

# Grace Notes

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## February 2012

### Safe Place Training Offered

The council recently approved a policy called "Safe Place", intended to lower the chances of sexual abuse of the children entrusted to our care, as well as to protect the hard-won reputation of adults who work with our children.

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### Wednesdays in Lent "They Knew Him Well"

How exciting and spiritually uplifting it would be to speak with those who knew Jesus well! This will be your opportunity during our joint Wednesday evening Lenten Services between Grace Lutheran and Solomon's UCC on Church St. Pastors Bartlett and Boyer will present dramatic monologues from those closest to Jesus. All services are at 7:00 pm and followed by fellowship hours. Childcare is provided. The schedule is as follows:

February 22	Grace:	Ash Wednesday Communion
February 29	Solomon's:	Andrew
March 7	Grace:	Martha
March 14	Solomon's:	Bartimaeus
March 21	Grace:	Mary Magdalene
March 28	Solomon's:	Zacchaeus



### Pew Bibles

On the recommendation of the Worship & Music Committee, the Council has approved the purchase of Bibles for in the pews. The cost is \$10.00 each and you may dedicate them in honor of or in memory of anyone. Please use the enclosed order form on page 11 and include payment to Grace Lutheran Church. We will need about 200, so you are welcome to sponsor more than one. Orders are due by June 1. The plan is to have the Bibles paid for and in the pews by September 1.



### Hobby Social

Are you looking for something different to do? How about bringing out the family to our Hobby Social? Here's how it works: Bring in your hobby, or an example/sampling of your hobby. Every child, youth and adult surely can bring along something that they enjoy collecting, playing, working, or doing for fun.

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## Sing to the Lord a New Song! Learning New Liturgies

The Bible tells us over and over again that we should not go stale in our praise of the God of creation, salvation and daily sustenance. Just a few examples are...

- Psalm 33:3 - Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- Psalm 40:3 - God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
- Psalm 96:1 - O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- Psalm 98:1 - O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
- Psalm 144:9 - I will sing a new song to you, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play.
- Psalm 149:1 - Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- Isaiah 42:10 - Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.
- Revelation 5:9 - They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation.
- Revelation 14:3 - They sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders.

One of the ways we sing a new song in our worship is by learning new musical settings. These liturgies (liturgy means "the work of the people") come in a variety of styles. Many congregations alternate this worship music according to the seasons of the church year. This was a pattern I knew as a youth in my home church.

When I arrived at Grace five years ago, it seemed like we were using only Setting Two of the green hymnal, although members told me that we knew and had previously used Setting One. Three years ago, Don Fritz taught us the Hymn of Praise from Setting Five of the With One Voice hymnal. We used its joyous upbeat mode to celebrate God's love. Our ability to use this alternate version added variety to our worship, and allowed us to "Sing a New Song."

When we decided to purchase and use the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal (ELW), it was with the intention of learning new settings for the liturgy, in addition to learning some new hymns, both of which would add freshness to our worship life. This was to supplement the use of many that were old and familiar. Our use of these new features in this wonderful worship resource was delayed by the departure of our former organist and pianist, and the arrival of Steve Ziminsky.

We intentionally told Steve to stick to the old and familiar through the end of 2011, so we could get used to this change in musicians, before we try to acclimate ourselves to a change in music. After four months with Steve, his musical style feels familiar to many of us, so the Worship and Music Committee recently asked him to prepare us to begin using some of the many wonderful musical resources in the ELW.

He spoke with colleagues, listened to recordings of the settings, and recommended two to the committee. At our January meeting, the committee suggested we begin to learn Setting Six of the ELW, so that by Easter we could sing this new song.

Yes, we will return to the old and familiar for some seasons of the church year, but as the Psalmist reminds us, **"O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things."** Psalm 98:1

*Pastor Bartlett*



## A Lenten Project Offering for Community Garden

Together as the people of God, we do more than we could ever do alone: grow our congregations, inspire new leaders and care for those around the world who live with hunger and poverty. The Social Ministry Committee is asking for your assistance this Lenten Season to fund a Community Garden to be planted in an area of need someplace around the world.

In a community garden, everyone takes a turn tending the soil and produce. The result is plenty of carrots, cabbage, beans, melons and other fruits and vegetables to be shared by all. Extra produce and seeds are shared with neighbors in need.

