

# VIEWS AND VISTAS

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## From the Minister

**Reverend Anderson on Presbytery Mission  
/ Education Trip  
Moldova, Czech Republic and Ukraine  
Hosted by Diaconia Connections**



May 8-18<sup>th</sup> I will join a Mission/Education trip on behalf of the Presbytery of Milwaukee to Moldova, Ukraine and Czech Republic. For the past year and a half, I have been serving on a Presbytery team developing a growing mission partnership with Diaconia, the Mission Agency of the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren. The Czech Brethren are our Reformed/Presbyterian Partner in the Czech Republic.

The purpose of the trip will be to learn about on-going mission work to curb human trafficking, care for the vulnerable seniors and youth and support local farmers. Our trip will be led by a multi-national group of Czechs, Ukrainians, and Moldovans. The trip is being organized by Jeremy Ault, the United State Director of Diaconia Connections. Jeremy is based in Milwaukee.

Ukraine and Moldova are two countries of the former Soviet Union and are located in Eastern Europe. Both of them have experienced political and economic turmoil. The global Church is active in these countries, promoting justice and caring for those in need. We will be visiting: Beginning of Life (Moldova), CASMED (Moldova), ProCoRe (Moldova, Father's House Orphanage (Ukraine), Child Wellbeing Fund (Ukraine), Diaconia-Center for Relief and Development (Czech Republic).

We will also have the opportunity to learn more about the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren, particularly in the post-totalitarian years.

In the next column I share a Letter of Endorsement we have received for Diaconia Connections from the Presbyterian Foundation. During the time that I am away Parish Nurse Lil and Reverend Barbara Jordan will be on call in case of emergency.

Peace, Pastor Dee

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April 14, 2016

Rev. Craig Howard  
Presbytery of Milwaukee  
6767 W. Greenfield Ave.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53214

Dear Craig:

In a two-room house on a small dirt road in the countryside of Moldova, an elderly woman is raising her three adolescent grandchildren. The house is sparse and clearly reflects desperate poverty. There is little food and less money. Their grandmother is losing her sight and can barely walk due to a disease that has crippled her feet. The oldest son tells me about classmates he knows who have been trafficked to other countries – sold into sex slavery or forced labor. When I asked him how that happened – how he knew – the answer was more shocking: "One of my classmates (17 years old) recruited them. He worked for the traffickers. But he was arrested and is now serving 25 years in prison." Needless to say, these children live at profound risk.

Moldova is one of the small former republics of the Soviet Union. It is by far the poorest country in Europe. Most of its populace lives at subsistence levels. And because of its grinding poverty and a heavy influx of organized and opportunistic criminals, Moldovan people are easy targets for human trafficking. Indeed, more of this country's people are sold into modern-day slavery than almost any other country in the world today.

I found hope in the midst of this darkness in the work of one particular partner ministry: Diaconia.

Diaconia is the relief and development ministry of the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren – the Reformed sister church of the PC(USA). Diaconia focuses its work in countries where people have suffered under totalitarian rule and are now struggling to emerge. They are eager to pass on to other struggling people both a sustaining faith and understanding of economic development that helped their own country – the Czech Republic – a generation ago.

My guides for our visit to Moldova last August were Jan Dus, Diaconia's Executive Director, and Jeremy Ault, who heads Diaconia's U.S. office. Jan is a pastor, a deeply committed Christian and humble leader, an innovator, an alumnus of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, and now a friend. Jeremy, also now a friend, is a bright, passionate, rising star in the mission world, and is based in Milwaukee. My hope is that you will connect with Jeremy and Jan, and possibly find ways that the congregations in the Presbytery of Milwaukee can share in the important ministry that Diaconia is carrying out, complementing and enriching international Presbyterian mission work.

Seriously consider working with these guys. You'll be glad you did. And thanks for your faithfulness.

In Christ,

  
Rev. Tom Taylor, J.D., Ph.D.  
President and CEO

Cc: Rev. Dee Martin

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### Mission in the Neighborhood

Save the Date: **Millwood Park Neighborhood  
Outreach Event**

**Saturday, June 17, 11-2:00 PM**

106<sup>th</sup> and Jonen Street

**Hosted in Cooperation** with our Faith Based Organization-Police District Four, Maple Tree School, The Maple Tree Boys & Girls Club and the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center. Volunteers are welcome.

### **Where have you seen the Face of God?**

This is a question that we close with each day on our Appalachian mission project, inviting our young people to reflect on the striking and subtle ways God has been moving through their day. At the close of our March Session Meeting I invited our Elders to reflect: *Where have you seen the Face of God at West Granville?* Below are their answers.

