



News from Pastor Heather

Happy New Year!

Can we just celebrate a moment that as a church family we have seen God move in some amazing ways in 2021 and I have no doubt that 2022 is going to be even more. As we move into a new year often we want to forget the past and press forward but I truly don't want to forget 2021.

As a congregation we grew in ways we never thought possible, we were stretched out of our comfort zones and we witnessed the heavens rejoicing through 12 professions of faith. As your pastor I have grown, been stretched and given an amazing opportunity to serve at Grace. As we look ahead to 2022. I encourage us to look at the year of opportunities. Now that we have our feet wet in revitalization it's time to explore the opportunities that we may have put on the back burner or just failed to see that were in front of us. This newsletter is going to share a few of those exciting opportunities that are happening. I pray that you can "hear" the excitement in my voice as to what is to come. I don't have a crystal ball to know exactly what 2022 will look like but I do want to encourage us all to look at each day as a new opportunity to glorify God.

*In Christ,
Pastor Heather*

"God will supply us with the opportunity, but it's up to us to do something with it" Author Unknown

JANUARY EVENTS

SATURDAY, JAN. 8
10:30 AM

MISSIONARY OUTREACH
LUNCH AT HEARTSIDE

SUNDAY, JAN. 9
10:00 AM WORSHIP
SERVICE

INSTALLATION &
ORDINATION OF NEWLY
ELECTED CONSISTORY
6:00—8:00 PM ROOTED

TUESDAY, JAN. 11
6:30 PM ELDERS MEET
7:30 PM CONSISTORY

SUNDAY, JAN. 16
10:00 am
FAMILY WORSHIP
SAC LUNCH AFTER
CHURCH
6:00—8:00 PM ROOTED
7:00 PM SMALL GROUP
BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY, JAN. 23
10:00 AM WORSHIP
D-NOW TRAINING
BEGINS
6:00—8:00 PM ROOTED

SUNDAY, JAN. 30
10:00 AM WORSHIP
D-NOW TRAINING
6:00—8:00 PM ROOTED

**Mark your calendar as we
have scheduled the
following dates for 2022**

Elder & Consistory Meetings:

January 11 July 12
April 19 October 11

Ministry Team Meetings:

February 8 August 16
May 10 November 8

Next Steps Classes

(formerly New Members Class)
will be offered in:

February September
May November

Outreach Events for 2022

We are looking at an exciting year of opportunities!

IF:2022 (2 day gathering for women) March 4-5

Grace Gives Back—Spring

Wyoming Wellness Fair (May or June)

Movie Nights—Ongoing

Grace Golf League—Summer

Outside Worship and Cookout—June, July, August

National Night Out—August

Back to School Bash/Fall Festival—September

Trunk or Treat—October 31, 2-4 pm

Community Thanksgiving Dinner—November

Children's Christmas Program—December

**Dates & times subject to change*

Family Life Advocate

As we continue to strive to reach those in our Wyoming community, we are excited to announce the new volunteer ministry position: Family Life Advocate. This ministry will offer the chance to impact the lives of families, both inside our church and across our local community through teaching, leading and building relationships. We look forward to seeing where God leads.



Greetings! My name is Rhonda Klomparens, and I'm eager to make your acquaintance. I was baptized as an infant at Grace Church and became a professing member of the congregation on Maundy Thursday of 1972 when I was 11 years old.

Between my baptism and Profession of Faith, members of this congregation faithfully poured out their love for Christ, nurturing me and using their spiritual gifts to draw me into a personal relationship with my Lord and Savior. I cherish the spiritual foundation I received at Grace Church early on in life.

After completing high school, I attended Hope College and began teaching 1st grade in Holland Public Schools. I went on to serve in various educational capacities for over 30 years.

I met my husband, Wayne, who is also a retired educator, while teaching. We have two adult daughters, Alexandria (29) and Abigail (27). We are blessed to have them both living near to our home.

I reconnected with Grace about two years ago when Pastor Heather asked friends of Grace's Facebook page to share what Grace Church has meant to them. I wrote a letter to Heather in response. Heather's invitation to share a memory sparked a desire in my heart...the desire to somehow bless the people of this place of Grace, a place that has so richly blessed me.

I will soon begin serving as a Family Life Advocate to those who sit around the table of Grace Church. I'm not sure how God plans to use me in the days and weeks ahead. Yet, I know He has a beautiful revitalization plan for this place called Grace and I'm open to His leading.

Our world can be a scary, troubling, lonely, frustrating place at times, and so until we connect, I leave you with one of my favorite scripture verses. Isaiah 41:10 provides us with words of comfort from our Heavenly Father, *"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am the Lord Your God. I will strengthen you and help you: I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

Until we meet face to face -

Rhonda

**SEE THE ENCLOSED PAGE FOR A VERY EXCITING BUILDING PROJECT THAT WILL BEGIN SOON!
GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING HERE AT GRACE! WE GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE FOR
THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE.**