



# Grace Christian Fellowship Church

**25890 Pine St., Calumet, MI 49913**

## Quarterly Newsletter

Issue 5, April-June, 2012

*Our Mission: "To Create a loving environment that leads people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. To Reach out to all who seek comfort, encouragement and healing by sharing God's Grace and His Word."*

### A Message From Our Pastor



*Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "Why did you doubt?"(Matt. 14:28-31)*

Dear Saints,

I'm reading the book, called "not a fan" by Kyle Idleman. In it he compares "fans of Christ" to "committed Christians." Idleman says fans go to events just to watch, content with returning home to live unchanged and unfulfilled lives. Fans don't think of jumping into the action. That would require a greater sacrifice. It would mean joining the team, pouring over the playbook, becoming disciplined in doing the right thing, and risking the loss of friends and family. More than anything, being on the team would require commitment.

When I think about it, commitment to Jesus may seem downright scary. It may require you to leave what you know, to follow someone you can't visibly see, and live for Him and others. Idleman notes, "When you decide to follow Him [Jesus] you are signing over your house, your car, your bank account, your career, your marriage, your children, your future, and anything else you once laid claim to. You have no more rights and nothing can be withheld." But, he explains, "fans" will say to Jesus, "How about us moving in together, that way I get all the benefits of marriage without having to make any of the commitments and sacrifices." In the long run, uncommitted relationships result in confusion, insecurity and doubt.

If we do truly love Him, aren't there things He's calling upon us to do? Don't we need to get out of the boat and walk? We will never be alone in our endeavors; if we get-in over our heads, He will immediately be there reaching out to catch us.

So, dear saints, if Grace Christian Fellowship Church is to continue to grow in grace and become more spiritually fit, we cannot prostitute ourselves to the world. Rather, we must exhibit a committed relationship, as the bride of Christ. It's time to step out into the water and go All In. Being on the field is much more rewarding than being in the bleachers. We are "not a fan."

In His Grace, Pastor Merle



Come Worship with us every Sunday at 10:00

### Our Village Missionaries:

Pastor Merle and Gyngre McGee

### Our Elders:

Mike Gilles  
Gary Langley  
Scott Mull

### Our Deacons:

Jerry Tuovila, *Building & Maintenance*  
  
Brenda Tuovila, *Fellowship & Sunshine*  
  
Karen Mattfolk, *Finance*  
  
Linda Hale, *Public Relations*  
  
Sara Perfetti, *Worship*

### Committee for Children's Ministry:

Beth Mull, Nancy Langley, and  
Karen Mattfolk

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### Our Groups:

#### Ladies Bible Study

Gyngre McGee and Beth Mull

#### Men's Bible Study

Pastor Merle

#### Youth Group

Karen Mattfolk

#### 12 Step Bible Study

Pastor Merle and Scott Mull

#### Couples Class

Scott & Beth Mull



***HE HAS RISEN, HE HAS RISEN, HE HAS RISEN.....INDEED!***

Easter - it's the greatest story ever told and on April 8th, it came to life at Grace Christian Fellowship Church . Through realistic videos of the Easter story, beautiful music performed by our choir, readings from our various members, and a personal testimony, those in attendance were able to experience the power and compassion of Jesus' life, the pain of his crucifixion, and the triumph of his resurrection.

Pastor Merle's message pointed out the true meaning of Easter. "Easter is more than just a nice idea," he expressed. "It's a historical fact; more than that, it's the turning point of history."

His scripture focused on John 3:16. ***"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*** Pastor Merle expounded on the remarkable truths of this love story and illustrated God's love for us with a fragrant and beautiful rose.

"One more time with conviction," chimed Pastor Merle at the close of our service. So the entire congregation, in one accord, spoke these words: "For God so loved **ME** that He gave His one and only Son, that by believing in Him, I shall not perish, but have eternal life." **AMEN & AMEN!**



Our GCF Easter Choir



Pastor Merle



Our Easter Congregation

## Welcoming our Newest Members:

*Submitted By: Julie Judson*

Welcoming, friendly, comforting & accepting are a few words Heather, Ted, and Marianne used to describe Grace Christian Fellowship Church and their reasoning for wanting to become members.



