

# Grace Notes

## APRIL 2018

Monthly Newsletter of Grace Baptist Church



### Our Acting Pastor

While Pastor Randy is on sabbatical (April 2-July 4), Rich Carroll has been tasked to fill in as the acting Pastor of Grace. Pastor Rich's duties will almost exclusively consist of preaching and leading worship on Sunday mornings. Our pastoral duties such as congregational care and administrative duties will be picked up by members of the board.



Pastor Rich is a retired ABC pastor from Vancouver, and currently is on staff with an organization called Peace Connections, which helps churches deal with conflict management and resolution. Rich has used his passion for reconciliation and conflict resolution to provide mediation and facilitation services to over 80 churches, as well as numerous businesses, agencies, churches and families. Married since 1970, he enjoys traveling with his wife and spending time with his 12 children, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**APRIL 29, 11:00 AM**

With Iglesia Visión Nueva

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**APRIL  
COMMUNION  
SERVERS:**  
Beth Jones  
Dan Jones



## SPIRITUAL LIFE

We have begun a season of corporate prayer. Beginning April 1, we encourage those who can, to pray at church and for the church. We will meet on Sundays at 10:40 am in the small room off the sanctuary. We will pray for the worship service and God's leading. At least two people will be praying Mondays at 10:00 am, Tuesdays at 4:15 pm, Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 am. Feel free to join in any of these times. Let me know if you desire a Friday or Saturday time. There will be prayer items supplied to you regarding what to pray for, but we need to remember prayer is time and conversation with God in His presence which includes listening. There is no minimum or maximum time limit. Feel free to leave when you want to.



A pattern for prayer was given to us when Jesus instructed us in Matthew 6:5-15 and in Luke 11:2-4 to first praise God and ask His will to be done. Then He teaches us to pray for physical provisions, for spiritual transformation and for the power and guidance to live a God-pleasing life that glorifies Him.

Continue your personal prayer and Bible study times by yourself. Happy Easter!

Blessings!

Paul Young, Lay Minister of Spiritual Life

## NOTES FROM YOUR MUSIC/WORSHIP LEADER & LAY MINISTER OF CHURCH LIFE, JUDY YOUNG

It was very encouraging, and a pleasure, as our church board met with the leadership team from Iglesia Visión Nueva on Saturday, March 24. They are excited about doing ministry with us, and the month of April has several activities we are doing together.

**Easter Sunday, April 1 at 9:00 am-** The day will begin with our Annual Easter Potluck Breakfast. This year we have invited Iglesia Visión Nueva to join us. Prior to our breakfast, their congregation will be having a Sunrise Service at 5:00 am. They have invited us to join them if we want to. Please bring breakfast food to share: egg dishes, breads & rolls, meat, fruit, etc. Beverages and all table service will be provided. We will celebrate our Lord's Resurrection in our Worship Celebration at 11:00 a.m.

**On Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 pm-** Iglesia Visión Nueva will hold their Anniversary Praise Service with a meal following. This is their 7th anniversary of being in our church building. They have invited our church family to attend the service and the meal.

**Sunday, April 29 at 11:00 am-** We will be having a combined worship service with Iglesia Visión Nueva. Planning has begun for a meaningful worship celebration with our brothers and sisters in Christ, followed by a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall. There will be NO Sunday School on this day, as we prepare for the combined worship and potluck.

**Coming on Friday, May 18-** We will be hosting a four church praise service including Woodland Park, Esperanza, Iglesia Visión Nueva, and Grace. Pastor Matt Toupin from Woodland Park will be taking the lead for this service. More detailed information will be coming soon.

I am very grateful that God is blessing this partnership with Iglesia Visión Nueva. Please pray that as we work together we can have a Christ-filled and positive impact on our local community.

