

VIEWS AND VISTAS

The Newsletter of the

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FROM OUR INTERIM MINISTER



This summer we've been sharing "Rocking Chair Reflections" in worship. These truly sacred conversations have kept us engaged and nurtured on our interim pilgrimage. I'm grateful to everyone who has participated in these conversations, as well as for the tremendous positive feedback we've received. (One of your gifts as a congregation is mutual affirmation and a willingness to show up for one another. I saw that this summer.) If you missed any Sundays, remember that all our Rocking Chair Reflections can be found on our YouTube channel.

As we move into the fall, our transitional pilgrimage will gradually guide us from "Stage Three: *Stories on the Road*" to "Stage Four: *Reflections and Dreams*." During this period, we'll continue to tell our stories as a faith community while also listening for where God is calling us in the future. This stage of our transition process will include a more formal mission study, conducted by our Transition Team, and we'll use that study to not only develop goals for the future, but also hopes for our upcoming installed pastoral search.

We'll also be looking outside of West Granville to consider where God may be calling us. During the fall, we'll learn about the six "Great Ends of the Church" in worship. The Great Ends are foundational principles which speak to who the church is called to be and how we are to live out that call. We'll look at each of the Great Ends, and we'll listen for the Spirit's guidance on how we can embody these Great Ends in new ways at West Granville.

MAPLE TREE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

This year will be our 19th annual school supply drive for the children at Maple Tree School. Please consider shopping and donating much-needed supplies such as pencils, crayons, erasers, glue sticks, Kleenex, backpacks, etc. We are also happy to collect gently used school supplies. Donations can be placed in the Crayola box in the Narthex. Please drop off supplies by Sept 13

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

September 6

9:30 Summer Schedule

Holy communion

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon: *In Heaven as It is on Earth*

September 13 Fall Rally Day

9:15 Church School

10:30 Worship

Scripture: Exodus 14:19-31

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: *So What Are We Doing Here?*

Introduction to the Great Ends of the Church

September 20

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-15

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: *Great Ends: The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God*

September 27

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-71

Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon: *Great Ends: the Proclamation of the gospel for the Salvation of Humankind*



Live Stream West Granville

Live Stream will open 10 minutes before the start of service

Coffee Hour Schedule Sept 2026- May 2027

Looking for congregation volunteer to host coffee hour once a month typically at the end of each month. Please consider taking a spot or two!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ACAA23A1F4CF8-65535634-copycongregational>

Coffee Hours will resume on Sept 20th following church service.

Contact Sara in the office or talk with Pastor E

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Sympathies

We surround Laura Meyer and Sarah Ramlow in prayer. Their father, Fred Hopfinger, passed away on August 27 with his daughters by his side. We ask for God's peace and comfort to be with Laura and Brad, Sarah and Tom, and their family as they grieve.

Congratulations to

Emily & Brian Quinlivan (Scott and Marcie Mangas-Prill's daughter) on the birth of their daughter Aubree April Quinlivan.

Military

Abraham Cosico (husband of Kali Grogan-Cosico), US Navy
Major JT Lorbiecki, Wisc Air National Guard 115 Air Wing in Madison

Prayers

Janet Beltman, receiving hospice care

Jane Hockerman, receiving treatment for cancer

Carol Buck, receiving treatment for cancer

Sharon Scott (Tim Scott) Custodial Staff, in ICU on a ventilator. Pray for family in this journey

Mavis Orr recovering at home

Dee Collins, Mavis Orr's sister, just completed chemo and praying for clean scans in the coming weeks and months.

Shannon Cannestra, recovering from knee replacement.

Kevin Tarvid
Praying for continued lowering of numbers that would indicate completed healing

Kent Tess-Mattner, recovering from carpal tunnel release surgery on his one hand and preparing for the same surgery on his other.

Shirley Jaccard, thanks for Shirley's good bill of health

Pastor E's Family

Eleanor Ellner, health concerns

Long Term Prayers

Nicki Rupke, special care
Ruby Tylenda-Emmons, special needs

Prayers for the transition back to the school year: for educators and students, for Maple Tree Elementary, for young adults headed to college and their families, for collegiate ministries, especially for Rev. Eli's ministry at Corner House -UWM and for the ministry at Carroll University.

Traveling mercies for the end of the summer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

As we approach stewardship season, we'd like to test your knowledge with another quiz.

How much does it cost per week to run the church? This includes payroll, operations, programs and mission.

1. \$10,908.00
2. \$2,325.00
3. \$4,652.00

Answer will be provided next month.

The Finance Committee

APPLE PICKING on RALLY DAY

We will go apple picking on Sunday, September 13 immediately after Worship, at Gierach Orchards, 9616 W. Bonniwell Rd., Mequon. All are invited.

WGPC College Student Address

Parents, please e-mail your college student address to Sara if you have not done so yet.
Youth group to send care package
secretary@westgranville.org

PRESBYTERIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention all graduating High School seniors! The Presbyterian Church offers a number of scholarships for those attending Presbyterian-related schools. The deadline for applications is much sooner than you think. Please contact Sara Nygaard for more information.



If you can read this, you can **TEACH A CHILD TO READ.**
Become a **Forward Scholars Volunteer Tutor**

Training: All tutors receive training, guided lesson plans, and on-site support at every session.

The Schedule: Tutors work 1:1 with students September through May, and can choose from 3 options: 1x per week, 2x per week, or as a substitute.

Teachers + Tutors: Each school has a "learning lab" staffed by a certified teacher as the site coordinator.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Scott Suyama
- 3 Logan Cannestra 3 Jacob Cannestra
- 3 Eleanor Anderson
- 4 Hildegard Essoka
- 4 Lil & Larry Sullivan, 1971
- 6 Shirley Wick
- 7 Brooke Hartman
- 13 Lily Adams
- 14 Madeleine Rhode
- 17 Kate Anderson & Jordan Hohl, 2021
- 20 Dominic Bichler
- 21 Leslie & Juan Garcia, 2019
- 22 Rachel LaPorte
- 22 Madalyn Adams
- 23 Todd & Shannon Cannestra, 1995
- 26 Jude Mikec
- 27 Andie Anderson
- 28 Ed Kress
- 28 Patrick Wood
- 30 Ron & Shirley Wick, 1967
- 30 Dorothy Harris-Shuff and Gary Shuff, 2017

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

FORWARD SCHOLARS looking for Volunteers

Training will be provided. Call today or scan QR code above.

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Please submit October newsletter articles by 9.27.26

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Communion Team:</i> Kent & Marna Tess-Mattner, Patrick Wood <i>Ushers:</i> Kent & Marna Tess-Mattner <i>Stream Team:</i> 6,27 Angie Anderson, 13 Logan Cannestra, 20 Laura Meyer <i>Coffee Hour Hosts:</i> 13 Apple Picking following service, 20 Kokou & Ricky Nyzdzi, 27 Congregation Volunteer						
You may continue to livestream to our services as well. Zoom links may be found on our www.Westgranville.org website under the <i>Events</i> tab.		1	2	3	4	5
6 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship Holy Communion	7 6:30 Worship*	8	9	10	11	12
13 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost RALLY DAY 9:15 Sunday School Collection of school supplies 10:30 Worship 11:30 Apple Picking	14 7 – Finance *	15	16	17	18	19
20 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	21 7 – Session *	22 7 - Property *	23	24	25	26 October Newsletter deadline tomorrow
27 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	28	29	30	Recorded sermons and videos may be found at our YouTube channel : https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNPrOpTv3k_4JE8gYrRM4-Dw. *Meetings may be via Zoom and/or date-changed; please stay tuned.		