During the Lenten Season, we'd like to receive enough gifts to sponsor at least one garden, which costs \$200. Please use a pew envelope and mark it "Community Garden." Extra funds received will go toward the purchase of additional gardens or farming tools and training. Want more information? Go to [www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts)



## It's Teddy Bear Time

Beginning after the new year through Ash Wednesday, we will be welcoming new and gently used stuffed animals into our sanctuary. They will join us as we worship God and carry our prayers with them when they are distributed in the local nursing homes. Please feel free to snuggle them as you worship. If you would like to donate an animal, bring it with you to church.



## Change of Address

Christopher & Jodi Butler  
985 Sherers Hill Rd.  
Riegelsville PA 18077-9565

## Solomon's Cemetery Association

The annual meeting of Solomon's Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, February 6 at 7:00 pm in the conference room at Solomon's Church, on Church Street, Macungie. You are invited to attend.



## Winter Weather

During inclement weather we will always try to have worship for those who can make it. When we cancel worship due to the weather, we will announce the change three ways: 1) we will post in on our website ([GraceMacungie.org](http://GraceMacungie.org)); 2) we will use WFMZ's Storm Center which is available on line at [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com) AND during bad weather, scrolls across the bottom of Channel 69 TV; and 3) we will send out an email using the Grace E-Notes system. Even if we manage to have worship or some other program, use your good judgment! If you miss worship, remember you can still mail in your offering using the mailers on each offering envelope.

## Committee Chairs 2012

The members listed below have agreed to chair these committees for 2012. If you would like to serve on any of them, please contact the person in charge.

Audit	Richard Holben
Christian Education	Sandy Schantz
Endowment	Blake Marles
Finance	Shawn Morgan
Long Range Planning	Bob Birett
Mutual Ministry	Brenda Early
Nominating	Tom Devine
Outreach	Rob Schmidt
Parish Life	Diane Beltz
Property	Matt Thayer
Social Ministry	Phyllis Kempf
Stewardship	Bill Konek
Worship & Music	Judy Reppert

## New Member Information Session

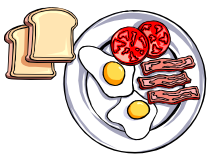
Sunday, **February 26**, from noon to 2 pm will be an informal information session for those interested in becoming members of Grace or just desiring more information. If interested, please contact the pastor at 610-966-3325 or [prbartlett@pbartlett.com](mailto:prbartlett@pbartlett.com)

## OPPORTUNITIES



### Grace S.I.S. Sisters In Spirit

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 8, at 7:00 pm in the chapel. The program will be based on Valentines Day and will include devotions, games, crafts, and refreshments. Women of all ages are encouraged to join in this new fellowship and service opportunity at Grace.



### The Grace M.O.B. Men Of Breakfast

On Saturday, January 28, and February 25, at 8:00 am, Grace Men of Breakfast will meet at the Willows at 8:00 am.



### Gracious Seniors

Our next luncheon is set for Wednesday, February 15, from 1:00-3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

The program is presented by Jim & Sandy Evans, who over the past five years have given 16 weeks of their time as VIP's (Volunteers In Park) for the National Park Service. They will share their experiences at Cape Lookout National Seashore in North Carolina. You are asked to bring a dessert or drink to share. Sign-up sheets are available at both entrances to the church or call the church office.



### First Communion Classes

A series of five classes for children in Grade Three and above in order that they may receive first communion will begin on Sunday, February 26, during the 9:15-10:15 am Sunday School hour. Baptized children will receive instruction so that they may receive their first communion on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday or Easter. If you have not received an information packet from the church by Sunday, February 5, please call and request one.



### Family Retreat at Bear Creek

Wow! It's time to finalize our annual Family Retreat at Bear Creek Camp in the Poconos. We have reserved the Retreat Center and the large meeting rooms and commercial kitchen for March 9-11, 2012. If you enjoy nature, good food, crafts, fellowship, and getting closer to God through the beauty of his creation, then go with us for this wonderful weekend. You can relax indoors by the fireplace or hike the trails to see the beavers, the lake and the wilderness. All facilities are well heated and adjoin the meeting rooms and kitchen. Singles and families are welcome. The cost for the weekend is \$50 for ages 12-adult, \$25 for children age 5-11, and no charge for babies-age 4. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to experience the beauty of our Lutheran Camp at Bear Creek. For details see Sandy Schantz and use the sign-up sheets on bulletin boards throughout the building. Final payment is now due.



