

Grace Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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While in army basic training a soldier phoned his mother and told her he was attending church on base every Sunday. His mother was pleased to hear this.

"Everyone goes to church here," he added. "It's the only place we don't get yelled at."

COMING UP!

Nov. 3,4,5. Pictorial directory.

November 6. Stewardship Consecration Sunday. "Remember: We can't take it with us, but we can send it on ahead!"

Nov. 13, Sunday. Congregational Survey – to be filled out after the service. **Please be present** if at all possible. This info is helpful to both our congregation and denomination! We need as many as possible to get a full range of opinions.

Nov. 13, Mitten Tree. Please bring scarves, underwear, socks, mittens and blankets for kids.

Nov. 24, Thursday. Cook for and serve **Thanksgiving dinner** to those in need - this at FPC, Festus. Sign-ups are on the bulletin board to bring various dishes. Have the dishes there by 10:00. If you can help serve, please be there by 10:30. The meal begins at 11:00

"When asked if my cup is half-full or half-empty, my only response is that I'm thankful I have a cup." – Sam Lefkowitz

Postings. Grace member **Eva Kirkpatrick** was recently honored as the 2011 Most Distinguished Scientist by the Missouri Academy of Science. Eva was a science teacher for Antonia and Fox...Thank you for all the prayers & cards during Ed's illness. God bless you all, **Joan & Ed Groat**... Thanks for your prayers, cards, and visits during my brother Ron's illness and death, **Bob Chapman**

November meal-a-month donations for the Rescue Mission include; peanut butter & jelly, macaroni & cheese, lotion, and coffee filters. THANKS for the great response in October!

The Scatter Garden. If you have questions please call Rev. Johnson.

The Farmers Market. It was a great year! Vendors celebrated together at a potluck dinner in our Fellowship Hall, Wednesday evening, Oct. 26. Congratulations to all involved!

The Shoeman Project. Help us donate 1,000 pair by the end of the year!

Don't forget to recycle using our recycle bin.

Food Co-op. Community Helpings Co-op distributes fresh fruits, vegetables, and staples at bargain prices every other Wednesday afternoon, year around, 5:15-5:45 PM, in Fellowship Hall. A basket of produce - 50% vegetables/50% fruit - costs \$23. Some people share a basket if they are in a small household. For more information on the Community Helpings Co-op, visit <http://www.communityhelpingscoop.com>

An update on the proposed assimilation of FPC Festus into Grace: the last anyone heard, the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy was having difficulty filling its places on the Assimilation Committee. As soon as they find a fourth member, the committee's work will begin.

Sunday school classes at 9:30. Children meet in Fellowship Hall. Two adult classes upstairs.

Our Alpha Course has met this fall with one large group. They much appreciate the cooking of Fran Cavins and Pat Sweet!

If a person has said but one prayer, "Thank you, God," one has prayed well. Meister Eckhardt.

Our Deacons stay busy. This year they have sponsored two blood drives, collecting a total of 45 units. They usher at funerals, and they conduct a ministry of prayer. They give shawls and send cards to members. Deacons serve communion at Autumn Ridge and Crystal Oaks each month. At Autumn Ridge, 6-12 residents gather for communion and a short Bible study. At Crystal Oaks communion is served to our members and other residents in their rooms. Deacons sponsored a talk in September by the Mid-America Transplant Services re. organ donation. Sixteen members filled out an application and other church members took one home.

Our deacons are Joan Groat, Mary Orr, Judy Null, Julie Varady, Shirley Ann Biere, Don Hetherington, Truman and Betty Askins, Dale and Toni Houzenga, Bob and Alta Chapman. If you have questions, please be in touch with Mary Orr.

"It has been so dry out west that the Baptists have started baptizing by sprinkling, the Methodists using wet-wipes, the Presbyterians are handing out rainchecks, and the Catholics are praying for the wine to turn back to water."

– George Goldtrap

A \$1 bill met a \$50 bill in a fellow's wallet. They began to chat about their travels. "I've had a great life," said the \$50. "I've been to the finest restaurants and just returned from a cruise."... "All I've ever been to are churches," said the \$1. ... "What's a church?" asked the \$50.

"My piano teacher is very religious. She kept closing her eyes and saying, 'Good Lord.'"

