

Sunday School Report

Sunday School started again on September 30, 2008. Pat and Arie Knoester report that classes will be held each Sunday from October 7- December 16 with the exception of the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 25). Classes resume January 13 and continue through April with a two week off a



spring break (April 6-13). Classes will meet from 10-10:45 each Sunday morning.

The materials used by the Sunday School teachers will be *Walk with Me* from the CR Publishing House for the youngest three classes . The curriculum is divided into three units of four sessions each. This set of materials should last us through January 20. Derek Lew has arranged for materials for the high school group.

The classes will be taught as follows: Primary, K-3 Anna Bosch and Katie Timmermans, Upper Elementary, grades 4-5 Pat Stubbs, Middle School, Susan Van Kooten and Andy Kok, High School, Derek Lew with Ryan and Sarah Schreiber.

If you have questions about the Sunday School Program contact either Pat or Arie Knoester

Report From Living Water

Director Kim Stapert reported to the Living Water Board this month that:

- LW recovery house on Calvin St is full with nine residents
- New volunteers are involved in staffing the LW offices daily from 9-4.



- Over 300 adults and kids attended the Back to School Rally co-hosted with Grace and Abney Academy in August.
- Women at the Well meetings continue to be held weekly. 20-30 women and 5-15 children consistently attend. Two students from Calvin college are volun

teering every Tuesday evening to work with the kids and help with clean-up.

- Several women of Living Water are becoming involved in Grace's worship services, Pastor Jack's Bible studies, and inquirers class.
- Licensing application to the State of Michigan was submitted at the end of October. The State will schedule a site visit within a month after that date. This licensing will make it possible for LW to be eligible to apply for other grants.
- Several Grace members have begun to work with Kim as volunteers. More are needed! See the opportunities in the LW volunteer sheet in your mail box!
- UPS has adopted the Calvin St recovery house, and a crew of 10 UPS volunteers spent a work day on clean-up and repair. The women made breakfast for the crew, and another work day is planned.
- Board members from Grace Church are needed! Talk to Kim or Karl.
- Thanksgiving and Christmas events are planned!
November 11 Seedtime and Harvest Festival at Grace, 3-5 pm, with Calvin college Social Work Majors helping to organize.
December 18 6-830 at Grace.
LW Family Christmas. Co-hosted with Women of Grace. *Karl Westerhof, Grace Liaison to LW*

Introduction to the Facilities Committee A committee with the drive of a Martha, but the heart of a Mary.

No, there are no Martha's on the Facilities Committee, but the members work as if they were. The Committee consists of two Mary's, Mary McKinney and Mary Van Harn, as well as Tom Vander Laan, Terry Eggebeen, Roger Wagenmaker, and Doug Haverkamp.

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If you enjoyed the green grass around Grace Church, please thank Mary McKinney. Mary has diligently worked to establish the grass on the front of the church on Buckley and also in garden area on the southeast corner of the church, but that is only one small part of Mary's contribution. In addition, Mary has been painting the second-floor hallway and also manages to provide wonderful food for many Grace Church events, including the funeral for Viola Cross. Mary also was the host to the Calvin College students who helped clean-up around Grace Church over the Labor Day weekend.

Mary Van Harn is the Secretary of the Committee, but that is only a small part of her contribution. Mary is also a project manager, which included the crack-sealing, resealing and re-stripping the parking lot last year, and now she is working on replacing rugs.



Tom Vander Laan is another project manager. Tom was involved in the completion of the basement of Grace Church and that knowledge has been a great help. Tom

has been working with the Grace Church mechanical systems and is currently working on inspections for our heating and cooling systems.

Terry Eggebeen is the past chair of the committee and was responsible for the Grace Church sign at Buckley and Sheldon. Terry is the expert on the roof and HVAC roof units along with being a strong supporter of the Facilities Committee.

Roger Wagenmaker is the committee Deacon Liaison with the Church Council and the Deacons providing an important informational link between Council and the committee.

Doug Haverkamp is chairman of this committee. His chief job is to get out of the way of the energetic Facilities Committee members. Doug has been busy with the signage for the meeting rooms throughout the building.



The Facilities Team is working diligently to provide Grace Church with a well-maintained and clean facility as well as planning for the future. If you've got this far, there is one last request from all the members of the team. When entering the sanctuary please use a spill-proof mug for your coffee or drinks. Committee members, along with Janitor Jay Collins, work hard to provide a clean and attractive place of worship.

The History Corner.

The funeral for Mrs. Viola Cross took place at Grace Church on Monday October 30, 2007. Viola Collins was born in Golden Lake, Arkansas in 1916. She married Andrew Cross in 1932 in Parkins, Arkansas, where they lived and worked until 1943. After that they moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

They had five sons and five daughters. They became members of the church in 1950.

They were married for 75 years. Looking back through the photofiles I have found these images of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. CSO



Mr. and Mrs. Cross celebrating their 50th Anniversary at Grace Church. Below being congratulated by Mrs. Louis Washington and Tom Vander Laan