I have seen the face of God at West Granville in the air of gathering in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

I saw the "face of God" at West Granville during the singing of the song "We are Marching". The church was full of energy and love!

In my daily life.

I see the face of God at West Granville in the people and the church family. The genuine care and concern exhibited by all.

In the faces and smiles of all who attend church: the young, the old and all in between.

In my Sunday School classroom.

In the faces of children as they gather together during our Sunday service.

In the faces of my children and their love for church and their fabulous eagerness for learning.

I've seen the face of God in faces of young children in worship.

In the faces of the children running to their session with Dee on Sunday.

Molly Mikec and CeBe assisting with the offering on Sunday, March 19.

### **WORSHIP IN MAY**

May 7 ***Good Shepherd Sunday***  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Francis Daniel  
Holy Communion  
Adult Choir  
Scripture: Psalm 23  
*The Lord is My Shepherd*  
Sermon: *A Good Shepherd*

(Rev. Anderson on Mission Trip to Eastern Europe May 8-18)

May 14 ***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***  
*Mother's Day*  
Special Music:  
Church Mice-Children's Choir  
Handbell Choir  
Guest Preacher, Rev. Barbara Jordan

May 21 ***Confirmation Sunday***  
Color change to red  
Last day of Sunday School regular classes  
Adult Choir  
Sermon: Welcoming the Spirit

May 28 ***7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***  
10:30 Worship  
Memorial Day Weekend observed  
Color change to green

### **Worship in June 9:30 Summer Worship**

June 4 *Pentecost* - Wear RED  
Color change to red  
Holy Communion  
Recognition of Graduating Senior Highs

### **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**Congratulations to** Francis Daniel on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on May 3<sup>rd</sup>!

#### **Military**

Kali Grogan, United States Navy  
Evan Reiss, United States Air Force  
JT Lorbiecki, Wisconsin Air Guard  
Jacob Roy, May induction into the Marine Corp. Reserves, Basic Camp Training

#### **Prayers**

Barb Terpstra Troka, cancer treatment  
The Alderden Family invites us to pray for Trent, their college age neighbor who is newly diagnosed with cancer.  
Patrick Wood invites us to pray for his brother, Rich, who is newly 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  
Audrey Bonnet

#### ***PULL-TABS STILL NEEDED***

We continue to collect the pull-tabs from soda and soup cans. You may bring them to the cardboard Ronald McDonald house in the office, or directly to Joan Schroeder or Sue Heiser.

## 2016/17 Presbyterian Coalition sponsored House ~ Habitat House Dedication

The Presbyterian Habitat House Dedication for our home owner, Theodore Miles, is scheduled for Thursday, April 27. This past year the Presbytery of Milwaukee and Presbyterian Churches have fully funded the \$60,000 necessary for this project. Rob Pearson has been part of a volunteer team of "Habituals" that have worked together each Wednesday. Volunteers from West Granville worked on several Saturdays.

We are especially grateful for the Miles Family who will be the new home owners.

### Family Profile

*"I've never lived in a house. It was always apartments or duplexes. My situation growing up was unstable and dangerous," Theo disclosed.*

*"I have kids (Kamari age 6 and Liana age 2) and as a father, it's my job to prepare them for life. Becoming a homeowner is part of that process. Plus it'll lower my monthly expenses, which will help me save up for their college tuition and for us to go to Disney World one day," reflected Theo. Instead of living in a two-bedroom apartment, Theo's family will be living in a four-bedroom home, and his mortgage payment will be approximately \$200 less than what he currently pays for rent.*

*He expressed, "I'm just a regular guy who works hard, and tries to keep my 'check engine' light off on my car. I've never been given anything; I've worked for everything I have." Theo has been working at Cargill for the past six years.*

*Theo was born in Gary, Indiana, but was raised in Milwaukee. "I love it here.*

*Milwaukee gets the best and worst of all four seasons. I have 414 tattooed on my right arm," he said.*

*"I wasn't blessed to grow up in a safe, stable, loving home. Raising my kids in a house may sound like little to some, but when you're from where I'm from, it's a big deal!" Theo acknowledged.*

*Despite all the difficulties that could have overpowered him, Theo's positivity has brought him to his place. As he says, "You can't enjoy the sun, if it wasn't for rain."*

### LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will dine together on **Friday, May 12 at 1:00 p.m.** at the *Trysting Place Pub* on Appleton Ave in Menomonee Falls. All ages are welcome on this date and on the second Friday of each month. See Nancy Baum for location and directions.