### Blood Bank Donations

Grace Church is a member of the Miller Blood Center. If you are able to donate blood, please tell them that you are a member of Grace and use code **#0737** so that the church receives credit. There were 6 donations made for the month ending December 2011: Dick Aten, Keith Braim, Bruce Moyer, Carol Moyer, Rob Schmidt, Tom Wieder.

### All Committee/Organization Leaders

On Wednesday, February 1, at 7:00 pm in the chapel, there will be a meeting of all committee chairs and leaders of organizations within the congregation. We hold these meetings once or twice a year to enhance communications and share common ideas and goals. Please make every effort to attend if you are a church leader or staff member.



## Hobby Social

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We would just like you to bring it to the church on February 19 for "Show & Tell" - show and tell everyone what your hobby is.

Don't have a hobby? Come and see the talents of other members and enjoy the time together. There will be barbecue sandwiches and hot dogs available for lunch. Sign-up sheets are posted.



## Grace T-Shirts

The Parish Life Committee is again sponsoring a Spirit Day on May 20. This is a day when we will wear our Grace T-shirts to church. If you do not have one and would like to order one, there are order forms available at both entrances to the church and on the Grace website. The cost is \$6.00 for children's sizes small (6-8) through large (14-16) or \$7.00 for adult sizes small through 3X. Orders and payments are due by April 29.

## Congregational Meeting 2012

This serves as official notice of the semi-annual meeting of the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church to be held on Sunday, April 22, 2011 following the second service. Business to be conducted that day includes:

- Election of a youth member to a one year term on council.
- Review and consideration of written reports included in the report booklet to be mailed to members prior to the meeting.

## Annual Report Information

All committee chairpersons and leaders are requested to submit their 2011 information for the Annual Report. The report will be mailed to the congregation in the April Newsletter. Due to the volume of information that needs to be typed, duplicated and collated, you are asked to please meet the **February 19** deadline.

## Money, Material and Quilters Needed



Our quilters are hard at work the first and third Tuesdays of each month making quilts to be distributed to a variety of people in need, as well as their newest project –

baby quilts for baptism gifts. Our quilters are always looking for additional helpers (they will teach you what needs to be done). Also needed is fabric (cotton preferred), old bed sheets (any color or size), and heavy crochet cotton. If you have any, or can purchase any at yard sales, etc please drop off in the chapel at anytime. Another possibility is to donate funds to purchase what isn't donated. Use a pew envelope and mark it "Sewing Circle."

## Wish List



If you are interested in providing funding for any of these items, please contact the office at 610-966-3325 before making any payment.

Thank you.

- \$10 - Pew Bibles (Limit 20)
- \$55 - ELW Occasional Services Book for Pastoral Care
- \$80 - ELW Occasional Services Book for the Assembly
- \$100 - Fisher Price Nativity & Noah's Ark Play Sets for Nursery
- \$100 - Interior Directional Signs
- \$100 - Shares for Sanctuary Piano
- \$120 each - New Tables for Fellowship Hall
- Sound system improvements:*
- \$100 - Hearing Assistance Devices
- \$1200 - New Cabinet
- \$1500 - New Wireless Microphone for Pastor
- \$3200 - New Mixer

## Offering Envelopes

Upcoming special envelopes

- Feb Fuel
- March Mission Trip
- April Access to Grace



## Treasurer's Report

### Dial-a-Ride

If you or anyone you know would like to attend the 10:30 church service and need a ride, please call the office (610-966-3325) before **noon** on Friday and Ed VanCott will contact you with the details.



### Looking Ahead



Sunday, Mar 18 - 5:00 pm  
Dinner & Pastor's Trip  
to Israel in pictures  
Thursday, Apr 5 - 6:00 pm  
Maundy Thursday  
Dinner & Communion



### December Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Pastor Bartlett, Bob Birett,  
Reid Boyer, Cula Berghold,  
Bessie Pearsall, Judy Rep-  
pert and Russel Schantz.

