

Welcome

We're glad your path has brought you here for worship today. We especially welcome any visitors we have with us today. As we gather in God's presence, let us seek out our heavenly Father as we offer him our gratitude and love, and may we also share our hearts with one another.

July 18, 2010

OFFERING TODAY—BENEVOLENCE FUND NEXT SUNDAY—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

KEEP THE DISCUSSION GOING...The Worship Renewal Team is giving us the opportunity to keep discussing the sermons. With that in mind, sermon discussion questions will be posted each week on the white board in the fellowship hall. After all, if the sermons are to live in our hearts and minds all week, why not begin talking about them right away? What has touched your heart today? *Let's keep the discussion going!*

VISUAL ARTS—We begin at the cross as we travel our paths. The cross equips us to be instruments, witnesses and examples of Christ's love expressed toward the world. We are to be missional people in the here and now, carrying God's kingdom into the world.

Stressed Out Group: Plans are underway for a kickoff event for a support group at Grace Community. The event will take place on Monday, July 26 at 7:30pm and will welcome anyone experiencing stress from any source. From this initial event, we hope to develop a group that over 10-14 weeks supports each other and learns from Christian counselors how better to cope with our daily stresses.

ART Connect: July 21 and 28, 7-8:30 pm Art Connect is an opportunity for you to try new skills while you deepen your friendships. All ages can join us on Wednesday, July 21 and 28 and participate in ceramics, paper making, paper crafts, stamping, jewelry making, model trains, and making clay bowls for the "empty bowls" hunger project. The evening is free and will include an ice cream social time. Invite a friend, bring your grandchild, call a neighbor and come as you are for an enjoyable evening growing together.

The Council revisited the plan for summer worship; a summer worship schedule is in the mailboxes, along with a summary of the Council's rationale. Extra copies are available on the foyer table.

PRAYER WALK Our monthly prayer walk is scheduled for next Sunday, July 25. Grab a cup of coffee and join us as we pray for those who live in the houses surrounding our church. We will be meeting in the Sunday School room following the 1st service.

Garden Bounty -- Garden bounty may be left in the Share the Harvest basket in the Narthex on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday a.m. Deliveries will be made to Operation Blessing every Wednesday morning at 10:30.

Seniors— and friends! Come along Tuesday, Aug. 24 to the Tall Ship festival at Navy Pier. Enjoy the beautiful parade of 20-25 ships, tour 3 of them, time at Navy Pier, lunch on your own. Motorcoach—return at 3:15. Please leave check for \$50 in Ange's mailbox for tickets before Aug. 3. Small bus—limit of 29. Grace CRC only pick up at 9:00 am. Don't miss out!

PLEASE NOTE: The Rummage Sale 'holding room' for donations has been moved to classroom #7 on the opposite side of the building from last year. When you leave your donations in the room please use only the designated area. Thank you!

Please pray for those listed here, as well as any others you may know of, that are in need of a special measure of God's healing grace and peace. Especially remember those members of our church family who are serving in the military: Stephen & Dan Brucken, Russ & Dan Kooyenga, Elizabeth Boldt and Thomas Tate.



- **Bonnie Mulder** is scheduled to have a total knee replacement on Tuesday, July 20 at Central DuPage Hospital. Please keep Bonnie in your prayers during the surgery and the rehabilitation to follow.
- **Marion Sperling** has been staying with her daughter in Florida into the summer months, while dealing with depression. We pray for God's grace and peace to surround Marion in these days as she looks to Christ Jesus in hope.
- **Theresa TerMaat** was in Palos Community hospital this past week for treatments and tests. We pray for God's strength for Theresa and John as they wait for Christ's healing.
- **Jean Huisenga** was released from the hospital and is recuperating at Providence Healthcare & Rehab. in So. Holland, IL. We pray for God's healing and daily grace for Jean as she waits on him.
- **Madelyn De Groot** is at Providence Health Care & Rehabilitation in Palos Heights for recuperation and physical therapy. Remember Madelyn in your prayers, asking for God to strengthen her and grant her his peace.
- **We especially remember** those who are in continuing care or homebound, including: Clara Knol, Grace Ozinga, Nell Ridderhoff, Theresa Ter Maat, Ines Lukombo, Tina Stovall, Jeanette Veen, Bud Stoit, Florence DeWit, Marge Nassenstein, Elsie Sluis, Fred Bolhouse, Jake Sytsma, Ann Huizenga, and Rose Pels.

We pray the Lord will watch over and grant peace to all those in need.

Our sympathy to...

Gloria and Jim Kamper in the death of Gloria's mother, Alice Thompson. We thank God for the hope of everlasting life through Jesus Christ, and we pray for his continued comfort for Gloria and her family.

Family and friends of Margaret Nassenstein who passed away this past week. Visitation will be held Monday from 10-11:30 am, with the funeral at 11:30, burial at Chapel Hill south and a funeral luncheon following at Grace Community CRC. We pray for continued hope in Christ who said, "Because I live, you too shall live."

Christine Beezhold and family in the death of Christine's sister, Henrietta "Babe" Mollehan. May the peace of Christ that passes understanding guard the hearts of Christine and her family as they rest in Christ.

