



GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER SPRING 2026

*“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live!”
John 11:25*

A VIEW FROM THE PARSONAGE

Pastor Frank Sawicki

Taking a Leap of Faith

This year, we believe God is calling us to take a **“leap of faith”** and expand the ways we serve others with the blessings He has given us. We desire to live out the Great Commandment: **love God and love people**. This has been the heart of The Grace Community Church since it began twelve years ago as a non-denominational community church. Our goal has always been simple—**put Jesus first, others second, and ourselves last** in how we use the finances, talents, and opportunities God has entrusted to us.

The book of Hebrews gives us a clear definition of faith:

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see”
(Hebrews 11:1).

Although the phrase **“leap of faith”** does not appear in the Bible, it captures what it means to trust God even when we cannot see the outcome. Hebrews chapter 11 reminds us of many people who trusted God and acted on His promises.

Weekly Events

- Sundays:
 - Class 101
Join us at 9:45 AM on Sunday for our introductory Bible Study
 - Worship Service
Every Sunday at 11 AM
- Tuesdays: Class 202
Go a little deeper in the Word during Class 202 Bible Study
- Thursdays: Small Groups
Men’s and Women’s Small Groups meet on Thursdays at 6 pm. Men Meet at Frankie’s House; Women Meet at Church Building

Spring Events

- **Teen Night**
3rd Monday at 6 pm.
- **Family Game Night**
Friday 3/20, 4/17 at 6 pm at the Sawicki's house!
- **Worship Night and Bonfire**
Friday 5/15 at 6 pm at GCC
- **Dinner and The Chosen**
Continuing Season 3
Thursday 3/26, 4/30, 5/28 at 6 pm! Bring something to share!
- **Monthly Board Meetings**
3/15, 4/19, 5/17
- **Holy Week Schedule**
Check out the attached Schedule for the week of March 29th – April 5th
- **Frankie in Guatemala**
April 22nd – April 30th
- **Dean in Ghana**
May 13th – May 20th

- **Noah** built an ark to save his family.
- **Abraham** trusted God even when asked to sacrifice his son.
 - **Moses** chose to stand with God's people instead of remaining in the Egyptian palace.
 - **Rahab** risked her life to protect the Israelite spies.

Throughout Scripture, we see the same pattern. David faced Goliath with only a sling and a stone, and Peter stepped out of the boat to walk toward Jesus. Their stories remind us that **faith drives action**.

The Bible tells us, "*For we live by faith, not by sight*" (2 Corinthians 5:7). But biblical faith is not blind. It is grounded in the promises of God and are guided by His Word.

Sometimes stepping out in faith means leaving our comfort zone. When Peter stepped out of the boat at Jesus' invitation, he trusted in the goodness of his Lord. In the same way, when we trust God, our "leap of faith" is really a step into His loving and powerful arms.

As Hebrews reminds us, "*Without faith it is impossible to please God... and He rewards those who earnestly seek Him*" (Hebrews 11:6).

In the coming months, we will invite you to step out in faith with us. Together we will trust God to grow the church in His way, and we will continue sharing His

love and grace with everyone—even those who may seem difficult to love.

Let us not remain on the sidelines. **Let us step forward in faith**, trusting that God will guide, provide, and use us for His glory.

CHURCH BOARD PROJECTS UPDATE

- Looking to add a bathroom to a little room at the parsonage
- Looking to clean front room for a office/nursery/storage
- NEKCA will us our building to distribute Senior Meals
- Spring Board Meetings are scheduled for March 15, April 19, and May 17th at 12:30 pm
- ALL ARE WELCOME!

FINANCIAL UPDATE (January, February)

Shellie Bresnahan

General Fund Summary:

Beginning Balance: \$58,624.55

Total Income: \$25,516.33

Total Expenses: \$15,807.03

Ending Balance: \$68,333.85

Highlights:

- 1) Purchased new Head-worn Mics
- 2) Accountable2You internet product
- 3) Guatemala Mission
- 4) Benevolence - 6 families

We are so thankful for the many generous gifts received during the holiday season to support our community outreach and ministry goals

New Resource – Accountable2you

Associate Pastor Dean Neary

Accountable2you is an app you can download on to any device; phones, tablets, and computers; that monitors what websites are visited and sends alerts to your accountability partner. There is a fee of \$9 a month for the individual to use the program. There will be a link on the Church website once it is up and running where you can sign up.

NO ONE aside from your accountability partner is notified or can access the reports from your devices. This is a great tool for anyone struggling with this hidden sin. If you would like more information about the program you can talk to Dean or Frankie or visit www.accountable2you.com. This is a great resource, with help from the Spirit, to overcome a topic no one likes to talk about.

MISSION TRIPS

This spring our Pastors will be traveling to different parts of the world to serve and share the Good News of Jesus Christ! In April Frankie and his brother Ed will be traveling again to Guatemala to work with Dr. Otto and his family. They will be holding medical clinics throughout the back country of Guatemala and will be able to share Jesus with the families that come out to the clinics.

In May Dean Will be traveling to Ghana, Africa to meet and work with Pastor Daniel Ahiabah. He will be helping with Evangelism training, medical clinics, dedicating new churches that were established last year, and preaching Gods Word in several villages throughout the Accra region of Ghana.

Both of these trips are through Vision International Missions VIM. Grace Community Church has been glad to partner with VIM for the last several years by sending missionaries on several different trips to serve God's people. If you would like to know more about these trips or are interested in going on a trip in the future please don't hesitate to talk to Frankie or Dean.

BIBLE STUDY

We want to thank each of you that come to 101, 202, and/or small group! If you haven't checked out one of the groups, we encourage you to! Each group is full of brothers and sisters

eager grow in God’s word and talking together is a great way to grow. Proverbs 27:17 says, “Iron sharpens iron, as one man sharpens another”. We want to make sure you know you are welcomed if you come to every group every week or to one group sometimes, or whatever it looks like for your schedule. But these gatherings are the best way we can grow together and grow in our understanding of God’s Word.

PRAYER REQUEST

If you have something on your heart you would like the leadership to pray about, please send us an email, let one of us know, or fill out a prayer request card in the pew and leave it in the box at the back of the sanctuary. We want to pray for you and requests sent to us will never be distributed to anyone outside leadership, unless clearly specified.



If you would like to include something for the Spring newsletter, please email
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