

# VIEWS AND VISTAS

*The Newsletter of the*

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## *From the Minister*

### **December 31 First Sunday of Christmas and New Year's Eve-Day**

Sunday Worship at 10:30

Holy Communion will be served  
(No Sunday School nor Coffee Hour)

This is a special Sunday which will include  
Christmas Caroling. The congregation is  
invited to request their favorite Christmas  
Carols.

### **Epiphany Sunday ~ January 7**

Cindy Anderson, Epiphany Director

\* **Saturday, January 6**

**Epiphany Practice 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

\*\* **Sunday, January 7** is our

**Children's Epiphany Sunday Service.**

Note that Children will also practice at 9:15-  
10:30 on **Sunday**.

*Peace ~ Pastor Dee*

## **WINTER WORSHIP January 2018**

**January 7** *Epiphany Service*  
Children's Christmas Worship-  
led by children  
Children's Church Mice

**January 14** *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time*  
Color change to green  
Baptism of Samuella  
Ordination and Installation of Elders  
Adult Choir

**Church Dinner** immediately following  
worship, sponsored by Senior High Youth

**January 21** *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Guest Preacher, Volina Cross-Dukes

**January 28** *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**Annual Meeting**  
Scripture: Hebrew 10:23  
*The Hope That is in You*  
Sermon: *Living Hope*  
Special Music: Bell Choir

**February 5** *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Boy Scout Sunday  
Adult Choir  
Scripture: Matthew 7: 24-27  
*Two Foundations*  
Sermon: *Building for Life*

1/18-21 Pastor Anderson will be out of the  
office

## **Join Us For The Annual Youth Dinner JANUARY 14, 2018**

This year our Youth Dinner will be held  
immediately after worship on January 14, 2018  
in conjunction with the **Ordination and  
Installation of Elders**. Invite your friends and  
join the fun. In summer of 2018 we are going  
to Kentucky to volunteer with the Mennonite  
Central Committee **SWAP-Sharing with  
Appalachian People**. Sign up now in the  
church office to participate in the trip.

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be  
held on **Sunday, January 28, 2018**. The  
Annual Report will be projected onto a screen in  
the sanctuary so you won't have to remember to  
bring your own copy. The entire Report will,  
however, be available as a link on-line and there  
will be some printed copies along with the  
February articles and calendar.

## **YEAR END REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Year End Reports for the Annual Report are due  
**January 7, 2018**. Please submit them to Carol  
Buck, preferably via email to  
[cagbuck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cagbuck@sbcglobal.net)

## **SEEKING AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE**

We are grateful for the 7½ years of having  
had Angie Murray serve as the Administrative  
Associate in the Church Office. It is impossible  
to express our depth of gratitude to Angie. Her  
talent, organization and dedication have served  
our congregation well. Angie has graciously let  
us know that it is time for us to look for her  
replacement. The position is ten hours a week.  
Contact Scott Prill or Pastor Dee if you or  
someone you know may be interested.

## **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

### **Military**

Kali Grogan, United States Navy  
Evan Reiss, United States Air Force  
Jacob Roy, United States Marine Corp. Reserves  
JT Lorbiecki, Wisconsin Air Guard

### **Prayers**

Pastor Dee, recovery from elbow surgery  
Nurse Lil, recovery from shoulder surgery  
Prentice Jones, cancer treatments  
Barb Terpstra Troka, continuing treatment  
Gene Ellner, cancer (brother-in-law of Eleanor)  
Linda Ryan, shoulder  
Dan Ryan, continuing care  
Madison Ford, special care  
Pat Grogan's brother, cancer treatments  
Mary Roberts, recovery from surgery

### **Long-Term Prayers**

Judi Holmes-Jensen, continuing care  
June Herman, rehabilitation in Sheboygan  
Nicki Rupke, special care  
Ruby Tylenda-Emmons, special care  
Marilyn Allan  
Lil Sullivan's mother, Lois Spangle  
Alice Tietz

### **Celebrations**

Birth of daughter, Samuella, to Afi Alogavi on November 13. Samuella will be baptized on January 14.

Birth of son, Camilo, to Alexandra Buck Toledo and José Toledo on December 13. Congratulations to Steve and Carol as new grandparents.

Birth of daughter, Mackenzie, to Arither and Jarvis Ntaba on November 3.

### **Sympathies**

Mrs. Berit Swanson Entered the Church Triumphant Dec. 10 at the age of 92. The Memorial Service was held on Dec. 13 at West Granville with Rev. Anderson officiating. Mrs. Swanson was the wife of the late Rev. Swanson, who served Perseverance Church for 20 years. She treasured her role as pastor's wife and faithfully served in their 'common calling'.

Llewellyn Tietz Entered the Church Triumphant December 22 at the age of 91 and now celebrates Christmas in Heaven. We lift up Alice and their family at this sacred time. Services are pending.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory.