	2011	2010
December 2011		
Receipts toward Budgeted Items	\$ 25,542.50	\$ 26,211.65
Expenses of Budgeted Items	\$ 23,799.12	\$ 23,861.89
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>01/01-12/31</b>	<b>01/01-12/31</b>
Projected Contributions	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 218,000.00
Actual Member Contributions	\$ 199,857.04	\$ 203,996.58
Kratz Fund Income	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total Actual Income	\$ 209,857.04	\$ 213,996.58
Actual Expenses	\$ 234,440.29	\$ 225,885.73
Mortgage Balance - 11/30/11	\$ 20,962.26	
Principal Payment	\$ 416.67	
Memorial Donations	\$ 150.00	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 511.00	
Access Contributions	\$ 2,396.00	
Mortgage Balance - 12/31/11	\$ 17,488.59	
Kratz Contribution	\$ 41,697.52	
Amount for Budget	\$ 10,000.00	
Amount Non-Budgeted*	\$ 31,697.52	

\*As recommended by the Finance Committee, only \$10,000 of the total 2011 Kratz Income will be used for Budgeted Expenses. The remainder will be placed in Savings until the end of 2011 when the Finance Committee will prepare a recommendation for Council to allocate any funds in excess of \$10,000. We receive an amount each month of the actual earnings of the trust. Therefore, monthly amounts vary.

**"Is God's will in your will?"**

Janice Wetzel, Treasurer  
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telephone: 610-966-2921

### Leave a Legacy for Ministry and Mission

Would you like to make a gift to Grace and/or other favorite church charities but are not sure what your future financial needs will be? You can make charitable giving part of your will or you could simply change the beneficiary statement of an insurance policy, qualified retirement plan, commercial annuity, or bank or brokerage account. There are many ways you can make an estate gift to support your favorite church charity without sacrificing your personal financial security. For more information on how to include your favorite Church charities in your estate planning call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the ELCA Foundation, 800-638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit their website at [www.elca.org/fo](http://www.elca.org/fo)

## Purpose Statement

God's Purpose for Grace Lutheran Church is to spread the Word to all people through worship, service, learning, fellowship, and support.

## Guiding Principles

- We accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- We pray for all – within the congregation, community and world.
- We strive to provide assistance to those in need.
- We welcome all and invite them to grow with us in Christ.
- We provide Christian Education for all ages.

## Safe Place Training Offered

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All adults who have contact with our children are asked to complete the following by September 1, 2012:

- State Police background check
- PA Child Line clearance
- Attend one training opportunity to be offered by Grace
- Read and acknowledge receipt of Grace's policy statement.

Over the next few months, a number of 90 minute training sessions will be offered to acquaint members with the policy and give them information necessary to qualify them for work with our children. This policy applies to paid staff as well as Sunday School staff, VBS staff, Youth Group leaders, Mission Trip participants, Church Hour Nursery personnel, and anyone else who has access to children at Grace.

The next training opportunities will be held in the chapel on Sunday, February 12, at 1:30 pm and Sunday, March 25, at Noon. If you are an adult (age 18 and above), and are involved with our children, please contact the office at [GraceMacungie@verizon.net](mailto:GraceMacungie@verizon.net) or 610-966-3325 to reserve your place and allow us to prepare materials.



## February Birthdays

Each month we list birthdays of members who are 80+ in years. If you fall into this category and we have missed you, please call the church office at 610-966-3325 to give us your birth date. Congratulations to the following members who will celebrate in February:

February 18      Marguerite Bachman  
 February 18      Edna Karsten



## First Sunday Food Pantry

13 bags of food were collected in January. Please remember the less fortunate in our area by donating non-perishable food items for the Emmaus Food Pantry, Bethel Bible Fellowship Church. Items may be brought to the church anytime. Please remember - **items must be unopened and within "use by" date.**

## Worship Attendance

	8:00	10:30	SS
Dec 25	---	20	--
Jan 1	27	56	25
Jan 8	41	106	51
Jan 15	25	124	42
Jan. 2011 Avg. Worship -	99	40	
Jan. 2010 Avg. Worship -	146	34	

(Prior year averages are based on same time period.)

## Bulletin Sponsors

are needed for 2012. Cost is \$15.00 per Sunday and payment is due at time of sign up. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church along with envelopes for your payment. Take this opportunity to remember a very special person.

## Mission Trip 2012

Payment of \$110 is now due for your spot on this years Mission Trip the week of June 24-29. Speak with Tracy Krause or check out the church website for more information.

## New Piano Recommended for Sanctuary

Ever since we began interviewing candidates for the organist/choir director position, we became aware that the piano we use for worship may need to be replaced. A number of the candidates made comments about the instrument.

When we had the piano tuned this fall, we asked the tuner his opinion. He was very clear that this was not the kind of quality instrument which would normally be used for worship. It was a gift which has served its purpose, but like a car with way too many miles on it, eventually there comes a time to replace it.