Heather Hill

"I found a place that makes me comfortable," Marianne expressed. "It's a very unique church with no pretenses," Ted explained, "a come as you are party," he chuckled. And when the question was posed to Heather about what kept her coming back after her first time at GCF, she said with great delight, it was due to the wonderful people, the support she felt, and Pastor McGee.

**It is an honor and privilege to welcome Ted, Marianne, and Heather to our growing family!**



Ted Adiska &  
Marianne White

## Celebration Sundays



First Row: Jacob Zanona, Christopher Holmberg, Travis Benchoff  
Second Row: Cindy Massi, Robert Smith, McKayla Cherubini  
Third Row: Zachary Cherubini, Jesse Langley, Ryan Blake.

In February and March, Pastor Merle baptized 10 wonderful Christians who outwardly expressed their hearts and demonstrated their commitment to Jesus Christ.

We will continue to hold each of you up as you grow in your faith and walk with the Lord.



Marianne White

*'So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.'*

*Galatians 3:27*



## Ladies Study

*Submitted By: Julie Judson*

Friendship, Fellowship, Food & Fun are just a few of the things that occur when the ladies meet every Tuesday night at GCF.

Worshiping the LORD as a group helps us grow strong in our faith, love and trust in God our Creator. I very much enjoy being with all the ladies each week as we grow and learn together, to become more like the Proverbs 31 woman; A woman of noble character—confident, resourceful, serving, hard-working, selfless, wise, faithful, respectful, loving, valuable and good.

Our current study, about to come to a close, has been geared toward becoming more organized, by finding our purpose, setting goals and prioritizing. "My day is a true mess when I don't take the time to thank Him, pray to Him, and ask for His guidance, not only before I start each day, but throughout," states Linda.

**"Charm is deceptive, and love is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."** Proverbs 31:30.

## Men's Study

*Submitted By: Scott Mull*

We are currently on chapter 14 of 19 with our study **"The Disciplines of a Godly Man"** by R. Kent Hughes. We now have about 5 men attending the Tuesday evening study at the parsonage and 5 men attending the Thursday morning study at Hardees. This is encouraging to see. We would love to have more men get involved at GCF. The last chapter talked about "men that won't commit," or Spiritual Hitchhiking. A common problem facing all churches today. Each chapter of this study stands on its own so you won't have missed anything by joining us right now. It's our time to talk man to man about our walk with God.

If God places it on your heart to get more involved at GCF, please see Jerry Tuovila, Pastor Merle, or Scott Mull. Men are always needed to help with some of the heavy lifting & maintenance too. Thank you & God Bless.



## Couples Study

*Submitted By: Scott & Beth Mull*

The next Couples Study, **“I DID, Growing Intimacy for a Lifetime Together,”** a DVD series by Jay & Laura Laffoon, will begin in May (date to be announced). These sessions will be held bi-weekly on Sundays after fellowship. Couples engaged in this study will: (1) Discover the purpose of marriage (2) Learn 5 different ways couples need to be intimate (3) Discern real life ways to grow intimacy in marriage and (4) Unlock the secret to finishing the race together.

This year’s Mackinaw Island conference by Jay & Laura Laffoon is May 20-21st. We plan to attend again this year so please see either one of us if you want to come along.

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## Disciples Clubb

*Submitted By: Beth Mull*

Our Disciples Clubb is currently averaging 12-15 children per week. We now have six (6) teams supporting our children. They are Karen & Charlie; Beth & Scott; Dawn & Mark; Nancy & Gary; Chris & Julie; and Sara & Linda.



We are always looking for people to assist in the classroom and help with putting curriculums together. Please see Beth Mull or Karen Mattfolk if you would like to learn more about our Disciples Clubb.

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## Youth Group

### **Local Pastor Apprehended By Houghton Police**

*Submitted By: Karen Mattfolk*



Pastor Merle McGee was cuffed and taken by Officer Wheeler from his Youth Group in March while on their “Destination Unknown”. The youth were at the local H&R Block office in Houghton when Officer Wheeler came in and stated he had an arrest warrant for a Merle McGee due to unpaid tickets. Everyone was stunned as Pastor was cuffed and taken out to the patrol car. About 5 minutes later, Pastor & Officer Wheeler returned laughing. This was all a prank to fool the youth. Most of them were in disbelief that this was real, but when Pastor was gone for so long, some really started to wonder.

