

# Grace Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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**The human brain** is a wonderful thing! It starts working the moment you are born, and never stops until you stand up to speak in public...**And it raises** interesting questions, like why do drugstores make sick people walk all the way to the back to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy their candy and cigarettes at the front?

## **COMING UP!**

**Oct. 1, Fall Festival.** Contact Judy Null, chair, if you can help in one of the following areas: booths (Janice Aucutt); kitchen (Fran Cavins); dining room (Mary Orr.)

**Oct. 2, Sun. FPC Festus** will join with us at Grace for World Communion Sun.

**Oct. 8, Sat. PW Fall Gathering**, Farmington.

**Oct. 13, Thursday.** "Aging With Delight", for seniors at Mound Ridge. Register by Oct. 6.

**Oct. 23, Sun.** Rev. Bill Charlton, FPC Festus, will fill in at Grace for Rev. Johnson.

**Nov. 3,4,5.** Pictorial directory. More info to come.

**Nov. 13, Sunday.** Congregational Survey – to be filled out after the service.

**Nov. 24, Thursday.** Cook and serve Thanksgiving dinner to those in need - this at FPC, Festus.

**New Members at Grace:** Carole Gwyn, Norma Schweiger, Ken & Kristie Mulder. Welcome!

**Postings.** "Thank you for the cards and kind words of sympathy in the passing of my aunt Betty Haas." Judy Null

**This past month** PW and Quilters had a Main Street booth at **Twin City Days** selling apple butter and tickets for the quilt to be raffled off at Fall Festival. A large tent was also pitched on the church grounds to display art work for various artists. Thanks to all who helped!

**Signs.** Have you noticed the new signs on the grounds of Grace? They direct visitors to parking and the sanctuary. Two spaces are reserved for first-time visitors or guests. Thanks to the Evangelism Committee for purchasing these, and to the Men for installation. "*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers...*" Hebrews 13:2.

**When you learn** that someone has just gone to a hospital, please phone the church office. Most often Grace does not receive notice from any hospital that one of our members is there.

**October meal-a-month** donations for the Rescue Mission include ravioli, canned vegetables, Toothpaste, paper towels.

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

**The Farmers Market** – Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 8:00 – until Oct. 12.

**The Shoeman Project.** If we will keep up our pace of donation, we will have donated 1,000 pair by the end of the year!

**Our recycle bin.** Not only bring your papers, but invite your neighbors to recycle also.

**Food Coop.** Community Helpings Co-op allows people to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and staples at bargain prices. The group has expanded and added a pickup point at Grace every other Wednesday afternoon, 5:00-5:45 PM, in Fellowship Hall. A basket of produce - 50% vegetables/50% fruit - costs \$23 and is filled with produce that is local and seasonal. Some people share a basket if they are in a small household. Those wishing to purchase a basket must place their order and pay online the Friday prior to the pickup date. Then, customers are to arrive at church and get their baskets between 5:15 and 5:45 PM.

When the farmers' market is open, food-coop customers are encouraged to visit the market to purchase other items that they didn't get in the basket or get more of a certain item. For more information on the Community Helpings Co-op, visit <http://www.communityhelpingscoop.com>

**The proposed assimilation** of FPC Festus into Grace continues. Three elders from FPC and three from Grace are waiting for the presbytery to form a committee to proceed with the plan for assimilation. Summer time seems to have been difficult. Maybe fall will be more productive.

**Sunday school classes** for all ages at 9:30.

**Organ Donors.** On Sunday, September 18, our deacons sponsored "Organ Donor Awareness." Sixteen applications were signed by Grace members that morning, with several more apps taken home to be turned in later!