### **CLASS OF ELDERS**

We say thank you to our retiring 2017 Class of Elders, **Hildegarde Essoka, Amy Mikec, Aaron Tracy, Patrick Wood.** We appreciate your dedication and faithful service to the church during these past three years.

We welcome the 2018 Session:

**2018:** Nancy Adams, Lois Pearson, Scott Prill, Sandy Roy

**2019:** Patti Lorbiecki, Sarah Ramlow, Dr. Thomas Roberts, Lori Talasek

**2020:** Adjo Alogavi, Ben Anderson, Amy Mikec, Jo Ann Olson

Our service of installation and ordination will take place on January 14, 2018.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

9:15-10:00 Sunday mornings in Perseverance Hall. Everyone is welcome!

## **CHURCH AND COMMUNITY**

Packaged and canned goods may be donated **January 7** to the Communion Sunday Food Drive narthex box.

### **Have You Remembered West Granville in Your Will, Trust or IRA?**

West Granville is grateful for those who have given and plan to give a Legacy Gift to the church.

- Legacy Gifts have enabled us to tackle capital projects of lasting value for the congregation. Legacy Gifts enabled our 2008 Accessibility project to become an achievable goal. The leverage value of these Legacy Gifts has often made the difficult possible.
- Some Legacy Gifts have gone to our endowment. Annually we use 4% of our endowment to enrich support for our operating budget. This often makes a difference in sustaining a critical program. These are called Pledge Replacement Gifts.

Your Legacy Gift of any amount can make a big difference. There are always special projects we need to accomplish that do not fit the budget at a particular time. Legacy Gifts are a valuable part of our mission and ministry.

- Remember you can also request that the *West Granville Memorial Fund* be listed as a recipient of your Memorial Donations. Let your children know in advance of your request. It is a powerful way to honor your life witness. Many times I find that children are not aware of the Memorial Fund. They are often pleased to be able to celebrate their loved one's spirit through this designation.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA VISITS**

Each year at Christmas time we make a visit to each of the folks in church who are homebound or have health struggles and who we just thought might need a Symbol of Hope. Even though these folks may not be able to physically be with us on a Sunday morning, we remember that they are knit in prayer with us each Sunday. They are affirmed as part of our community.

Flower and card recipients:

Janet Beltman; Virginia & Karolyn Kummer;  
Marcia Werk; Francis Daniel; Marjorie Holmes;  
June Herman; Marty and Tom Suyama;  
Peg Longrie; Marilyn Allan; Madison Ford;  
Llew and Alice Tietz; Jean Green;  
Prentice Jones; friend of the Prill family

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

The Lunch Bunch will meet for lunch and fellowship on **Friday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m.** at Chen's Gourmet on Appleton Avenue in Menomonee Falls. Note that this is not the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday date. All ages welcomed. See Nancy Baum for location and directions, 414-355-9111.

### **PARKING LOT RESURFACE PLANNED FOR 2020**

The Property Committee is planning ahead for the resurfacing of the parking lot in 2020. We will use the existing surface as a base. We are still getting estimates, but initial costs are expected to be around \$55,000. The Finance Committee is already setting aside a Parking Lot Fund. We are also budgeting an allotment toward that fund as well as receiving donations. In a year we hope to have a complete proposal to the congregation.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Noel and Nancy Adams for donating this year's Christmas Tree. Thank you to Todd Cannestra, the Junior and Senior High groups and their leaders for decorating the tree.

### **ALL-CHURCH BOOK DISCUSSION**

The Reverend Denise Anderson and the Reverend Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have invited the church to read and discuss the book, Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race, by Debby Irving.

Thankfully they have created a study guide for readers that combines scripture, thoughtful questions to prompt discussion, selections from the Church's newest Confession of Belhar, and meditation and prayer to create a study of racism. The study focuses on developing an understanding of racism in our country today, and encourages participants to learn how to interrupt racism while also learning to be disciples of Christ, loving God and loving others as ourselves.

We will spend two Sundays, **January 28 and February 4**, discussing this book during the adult education hour. We hope you will be interested in this study (several churches in our Presbytery are already engaged in this study) and would like to share in this opportunity. You may purchase the book from your local bookstore or online. It is listed on Amazon.com in paperback for \$17.99 or a Kindle version is \$8.69.

### **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

The Worship Committee is pleased to announce our next Lenten Bible study focusing on Moses. Every Lent, we select a special study. Starting in February, Adam Hamilton's 6-week study, "Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet", will guide us through Moses's amazing journey to save the people of Israel from their captivity in Egypt. The study features video footage of Hamilton's travels to Egypt, Mt. Sinai, the Nile, and the Red Sea.

### **PER CAPITA ENVELOPES**

Enclosed in each box of offering envelopes is an envelope entitled "Per Capita". The per capita for 2018 will remain unchanged from last year at **\$34.00 per confirmed young person and adult member**. A portion goes to the Milwaukee Presbytery, The Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and The General Assembly to fund the staff and administrative costs of the church. Your gift supports the mission and work of the whole Presbyterian Church. Your gift for "Per Capita" is greatly appreciated.