You see, Zach Wheeler, a former Youth Group member, now a Houghton City Police Officer, was asked to speak with the youth at H&R Block about his Christian walk. Zach did a fabulous job. He explained how being part of the Youth Group was very important for him while he was growing up. He went on to show the group his uniform, weapons, and patrol car. He then let them wear his goggles that gave them the feeling of walking while intoxicated. Zach ended with sharing a picture and story about his sweet brother Josh who was recently killed in a car accident. He shared how Josh was a really good person, served in Afghanistan, and after coming home to a hero’s welcome, started to make decisions that were not good for him. One night, Josh made the bad decision to get behind the wheel of a car while under the influence. He left his family and this community so saddened. Zach then went on to warn the group about drinking and driving.



Cassy C.

Before we concluded for the evening, the youth were allowed to sit in the patrol car and put on the lights and siren. Zach offered that if any of them ever wanted to go on a ride along with him, to just give him a call.

I knew Josh Wheeler because he too was part of my Youth Group. He was one of the funniest people I have ever known. So quick witted and a big caring heart. I too miss him, along with Zach and his family.

## Youth Group cont... Introducing Two New Participants

*Submitted By: Karen Mattfolk*



I would like to introduce two of the boys in our Youth Group this year. They are Jordan Spagnotti and Jesse Garrow. This is their first year in Youth Group. They wanted to share the picture of them all dolled up when they were at the Calumet Player's costume barn.

**Jordan** is 13, in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and his favorite subject is science. He thinks Youth Group is fun and the lessons are good. "I wasn't sure if it was real or not," said Jordan, referring to when Officer Wheeler took Pastor away in handcuffs. Jordan's favorite destination was The Muppet Movie.

**Jordan & Jesse** **Jesse** is 14, in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and his favorite subject is math. He likes everything about Youth Group, including the snacks. "I knew they wouldn't arrest our Pastor," Jesse proclaimed. He thought Officer Wheeler was pretty cool and really liked seeing all the equipment. He thought the sharing of his brother was sad.

We love having the boys in our group, they make us all laugh. Both are excited to attend their first Lifest this summer, July 11-15th. A fundraiser will be organized and announced soon.

The Youth Group has been studying the Book of John through a DVD Movie. Sections are shown each week with the most recent bringing us up to the crucifixion. Pastor has been able to explain things in depth to the group about the week coming up to Easter. They now understand that Easter is more than chocolate bunnies and colored eggs.

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## Fellowship Help Needed

*Submitted By: Brenda Tuovila*

With our growing congregation, our need for help in both fellowship and potluck have increased. I am sending out the needs we currently have for these areas. Sign-up for either Fellowship or Potluck can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

**FELLOWSHIP**—Every Sunday after worship, we get the chance to sit back and catch-up with our church family during coffee fellowship hour. We recently rearranged the annex area to accommodate everyone. We now need more help with fellowship times. Anyone can help out, you do not need to be a member of GCF. I have a short list of things that need to be done and they can be found by the coffee maker. See me for more details.



**POTLUCK**—On the first Sunday of every month, we enjoy potluck in our dining room area. This area is also rearranged to accommodate everyone. We are now in need of more help. I believe the best way to do this is through groups of 5-6 main people. It could be a group within the Ladies' Study, Men's Study, Youth Group, or a family group. You may want to divide up the set-up, serving, and clean-up duties. When signing up for the month, you would have the option to pick a theme and decorate as appropriate. Themes in the past have included Italian, Mexican, Pie Social, Soup & Sandwich, Picnic, etc. The only months set aside for special themes are July-Pie Social and August-Picnic at this time.