The Worship and Music Committee thinks that time is now; and the Congregation Council agrees. We asked Steve Ziminisky, our organist/choir director, to describe some of the reasons and these were his thoughts. **Pastor**

**Thoughts from Steve:** At first glance, one may certainly wonder why a new Sanctuary piano is being recommended to replace the current one at Grace church. After all, the cabinet looks flawless,



all 88 keys work and it holds tune well. While those are all desirable things on the outside, pianos often wear out from the inside.

After decades of hard use, the hammers in the treble get compacted and begin to produce an overly-brilliant, harsh sound (not far removed from

the thumbtacks in a honky-tonk piano.) The bass register strings begin to lose their resonance, meaning they sound duller and more 'thunky' over time.

Playing such an instrument begins to get frustrating as one has to hold back on the treble and try to boost the meager bass notes at the same time. It is very difficult to play softly in the treble range and many in the choir have trouble hearing the mellowing bass tones.

The current instrument was designed as a budget, light-duty home model. Churches need larger, professional quality institutional pianos. Rebuilding an upright piano would cost more than replacement.

Unfortunately, there is no room for a grand piano in the sanctuary, so a professional-quality studio upright is the next best alternative. The 'Charles Walter' company, based in Elkhart, Indiana is one of the few American companies still in business and offers a quality upright piano used by many area schools and churches.

While the outside case comes in many styles, the inside playing mechanisms are the same. The piano recommended by the Worship and Music Committee and approved by the council, would have an institutional case - which means the front legs are mounted securely on castors and can easily be moved by one person.

Currently we need four guys to lift the piano and be very careful not to break the decorative legs. The soundboard is larger in the Walter piano and the bass strings are longer - making it sound considerably better.

**Conclusions:** We do not have an actual quote yet from Zeiner's, but are estimating such a piano, with climate control system installed, to be approx: \$12,000. This would be a very nice Memorial gift which is used (and heard) nearly every Sunday during our worship services.

We have placed \$100 shares toward the piano's purchase on our wish list. If you would like to make a donation in multiples of \$100 towards the purchase of this piano, please use a pew envelope and mark it "Piano."

If you feel that you would like to sponsor a major portion of this instrument as a gift, please feel free to contact Pastor Bartlett or Steve Ziminisky for additional details. Thank you for your consideration.

## Youth Ministry



Youth Ministry is an opportunity for youth, grades 7 thru 12, to gather for fellowship, fun and service. Info on the web at [www.gracemacungie.org/youthministry](http://www.gracemacungie.org/youthministry) **New Facebook Page**

- **Grace Lutheran Youth Ministry Macungie**

- **Sunday Feb 12** - 6:00 pm Planning 6:30 pm Gathering Time
- **Sunday Feb 26** - 6:00-8:00 pm – Bowling at Emmaus Bowling Center - Permission Slip Required
- **Friday Mar 9 – Sunday Mar 11** – Family Retreat at Bear Creek Lutheran Camp in Wilkes Barre
- **Saturday April 7** – 10:00 am set up for Egg Hunt / Hunt begins at 11:00 am

## Baptisms



Everett Steven Miller was baptized on Sunday, January 8. He was born on October 5, 2011 and is the son of Joshua and Samantha Miller. The sponsors for Everett are Jason Stever and Kara A. Stever.



Jaxon William Bailey was baptized on Sunday, January 15. He was born on April 3, 2011 and is the son of Scott Russell Bailey and Katrina Korine Galvin. The sponsor for Jaxon is Kristen Dougherty and Brett Stupp.



## Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 5

On Sunday, February 5, we are asking each worshipper to bring a food item for the Emmaus Food Pantry and also to donate a dollar or more for the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank by placing your gift in the soup pots tended by our youth group.

On that day, 140 million Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. Even though the Eagles aren't in it, there will be food and fun for many people watching the game. At the same time, there will be people struggling to feed themselves and their families for the day.

Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, the Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide effort to transform a day devoted to football and the consumption of food, to include an awareness of the hungry. Since 1989, over 14,000 groups have raised over \$50 million to help fight hunger and poverty in local communities. Grace will once again be one of them.



## Thank You Notes

**Thank you to all the members** of Grace for the generous gift the staff received at Christmas (each of us was given a card and a check for \$100.) Thank you. *See individual thank you notes on bulletin board.*

The Church Staff

Dear Pastor Bartlett,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Lutheran Congregational Service, Inc. and those whom we serve, I want to thank Grace for its contribution of \$250.00.

Yours in Christ, The Rev. Dr. Dennis S. Ritter  
Executive Director

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

On behalf of our residents and staff, thank you for your donation of lap robes to Cedarbrook Nursing Homes. Thank you once again for your thoughtful gift.

