

# Grand Avenue Christian Church

**September  
2011**



## The Christian Chronicle

### Mark's Moment



As you all know everyone on the Mission Trip had a great time and we experienced some wonderful “God moments” and brought home many memories and pictures, so now it is time to share! We will be having our Shareholder dinner on Friday September 16, 2011 in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. After dinner we will move into the Sanctuary for the Mission Trip Presentation. Now some of you bought more than one Share, so therefore you may bring guests for the number of Shares that you bought. We all look forward to sharing this experience with the congregation.

On another note, I want to call your attention to an event that is being sponsored by Partnership Ministries called: “Being a Missional Church.” These one day events (for DoC) anyways) are taking place across the Region/Conference this Fall. There is more information about them inside the newsletter. I would like to encourage all of us to take the time to attend one of these gatherings. Not only is the subject matter something that could encourage us to be more engaged in our neighborhood and reach out to our surrounding area, but this event will help us to get to know our UCC partners. Whatever our opinions are on the Partnership Ministry, we as a Region are engaged and as a part of the Region we should do what we can to make it successful. We could liken this Partnership to that of the early church, particularly Paul’s ministry. As you have heard me say many times Paul was ministering to two worlds (Jew and Greek) that were now becoming one. The majority of his letters were about how to work together as the Body of Christ. Our Partnership is about working together as the Body of Christ. These gatherings and future gatherings (Clergy and Lay) allow us this opportunity.

“Remember, that whatever you do or wherever you go, I love you!”

Love always

Mark

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME



Fall Sunday School classes will resume on  
Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. for youth and adults.

**NEW THIS YEAR!** There will be a pre-school class led by Tara Trosper that meets once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. This class will be from 9:45—10:15 a.m.



### FALL WORSHIP

Our Fall Worship Schedule  
will resume on  
Sunday, September 11th

Sunday Worship Service  
will begin at 10:30 a.m.



**“FOOD FOR FRIENDS”**

September’s menu is:

*Beef stew, 7 layer veggie salad,  
apple crisp and rolls.*

Reservations need to be turned in to Sheryl Westlake or the church office by Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meals may be picked up at the church between 3:00-4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Cost will be \$3.<sup>00</sup> per serving.

Meals will be delivered to shut-ins.



**ELDER’S MEETING @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>,**  
here at the church.

**SEPTEMBER 2011  
MINISTRY TEAM**

September Ministry Team members are:

- \*\*Harry & Eleanor Kinyon**
- Earl & Rosie Peterson**
- Bob & Barbara Paugh**
- Judy Lowis**
- Bruce LaRue**
- Mark MacWhorter; Meghan & Riley**

These folks will be greeting you on Sunday mornings in September as well as hosting the coffee hour on the fourth Sunday of the month which is also Birthday Sunday.

(\*\*denotes Team Captain)



**LABOR DAY  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2011.**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THIS HOLIDAY.**



**BIRTHDAYS**

- September 5<sup>th</sup>: *Carl Koeber*
- September 12<sup>th</sup>: *Eleanor Kinyon*
- September 24<sup>th</sup>: *Lillian Todd*  
*Rob Lowis*
- September 26<sup>th</sup>: *Evelyn Townsend*  
*LouAnn Westlake*
- September 28<sup>th</sup>: *Joe Wagner*

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- September 7<sup>th</sup>: *Russell & Sheryl Westlake*  
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ARTICLES for the

**OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER**



**need to be turned in to the church  
office by.....**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

**OR SOONER!**

# SEPTEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				11:00 LaLeche'  10:00 Golden Girls @ McDonalds on West Main	2	3
4 9:30 Worship	5   CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	6 8:00 a.m. <u>Men's Bible Study</u>	7 5:30 <u>Choir</u>	8	9 11:30 a.m. Red Hat Ladies lunch @ Chick Pea	10
11 9:00 S. School  9:45 Pre-School 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday  10:30 <u>Worship</u>	12	13	14	15 6:30 p.m. LaLeche'	16 6:00 p.m. Youth Mission Trip Shareholder's Dinner	17
18 Reservations needed for Food for Friends?	19 3:00-4:00 Pick Up "Food for Friends"	20	21 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting	22	23 4:00-7:00 Youth Meeting	24 HIS SOUP
25  Reconciliation Offering Received	26	27  6:00 p.m. Disciple Men/ Women Joint Meeting & Potluck	28  7:00 p.m. BOARD MEETING	29	30 6:00 p.m. HARVEST DINNER AND AUCTION  	



The following “Thank You’s” are from members of the TAMS Singing group who met for practice here at GACC for many years before they recently disbanded.

