

## Grace Notes, 10-9-2020

It's been a week. To get a little personal, you may know that Dave and I were not in church Sunday because we felt a little under the weather. And you all know the rules – if you're not feeling well, stay home. The good news is, it wasn't Covid. I had a test on Monday which was negative. Yesterday I had cataract surgery. Because all this was going on, I stayed home all week. I haven't been to the church so I can't tell you the little tidbits of what's been happening there. I'm clueless!

A few updates on events that won't be happening due to the pandemic. The Rotary election day pancake breakfast has been cancelled. The Harvest Dinner is also cancelled. There's just no way to safely hold these indoor meals.

What is happening is the Thanksgiving food collection. The list of food needed is in the October newsletter. This Sunday's item is canned tuna in water. You can bring a can and put it in the basket in the hallway, or shop the whole list and drop it off before November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Next week, all the committees will meet; Praise, Ministry, and Stewardship. And the bells will practice on Wednesday night at 6:30 pm.

This Sunday, David Huizenga will be preaching. His sermon is titled "What is God's Will?" The scripture readings are Proverbs 15: 21-33 and Acts 1: 12-26. The bell choir will be playing special music. And at 7 p.m. Sunday there will be a Zoom fellowship and adult discussion of the book White Too Long. An invitation for the event will be sent out this weekend. If you can't attend church, the service will be streamed live on Facebook and then posted to YouTube later.

At Grace United we are drawn together by our love of God, as followers of Christ, filled with the holy spirit. We celebrate together each Sunday. That celebration might look different than it did 50, 25, 10, or even one year ago. That's the good news – we celebrate together. We do our darndest to mirror Christ's example as we care for each other and the world around us. We're still figuring out ways to show His love for others. We go through this pandemic together trying to find the best way forward together, when distance keeps us safe. As Rachel Held Evans tells us, "All we have are imperfect people in an imperfect world doing their best to produce outward signs of inward grace and stumbling all along the way." Stumble on!

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