**ANNUAL PICNIC**—Our annual picnic is usually held during the first Sunday in August. By this time, we can "almost" assure good weather and water that doesn't turn us blue. I am looking for someone to chair this event this year. Our son James is in travel soccer and we may be out of town with him for tournaments. I have saved a list for the past two years of grocery items and made notes of things that need to be done. I am currently working on putting together a list of all the other things we do for this event to make it easier. Of course, you have some freedom to adjust with Elder approval. If you or a group of you would be interested, please let me know as soon as possible. We should start making plans soon!

I am here to answer any questions you may have regarding our fellowship times. THANK YOU to those who have so graciously given your time for these events.

GRACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP &



Do you know THAT –

- Pastor Merle and Gyngr are Missionaries who came to Calumet in July, 2008?
- They serve GCF as a leadership team, appointed by Village Missions, a ministry that has existed for over 60 years? ([www.villagemissions.org](http://www.villagemissions.org))
- Village Missions serves over 230 churches in North America who can't afford pastoral leadership?
- We contribute as a church to Village Mission Funding?

**BRIEF HISTORY:** Early in 2000, two or three families started meeting in a home for Sunday worship and fellowship. Strongly convicted of the importance of sharing God's grace with each other and friends, neighbors and community, we became known, simply, as "Grace". When other families joined with "Grace," we met in several locations. For a year and a half, we prayed and studied the Scripture and discussed whether we should formalize the group. As it became clear to us there was a reason for our existence, we developed a mission statement and put into words eight statements of faith as the basis of our fellowship. We took the name "Grace Christian Fellowship."

In 2006 we purchased our current building in Calumet, getting ready to share our faith beyond our group. Then, in 2007 we approached Village Missions about providing Grace Christian Fellowship with pastoral leadership. So, we are now affiliated with Village Missions, a ministry which places full-time spiritually qualified missionary leaders into small churches. Village Missionaries help grow "a Christ-centered community church program capable of involving the entire population of a local community."

**CURRENT VM UPDATE & PRAYER REQUESTS:**

From VM District Representatives, John & Gloria James

"The loss of a very large donor is negatively affecting our general fund. Added to that, some churches are experiencing lower offerings and are finding themselves depending more on Village Missions to supplement their missionary's salary. Pray wisdom and strength for our director, Brian Wechsler, as he continues to travel extensively in order to meet with existing donors and potential new donors. Pray for the administration and our National Board as they deal with the budget both now and for the upcoming fiscal year. A second connected aspect is that several serious health issues have caused our self-funded Medical Benefits Plan to move into the red. Pray for the health of our mission. Then thirdly pray for the new missionaries that must raise their personal support [*before they can be placed in a field. Six new couples have just been approved.*]. As it is with the general fund, potential new partners often are experiencing tight budgets."



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LOVING THE PEOPLE"**

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**MinistryWatch.com**

**Educating & Empowering Donors to Support Christian Ministries (2012)**

*Village Missions was again awarded a high rating as a Shining Light ministry by MinistryWatch.com's assessment of 7 areas:*

- (1) Transparency
- (2) Truth Claims
- (3) Value
- (4) Sectors / Functions
- (5) Resourcefulness
- (6) Red Flag Issues &
- (7) Consultation

## What Happens When We Say “Yes” to God?

*Submitted By: Linda Hale*

The previous Ladies’ Study “*What Happens When Women Say Yes to God*,” by Lysa TerKeurst, was a study I will remember for the rest of my life. It asked, “Do you want to experience life in extraordinary ways? Do you want to know what it truly means to partner with Him and listen for His voice and discern what He is asking of you? Do you want to give yourself to Him and let Him affect lives around you in amazing ways?” Well.....I stopped thinking Yes and actually said it.



The day immediately following that final study session, I received an e-blast (unsolicited e-mail) from a MI coordinator at an organization called Cultural Homestay International (CHI). Her name, also Lisa, was looking for “Host Families” to provide love and housing to foreign exchange students for the upcoming school year. My heart started beating so fast, I knew this was an e-mail from God asking.....Linda, are you ready to say YES to me? I quickly replied and started the application process with Lisa and CHI. Lisa noticed my birthday. Exactly the same day as hers. She told me how she was praying to God for more host families to support these kids just 10 minutes prior to receiving my e-mail. Lisa needed to find a local, qualified coordinator in this area next along with checking my references. I continued to pray, knowing that God was in full control. When Lisa called one of my references, Gyngr McGee, they began talking about the local coordinator position. God placed it on Gyngr’s heart to say “YES” and become the local CHI coordinator!

