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Spotlight

Young
Energetic
Seniors



Of Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, KS

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A ministry by, with, and for persons over 55 of age

Come Fly With Me!



Pat and Mary Violet, members of Grace and both Young Energetic Seniors, probably had no idea what was coming when Pat retired in 1996. Pat was looking for something to do in his spare time and saw an ad in Popular Mechanics for what looked like a model airplane. However, this one was big enough to hold one person! The airplane was only to take 6 months to build, but due to life events like illness and several

“honey Do” projects planned by Mary and others, the project took 26 years. But Pat was determined and celebrated flying by completing his ultralight Mini Max made of wood and covered with cloth before his 90th birthday on March 16th!

Pat will not be the one piloting his plane because of his age but he already has someone who will pilot it. Kudos to Pat for proving we can all keep creating and “doing” as young energetic seniors.





Silver Set On March 10th Was Fun and Interesting for All! About 70 Young Energetic Seniors met on March 10th for some fantastic food and a great program on the history of our church presented by Don Everhart.

Our next Silver Set is being planned for August so watch for sign up sheets near each entry to the Church this summer. We do ask for a \$8.00 donation for the meal. If you would like to help prepare the meal or decorate, please contact Joyce Christopher at 913-481-7131. And if you have an idea for a program for Silver Set, please let Joyce know.



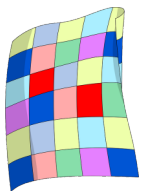
Don't forget First Friday Fellowship! Join your Church Family for conversation and a chance to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Just come prepared to enjoy yourself. This past month Judi and Larry Goertzen brought a Bingo game that everyone enjoyed.

First Friday meets at 10:00 am till {?} in the Chapel. Our next first Friday is April 5th so mark your calendars and plan to attend! If you have questions, contact Dian Steele at 913-488-2573



Would You Enjoy Having Lunch with a Group of Women to Talk and Plan a Mission Project?

The Women's Connection is an open group that gets together for lunch and a mission project. The group is meeting this month on Thursday, April 18th at 11:30 at Johnny's on Ridgeview Road. If you have questions, call Shawna Davidson at 913-908-7634.



Do You Have Quilt Tops Ready for Quilting? Our quilting group just completed a quilt and are ready for more. If you have a quilt top, bring it to the group. For a donation, they will finish it with loving, handsewn care and you will have an heirloom to cherish. The Quilters were able to donate \$200 to the missions supported by the Grace Extravaganza recently—all from their quilting

work! So not only will you receive a hand quilted product, but you will be helping mission projects. The group meets on Mondays at 9 at Grace.

And if you are looking to learn to quilt or want to join the group, come ahead. They will be glad to welcome you.

Stay Tuned! The New Theater Restaurant Is Coming.



We will be putting out more information and sign up sheets for the New Theater Restaurant production of *Newsies*, a wonderful musical loosely based on the New York City Newsboys strike of 1899. It's fun, heartwarming, exciting and a show I'm sure you will enjoy. Tickets are limited so be on the lookout for more info here in the Spotlight and near the church entrance over the next couple of months.



April Celebrations



Birthday ,

- 1 Alice Besta
Joy Bondurant
Miko Kooken
- 2 Sylvia Baird
Liz Dunsing
Phil Mallonee
- 3 Ken Lutgen
Jeanne Quinn
Ken Steele
Jane Stevens
- 4 April Baughman
Scott Keepes
Craig Smith
- 5 Henry Crow
Ken Stacy
- 6 Sharon Becker
Teasha Fisher
Roger Gardner
- 7 Lorene Boyd
Dick Branson
Rae Sedgwick
- 8 Sandi Ferneau
- 9 Robert Winchel
Jeannie Diener
- 10 Julie Beth Anselmi
Jim Joyce
Donna Sunderson
- 11 John Hake
Don Rogers
Diana Revelle
- 12 Betsy Schwab
- 14 Brad Hrabik
Jeff Hughes
Kathy Oltjen
Floyd Shoup
Dana Smith
- 15 Pat Becker
Mary Fonseca
Janice Myers
Wendy Nelson
- 16 Perry Cobb

- Jack Dresslar
Dee Nimrod
- 17 Doug Ahrens
Tom Schellhardt
Steve Ziegler
- 18 Barbara Messer
- 19 Debby Brewer
Lyle Smith
- 20 Roberta Reece
Debbie Thomas
- 21 DeeAnn Hucksoll
- 22 Dave Anderson
Cindy Johnson
Robert Maberry
Kathleen Searle
Virginia Wagner
- 23 Linda DaMetz
Craig Hoover
- 24 Jean Buckley
Robert Diekmann
Susan Warren
- 25 Mona Ortolf
Barbara Schrag
- 26 Dennis O'Dell
Amy Waters
- 27 Jerry Bakker
Barry Dondas
- 28 Jody Brann
Joanne Kolosik
Rob Parrott
Kelly Rasor
- 29 Marianne Bertison
Carol Havenner
Linda Parks
Kris Spornitz
George Thompson
- 30 Rick Fisher

Anniversaries

- 2 Bud & Mary Baxter*
- 7 Paul & Susanna Fitzgerald *
- 10 Gary & Shelah Goyer *
- 11 Tom & Caryn Brown *
- 13 Matthew & Susan Nelson
- 14 Doug & Carolyn Ahrens *
- 15 Jim & Mary Barrett
- 17 Lisa & Tim Polka
- 21 Phil & Rexanne Owen
- 22 Cynthia & Perry Quick
- 24 Carol & Don Faulkner
- 27 David & Kerri Sample
- 28 Mike & Kim Biasella

* denotes married 50 years or more





Need to Receive the Upper Room or Prayer Blanket Delivered to You or

Someone You Know? If you or someone you know are homebound either short term or long term or simply in need of comfort, and would like to receive the Upper Room Devotional and/or a Prayer Blanket, please contact Pastor Caren Loper at 913-859-0111, or cloper@greatplainsumc.church

Small Group Schedules

Quilting

Mondays
9:00a.m—1:00p.m.
Coordinator—Joan Shriver

Prayer Blankets

Coordinator - Elizabeth Easley
Coffee Shop

First Friday Fellowship

First Fridays At 10:00 a.m.
Coordinator - Dian Steele
In the Chapel

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events

1st Friday Fellowship...04/05- Grace Chapel. YES Committee... 04/13 Grace Chapel
Women's Connection...04/18 Johnnys Restaurant

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