### OPEN CIRCLE

Flower Sale order forms for 4" potted geraniums, hanging baskets, 12" patio planter, and impatiens flower pouches will be in the narthex and Perseverance Hall on April 30 and will be **due May 15** either by form or email to Deb Crane at [lcrane@wi.rr.com](mailto:lcrane@wi.rr.com). Flowers can be **picked up May 21**. Checks payable to WG Open Circle with order or at pickup. See Nancy Baum and/or Deb Crane for details.

**Sunday, June 18**, Father's Day, will be our Strawberry Festival. Donations received will be donated to local missions.

## Consolidated General Fund 31-Mar-17 Operating Statement

Income	
YTD pledged receipts	\$32,659
YTD prepaid pledged receipts	14,000
YTD non-pledged receipts	11,155
YTD per capita	3,180
YTD other income	701
2015 balance forward	<u>11,301</u>
TOTAL	\$72,996
Expenditures	
Payroll	\$31,425
Programs	844
Mission	5,054
Operations	<u>10,816</u>
TOTAL	\$48,139
Balance on hand	\$24,857

Bequests have the power to bless future generations. Information about the Give Forward Wills Program is at 800-858-6127 or [presbyterianfoundation.org](http://presbyterianfoundation.org).

Your continued financial commitment helps keep our church programs running. Thank you!  
The Finance Committee

### CAMP STRONGHOLD REGISTRATION

Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center is pleased to announce their online registration system is now open. Go to <http://www.strongholdcenter.org/onlinereg.html>

West Granville again offers a \$50 scholarship per camper. The Milwaukee Presbytery offers a Camp Corbin Scholarship as well for up to \$150 per camper (or half the cost of camp).

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 19 – 79    March 26 – 95  
April 2 – 105    April 9, Palm Sunday - 111  
April 16 Easter 7:30 - 90    10:30 - 107  
April 23 – 86

## **NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE**

### **CHOOSING THE HEALTHIEST FISH TO EAT**

Fish, which has often been called "brain food", is now at the top of many healthy foods lists. Eating fish has been associated with a reduced risk of Alzheimer's disease, vision loss, Type 2 Diabetes and heart disease.

The American Heart Association recommends eating fish at least twice a week, and recent guidelines from health officials in Europe echo that advice. However, there is so much information circulating about fish--which varieties have specific benefits, which ones have toxins, which ones harm the environment when caught or farmed--that it is confusing to pick what to eat. Even informed consumers may find it tricky to navigate the supermarket fish aisles.

According to the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) some fish have been banned from countries due to findings of contamination and some seafood is mislabeled, with consumers thinking they are getting one variety while they are getting a different fish altogether.

Registered Dietician Georgia Giannopoulos at New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell, offers some straight talk about fish. She states, "Most fish varieties offer great nutrition without being compromised by dangerously high toxin levels. Fish is packed with protein, it's low in saturated fat and fatty fish is a great source of healthful omega-3 fatty acids", she says. She cautions against consuming too much of certain types of fish that have been found to have high levels of mercury, particularly during pregnancy. These varieties include shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish.

Giannopoulos also states that nutritional quality can vary even within a specific variety of fish, depending on whether it is farm-raised or wild-caught. Considering all these factors, Giannopoulos says some of the best fish choices based on nutritional value and safety include salmon, shrimp and catfish. How the fish is prepared also affects its healthy qualities. It is

best to choose baked, broiled or grilled fish and season the fish with fresh herbs, spices and lemons, she recommends. She also reminds us that eating fish regularly should be a part of an overall healthy eating plan. This plan includes plenty of fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.

Happy Spring and eat more fish.

Sincerely in health,  
Lil Sullivan, Parish Nurse

### **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

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"The Courtyard" at Luther Manor

### **SCHOOL PLAY ~ AUDIENCE WANTED**

Amy Hufnal is directing the play "Not My Cup of Tea" at Milwaukee Marshall, 4141 N. 64th Street. The performance will be on SATURDAY, MAY 6 AT 2:00. Steve Hufnal will be playing all of the music for the show on the grand piano. The comedy, set in the 1920s, is about 3 little old ladies who kill each other with tea and cookies.

Amy's students in the cast include 3 H.S. seniors and one who is deaf and hard of hearing. This very funny play is appropriate for all ages and the cast would be thrilled to fill even 100 of the 1300-seat auditorium. Doors open at 1:30; tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for students.