So I will now be hosting not one, but two, young ladies this fall. They are Gereltuya Battugs, 17, from Mongolia, and SiQi Zhang, 16, from China. They will arrive in late August and live with me until June. Their initials G & S, “God Sent.” The three of us will be needing prayer and support from everyone at GCF and I invite you all to take this journey with us. On the back of Lysa TerKeurst’s book it states, “Get ready for a journey of unprecedented joy and purpose—one that will radically bless you beyond what you can ask or think.” **GCF.....this is going to be good!**

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## Neighbors 4 Neighbors

*Submitted By: Shanna Cherubini*



It has been nearly a year since Kay Hoganson and Cathy Kelley followed God’s calling for their lives and opened Neighbors 4 Neighbors (N4N), a donation-only store, located in downtown Lake Linden. The store’s inventory is solely comprised of donated goods brought in by members of the community. These items are then made available to individuals in need regardless of any financial limitations they may have. N4N merely asks for a recommended donation of \$1 per bag of clothes and a customer-determined “fair donation” for household items. The money is used to help defray the store’s monthly operating costs since N4N does not receive grant funding or any other ongoing support.



In addition to providing clothing and household goods at a minimal price, N4N also sets aside various household items for fire victims in order to help those individuals “start over”.



The store has been well received in the community as it strives to accommodate those in need. It is located at 116 Calumet St., Lake Linden (next to Aspirus Walk-In Clinic). Current hours of operation are Wednesday 11-3 and Saturday 11-3, however, those hours may be expanded during the summer months. Due to the store’s centralized location and the overwhelming needs of the community, N4N receives a lot of foot traffic when they are open. Kay and Cathy are seeking volunteers to help watch over the front of the store so that they can work in the back processing the donated items they receive. If you are interested in donating items and/or volunteering your time, please contact Kay or Cathy at (906) 369-0507. N4N is currently in need of the following items—sheets, towels, men’s shoes, pots & pans, kids and preteen clothes (ages 5 & up), smaller men’s size pants and shirts, small appliances, knick-knacks, games, puzzles, toys, VCRs and movies.

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## Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) of the Copper Country

*Submitted By: Shanna Cherubini*

Community needs are growing at an alarming pace, while social service programs continue to receive funding cuts and community resources continue to dwindle.

Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) of the Copper Country is a new nonprofit that has fully acknowledged this dire situation and is actively seeking to change it, while transforming lives and communities in the process.

At its most fundamental level, Love INC is a group of Christians working together, across denominational lines, to help those vulnerable individuals living in this community. At the heart of Love INC, lies a great number of church volunteers, motivated by the desire to share God's love and inspired by Christ's example of selfless giving. Love INC enables Christians to pool their time, talents and treasures to create a network of resources that can more adequately address needs. Working together, Christians are able to provide tangible assistance and encouragement, and in many cases, build long-lasting connections with those seeking long-term solutions.

The idea is simple and effective. Love INC assists churches with creating an inventory of their "human capital" and other assets. The nonprofit then uses its clearinghouse to match those willing helpers and resources to corresponding needs in the community. The clearinghouse screens need requests for legitimacy, eliminates duplicated services between community agencies and churches, and facilitates collaboration and shared resources among those in the Love INC

network. Love INC's clearinghouse will officially open for operation on Tuesday, April 17. Regular hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No one church or agency alone has the time or resources to fully address the problems that plague the individuals and families living the Copper Country. However, if a group of churches work together, in conjunction with the local human service agencies, the possibilities are endless!

So far there are 16 churches in Houghton County that have committed to partnering with Love INC. Between the churches and the individual volunteers, more than 10 new community resources have been identified; ministries range from budget counseling to transportation.



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

If you are interested in getting involved or would like more information, you are encouraged to checkout Love INC of the Copper Country's website ([www.loveincoccc.org](http://www.loveincoccc.org)) or contact the Love INC clearinghouse at (906) 523-5407.