### **Consolidated General Fund 30-Nov-17** Operating Statement

Income	
YTD pledged receipts	\$129,456
YTD prepaid pledged receipts	14,000
YTD non-pledged receipts	20,873
YTD Budget Balance Transfer	16,600
YTD per capita	3,480
YTD other income	1,908
2016 balance forward	11,301
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$197,618</b>
Expenditures	
Payroll	\$108,710
Programs	5,620
Mission	9,595
Operations	54,097
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$178,022</b>
Balance on hand	\$19,596

For pledges received - THANK YOU! We are 2/3 of the way to our goal. Please return your financial commitment as soon as possible so the 2018 budget can be finalized. Your continued financial commitment helps keep our church programs running. Thank you!

The Finance Committee

## OPEN CIRCLE

Join Open Circle on **Sunday, January 14** for a matinee movie [weather permitting!]. We can plan to eat at the Annual Dinner after worship and then attend an early afternoon show. Bring movie ideas on Sunday, January 7. All women of the church are invited and welcome. See Cindy Anderson for more information.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for any of our **2018** events:

Mon. Feb. 5, 7:00 for a Valentine Tea and Card-Making at Deb Crane's;

Sat., March 24, 9am, salad luncheon and make no-sew blankets;

Fri-Sat, April 13-14: Retreat at Christ's Pond, see Deb Bascom and Lil Sullivan; includes discussion of book "Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy" by Anne Lamott;

May flower sale;

*all the preceding dates are subject to change!*

June 17 ~ Strawberry Festival on Father's Day

Sept. 9 ~ Rally Day Pie & Ice Cream Social.

Open Circle is an informal gathering of women of the church with a focus on fellowship and mission. Our name symbolizes the circle of friendship which is always open to any and all women who are interested in joining any or all of the events we sponsor, organize, and coordinate. Please feel free to join any of the activities. No formal sign-up necessary!

## AmazonSmile ~ Our Unique Charity Link

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Dear Property Committee,

*Thank you so much for helping us re-model our room and getting the carpet done so quickly.*

*We are so excited! ~ Senior High*

Dear Friends,

*This year's holiday patient gift project is looking like another success! Every patient will get a wonderful gift to open, along with candy and other goodies too! It was with your kind donation that makes this all happen, thank you so much. Your gift reaches beyond the holiday season with supplying patients with needed personal items and also helping to supply prizes, incentives and recognition items all year round. This helps to motivate our patients as they work towards recovery and wellness. Accept my sincere 'Thank You' for making a difference.*

*Warm Regards, Linda Schueler, Chief Elf  
Winnebago Mental Health Institute*

Dear Christian Friends,

*Thank you for your continuing monetary help to the food pantry during 2017. Without your support we would not be able to serve all the people in our area that need our help. We serve 5 zip codes and over 200 to 250 families a month. God bless you for caring.  
~ St. Peter Immanuel Food Pantry*

## BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

1 Nancy Adams		
2 Cynthia Clay	2	Alison Alderden
3 Scott Bascom	3	Anne Ramlow
3 Harry Reeder		
8 Leslie Crane	8	Emma Hartman
11 Robert Bonnett		
12 Sarah Wood	12	Rachel Meyer
17 Stephen Buck		
18 Todd Canestra	22	Craig Snowden
25 Bill Suyama		

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 26 - 77      December 3 - 148  
December 10 - 85      December 17 - 201  
December 24: 10:30 - 100 ~ 7:00 - 118

WEST GRANVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Dee M. Anderson, Pastor**

Angie Murray, Church Office Secretary

Carol Buck, Newsletter Editor

The **Annual Report**, available January 28, will take the place of a Newsletter for February. Brief announcements may be submitted by January 21 to Carol Buck's e-mail address [cagbuck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cagbuck@sbcglobal.net)

***BAD WEATHER CLOSING ALERTS***

For Church closing information during inclement weather listen to Weather Watch WISN 12, wisn.com, WKLH 96.5 Classic Rock, 102.9 The Hog, Jammin' 98.3 FM, or Big Buck Country 106.9 FM. If you would like to receive custom messages via email or text when closings are issued in your area, go to <http://wisn.com/closingsignup> or you may visit Today's TMJ4, 620 WTMJ, or 94.5 The Lake FM for Channel 4 closings, via email at [snowclosinginfo@todaystmj4.com](mailto:snowclosinginfo@todaystmj4.com), or call the Snow Desk Hotline at 414-967-5542. Let's all stay safe this winter!

**USHER/GREETER TEAMS:**

**7:** David Lambert, Sue Berray, Carol Buck, John Grigg, Joe Hrovat, Eric Stone

**14, 21, 28:** Patrick & Tammy Wood, Hildegard Essoka, Sandy Roy, Aaron Tracy

**COFFEE HOUR HOST: 21:** Cannestra