# APRIL 2018

Fellowship Fund offering is received  
the first Sunday of the month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 EASTER</b> <i>COMMUNION</i> 8:30 am Praise/Worship Team Practice <b>9:00 am Easter Breakfast Potluck</b> 11:00 am Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11:00 am Deaconesses' Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm Walleye Club Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:30 pm IVN Church Bible Study	<b>7</b> 4:00 pm IVN Sisters' Bible Study 5:30 pm IVN Worship Rehearsal
<b>8</b> 8:30 am Praise/Worship Team Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30 pm IVN Church Bible Study	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Bridger's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 5:30 pm IVN Worship Rehearsal
<b>15</b> 8:30 am Praise/Worship Team Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Bible Study <b>Collecting Food For The Open Heart Pantry</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Board Meeting	<b>20</b> 10:00 am Stocking and Shelving Food @ MUMC 1:30 pm Bridger's Harvest Share 3:00 pm MUMC's Food Distribution 7:30 pm IVN Church Bible Study	<b>21</b> 9:00 am MUMC's Food Distribution 10:00 am Girlfriends Breakfast @ King's Onelets 5:30 pm IVN Worship Rehearsal
<b>22</b> 8:30 am Praise/Worship Team Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>23</b> <b>May Articles Due In Office</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:30 pm IVN Church Bible Study	<b>28</b> 5:30 pm IVN Worship Rehearsal
<b>29</b> 8:30 am Praise/Worship Team Practice NO Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Joint Worship & Potluck With Iglesia Vision Nueva 6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>"In the bonds of Death He lay Who for our offence was slain; But the Lord is risen today, Christ hath brought us life again, Wherefore let us all rejoice, Singing loud, with cheerful voice, Hallelujah!" -Martin Luther</b>				

April Birthdays

9 Laura Burch  
19 Jessica Andrews

Happy Birthday!

## UPDATE ON SARA NASH

In February, Sarah Nash traveled to Santa Cruz, Bolivia to meet with missionaries Carmen and Richard Reed and the House of Hope Ministries Partners in Cochabamba, Bolivia. The Reeds continue to increase the House of Hope's ministries where children receive tutoring, meals, and regular medical and dental checkups.

Sarah found an apartment in Santa Cruse and met with pastors, church leaders, and other missionaries. Sarah requests prayer as she leaves the middle school where she has been employed to focus on traveling to churches and conferences before leaving for Bolivia. Also pray for the House of Hope Ministries in both Cochabamba and the start up in Santa Cruz.

Remember Grace will match all gifts given to Sarah. Just be sure to write "Sarah Nash" in the memo line of your check.

Carol Martin, Lay Minister of Outreach



(L to R) IM Global Servants JD Reed, Rhonda Reed, Sarah Nash, House of Hope Directors Carmen Flores Chaque and Richard Achu Mamani

## MUMC'S OPEN HEARTS PANTRY

Montavilla United Methodist Church continues to serve many people through the Open Hearts Pantry. In addition to food donations, remember to include non-food essentials. Examples are: laundry detergent, cleaning items, and personal care items. These items are usually not available through food bank facilities.

Open Hearts is considering opening the pantry an extra day each month that would be manned by people from Grace, and Iglesia Visión Nueva who have expressed interest in this as well. They would like to start with a Thursday distribution on the same week as the other distribution days which is the third Saturday. We need to find 4-8 people who would be committed to working the pantry on Thursday each month or every other month. If this is an area where you would like to be of assistance, please let myself or Barbra know!



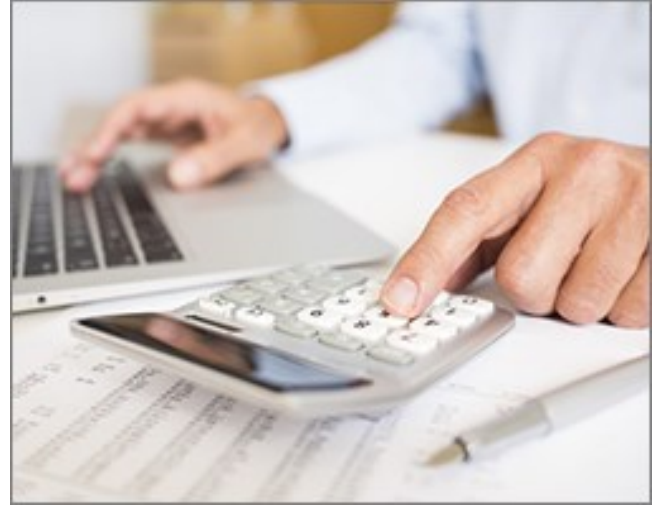
Our next shelving day will be on Friday, April 20, at 10:00 am. Our next distribution days will be Friday, April 20, at 3:00 pm and Saturday, April 21, at 9:00 am.