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### From your editors, Linda Hale, Shanna Cherubini & Julie Judson

Shanna, Julie and I would like to thank you for your contributions and support. We hope to release the next newsletter sometime in the summer. Articles should be sent to [linda@wherepeoplecount.com](mailto:linda@wherepeoplecount.com) or [scherubini@charter.net](mailto:scherubini@charter.net). We will announce at church the deadline date for the next issue. If you would like to help out with the GCF newsletter, please see one of us—we would be delighted to have you on our team. Your pictures of events are always welcomed. Below are some idea on what you may want to contribute to the next issue.

**Remember in Prayer** – Submit Needs or Names.

**Pot Luck Recipe** – That one everyone asked for!

**Short Inspirational Stories** – About your personal faith walk; about your 'ministry;' about faith stories in our church, families & community.

**Reading Recommendations or Reviews**

**Advertisements** – Items for sale & help wanted.

**Pictures** – Church events. (Please caption.)

## Food for the Soul—Meditating on God’s Word

*Submitted By: Julie Judson*

...If we died with Him, we will also live with Him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with Him.  
If we disown Him, He will also disown us;  
if we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for  
He cannot disown himself.

2 Timothy 2:11-13

To die with him means to give our life over to him, not just to say “I am a “Christian”, then go about living life as if nothing has changed. Christ did not live for himself; indulging in worldly pleasures going about his day in a self serving manner. When we die with him, we are to live our lives reflecting him.

Giving our life over to Jesus Christ doesn’t produce the beauty of roses everyday. In other words, we will still need to endure the thorns of life, but the great news is, we do NOT have to go it alone! We reign in him, the one who has the power and control to get us over life’s pains.

Disowning him doesn’t just mean making the conscious choice of saying no. We disown him also by not making a choice at all. We have all been around long enough to hear about God the father and the great love he demonstrated by sending his son Jesus Christ to die for us. When we ignore this fact, or just shrug it off as some wild story, what we are actually doing is disowning him and his truths. When we disown him, he disowns us in return. Not that he wants to, but because of the free will he gave us - the free will to choose.

When we are weak he is made strong! When times of weakness occur and faith falters, which it will, he will remain faithful to us and for us. We are one with him after giving our life over to him, and because of this oneness, he can not and will not disown us. He can not disown himself.

## Words of Encouragement

*Submitted By: Sharon Gilligan*

Dear GCF,

As you know, my husband J.R. (Gilligan), is a merchant mariner who spends months at a time out on the lake, separated from his family, his friends, and the church. Unfortunately, with the environment that he is in, he has very little faith-based contact during that time. He does not always have the chance to make phone calls, texts, or emails and as you can imagine, feelings of isolation begin to set in. When JR first went to work after our wedding, he told me how much it meant to him to receive mail. It made the time go by easier and made him feel not so alone. If you feel it in your heart to send J.R. an encouraging letter, card, prayer or something else to help keep his spirits lifted, you can contact him at the address listed below (please be sure to use the address just as it is written);

*J.R. Gilligan*  
*American Integrity*  
*Canal Station*  
*P.O. Box 836947*  
*Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783-6947*



Thank you and God bless!

Love in Christ,  
Sharon Gilligan

‘He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.’

1 Thessalonians  
5:10-11

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## CHURCH ITEMS NEEDED

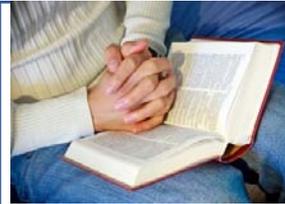
**Church needs**—Welch’s grape juice, box drinks & healthy snacks for Sunday School. **AND** a 12-15 passenger van.

**Kitchen needs**—Silverware, serving spoons, dish towels, table cloths.

**Fellowship needs**— Small paper plates, napkins, paper cups, plastic spoons & forks.

Please see Brenda or Dawn Tuovila with weekly specific needs.

SPRING CLEAN-UP AT THE CHURCH IS BEING PLANNED & JERRY WILL ANOUNCE AT CHURCH SOON. NORMALLY TWO WEEKENDS—INSIDE & OUTSIDE, WEATHER PERMITTING. STAY TUNED!



