

*Annual Report of
Grace Presbyterian Church
2013
55th Anniversary
A Year of Radical Hospitality*

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Pastor's Report

Celebrate is the word that comes to mind as I reflect on 2013. We began by celebrating Charie Reid and her 42 years of ministry at Grace Church, first as the founding director of our Cooperative Preschool but primarily as Associate Pastor. She shaped our ministry through her faithful leadership, through education, pastoral care, administration, and mission engagement. Her gracious witness and influence touched upon every aspect of our ministry. There is much to celebrate when we think of Charie. Unanimously the Session voted to name Charie Reid Associate Pastor Emeritus, which we celebrated on our 55th Anniversary.

We spent over a month celebrating our 55th anniversary. With the theme ***I Love to Tell the Story*** we were encouraged to not only share the love of Jesus but also the impact of our ministry. Weekly presentations in worship and a pictorial timeline in the Fireside Room acknowledged the cultural changes and challenges through the decades while Grace Church remained a community of Christian nurture, intentionally seeking to be a positive influence in the world: sponsoring mission trips, sheltering people in need, standing up for issues of peace and justice.

We have much to celebrate in the many people who are filling some of the gaps which Charie's departure leaves us. First to note is Pastor Emeritus, Robert Williams, who routinely visits members in their homes and in hospitals bringing comfort through support and prayers. Jon Littig has offered exceptional leadership for our Sunday Adult Education, assisted by his wife Mary Ann, and has also been our representative on the Religious Council of Rossmoor. Jan Zimmerman, without Charie to staff the Deacons, has faithfully led the Board of Deacons which fulfilled its many assignments. The Elders on Session have given great consideration to how we need to adjust our ministry to remain positive and fruitful. One new key ingredient was to hire Florence Stone to be our Outreach Coordinator. She helps us remain connected with new visitors as well as publicize our major outreach events. Judy Williams, our Office Manager, continues to produce weekly and monthly publications (in addition to special invitations and notices), interacts with outside groups that use our facilities, and has also become a greater pastoral presence in Charie's absence.

A year of radical hospitality with the fruit of eighteen new members of Grace is a cause for celebration. How lovely that these new brothers and sisters share in our community, ministry, and faith. They are the fruit of your witness: friends inviting friends to deepen faith, to experience community, to know the love of God. I am thankful for the delightful outreach of Rossmoor Friends of Grace under the leadership of Joan Larsen, El Nungesser, and Reta Wilcox and supported by a host of our members and friends. We also celebrate the many lovely concerts and special events organized by our Music Director, Steve Cram, which introduces others to our community at Grace. We may celebrate every invitation extended and word of hospitality offered which has witnessed the welcome and compassion of God.

I celebrate that as we have honored the ministry of Charie and appreciated 55 years of our history we continue to look forward with the desire to share the love of God which we know through Jesus the Christ.

Submitted by Rev. Roger Reaber

Clerk of Session

<u>Total Active Members as of 1/1/2013</u>	<u>227</u>
<i>Losses</i>	
Deaths	13
Other	<u>2</u>
Total Losses	15
<i>Gains</i>	
New	17
Other	<u>0</u>
Total Gains	17
<u>Total Active Members as of 12/31/2013</u>	<u>229</u>
<u>Total Associate Members</u>	1
<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>230</u>

We remember and celebrate the resurrection of those members of Grace who died in 2013.

Heidi Wagner Dulcie Blume Jeff Foster Robert Pokorny June Perry Mae Recktenwald Shirley Duysen	Wayne Stephenson Vi Lorenzen Earl Barnett Bea Tillotson Mary Strawser Bill Brain
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We are very pleased to welcome 18 new members in 2013.

Tim Blaney Jane Burkland Ben Camins Patricia McCarthy Freddie Delamain Arline Densmore Stan Duysen Shirley Duysen Doris Gerber Tim Hamilton (Associate Member)	Billie Lenox Carol King Marilyn Stickler Glenn Watkins Wendy Watkins Joan Wilson Ivy Knott Ivalou Sinn
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We recognize those members transferring to other churches to continue with their Christian journey.

Maxine Olney

Ethel Vaughan

Submitted by Marjorie Bradley
Clerk of Session

Mission & Vision

MISSION STATEMENT (2007)

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, with open minds and hearts,
we celebrate and share the love of Jesus Christ,
and are instruments of God's grace, justice, and peace.*

WELCOME STATEMENT (2011)

*We welcome and celebrate all who worship with us—
the young and the old, the rich and the poor,
the gay and the straight, the strong and the weak,
the meek and the brave—
and though we are different one from another,
we are united in loving and praising God
and in loving each other.*

VISION STATEMENT (2007)

TOGETHER WE:

- Deepen our faith in Jesus Christ through worship, study, fellowship, and mission.
- Exemplify and offer the good news of Jesus to our neighbors.
- Offer hospitality, nurture, and empowerment.
- Provide a comprehensive ministry with/by seniors, which respects and addresses the various stages and issues of growing older in Christ.
- Welcome younger adults, teenagers, and children in a ministry that enlivens their Christian Discipleship.
- Are in close collaboration with other faith and secular organizations to address social needs within our local community and throughout the world.
- Pursue excellence in all that we do as we glorify God through faithful stewardship seen in sharing our time, talents, and treasures.

CORE VALUES (2008)

1. Growing and Sharing the Faith
2. Outreach to the Community and Beyond
3. Developing an Extended Family

OUR ASPIRATION (2008)

Grace Church makes a significant positive impact on the lives of its members and friends, and on the life of its community.

