

## ministry announcements

**Like to Sing?** We're actively looking for passionate individuals who enjoy leading worship to serve in our Choir. We'll be singing next on January 27th, with rehearsals beginning on Wednesday, January 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 and continuing on Wednesdays throughout the month. Come to rehearsal or email Brian Lusky for more info.

**New Believer? Investigating Christianity?** There is a new 10 week group beginning Jan 13 at 9:30. Starting Point is an opportunity to explore faith and experience community. Class size is limited to 12. Please check the box on the registration card if you would like to register.

**Baptism:** If you're a Christian and have not yet been baptized, the next baptism will be the weekend of Jan 12 & 13 at all 3 services. Please sign up on the registration card before January 5. Contact Miriam Crossman if you have questions.

**Communion Servers/Preparers:** If you would like to be on the team that serves and/or prepares communion, contact Kathy Herrmann at the church office.

**MOMs Cookbooks:** 397 favorite recipes for sale in the lobby: \$10. Proceeds go to MOMs childcare costs. Great gifts for family, teachers, neighbors, and friends.

**Wednesday Night Prayer:** Because of the holidays, the group will not meet on 12/26 and 1/2. We will resume on Jan. 9. Have a blessed holiday season.

**Bookstore:** Please visit our newly stocked bookstore for Bibles, books, cards, etc. It is open before and after each weekend service.

**Benevolent Needs:** A woman in our church has lost her only means of transportation. If you have a vehicle in decent condition that you could donate/sell for a low price, please contact Jill Mintsiveris.

**Suggestions?** We have a box at the information desk that you can use to make suggestions about our new facility. We would like to hear any thoughts you may have.

**Our nursery numbers are growing!** God is adding young families and our nurseries numbers are growing. We're looking to grow our awesome nursery team to match. Interested? Contact Pastor Larry at the church office.

## women

**Digging Deeper:** Women's Bible Study meeting weekly on Thursdays from 9:30 -11:30 (following the Millcreek School calendar) in room A2. Presently studying "Defending Your Faith" by R.C. Sproul, a series on Apologetics. Childcare provided - Cost is \$3 per child.

**MOMs:** Friday Jan 4 - Yoga with Michael Plasha. Meet in the Commons. Contact Sarah (833-6377) for more info.

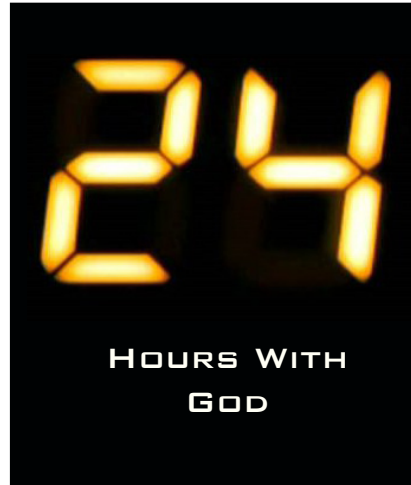
**Babysitting:** Childcare Subs Needed for MOMs, Fridays, 9-12 noon. Paid position. Contact Cherry Clark 474-9303.

## youth

**Junior & senior high youth groups will resume their normal schedule the week of January 13th.**

**Peek'n Peak:** Senior High trip on Sat, Jan 19th. We'll leave Grace at 8am and return at 10pm. The cost for a lift ticket and ski rental is \$53. With a snowboard it's \$58. Lessons cost an extra \$20. You can download a flyer at grace-erie.org. To go you must have your registration and money turned into Pastor Jason by January 6th.

**Don't Blink:** Life goes by really fast. In this sermon, Pastor Al will urge us to get our true priorities straight. January 6th & 7th.



Come join us for the first sermon series of 2008. Every day 24 hours pass you by. You get to decide what to do with that time but you cannot pause, stop, or rewind it. Learn how to make every day of your life count by understanding the unique feature each part of the day holds for you.

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January 12-13 The Morning Hour  
January 19-20 Nine To Five  
January 26-27 The Evening Hour

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**Time To Take The Signs Down!** We can't thank you enough for placing a whoisgrace.com sign on your home or business property. We received countless feedback that people in the community connected with the signs. Now it's time to take them down, especially those homes in the Summit area. Please remove the signs this weekend and discard both the sign and the wire stand this weekend.

**38th Street Building:** Our facility on 38th Street has not yet sold. We have just reduced the price again to \$799,000. We do have some good news however. Gecac will be leasing the pre-school wing as a short-term lease to be used as a site for their Head Start and preschool programs. This will help Grace in terms of income and will help GECAC to establish a headquarters on the West Side. We are still fully moving ahead with our attempts to sell the building and the new buyer will determine the future of their relationship with GECAC.

**Year-End Giving:** Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity this year! If you plan to make a year-end gift, please remember it must be postmarked by Dec. 31st to qualify for the 2007 tax year. Thank you. Contact Jill Mintsiveris or Bernie Farabaugh with any questions.

**Valet Parking:** Due to the size of our new parking lots, walking to the facility, especially in the winter months, is a real challenge for some of our people and guests. We are building a valet parking team that will be parking and retrieving cars during our Sunday morning services and we could really use your help. This is a great new ministry that requires no time away from home or family. Contact team leader Peter Cochran @ 835-0486 or email at pncochran@aol.com <mailto:pncochran@aol.com> for more information. Please give this serious/prayerful consideration.

## college & career

**Ignite** your Mondays! Next gathering is Jan 8th at 7pm at room A2. For more information contact Diane Pauli at [dpauli@grace-erie.org](mailto:dpauli@grace-erie.org).

## adult education

**Parenting... It IS brain science!** Know what a prefrontal cortex is? How about a corpus callosum or cerebellum? If you are a parent of a teen you should. Understanding what they're doing during the teenage years can help you as a parent. Come hear Penn State Behrend Psychology Professor Dr. Charisse Nixon discuss adolescent brain development and its effect on behavior, all 4 Sundays in January at 9:30.

**Membership:** Begins January 13 for 3 consecutive weeks at 9:30 or 11:00. Open to anyone desiring more information about Grace: our history, beliefs and values. Please check the box on the registration card to register.

**Discover your unique SHAPE.** God has equipped each believer with Spiritual Gifts, a Heart and passions, unique Abilities, a Personality, and life Experiences. You will discover these aspects of your unique gifts through a series of self-administered questionnaires as well as biblical teaching and discussion on each of the topics. It's going to be a great class! You need to fill out our online assessment form and bring your results with you to the class. You will find this assessment on our website: [www.grace-erie.org](http://www.grace-erie.org), on the homepage. Click the link in the blue box that says "shape assessment." CLASS BEGINS JANUARY 20th.

**Grace Holiday Schedule:** The church office will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 25-Friday, Dec. 28. No regular ministries will meet during this time. The office will also close at 3:00pm on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day. Regular office hours and ministries resume on January 2nd.