### GROUP PRAYER TIME EVERY SATURDAY 6:00 PM at GCF

One structure for prayer is given by the acronym “ACTS”, representing

Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving & Supplication (or intercession). This is the model used at GCF when we gather together for personal and church prayer. Hand-outs are provided to guide us in scripture-based prayer.

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**Matthew 18: 19-20**—I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.

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Bonnie Mooney communicates prayer requests, by EMAIL, to the church body. Please contact her when you want GCF to pray for your needs. Her e-mail is [BLMOONE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BLMOONE@GMAIL.COM). See the church directory for her phone number should you wish to call.

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

**PIZZA & A MOVIE**—Saturday, April 28th—6:00 PM—A special viewing of the movie “Courageous”. Please join us!

**LADIES’ WEEKLY WALK**—Thursdays, 6:30 PM, meet at GCF and take a stroll with the ladies of GCF. Weather permitting. See Cindy Kanyak for more info.

**LADIES’ STUDY**—Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & June 5, 6:30 PM @ GCF - Study will be on Woman of the Bible and Biblical Romance Stories.

**MEN’S STUDY**—Thursdays, April 19, May 3, 17 & 31—7:30 AM @ Hardees in Houghton. Tuesdays, April 24, May 8 and 22—7:00 PM @ Parsonage. See Pastor for more info.

**POTLUCK SUNDAY**—May 6 & June 3rd—Bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheet located on back table. July—Pie Social.

**Youth Group**—every Wednesday evening—see Karen Mattfolk for details

**Biblical Perspectives 12 Step Program for Men**—every Thursday evening - 7:00 PM.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



### April 2012

Heidi Langley—?  
Ted Adiska—5th  
Karen Mattfolk—19th  
Dennis Polzien—20th  
Merle McGee—28th

### May 2012

Jesse Langley—?  
Haralson, Logan—3  
Angie McManus—7th  
Pam Sladek—7th  
Caleb Bonen—16th  
Bonnie Mooney—16th  
Liz Tobin—18th  
Brian Haralson—18th  
Alicia Palovaara—21st  
Bob Smith—27th

### June 2012

Gary Langley—3rd  
Josh Tuovila—6th  
Aubriana Palovaara—10th  
Kay Hoganson—12th  
John Dee—13th  
Brenda Tuovila—14th  
Shelley Gibson—21st  
Mary McKereghan -21st  
Patty Tuovila—22nd  
Jennifer Schneider—29th



*If you are celebrating your birthday in April, May or June and your name is not listed,  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU TOO!***

*We at Grace Christian Fellowship wish to keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate your special day.*

# Featured Potluck Recipe

## Ingredients:

- ½ stick unsalted butter
- 2 eggs well beaten
- 2 cups milk
- 1tsp vanilla
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ cup sugar
- 1-cup flour

## Pannukakku (Finnish Pancake)

*“BAH-noo-guck-goo”*

*Submitted By: Doreen Pleimling & Julie Judson*

Heat oven to 425. Place the ½ stick of butter in a 15inch by 10inch baking pan (basically a cookie sheet with sides), and place the pan in the oven to melt the butter (melt the butter completely without burning it). In the mean time with a whisk, beat the eggs, then add the milk, vanilla, salt, and sugar; mix thoroughly. Then mix in the flour (there will be little lumps of flour in the batter). Over-mixing will make the Pannukakku too dense. Also, do not rest the batter.

When the butter has melted, remove the pan from the oven and carefully tilt it to coat the bottom of the pan with the butter, leave the excess butter in the pan.



← Replace the pan back in the oven, and pull the oven rack out a bit to pour the batter directly into the pan.



← Slowly push the oven rack back, and then bake for 20 to 30 minutes.