Shannon Hastings, Liaison for Open Hearts Pantry.



## GRACE-FULL

I want to challenge you, as part of the Grace Family, about the consistency of your giving. I looked at the figures for contributions from month to month over the past several months. Quite often the difference from one month to the next is at least \$800.00 and often well over \$1,000. How does that occur? Please note I'm not talking about the amount of the giving, I'm talking about the stability of what the church receives each month.



As I pondered why this would be, I recognized sometimes one's income varies, but a great many of our people either have fixed incomes from pensions and Social Security or they work at jobs that usually pay about the same amount from month to month. This is where the challenge part comes in. As I reflected on it, it occurred to me that giving may vary despite income if we don't set aside the "first fruits" for God each month from what we get. I challenge each person in this body of believers to prayerfully consider what God expects you to do in giving as a part of this body—with your money and your loving action.

Sharon Owen, Lay Minister of Finance

## GRACE FAMILY FINANCES

FEBRUARY 2018

### General Operating Fund

Monthly Budget	\$ 10,126.25
Income Received	\$ 9,180.90
Expenses	\$ 8,636.50
Net Received for Month	\$ 544.00

### Mission Fund

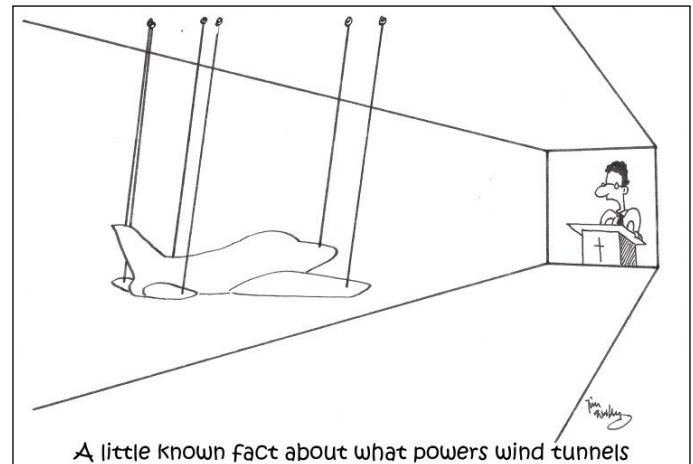
Mission Giving Plan	\$ 1,148.65
Specified gifts/offerings	\$ 970.00
Sarah Nash Match	\$ 155.00
Total Mission Payments	\$ 2,273.65

### General Fund Balance and Liabilities

General Fund Balance 02/28/18	\$ 10,714.59
Payroll Tax Liabilities & Accounts Payable	\$ 1,219.03
GF Less P/R Liabilities	\$ 9,495.56

### Other Funds (02/28/18)

Atkinson Fund	\$ 139,725.00
Building Fund Balance	\$ 12,033.90





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***All we do inside these  
walls prepares us to do  
God's work outside.***

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#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL**

**1 Easter Breakfast Potluck**

**14 Bridger's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**

**20 & 21 MUMC's Food Distribution**

**20 Bridger's Harvest Share**

**21 Girlfriends' April Luncheon @ King's Omelets**

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**23 Articles For May Grace Notes Due In Office**

**29 Joint Worship & Potluck With Iglesia Visión Nueva**

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#### **GOD'S VISION FOR GRACE BAPTIST**

**Making disciples of Christ, in a relational environment,  
to share in God's mission to the world.**