

Reforming---- Renewing--- Reconciling

(Pats Pondering from the Pews)

October, a time of harvest in the Ukiah Valley with the grapes, pears and other cash crops. Here at Grace we should be focusing on renewing within the church, reforming out dated or non essential ways of doing, and more importantly reconciling ourselves and those outside the church with each other and especially Jesus Christ.

Now in your minds, go back to the year 1517 when a young monk, named Martin Luther, nailed



his 95 points of disagreement to the church doors. They basically revolved around the selling of indulgences by the papacy and the church at Rome in what we now call justification. This act was the catalyst responsible for the reforming of the church which we in America celebrate on Oct 31 or the closest Sun to that date.

Fast forward to this era and find that for the past 50 years of dialogue between Catholics and Lutherans (world wide) the two entities have agreed to 32 points that are contained in a 120 page document called ,”Declaration on the Way.” The focus is on what we can agree on: church, ministry, and Eucharist

A 3 page copy is included in this issue of Gracelines for you.

Our own Sierra Pacific Synod. has as its mission statement, “ committed to being reformed” On the national level, the ELCA’s missional statement in part reads: We are marked with the cross of Christ forever and are Claimed, Gathered and Sent Out for the sake of the world.



Some will ask ”What does this have to do with us?” We are having a new beginning with our first ever full time called lady pastor and hopefully she will have lots of ideas to help us become a true reforming and reconciling and re -newed congregation.. We should not be so rigid in our thinking as to reject change out of hand in our worship styles, the way we do communion or even in the music we sing. More importantly we should be about sharing our faith in the world and making new disciples for the sake of the gospel.

After all – we are considered a Reforming Church, so let us go forth and celebrate the extraordinary God who showers us with undeserved blessings, mercy and Grace filled love.

We welcome Pastor Kristi Gillimore and family



Pastor Kristin Joyce Gallimore



Pr Kristi & hubby, Galen



Gallimore boys, Nicholas & Andrew

FAITH GIRLZ

This lively group of young ladies are hosting the 3rd annual **Pumpkin Patch** on OCT 22 at 10 AM to 2 PM in the front lawn area.



There will be games, pumpkin carving and decorating, a jump house, lots of candy, hot dogs and chili and plenty of refreshing drinks.

They are asking for donations of pumpkins and these can be brought into the fellowship hall and placed on the floor by the east wall.

Volunteers needed to set up and clean up is appreciated as well. If you have an artistic bent, a face painter would be appreciated. Give Shelia Prax a call with what you will do for this fantastic youth outreach event.

Call Team Reports

We have concluded our task of searching out and issuing a call for our pastor. It is with heartfelt thanks for each of you for your support and many prayers. Bless you all!

Baptism

Baptism last month at the 2nd service for Scarlett Marie Mize granddaughter of Bear & Holly Connoman. We welcome this child into the family of God.

Mental Health Assistance



It's the little things that often bring the greatest joy. For those suffering from mental illness, financial resources are usually taken up with basic living expenses and/ or medical expenses with little or nothing for personal hygiene products.

You can help by donating some of the following: toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions, sanitary napkins or tampons, deodorant, shampoo, combs, brushes, nail clippers, etc.

These donations will benefit the clients of Manzanita Services,, a client based mental health organization. See Carol Mordhorst for other ideas or a financial donation if you are unable to shop and she will shop for you.

Stewardship

Remember to place your pledge card in the offering plate or mail them in.

We at Grace have been quite generous with our non perishable food donations that go the **Ukiah Food Bank**.



families with children under 18.

Our cart is empty again and needs re-filling. Many of the family units that go for assistance are seniors on a fixed income and

Sunday School re-forming as Grace

Oct 2 between the worship services, 9:30 am to 10:30 am. All children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome. Janet Carlson will act as director this year with Lynn Edwards and Carol Mordhorst sharing their talents in the class room

Your Council at Work

There is nothing to report on council activities as they still have not released the written minutes. A modified report is given verbally in church the Sunday after the council meeting.

Council looking for volunteers to serve on the budget team. AND the nominating team will be searching out volunteers for next terms council position, endowment team members. _lease prayerfully consider this type of leadership ministry.

Our visitor at 2nd service ,Terry A., has requested prayer for the homeless and poor of our community.

Grace is teaming with First Presbyterian to



collect and assemble small gifts that fit in a shoebox for children around the world.

Deadline for your

gift donation is October 16 with a delivery date to our partner church on the 21st. A packing party will be held at Frst Pres on Oct 22 (Saturday) from 10am to noon. A suggested gift list is in the Fellowship hall next to the donation box.

Women's Bible Study Fellowship is back in Ukiah. The class will be held at Ukiah Bible Church on 2140 Arroyo (the former Deerwood Tennis Club)

Whether you are new to bible study or seasoned, all women are welcome to attend. 10:30 am to noon every Thursday beginning September 22. We will begin with the book of John. Bring your bible with you.

