

September 2021

# GoodNews

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20 Years Later

## *GRACE NOTE*

### *Adaptive living*

I was driving along with a dense pack of cars going south. It seemed the same way for the cars driving north. After all, it was the afternoon. It seemed normal until I stopped and could see that the traffic light was out. (I later found out that electricity went out for some 2,500 people on 60<sup>th</sup> street and Green Bay Road Tuesday afternoon). I got nervous that there would be an accident waiting to happen, since this junction is a busy thoroughfare.

But surprisingly, no. People stayed calm and adapted to driving like they were on a four-way stop. People took turns. A row of cars would go from the south, then the cars from the westbound took its turn, and so on. I waited my turn with two other cars and drove when my third row got to the first row. It looked like a well-choreographed ballet!

I was grateful for that gift of communal act. We were strangers to each other, but we all had to get to our separate destinations and together, we all switched to a different way of driving, waiting our turn, mindful of the other sides of who went the last. The common goal was to get someplace else. And we all knew that insisting on our way was going to be more problematic than helpful.

I wondered if that would translate to other parts of our common life? But unlike the alternative four-way driving, other parts of our lives like school, church, businesses, don't have known alternatives. The pandemic is ever evolving and being creatures of habit, people don't know how to act when we need to be fluid or respond constructively amid uncertainty. It doesn't help that there isn't much trust in the systems, in the structure, or in people.

But I know it is possible because there is inherent good in each of us and instances like the traffic "ballet" happens. We can adapt. And I think that's where faith comes in. Faith that God has provided us with choices and a slew of gifts, skills, and virtues to care for one another with positive intent. Faith that we have enough in each of us to do right by God. Faith that God continues to provide courage amid uncertainty and fear. Our common goal is to get to a point of living our daily lives in a safe and life-giving way. I believe we can do it together with the help of God. Together, we can make a difference.

*Pastor Grace*



## Prayer Requests

Virginia Roders  
Rosemary Steele  
Ruth Callan  
Bob Callan  
Ellen Shuemate

*To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.*



### **DATES IN September**

Sunday 9/5 Communion  
Sunday 9/12 SCRIP Orders taken  
Love Feast  
Sunday 9/19 Finance Meeting 10:00



**United  
Methodist  
Women**

**UMW Meeting will be  
Tuesday, September 7,  
2021 at 9:30**

Please join us for a morning of prayer and planning.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.



### **SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

Gale and Jean Thompson dropped off 88 pounds of food this month to the food pantry. **Thank you for your donations!**

We continue to collect nonperishable items for the pantry. You may drop them off at the church from 8-noon, Monday through Friday or on Sunday morning .

As always, thank you for your generosity!

# SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Communion Sunday <b>5</b>	Office Closed for Labor Day <b>6</b>	UMW Meeting 9:30 am <b>7</b>	
Scrip - Order Yours Today! Love Feast <b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
Disciple Bible Study Finance Meeting <b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
Disciple Bible Study <b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	

# ER 2021

ED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b>	Knitting/Crocheting 6:30 pm <b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>8</b>	Knitting/Crocheting 10:00 am <b>9</b>	Office Closed <b>10</b>	20 Years :( <b>11</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		



### SCRIP ORDERS GO IN September 12

SCRIP orders this month will be a week later because of the Labor Day holiday. Fill out an order form and send it to the church office with your payment or give it to Beth Brooks on Sunday.

If you need help or have questions contact Beth Brooks 847-344-1312



Will we have a rummage and bake sale this year??

Only if someone steps up to be the lead. There are some boxes already at the church for a potential sale.

It's up to you!

Who wants to tell people what to do?

Call the office to volunteer for this leadership role. 262.654.8122



- 2 Lana Frank-Krause
- 3 Heather Briscoe
- 3 Tom Shaughnessy
- 5 Leila Valentine
- 7 Ashley Daniel
- 12 Sandy Clausen
- 12 Crystal Tuchalski
- 17 Gail Voigt
- 19 Luanne Lindow
- 27 Janice Mowry
- 29 Cyndi Wolf



### OCTOBER

- 8 Kinsley Christensen-Bara
- 15 Chris Ivy
- 18 Michael Gerdes
- 22 Jean Thompson
- 23 Jason Jimenez
- 26 Sandy Petersen
- 29 Jeremiah Gaines
- 29 Marge Pias

# COMING SOON!

The calendar is beginning to get crowded! There are quite a few events that are upcoming but the details haven't been sorted out yet. Here is a sampling of things happening in the next month or two.

**Save the Date!**  
**LOVE FEAST**  
**September 12, 2021**  
**9:00 AM**

**We will worship God and celebrate  
in the way of a Love Feast.  
More details to follow.**

Soup Kitchen at the Shalom center looks to be starting to have volunteers again beginning October 1st.



**TRUNK OR TREAT**

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*The People of the  
United Methodist  
Church*

**SEPTEMBER 2021**

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