Confirmation Class, Senior Highs and congregation, for hospitality during our coffee hour. Then we proceeded to the sanctuary for a welcome from West Granville, and conversation about Christianity and Islam. Hafiz and I often compared stories and quotes from the Quran and the Christian Bible. I explained some of the main themes of Christianity and our worship. We closed with mutual gratitude and pledges to continue our conversations.

We have been building our partnership for several years both on a personal level and through our Faith-Based Organization with Milwaukee Police District 4. We have visited the Mosque on many occasions and have been welcomed with generous hospitality, opportunity to learn and candid conversation. This was West Granville's opportunity to return the hospitality.

Trust begins by building personal relationships over time. It includes demonstration of mutual respect and a genuine curiosity to learn from each other's traditions. We certainly experienced great joy and thanksgiving at this event and this opportunity to demonstrate a core value of welcome as an expression of faith. As our

understanding is growing so are our friendships and opportunities for neighborhood outreach.

Our next event is June 17, at a Safe Summer Kick-Off event for the community we share. The event is supported by our neighborhood congregations as well as Milwaukee Police, Milwaukee Fire Department, Milwaukee Public Schools, Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, Sojourner Peace Center, Havenwood State Forest, Alderman Johnson, and community businesses.

**Maple Tree School Neighborhood
Out-Reach Day**
Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 11-2:00
106th and Jonek Street, Milwaukee

The goal of the event is to reach out into the Millwood Park Neighborhood to build positive relationships. There will be resource tables, job fair, outreach from Maple Tree School and other community services.

Volunteers who want to join this day may contact Nancy Adams and the Mission Committee.

Safety Note: On Sunday, May 7th during morning worship, two cars were burglarized in the church parking lot. Please remember to lock your doors and to not leave valuables inside or in plain sight.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
April 30 - 95; May 7 - 93;
May 14 - 93; May 21 - 125

10:30 Worship

May 28 7th Sunday of Easter

10:30 Worship

Memorial Day Weekend observed

Color change to green

Scripture: Ephesians 4:30-32

The Forgiveness Code

Sermon: *Forgiveness as Hospitality -*

Opening the Doors of Grace

WORSHIP IN JUNE

Summer Worship: 9:30 AM

June 4 9:30 Summer Worship begins

Pentecost ~ Wear RED

Color change to red

Holy Communion

**Recognition of Graduating Senior
Highs, Ella Reiss and Rachel LaPorte**

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 Pentecost

Sermon: *Ways of the Spirit*

June 11 **Trinity Sunday**

Color change to white

Sermon: On Being Flexible

June 18 **Father's Day**

Strawberry Festival

Color change to green

Sermon: Sharing from the trip to

Moldovia, Ukraine and Czech Republic

Celebrating Tom Suyama's 95th Birthday

Homemade Strawberry Shortcake and Ice
Cream following Worship

June 25 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

African Dinner at Church following Worship

The entire congregation is invited

This meal is hosted by our members and
friends from African Communities

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Welcome to ...

... **Carol Scott** as a New Member. Carol was baptized, raised and confirmed at Perseverance Presbyterian Church when it was located at 18th and Walnut and continued at the church when Perseverance moved to the Northwest side of Milwaukee. Carol's mother (Florence Kuehn) & brother (Kevin Kuehn) became members at West Granville when Perseverance closed. Now Carol is joining West Granville and will be welcomed on Sunday, June 18th.

Carol is a retired RN who has worked at Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Hospital specializing in Brain Injury and Coma Recovery. She is active in the Wisconsin Go Hiking Club where Carol has logged 5,000 miles! Carol is also in the Table Tennis Club (Senior Olympics) at the Washington Park Senior Center.

Birthday

Tom Suyama's 95th Birthday on June 14th
will be celebrated June 18th at West Granville.

Military

Kali Grogan, United States Navy

Evan Reiss, United States Air Force

Jacob Roy, basic training,

U.S. Marine Corp. Reserves

JT Lorbiecki, Wisconsin Air Guard

Prayers

Sally Schwarz, surgery on June 7

Steve Hufnal, surgery recovery

Katie, Jane Stone's friend diagnosed with cancer

Barb Terpstra Troka, treatment

The Alderden Family, prayers for Trent, a

college-aged neighbor diagnosed with cancer

Gene Ellner, cancer (brother-in-law of Eleanor)

Linda Ryan, up-coming surgery

Long Term Prayers

Madison Ford, special care

Tom Suyama, rehabilitation at Luther Manor

June Herman, rehabilitation in Sheboygan

Tracy Browning, daughter of Helen Kidd

Nicki Rupke, special care

Ruby Tylenda-Emmons, special care

Kay Baake

Marilyn Allan

Lil Sullivan's mother, Lois Spangle

Dan Ryan, continuing care

Berit Swanson, wife of the late

Rev. Harold Swanson

Llew and Alice Tietz

Pastor Dee will be out of the office June 26-30
on Continuing Education.