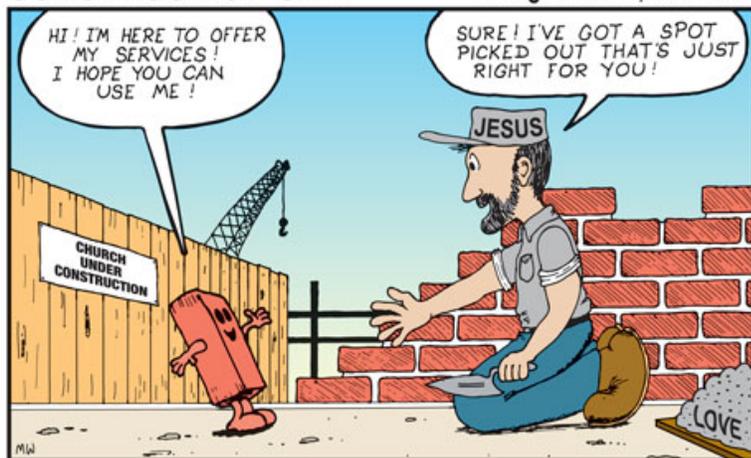
The batter will rise → above the edges of the pan and will be a golden color when finished.



Sprinkle the top of the Pannukakku with a cinnamon & sugar mixture, or a dollop of jelly, jam, or preserves. **ENJOY!**

## CONSTRUCTION SITE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. - 1 PETER 2:5 NIV

*“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”*

1 John 3:18

# Upcoming Community Events

**May 1-31, 2012** – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Keweenaw International Migratory Bird Day Festival in Copper Harbor. Visual presentations, guided bird walks, children's activities and more each weekend in May. For information contact Hannah Rooks at 906-289-4813 or Karen Karl at 906-289-4588 or visit [www.keweenawimbd.org](http://www.keweenawimbd.org).

**\*June 2, 2012** – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Walleye/Pike Fishing Tournament in Lake Linden. Tournament includes the waters of Lac La Belle, Torch Lake & Portage Lake. For information call (906) 337-3260 or (906) 296-0139.

**June 1 – July 15, 2012** – Pine Mountain Music Festival. World class singers & instrumental ensembles performing opera, chamber music, new music, symphony, jazz and more. For information call (906) 482-1542 or (877) 746-3999 or visit [www.pmmf.org](http://www.pmmf.org).

**June 10, 2012** – 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Linden-Hubbell Sportsmen's Club Fishing Derby at Rice Lake. Enjoy a family day of fun with prizes, lunch & refreshments. For information call Dave at (906) 296-9431.

**\*June 15-17, 2012** – Bridgefest Celebration in Houghton and Hancock areas. Parade, arts and crafts show, entertainment, jet ski races, dances and much more. Help celebrate the "Birthday" of the Portage Lake Lift Bridge. For information, visit [www.bridgefestfun.com](http://www.bridgefestfun.com) or e-mail [bridgefest@up.net](mailto:bridgefest@up.net).

**\*June 14-16, 2012** - Seafood Fest is held on the Houghton Waterfront in conjunction with Bridgefest. Come sample your favorite seafood, listen to music and join in the fun. For information visit [www.bridgefestfun.com/seafoodfest.html](http://www.bridgefestfun.com/seafoodfest.html) or email [admin@houghtonrotary.org](mailto:admin@houghtonrotary.org).

**June 16, 2012** - Keweenaw Chain Drive Festival Mountain Bike Race held in conjunction with Bridgefest. Cross country races & specialized kids races. Sponsored by the Keweenaw Convention & Visitors Bureau. For information visit [www.chaindrive.org](http://www.chaindrive.org) or email [haus@chartermi.net](mailto:haus@chartermi.net).

**\*June 16, 2012** - Longest Day Fishing Tournament in Copper Harbor. For information call Don at (906) 289-4637.

**June 29-30, 2012** – Pasty Fest, sponsored by Main Street Calumet. Events at Agassiz Park in Calumet include music, games and the annual pasty tasting contest. For information contact Main Street Calumet at (906) 337-6246 or visit [www.mainstreetcalumet.com/events/pastyfest.htm](http://www.mainstreetcalumet.com/events/pastyfest.htm).

*More information on community events is available at the Keweenaw Convention & Visitors Bureau in Calumet and on Main Street Calumet's website [www.mainstreetcalumet.com](http://www.mainstreetcalumet.com)*

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