Thank you so much for allowing the Tams to practice at your church. It was so considerate of you.

*We do appreciate the use of your room at the church for many years for our practices.*

Thank you for the use of your church for our rehearsals. We did appreciate it so much.

Fran Nelson.

*Thank you so much for the use of your church fo our music rehearsals. Claudine McGowan*

Thank you for your hospitality. Bernice

*It was such a handy place for the TAMS to practice—many Thanks! Vivian Stiff*

Thank you so much for your generosity in letting us practice at the church.

Cecelia Goodman “The Tams”

*Thank you so much for all your cooperation in helping us contribute to our goal in giving back to the community in “music”. Evelyn*

My mom was Peggy Savage who started the Teacher and Mother Singers. I am the new keeper of the music. Connie Mandeville

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED Fall Assembly** will be held **September 16-17, 2011 in Billings at the First Presbyterian Church on 2420 13 St. W starting at 1:30 P.M.** The theme is *“For Such A Time As This.”* Some of the highlights are a program on the HYB, changes in Medicare, Stories behind some hymns and entertainment by All Nations Church Choir and the Theusen’s. All women are invited to attend. The cost is \$20.<sup>00</sup> before September 9<sup>th</sup> and \$25.<sup>00</sup> after that and includes lunch an dinner.

Registrations may be sent to Arle Beal, 2090 Glasser Place, Billings, 59102. Car pooling is available.



**FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT  
for JULY, 2011**

**JULY 2011**

Offering	\$8,471.25
Permanent Funds	604.50

Thank you for your support of GACC  
Marilyn Carter, Financial Secretary

**TREASURER’S REPORT  
FOR JULY 2011**

**JULY 2011**

Income -	\$9,075.75
Expense -	\$10,044.42
Shortage -	968.67

More detailed information can be obtained from Cheryl Lanphear or the Church Office.

## DISICPLE MENS/WOMENS NEWS—SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. Golden Girls will meet at McDonalds on West Main for coffee.

Red Hat Ladies will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> for lunch @ Chickpea Café, located at 25 N. Willson.

BE WATCHING..... There will be a Potluck & Joint Meeting of the Disciple Men & Women's Group at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> as they start off the Fall season.

Program details are still being worked out. We will pass along complete info as it becomes available.



# youth group

**SCHEDULE**

4-7pm  
Unless  
noted

### September

16- Shareholders Dinner. End time is when the last dish is put away.

23: Come prepared with ideas for future meetings

October: 14 and 28

November: 11 and 18

December:

3- Christmas Stroll 4pm till clean up is over

16-come ready to write

January: 13 and 27

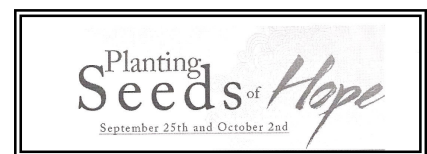
February: 10 and 24

March: 23 and 30

April: 20 and 27

May 11 and 18

## RECONCILIATION SPECIAL DAY OFFERING



The 2011 Reconciliation Offering will be received in congregations on September 25th & October 2nd.

Reconciliation Ministry Offering is used to fund our Church's mission priority to become a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church through experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue across difference.

Funds from this offering provide Youth and Young Adult camps, training programs for leadership development, and resources to promote small group study and community building.

