

*Rev. Beth Petzke*

Pastor's Corner

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you!

I have returned from the national meeting of the United Church of Christ, and my cup overflows. Five full days filled with amazing worship, inspirational speakers, emotional conversations, and relationships were made and strengthened. I return to Wisconsin, filled with a sense of gratitude for the work the people of the United Church of Christ so, and look forward to what God is calling us to do together.

The theme for this year's meeting was "Into the Deep." The deep can be deep valleys of instability and anxiety, and the deep can also be the deep love and commitment to faithfully live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a small congregation, but small numbers don't mean small ministry.

In July I celebrated my 7th anniversary as pastor at Grace. What I know for sure, is that we have done some amazing work together. We have fed the homeless, supported one another, loved our neighbors, and helped those in need. We may feel small in numbers, but Jesus reminds us to have faith the size of a mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32). The impact of our mission and ministries are larger than any number would suggest, as we plant the seeds of God's extravagant love and grace to everyone. When you plant a seed, you never know what can and will grow. But when you plant the seeds of God's love, love multiplies.

The work of the church continues, both locally and globally, and is needed now more than ever. There is much to do! There are many in need! I challenge us to stay strong in our faith, doing the work of the church: by showing up, by sharing the love of Christ in all we say and do, and by remembering that we do this work together.

Upcoming Sundays: August 10 Singing Favorite Songs
August 17 Worship in the Park with Blessing of the Pets
August 24 Special Music

A reminder as we turn the page into August and September, Renewal Sunday is September 7th. We will return to 8 a.m. services on the first Sunday of the month, and 10 a.m. services every Sunday. We will be sharing a meal, both in worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and following worship with a potluck. Bring a friend and join us to be fed in body, mind, and spirit.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Your faithful giving of time and offering helps sustain our mission and ministries all year long. If you're away or unable to attend worship, please consider setting up online giving or mailing in your offering. Every gift makes a difference.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Beth



Introducing...

DUANE REAM

Organist and Director-Senior Choir at Grace United Church of Christ

Duane is a native of Kansas, growing up on a farm south of Kansas City. He earned BA and MM degrees in church music from Bob Jones University in South Carolina, joined the music faculty for the 1984-85 school year, and continued teaching courses there in church music, applied piano, and music theory for the next 34 years. He has been collaborative pianist for countless recitals and choral concerts, and is in high demand as rehearsal pianist for opera and oratorio literature. He has been a pit musician on piano, keyboards, and harpsichord. In addition to teaching and accompanying, Duane is a published composer, arranger, and author.

Before his retirement, he served four years as chairman of the music department of a small Bible college in North Carolina where he redesigned the curriculum and taught the core courses. In 2023, in recognition of 45 years of church music work, he was presented with the Doctor of Ministry degree, honoris causa.

Locally, he sings with the Sheboygan Symphony Chorus and is the accompanist for the Lakeshore Chorale. In addition to sacred and classical music, Duane enjoys watching Sci Fi programs, reading Clive Cussler books, and prowling historical museums and cemeteries. He and his wife Drea make their home in Sheboygan.

We have been richly blessed to have such a talented musician come to us just a year ago as organist. Each week he provides melodies at the organ and piano that both stir your heart while enhancing your worship experience at Grace Church in Kohler.

We are looking to **e x p a n d** the number of voices in the choir and extend an open invitation to anyone (member or not) to come and see if you might enjoy this opportunity for good singing and good fellowship. **ALL voices are welcome!** Please reach out to the church office for more information at (920) 452-6795.



We Are Grateful For...

A number of things that just 'happen' here at Grace. For those who give of their time and talent to make things happen - whether anonymously or accidentally not included here, please know that we are thankful for your efforts! Please let the church office know of any errors or omissions.

- Cards donated by Margaret Widder. Thank you --- we always need cards!
- For a variety of miscellaneous card making supplies, we send a special thanks to Joyce Atkins.
- Thanks to Marge Horneck and Mike Rolloff for the pulling of weeds around the church sign.
- Thanks to Sandy Rabe for having repaired and cleaned choir robes for the Fall season.
- Thank you to Paul Green for taking a look at the competitive insurance quotes for Grace.
- Thanks to Joyce and Tom Atkins for sponsoring the August Grace Notes. The sponsorship is in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary!

CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT - A NOTE FROM SARAH MONTGOMERY



Council President
Sarah Montgomery

Mark September 7th on your calendar as “Renewal Sunday”. It is the day when we go back to our regular schedule for services that includes 8:00AM every first Sunday of the month and 10:00AM every Sunday.