Pastor's Class will be postponed until August 17. If you are interested in learning more about the church, feel free to contact Pastor Michael Kooy.

THE AD-HOC BUILDING RENOVATION COMMITTEE IS ANTICIPATING STARTING RESTROOM RENOVATIONS in the near future. Just another reason why It is very important that all groups/committees schedule any meetings or events with the office.



The Michmerhuizen family has settled in Romania, an eastern European country formerly behind the Iron Curtain. Jan Michmerhuizen injured her back there but is now recovering and feeling better. Rev. Palsrok was able to meet with them shortly after their arrival in Romania and while he was there boxes of books for home schooling, games, and clothes arrived. Steve Michmerhuizen introduced Rev. Palsrok to his work and language and to some of his colleagues. Please pray for Steve, Jan, and their boys during this time of adjustment, and for the Lord's blessings on their work.

In Service Today

GREETERS:

Joe & Diana Cudecki (No. entrance)
Andy & Mert Schutt (middle doors)

USHERS:

Gary Schutt – Harry Beezhold – Vince Sommer

INFANT-TODDLER NURSERY:

9:00 Terry & Karlee Unger
10:45 Adeline Molenhouse & Keziah Lukombo

PROJECTION: SARAH HUISENGA - MELISSA VOSS

SOUND: Sytze Nauta - Chris Van Kuiken

REFRESHMENTS: Mike & Carol Sluis – Bonnie Vloedman

Next Week:

Catherine Solle – Rich & Cherene Kooyenga

LIBRARY:

SHARE-A-MEAL:

Edna Kroon (708-371-7335)

The Week Ahead...

Sun.-Jul 18 8:40 am Prayer Time in the Prayer Room

9:00 am Traditional Worship—

Pilgrim Pathways— *Be Like Christ: Giving Love*

Refreshments following the service in the Fellowship Hall

The Prayer Room is available before and after the service for anyone wishing a quiet time of prayer.

10:45 am Contemporary Worship—

Pilgrim Pathways— *Be Like Christ: Giving Love*

Mon-Jul 19 7:00 pm Worship Team meeting

Wed –Jul 21 7:00 pm Art Connect

Thu –Jul 22 7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Sun.-Jul 25 8:40 am Prayer Time in the Prayer Room

9:00 am Traditional Worship—

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Worship services and all other activities will be cancelled any time there is an official Weather Bureau **Tornado Watch** or **Tornado Warning** issued for Cook County--one hour before the start of the service or activity.

Check out the new Library Books on the reading cart by the mailboxes. There are some titles suggested in the June Banner. If you enjoy a book, how about writing a review for our newsletter?

Community News

Join us for SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT! Southwest Chgo. Christian School (101st & Central-OL) will be presenting a FREE outdoor movie night at sunset on the west lawn. Friday, August 20, we'll be showing "Up" at 8 pm. Invite your friends and neighbors! Bring along blankets and chairs and your favorite snacks and refreshments and join us for a fun night with family and friends!

SAVE THE DATE—CHGO. CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1990 will have a reunion on September 18, 2010. Please email your address to cchs1990reunion@gmail.com to receive your official invitation. More information can be found on facebook at CCHS class of 1990 reunion.

Have you ever uttered a prayer something like this? "*Lord, grant me grace to follow you into the next place you have for me in this journey called life.*" If your 'life's journey' includes doing Kingdom work, we think you'll find volunteering at **Orland Park's BIBLES FOR MISSIONS THRIFT CENTER** rewarding. If you can devote a few hours each month, please call Grace Kamp (708-802-5040) or the Thrift Center at 708-614-6972.

THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN AND THE OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT WILL HOLD A CONCERT on the Village Green (north of the library). On July 11 *The New Invaders* will perform from 7:30-10 pm. Don't miss this 60's inspired rock band that plays everything from British rock to Woodstock! Performance is FREE! Bring your own refreshments and don't forget your blankets or lawn chairs.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES in Brookfield is selling 4 cemetery plots at the Evergreen Cemetery. Community Support Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. Proceeds from the sale will go to this non-profit organization in Brookfield. Suggested sale price is \$2495, or best offer. If interested, contact Maureen Stroka at 708-703-7872.

SAVE THE DATE! Bible League International Volunteers will host two retreats this fall. One will be held at Cedar Lake Conference Grounds on September 23 and other is a two-day retreat on October 5 & 6 at Indian Lakes Resort, Bloomingdale, IL. You'll soon be receiving a brochure with more information. Plan to come and glorify God, be renewed and uplifted, and make an eternal difference in the lives of people in India.

GEMS Girls Clubs Conference in Minneapolis! This week Thursday -- Sunday over 570 GEMS Counselors from across North America will be meeting together at Bethel University in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. These three and a half days of leadership training, worship, and fellowship will equip women and prepare them for the upcoming GEMS season. The annual theme, *Feed the Fire!* will be revealed and women will be challenged to move from apathy to action, keeping their spiritual fervor for serving the Lord. Please join in praying for the event and for each woman who attends, that God will be glorified and that lives will be changed.