Sincerely, Terry D. Lopus, NHA  
Director/Administrator

Dear Rev. Bartlett,

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Grace Lutheran Church for their contribution of \$600.25 to the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank. Your wonderful contribution will positively touch the lives of so many people within our community facing tough decisions. Wishing you a Joyous Holiday Season.

Linda Gentile, Office Supervisor

## Coming in the Need of Prayer

### Homebound



We remember those of our Grace Family who are not able to be physically with us in our worship: Sarah Behie, Tom Devine, Whitford Dickinson, Frances Leibensperger, Florence Meck, Anna Oswald, Loretta Pondelek, Eva Readinger, Wilbur and Ruth Reichard, Warren and Betty Repert, Harry and Betty Traugott, Anna Mae Wieder, and Frances Wirth. Also, keep Chet and Carol Kinsey and Mike Hoosier in your prayers.

### Deaths



**Wesley W. Miller**, 85, of Emmaus, died December 19, 2011, at LVH 17th & Chew. The husband of Mary S. (Bower) Miller, Wes was born in Treichlers and was the son of the late William and Anna (Getz) Miller. He was a long time member of Grace and was a Naval Veteran serving during World War II. Wes was employed by the former Western Electric and Lucent Technologies for 37 years, retiring in 1985. In addition to Mary, among his survivors are daughters Deborah Senavaitis and Kathleen Miller; son David; and four grandchildren. Services were conducted by Pastor Bartlett on December 23 with interment at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Allentown.

### In the Military

We remember in prayer all those who are serving our country in the military, especially those from our Grace family: Jeremy Augustine (Dan & Leanna Wickline's son); Christopher Barchet (Donald and Joan Naylor's grandson); Brian Bauer (Donna Smith-Ruddell's son); Jason Cobb (Adam Cobb's brother); Joshua Garloff, (Lisa Garloff's nephew); Jamie Harris & Krystle Harris (Chet and Carol Kinsey's grandson and granddaughter); Nathan Harris (Terry & Karen Hodgson's nephew); Chad Hentzel (Dennis Fritz's son); Damon Knauss (Sheryl Knauss's son); Ian Shoenley, (June Shellhamer's grandson); Adam Wieder (Anna Mae Wieder's grandson); and Neil Wimmer (Leda Wimmer's son).



### In Need of Healing

#### Member Concerns

Sarah Behie, Jillian Brandis, Holly Cressman, Tom Devine, Connie Fretz, Kylie George, Lois Komnath, Wilbur Reichard, June Shellhamer, Harry Traugott, and Kay Updegrave.

#### Extended Family and Friends

Holly Daubenspeck, friend of the Andrews' granddaughter, coma; Ray Huston, Georgie Graybill's father, surgery; Ruth Jelinek, Barbara Cochrane's mother, pneumonia; Katie Kulbaba, Richard & Debra's daughter-in-law, cancer; Robert Martin, Dianne Martin-Konek's son; Jean Serfass, Nancy Meck's sister, hiatal hernia; Dave Updegrave, husband of Nancy Meck's sister, rehab.

### Memorial Donations

Memorial donations have been received by Grace during the months of December & January.

#### *In memory of Beatrice K. Rauch*

Diane M. Beltz

#### *In Memory of Wesley W. Miller*

David & Judith Aten, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Brown, Jr., Linda L. Derr, Harned Durham Energy, Mary Dreisbach, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Graber, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Kohler, Liberty High School Alumni Band, Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Miller, Mrs. Mary S. Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Romig, Linda K. Schmick, William & Deborah Senavaitis, and Shelly A. Stichter.

### Iron Pigs Tickets Available

The Parish Life Committee has again obtained tickets to an Iron Pigs Game for members of Grace Church and their family and friends. The game will be held on Saturday, June 30, with a start time of 6:35 pm. You may purchase tickets by using the attached order form and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to 28 W. Main St., Macungie, PA 18062. The deadline for orders and payment is Sunday, May 13.



### Iron Pigs Baseball Game Outing Ticket Order Form

Saturday, June 30, 2012

Game time: 6:35 PM

Ticket price: \$10.00 (includes \$2.00 ballpark credit)

Ticket orders and payment due Sunday, May 13, 2012.

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Payment is due with order, checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be contacted when tickets are available (about 2 weeks before game) so arrangements can be made for pick up.

Please seat me with \_\_\_\_\_

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