**Easter breakfast** ~ photo by Jon Buck

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

1	Ben Anderson	2	Kelly Grogan
2	Karolyn Kummer	3	John Grigg
5	Sarah Von Drasek		
6	Elizabeth Sandretti & Ed Kress, 2006		
6	Matt Fehr	8	Jeff Prill
10	Billie & Ken Alderden, 1997		
12	Stephen & Carol Buck, 1979		
13	Meghan Emory		
14	Karl & Pamela Mayer, 1988		
15	Robert Streich	15	Lee Saunders
18	Audrey Bonnett		
19	John T. Lorbiecki		
21	Chris & Michelle Pogorzelski, 1994		
24	Helen & Jim Sewrey, 1953		
25	Deborah Crane		
25	Marvin Abraham		
26	Elizabeth Tylenda & Arnold Gutkowski, 1979		
28	Christine Prill	28	Cade Radder
29	John & Bridget Rhode, 1994		
30	Kent & Marna Tess-Mattner, 1975		
30	Joseph Hrovat		
31	Elizabeth Tylenda		

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



## FROM WOMEN'S RETREAT IN MARCH

### **SWEDISH ALMOND LOAF CAKE**

1-1/4 cup sugar      1 egg  
1-½ tsp almond extract  
2/3 cup milk          1 ¼ cup flour  
½ tsp baking powder  
½ stick (4 tbsps) butter, melted  
(ok to use 1 stick butter and no oil)  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
Berries to garnish (optional)

#### Instructions:

1. Beat or whisk sugar, egg, almond extract and milk together (a mixer or by hand works well)
2. Add flour and baking powder, then add butter (and oil if you're using both)
3. Spray Swedish Loaf pan with cooking spray or butter, etc. (Be thorough--the wet sugary batter likes to stick.) Pour in batter.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes (until cake tests done with toothpick.) Cool for 20 minutes, then remove from pan.
5. Can be served warm or cold, preferably on a Swedish Almond Loaf Cake tray.

*Glaze:* mix together until smooth: almond extract; confectioner's sugar, and a little milk

Most recipes call for margarine, rather than butter. Recipe can be doubled and baked in a Bundt pan.

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

7: Snowden    14: Mikec    21: Luecke

**COMMUNION GROUP:** Deb Bascom,  
Jean Casey, Hildegard Essoka,  
Patti Lorbiecki, Mark Savage

### **USHER / GREETER TEAM:**

Noel & Nancy Adams, Barbara Hackbarth,  
Dennis Hockerman, Lee Saunders

### **FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE**

1 cup brown sugar    ½ cup butter  
1 8-oz loaf crusty French bread,  
cut into bite-size pieces  
2 cups milk            6 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 pinch ground cinnamon  
1 Tablespoon brown sugar, or as needed

#### Directions:

*Grease a 9x12" baking dish.*

*Stir 1 cup sugar and butter together in a saucepan over medium-low heat until melted and dissolved, 2-4 minutes. Pour into greased baking dish and spread a 1-1/2 to 2" layer of bread pieces over the top.*

*Beat milk, eggs, and vanilla together in a bowl, pour over bread and make sure all bread is absorbing liquid. Sprinkle cinnamon over the top. Cover the dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate, 8 hours to overnight.*

*Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Remove plastic wrap, sprinkle remaining brown sugar over the top of bread mixture. Bake in oven about 30 minutes until browned and bubbling.*

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Please submit June articles by May 21.

### **THANK YOU NOTE**

To my dear friends at Granville  
and the women of Open Circle,

It was so wonderful hearing from you, with receiving the special Valentine. Various days have reminded me of special events that are synonymous with Granville, in this case, making Valentines for different people.

The drawing on this letter\* is of the church that I recently joined. It is very difficult to find a church after having been a member of such a special church and church family as Granville. I hope that I will have some special connections here. I just started singing with the choir which has been a connection for me at any church that I have attended.

I have been volunteering at the Minnesota Zoo which is a cherished activity that started in Milwaukee. It has the added bonus of being able to share the zoo with my grandchildren.

Travis, his wife Erika, and 2 children still live in New York, but now live in Brooklyn. I was able to visit them in March. Lily just turned 5 and Henry turned 3.

I see Emily and her family about every 6 weeks. Emily and her husband Xao now have 3 children. Daniel is 11, Victoria is almost 3, and Zachery brings up the end at 6 months.

Martin has started his Master's thesis while still doing research on the deer population in New York. He is starting to look at options for getting a doctorate degree.

This about sums up our lives at this point. I hope that each of you are blessed with a joyous Easter.

Shalom, Barb Feehan

*~ Barb's hand-written note, \*with church picture, is on the board in the narthex.*