Access Begins in the Heart

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The Strawberry Festival will be held on Father's Day, **June 18**, immediately following Worship. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay after church for fresh strawberries and homemade shortcake. There will be a free-will offering which will go to support Mission.

Open Circle needs people to bake shortcakes, prepare berries, and bring various other supplies. Please see Eleanor Ellner for the sign-up sheet. Thanks! *Open Circle and/or anyone ~ please meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 17 to set up.*

**Door County, Washington Island Forum
June 26-30, 2017**

I will again be attending the Washington Island Forum. The Forum is a 42-year tradition sponsored by the Wisconsin Council of Churches and *The Christian Century* magazine.

It includes four and one half days of worship, workshops, discussion, and contemplation in an ecumenical retreat setting on Washington Island, just north of Door County, Wisconsin. The week begins with a welcome and opening picnic Monday afternoon. Tuesday through Thursday offers Morning Prayer and workshop sessions at the Trueblood Performing Arts Center.

The speaker, John Dominic Crossan will address the challenges of reading the Christian Bible today. Crossan is generally regarded as the leading historical Jesus scholar in the world. He is the author of several bestselling books, including "The Historical Jesus", "Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography and The Birth of Christianity", and "Who Killed Jesus?" This is an opportunity for lay leaders and pastors to deepen their spirituality and connect with the message of the scriptures in a more profound way.

Peace, Pastor Dee

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will dine together on **Friday, June 9 at 1:00 p.m.** and on the second Friday of each month. All ages are welcome. See Nancy Baum for location and directions.

PERSEVERANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 2017

Thanks to a generous endowment from the former Perseverance Presbyterian Church, West Granville is pleased to announce four 2017 Perseverance Scholarships. When the Perseverance Church closed West Granville was gifted money to assist students in furthering education beyond high school or training for new employment. That money was placed in a special growth fund and each year a percentage is set aside to be divided among church members who apply for the scholarship. This year \$300 was awarded to both of the very deserving new applicants, and \$200 to those applying for scholarship renewal.

This year the new recipients are Rachel LaPorte and Ella Reiss. Anna Bartowitz and Claire Rhode are renewing recipients. Each of these students has a strong work ethic, has taken a rigorous course load and has attained an excellent grade point average.

Rachel LaPorte soon will graduate from Cedarburg High School, and is planning to attend Wisconsin Lutheran College working toward a Marine Biology major. She is described by her German IV teacher as a "focused, courteous and dependable" student, who has taken many challenging honors courses in high school. Aside from her strong school achievements, Rachel has volunteered at Ronald McDonald House Charities, Columbia St Mary's Hospital and at a local nursing home. She swam on Cedarburg HS conference championship swim team and also attained her black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Ella Reiss will graduate from Waukesha West High School with plans to attend Carroll University to pursue a degree in Health Sciences. Her AP Biology teacher describes Ella as determined and a leader who has a strong work ethic. Ella has been varsity cheerleading captain for 2 years, "expecting a standard of excellence" for her team, while learning to manage different personalities. Since her family moved to the Waukesha countryside Ella has been involved in training and showing her horse, Kit. In this process Ella says she has accepted disappointments and learned to grow from her mistakes.

Anna Bartowitz attended Carthage College in her freshman year and will return there as a sophomore with a Marketing major and an Entrepreneurial Studies minor. Carthage has honored Anna with the Presidential Scholarship for her entire scholastic career. Anna's Western Heritage professor described her as a standout student in his 50 years of teaching, noting her insightful work, her enthusiasm, positive nature and her deep conceptual thinking. She has been begun applying her learning by establishing a small business selling animal accessories with hundreds of sales to her credit.

Claire Rhode will be a sophomore at Carroll University next year where she is an Exercise Science major with a Pre-Physical Therapy emphasis, a six-year course of study resulting in a doctorate in physical therapy. Ultimately, she would like a career as a physical therapist in an elementary school or a PT working with a ballet company. Aside from her academic work, Claire is Athletic Supervisor in the Van Male Fieldhouse at Carroll working at various athletic events on campus. Off campus she worked as a dresser for the Milwaukee Ballet, a job her supervisor says requires focus, organization, and a calm ability to think on one's feet – qualities that Claire possessed consistently.

NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE
TRENDS THAT CAN HAVE HEALTH BENEFITS

Trends can have lasting health benefits. Sometimes we may think a "trend" is just a passing fad and we may pass it off as not being of any lasting value. An article in the Harvard Women's Health Watch has 3 suggestions where trends fall into the 'beneficial' category.

WEARING ACTIVITY TRACKERS ~ Exercise is as close to a "magic bullet" as anything we can do to promote a healthy lifestyle. Physical activity can lower the risk of high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, diabetes, osteoporosis, many cancers and dementia. Most of us are aware that 30 minutes of moderate physical activity on most days is recommended, but many of us lack the motivation to get moving. More than 13 million wearable activity trackers which record the number of steps and the minutes of activity a day, were sold in the United States in 2015. Research has shown that these small devices, worn on the wrist or clipped to clothing, encourages people to become more active. Many people have enjoyed competing against themselves or their friends. To tap into this trend, expect to pay about \$100 for a device that logs steps, miles, active minutes and sleep time.

