

VIEWS AND VISTAS

The Newsletter of the

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For our Interim Minister

Shifting the Sun

~ Diana Der-Hovanessian

When your father dies, say the Irish,
You lose your umbrella against bad weather.
May his sun be your light, say the Armenians.

When your father dies, say the Welsh,
You sink a foot deeper into the earth.
May you inherit his light, say the Armenians.

When your father dies, say the Canadians,
You run out of excuses.
May you inherit his light, say the Armenians.

When your father dies, say the French,
You become your own father.
May you stand up in his light, say the Armenians.

When your father dies, say the Indians,
He comes back as the thunder.
May you inherit his light, say the Armenians.

When your father dies, say the Russians,
He takes your childhood with him.
May you inherit his light, say the Armenians.

When your father dies, say the English,
You join his club you vowed you wouldn't.
May you inherit his sun, say the Armenians.

When your father dies, say the Armenians,
Your sun shifts forever.
And you walk in his light.

WORSHIP IN JUNE **9:30 Summer Worship**

June 7 *2nd Sunday after Pentecost*
Holy Communion

June 14 *3rd Sunday after Pentecost*

June 21 *4th Sunday after Pentecost*
Father's Day
Jane Vogel visit
Strawberry Shortcake

June 28 *5th Sunday after Pentecost*
General Assembly Luncheon

Live Stream West Granville
*Live Stream will open 10 minutes before
the start of service*

Outdoor Worship and Picnic ~ August 23
Details will be in the July/August Newsletter and
in future weekly email notices.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Military

Abraham Cosico (husband of Kali Grogan-Cosico) United States Navy
Major JT Lorbiecki of the Wisconsin Air National Guard 115 Air Wing in Madison

In Sympathy

We give thanks for the life of Pastor Elizabeth's father, Michael McCord, who passed away on May 13 at the age of 79. Pastor Elizabeth was there with her family in Tennessee. Mr. McCord had a degree in Recreation and Park Administration. He worked in local, county and state parks in Virginia. Mr. McCord also founded a contracting company and was a utility project coordinator. He had five children including Pastor Elizabeth, her three brothers and a sister. Services were held for him on May 16. We ask the Holy Spirit to provide comfort and strength for Pastor Elizabeth and her entire family during this sacred time.

Congratulations to Michelle and Chris Pogorzelski, new grandparents!
Congratulations to Zack and Lindsay Pogorzelski on the birth of Maxwell James, born May 12.

Prayers

Janet Beltman, receiving hospice care
Evan Anderson, in hospital

Long Term Prayers

Nicki Rupke, special care.
Ruby Tylenda-Emmons, special need.

Prayers for an end to violence in the United States and abroad; prayers for military families and first responders.
Prayers for those seeking employment, including all the recent graduates.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS ALMOST HERE!

Milwaukee is hosting the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s biannual national gathering: the 227th General Assembly, **June 25-July 2, 2026**. Here are ways for you to get involved:

Volunteer. There are lots of opportunities to help out, from greeting people at the airport to guiding people at the Baird Center. There are opportunities for various skills, abilities, and levels of mobility. [Sign up here!](#)

Community Day. Saturday, **June 27th**. Join with Presbyterians from around the country at Pere Marquette Park 9:30 -11:30 for a **Walk to End Gun Violence**. From 2:00-4:00 that afternoon, there will also be a Town Square resource fair in the Baird Center.

Sunday Worship at West Granville.

June 28th, West Granville will host a number of commissioners and General Assembly guests in worship with a lunch to follow. Come show a warm West Granville welcome and stick around for fellowship.

Questions on General Assembly: email pastore@westgranville.org

GOLF OUTING ~ Saturday, July 25

Please join us for this fun annual golf outing. Watch for cost and sign-up sheets at church and in future weekly notices and the July/August Newsletter. Contact Scott Prill for any more information.

WEST GRANVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Elizabeth McCord, *Interim Pastor*
Sara Nygaard, *Church Administrator*
Carol Buck, *Newsletter editor* cagbuck@sbcglobal.net
Our next newsletter covers July and August; deadline June 28.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Answers to last month's quiz.

1. How many pledge letters were mailed in 2025?

- A) 204
- B) 97**
- C) 125

2. How many pledges were received in 2025 for 2026?

- A) 45**
- B) 115
- C) 75

3. Which group tends to give at a higher level?

- A) Older members
- B) Longtime members
- C) A & B are correct**

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please check your listing in the WGPC Directory and send any updates / corrections / deletions to Sara Nygaard. If you are listed in the on-line Directory please remember to update that as well. You may send your update to Sara by email to secretary@westgranville.org, leave her a message 414.353.8680, or in writing by mail or in the offering plate.

SUMMER COFFEE HOURS

Looking for volunteers for June 7, June 14, July 19 and August 2.

Questions contact Sara in the office.

Summer Coffee Hour Signup

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the lost and found basket in the Narthex. If not collected soon, items will be donated.

FOOD PANTRY

Please remember to bring in food for the St. Peter-Immanuel Food Pantry during the summer months. Drop off the donations in the big wooden box in the Narthex. Children are not in school so they may be missing their breakfasts. If you want to volunteer at the Food Pantry they are open any Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, except the 5th Saturday of the month. No advance notice is needed, no minimum age required. Thank you from the Mission Committee.