The church centers around fellowship, and Grace Council is excited to celebrate with you. We will be hosting a potluck after the 10:00 service. See you there!

PERSONNEL CHANGES - DAN MONTGOMERY



I regret to inform you that Markus Anderson has resigned his position as Director-Senior Choir at Grace. Markus directed the choir since August of 2021, and we thank him for his talents shared with us during that time.

When one door closes, another opens and so it is true that with Markus' departure, Duane Ream, our organist was invited to apply and he will assume the dual role as church organist and Director-Senior Choir effective July 9. A biography outlining Duane's extensive musical background appears later in this publication. Please extend your appreciation and a warm welcome to Duane in this dual capacity.



Church Secretary Position Available

Sandy Rabe will be retiring from her position as Church Secretary at Grace which provides a unique opportunity for interested candidates in serving the good people of Grace in Kohler.

This position involves confidentiality, smart use of word, excel, other programs for designing promotional materials and announcement such as Canva and Constant Contact.

Excellent organizational and communication skills as well as confidentiality are important for a successful individual to possess. Producing weekly bulletins, announcements, and all round general secretarial support to the needs of a small congregation in the heart of Kohler Village.

The position is flexible to work from home and office environment has all the technology needed including dual monitors (and air conditioning (on demand)) and competitive hourly wage. Training will be provided for a smooth transition.

Interested candidates should submit their resume to the Personnel Committee, attention Dan Montgomery at 500 School Street, Kohler, WI 53044.

Please spread the word and thank you for your assistance.

Announcements

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRACE

Sunday, August 3rd

9AM Worship - Celebrating the Diversity of Creation

Sunday, August 10th

9AM Worship - Favorite Song Sunday. This service will be lead by Duane Ream

Sunday, August 17th

9AM Worship Service at Lost Woods Park with Blessing of Pets and coffee hour afterward.

Sunday, August 24th

Articles are due for the Newsletter

9AM Worship - Finding healing and foundation of relationships with God's love

Sunday, August 31

9AM Worship - "Holy, Holy, Holy" - timeless through the ages. Exploring this powerful anthem.

USHER SCHEDULE

3rd Margy Horneck and Karen Groth
10th Mike & Susie Wandschneider
17th Larry & Deb Ter Maat
24th Mike & Carol Skeris
31st Lynn & Paul Green

DEPOSIT SCHEDULE

6th Linda Billmann
13th Rosemary Lohse
20th Henry Horneck
27th Linda Billmann

LITURGIST/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Margy Horneck
10th Karen Groth
31st Joya Cox (Liturgist)

August... Birthdays

1st Joyce Atkins
3rd Dan Montgomery
9th Michele Nelson
9th Dan Petzke
13th Casey Ter Maat
17th Zia Harriott
19th Lisa Scheppmann
20th Lois Meyer
22nd Cole Kalmerton

23rd Janna Fenger
23rd Tom Leonhardt
26th Shari Jensen
28th Larry Ter Maat
29th Karen Groth
30th Max Becker
30th Steve Priebe
31st Ben Waterman

Wedding Anniversaries

21st Tom and Joyce Atkins
25th Brad and Dawn Ziegelbauer
29th Larry and Deb Ter Maat





PB&J
DRIVE

91.3/103.3FM The Family Radio Network asked for our help and yes of course, Grace will help!

Last year, we contributed toward supplying 6,000 pounds of peanut butter to local crisis programs. That covers over 101 local crisis programs in 19 communities throughout the greater Sheboygan community.



School Supplies for Oostburg - SOS

donations go to children in the Oostburg Schools
due back to Grace by the end of August please.

- Kid friendly snacks (ex. goldfish, granola bars, individual beef sticks or packs, applesauce pouches, fruit cups, individual bags of popcorn like Skinny Pop)
- 1-1/2" Binders
- Post it notes
- Folders
- Expo markers
- Expo erasers
- Crayola 8 or 10 packs of markers
- 5 or 7 pocket expandable files in red, green, black, or blue
- 1 1/2" binders (no zippers)
- 5 Tab insertable dividers for binders
- Headphones that are \$5 or less
- Solid folders in the following colors: red, yellow, green, purple

Post It
Notes

5 or 7 Pocket
Expandable Files
in **red**
green, black,
or blue

Expo Markers
& Erasers

8 or 10
Crayola
Markers pk

1-1/2" Binders
(no zippers)

Kid-friendly
Snack Packs



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Church Office has flexible hours
Best communication is via Email:GraceUCCKohler@gmail.com
[Website:https://graceucckohlerwi.wixsite.com/website](https://graceucckohlerwi.wixsite.com/website)

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