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For your convenience envelopes for this special offering will be included in the GACC Sunday bulletins on September 25th and October 2nd

*"God is not so unjust as to overlook your work and the love which you showed for God's sake in serving the saints, as you still do."*

HEBREWS 6:10

## Seeking to Serve

Global Ministries missionary, Jeffrey Mensendiek and his family are long-time residents of Sendai, Japan. Since the devastating earthquake and tsunami Jeffrey has been ministering to the displaced, grieving and broken. Jeffrey's sister, Martha Mensendiek also a missionary who lives and works in Kyoto, has been translating Jeffrey's daily journal entries so that Global Ministries can post them on the website. This is one of Jeffrey's recent entries: I took part in a meeting attended by Buddhist and Christian religious leaders. The purpose was to organize a common ministry to serve the spiritual needs of the public in Sendai. The government and various organizations can address the material needs of the people. But there definitely is a spiritual need which only the religious community can address.



JEFFREY  
MENSENDIEK

It is important that the Buddhist and Christian community join together at this time in a spirit of respect. It shows the public that we are not here to compete, but to serve. The spiritual needs are so deep. Many people are afraid of religion, and believe that religious people are aggressive and self-serving. Not so for those of us gathered on this night. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones; those who cannot return to the place where they lived for fear of the memories which might return to them. Many people are still not accounted for. The suffering continues. The religious community is ready to serve at any time, but for those who have lost loved ones, the time may not yet be right. Humility is an important part of Buddhism. Waiting, listening, emptying oneself, letting go of desires are all important values. When my father first came to Sendai 60 years ago, he visited a blind man in a small fishing village near Ishinomaki. He witnessed the desperate poverty and asked; "Is there anything that I can do for you?" The man replied; "Desire is endless." There is so much to learn from the wisdom of the Buddhist tradition. On this forty-ninth day I bow my head remembering that many of my Buddhist friends are praying for peace and healing.

Let us pray for strength for the suffering and those who minister to them.

*Jeffrey Mensendiek, serves the Council on Cooperative Mission. He is assigned to the Emmaus Center in Sendai, Japan, where he now works as director of recovery response.*



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## BOARD MEETING



A meeting of the Church Board is scheduled for.....

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

@ 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

All members of the board are urged to be present so that the work of the church may proceed in a timely manner.



"The teacher has noticed that I'm no Solomon."

## Letter from the Regional Office

**"We hope many of your congregation will be able to attend the Cluster Event in Billings. It will be a day of learning, leader development and inspiration called**

**'Becoming A Missional Church.'**

**The schedule for Saturday, October 1 at Billings Central Christian Church is:**

**10:00 "What We Can Learn From Global Ministries About Doing Mission in Our Neighborhood:" a Presentation and Conversation**

**12:00 World Café Lunch**

**1:00 Interest Groups on Mission**

**2:30 Worship**

**3:00 On Our Way Home With Lots of Ideas**

**Jean Muir  
Regional Moderator**

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**Registration Forms for this event are available in the church office.**



**Save the date, November 12<sup>th</sup>.**



## **The Holiday Bazaar**

**Yes it is that time again and plans are being made.**

**Start pulling those recipes because we need, cookies, soup, cookies, bread, cookies, pie and there is always room for more cookies.**

**We are always looking for TINS, preferable already washed, so we don't have to have a day of just washing tins, when we could be baking cookies.**

**Interested in Dipping Chocolates, baking cookies, making signs, pricing tins, setting up, serving, selling, washing dishes or behind the scene work?**

**Talk to Cheryl Lanphear and she will get you involved, because any help makes the project that much easier for everyone.**

**Dates for group work days for October are being scheduled. Watch for updates.**

**Have an idea pass it along, we love new ideas.**

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Sunday Schedule: Starting 09-11-2011  
9:00 a.m. Church School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

*Coffee Fellowship*  
*(and something sweet to eat!)*  
*Following the Worship Service*

Return Service Requested



**FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

**ANNUAL  
HARVEST DINNER & AUCTION**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**  
**6:00 p.m. Dinner—7:00 p.m. Auction**

Donations are needed for the Auction such as  
Handmade crochet, knit, and embroidery items as  
well as jams, jellies, baked good, garden produce etc.

We hope to have Craig Mandeville as auctioneer  
for the evening.

*(We are still waiting on confirmation of this.)*

Turkey, dressing and gravy will be provided.  
Please bring side dishes and/or dessert  
to compliment the meal.