SHOPPING AT FARMERS' MARKETS ~ In the last 30 years or so, farmers' markets have moved from the sides of rural roads to the center of major cities. In a study done by researchers at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, when people began to shop at inner-city farmers' markets, they also consumed less sugary soft drinks and more vegetables than they had previously. Farmers' markets offer several advantages over supermarkets that include freshness and variety. Eating locally or regionally-grown produce means less energy is expended bringing these foods to the table.

Many vendors are agreeable to giving samples, if asked.

PRACTICING MINDFULNESS ~ In concept, mindfulness is simple: concentrating on the present moment and processing things in a non-judgmental way. By focusing on the here and now, many people find that they are less likely to get caught up in worries about the future or dwell on regrets from their past. This practice can also help us form deeper connections with one another. Mindfulness techniques have been shown to relieve stress, anxiety, depression, substance abuse and eating disorders, according to Dr. Jo Ann Manson, Chief of Preventive Medicine at Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Manson also states, "They may also be helpful in treating chronic pain, improving sleep and lowering blood pressure."

With the coming of warmer Wisconsin weather, you and your loved ones may want to evaluate if any of these 3 "trends" can be incorporated into your overall goals for better health.

Sincerely in health,
Lil Sullivan, Parish Nurse

SUMMER COFFEE HOURS

The Member Care Committee is looking for volunteers to provide Coffee Hour for **June, July and August**. Please sign up on the cork board in Perseverance Hall. Thank you in advance for your fellowship ministry!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We invite all the youth of the church to join us for Vacation Bible School on **Saturday, June 24 from 3:00–6:00 p.m.** right here at West Granville. We will be playing Gaga Ball, singing en Français (in French), making our own Dégué (a popular Togolaise dessert), and learning all about Jesus in African culture! Dinner will be provided by the Christian Education Committee. All kids ages 0-18 are welcome to attend and bring friends – the more the merrier! Contact Angie in the church office at 414-353-8680 or secretary@westgranville.org for more information, or to volunteer to help out.

MEMBER CARE GOLF OUTING

Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
at Blackstone Creek in Germantown

Our Seventh Annual Golf Outing will be at Blackstone Creek Golf Course in Germantown (across from Germantown High School). We are planning to play 9 holes in this event; best ball style. The cost is \$15.75 for nine holes and \$21.25 with a cart. If you want to play a full 18, you are on your own! There is a full-service food service after the golf. You don't need to be a pro or a church member to join us. Hope to see you there! You may sign up in Perseverance Hall or the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Prill at 414.351.5960.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Tom and Marty Suyama
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Dear Dee and WGPC,

Thank you again for thinking of us during the holiday season. The Easter lily was absolutely gorgeous and had so many buds. My mom planted it in her garden today, so we will enjoy its blooms again next year!

We appreciate everyone's continued prayers and are counting down the days until our Make A Wish trip to Disney World!!

Sincerely, Sara and Madison Ford

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Sally Schwarz
- 2 Michelle Pogorzelski
- 6 Travis Serebin
- 7 Angie Snowden Murray
- 7 Joy & Darren Hartman, 1997
- 9 Tony & Shellie Anderson, 1990
- 9 Patrick & Tammy Wood, 1995
- 11 Ken Alderden
- 12 Calley Savage
- 12 Scott Prill & Marcie Mangas Prill
- 14 Tom Suyama's 95th birthday!
- 14 Joseph Roy
- 16 Lynn & Matt Fehr, 1984
- 17 June Herman
- 17 Paul & Cindi Smith, 1990
- 18 Anne
- 20 Emily Prill
- 22 Dennis Clay
- 24 Maureen Jones
- 24 Lea Griff
- 24 Jacob Roy
- 25 Mark & Calley Savage, 1977
- 26 Brendon Ryan
- 26 Peyton Ryan
- 26 William Emory
- 27 Dee & Cindy Anderson, 1981
- 27 Tom DeBuhr
- 30 Alexis Berlin

If your dates are missing or in error, Please inform the church office.

I Sing Thee, America
Sunday, June 4, 2017, 3:00 p.m.
Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church
2366 North 80th St.

The Master Singers of Milwaukee, under the direction of Eduardo Garcia-Novelli, invite you to a celebration of the vibrant and diverse heritage of American choral music - a tradition that began in Colonial America and continues to flourish two hundred and fifty years later in the lush harmonic works of contemporary composers.

Join the Master Singers of Milwaukee as we showcase the choral compositions of well-known American composers such as William Billings, Norman Dello Joio, and the iconic Aaron Copland. Delight in some remarkably clever and imaginative arrangements of American folksongs and spirituals. And experience firsthand the exceptional choral works of Carol Barnett, Eric Barnum, and Morten Lauridsen - just a few of the current generation of composers furthering the innovative American choral tradition.

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Our next newsletter covers July and August; deadline June 18.

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Pat Grogan, David Lambert, Jo & Roger Olson