FLOOD RELIEF: GIVE AND RECEIVE

The Presbytery is coordinating flood relief support. Whether you are looking to help others or in need of help yourself, you can sign up here: [Presbytery of Milwaukee Disaster Response](#). You can also find other ways to help out with disaster relief in our region.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Sally Schwarz
- 2 Michelle Pogorzelski
- 7 Angie Snowden Anderson
- 7 Joy & Darren Hartman, 1997
- 9 Tony & Shellie Anderson, 1990
- 9 Patrick & Tammy Wood, 1995
- 12 Calley Savage
- 12 Scott Prill & Marcie Mangas-Prill
- 20 Emily Prill
- 22 Dennis Clay
- 24 Maureen Jones
- 25 Mark & Calley Savage, 1977
- 26 Brendon Ryan
- 26 Peyton Ryan
- 27 Tom DeBuhr
- 30 Alexis Berlin

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

SEE JANE RUN

In 1960, West Granville Presbyterian Church brought two families to Milwaukee from Dutch Indonesia, sponsoring them by finding them housing and jobs, and welcoming them into the church family. Jane Vogel Mantiri was the middle child in one of those families, and has created a one-woman play called "See Jane Run: An Indo Story," which explains to today's audiences what it is like to be an immigrant in America. Although she came here in 1960 at age seven, her story resonates today; in perhaps too many respects, her story is timeless.

Jane will be performing her play on **Thursday, June 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Historical Society**, 910 North Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53203. We would love to see many of her West Granville family in the audience. You can purchase tickets online at this site:

https://milwaukeehistory.square.site/product/-see-jane-run-an-indo-story-live-performance/JZLMPMRRGX3RVPUIARI2QDKS?c_p=true&sa=true&sbp=false&q=false

Note that although the Adult Sunday School class has been reading her book of the same title, the play and the book are not the same, and the play can be appreciated without having read the book.

Jane will worship with us on June 21 and will stay after the service to answer any questions about the play, her book or her life. She has nothing but love for West Granville and its importance in her life and the life of her family, as shown in the below letter that she wrote to West Granville in 2010 on the 50th anniversary of her coming to America. That was long before she wrote her book or her play. It will give you a foretaste of her book and her play.

Dear West Granville Presbyterian Church:

You know that "what if" moment when you let your mind wander, and it goes to a place that

you can't fathom and you have to jar yourself to the present? One of those moments for me is when I wonder, "What if West Granville Presbyterian Church was not a part of my family's history?"

"What if?" It is unimaginable. When I reflect back on my life, West Granville is at the core of my memories. Here is my story.

My family is Dutch Indonesian, a product of the colonization of the Dutch East Indies in the early 1800's. Our family was ousted from Indonesia after World War II and the Indonesian revolution that followed. The exodus was painful and traumatic. We were refugees with no home. In 1955 we fled to the Netherlands and my family waited many years for a sponsor that would allow us entry into the United States. West Granville Presbyterian Church answered the call to be our sponsor.

50 years ago my family immigrated to the United States because a small congregation with a big heart, a vision, and deep faith made it possible. It was August 21, 1960, my brother Rick's 9th birthday. I was 7 years old and my brother Les was 16 months old. A difficult 11-day ocean voyage followed by a train trip from New York Harbor brought us from the Netherlands to Milwaukee.

I remember that day as if it was yesterday. The Hintz family met us at the train station. Rick and I didn't speak a word of English. My mother told us that if we heard someone say, "How are you?" we were to say "Fine". When I blurted my first "Fine" in the yellow Chevy Impala driven by Mr. Hintz, I had no clue what it meant, but it didn't matter. I was in awe of the huge luxury automobile, the chatter of the Hintz children, and the warm embrace from Mrs. Hintz. They were strangers but they treated us like family. This was only the beginning.

The church also sponsored my uncle Gus Vogel and his family. The church provided us with furnished apartments across the hall from one another. Church members helped my father and uncle find employment. They registered us in school, took us to medical appointments, and assisted with every aspect of the transition.

Revered Edgar Bletcher was a second father and mentor to me. He helped me with scholarships so I could attend Carroll College. He comforted me through the trials and tribulations of adolescence. He taught me to respect all faiths. He taught me that a meal is not complete unless it has dessert. To this day, I never end a meal without dessert.

My parents immigrated to the United States so that we would be spared the hardships they endured. Because of their sacrifice and the grace of this church my life has been richly blessed.

Words cannot express my love and gratitude for this church. When I say the Lord's Prayer, I remember Sunday school at West Granville. When I host potlucks, I think about three-layer Jello rings, baked beans and West Granville. When I reflect on my career, I think of Carroll College and West Granville. When I think about God, I see the faces of the West Granville families. When I help others in need, I recall being the beneficiary of West Granville's generosity and compassion. When I see my precious family thrive, I am grateful to West Granville.

Although my family's journey was difficult, it was overshadowed by the church's countless gifts of love. I sometimes wonder, "What if?" But I can't fathom the thought. So I jar myself to the present and thank God for the wondrous gifts I have been given.

With gratitude and love, ~ Jane Vogel

JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion team: Hildegarde Essoka, Mawuena Alogavi, Joe Hrovat Ushers: Shirley Jaccard, Angie Snowden Anderson Stream Team: TBD Coffee Hour hosts: Opportunities for anyone on June 7 and/or June 14						
	1 7 – Worship*	2	3	4	5	6
7 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Holy Communion	8 7 – Finance*	9	10	11	12	13
14 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship	15 6 – Session Picnic*	16	17	18 5 “See Jane Run” Play at Mke Historical Society	19	20
21 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost Father’s Day 9:30 Worship, Jane Vogel 10:30 Strawberry Shortcake Reception by Open Circle	22	23 7 – Property*	24	25	26	27 <i>July-August Newsletter deadline tomorrow</i>
28 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship General Assembly Luncheon	29	30	*Meetings may be via Zoom or may have been date- and/or time-changed, please watch for notices. Zoom links may be found on our www.Westgranville.org website under the <i>Events</i> tab. Recorded sermons and videos may be found at our YouTube channel – https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNPrOpTv3k_4JE8gYrRM4-Dw			