Grace Church is a thriving congregation, showing a growing membership, increasing community recognition, and financial stability.

Goals & Strategies

The overall goal of our ministry, established by our Session, is “to effectively share the love of Jesus Christ and invite others into deepening discipleship and active participation in the life of our community of faith.” Each Department, and the Board of Deacons, has specific goals and strategies to fulfill this overall goal.

Goals

INSPIRES members and friends to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ through worship and study.

Worship & Education
(Passionate Worship/Intentional Faith Development)

ENCOURAGES members and friends to contribute time, talent, and treasure, as well as to articulate the love of God and extend invitations to others to participate in our community of faith.

Discipleship *(Extravagant Generosity/Radical Hospitality)*

SEEKS, welcomes, and integrates visitors and members, and enhances their lives through a variety of group experiences.

Discipleship *(Radical Hospitality)*

RESPONDS to social justice issues locally, nationally and globally with compassion and support.

Witness & Ministry
(Risk-taking Mission & Service)

MANAGES its finances and property with integrity to attract and benefit members, friends, donors, and community partners.

Business *(Extravagant Generosity)*

MINISTERS to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless and to any who may be in distress.

Deacons
(Deliberate Congregational Care)

COMMUNICATES with the congregation and the community to encourage dialogue and enhancement of our ministry. **Session**
(5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations)

Strategies

1. **Create a vision** of ministry and mission which is intentionally interpreted to the members and friends of Grace Church.
2. **Enhance worship** experiences and opportunities to attract, inspire, and further the spiritual growth of people.
3. **Offer and advertise** a variety of adult education opportunities which will nourish our membership and be attractive to non-members.
4. **Upgrade the facilities** to improve our profile and safety; and develop a Capital Improvement Plan.
5. **Implement a marketing plan** to attract visitors and maintain membership.
6. **Provide small groups** and larger celebrations to communicate and advance our values and ministry.
7. **Practice faithful stewardship** with property and finances and provide innovative stewardship appeals with an integrated calendar to support our annual budget, mission support, and facility upgrades.
8. **Interpret national and global mission** and work with local organizations to invite greater active participation of our members and friends.
9. **Enhance recognition of members** to acknowledge faithful volunteerism and invite other contributions.

Treasurer's Report

STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR 2013

Grace Church budgeted \$379,606 for its General Fund in 2013. Total income for the budget program came to \$374,246 and total expenses for the year were \$381,539 leading to a \$7,293 decrease in the bank balance.

Bank balance on 1/1/13	\$ 43,379.61
Church program receipts	\$ 374,245.73
Church program expenses	<u>\$ 381,538.78</u>
Bank balance on 12/31/13	<u>\$ 36,086.56</u>

In addition, Grace Church handled \$204,529 in receipts and \$155,993 in expenses for special accounts and activities during the year, and held \$207,655.90 in the bank accounts for these items at the end of 2013 (not including \$29,334 in funds pledged for the year 2014).

<u>Church program receipts</u>		<u>Percent</u>
Pledges for 2013	\$219,587	58%
Other revenue	<u>\$156,179</u>	<u>42%</u>
Total	\$375,763	100%
<u>Church program expenses</u>		
Local Program	\$321,758	84%
General Mission	<u>\$ 61,298</u>	<u>16%</u>
Total	\$383,056	100%

The year 2013 was again a significant year for Grace Church's investment holdings. At the start of the year, the Church's holdings included the Gemmer-Schwab Asset Management Fund valued at \$775,750 and \$487,437 held in funds invested with the United Presbyterian Foundation (UPC).

Upon recommendation by EBIC (Endowments, Bequests, and Investments Committee), it was decided to withdraw \$24,000 from the Gemmer Fund during the year 2013, which along with \$4,960 in earnings distributed from UPC, provided investment income for church purposes.

At the end of the year 2013 the value of the Gemmer Fund was \$875,363 and the UPC investments were \$517,706, in total \$1,393,069. This was an increase of \$129,882 during the year. At the start of year 2014, another \$66,160 accumulated from donations during 2013 and prior years was added to the Gemmer Fund, bringing the total value of the church's investments assets to nearly \$1,460,000.

There is no outstanding indebtedness.

Submitted by Richard Carll

Note: Detailed copies of financial reports are available in the church office.

Business

GOAL

Manage the finances and property of Grace Church with integrity in order to attract and benefit members, friends, donors and the community.

STRATEGIES

Continue to upgrade the campus by managing the renovations and maintenance of buildings and grounds.

RESULTS

Revitalized the landscaping by enforcing the contract with contractor about irrigation system and planning upgrades.

Upgraded landscape with infrastructure, compost, mulch, rock and bark material per recommendations from the contractor and Bethallyn Black in preparation for drought and to minimize hazards. All wood in the memorial garden has been treated, new borders installed, crushed granite replenished in the walkways and all planting areas mulched. The area in front of the sports court was revitalized with borders and rock mulch. Irrigation upgrades continue. Oak trees along Tice Valley were up-limbed for safety and increased visibility.

The major projects this year included:

- The Oak Room was painted (inside & outside).
- Small roof behind the kitchen was replaced.
- Part of the front parking lot was repaved.
- New courtyard benches were built by Don Lyons.
- Major purchase was made of chairs and tables for the Oak Room and Fireside Room.
- Narthex offices were reassigned and renovated.

Records show an increase in outside use of our campus, resulting in an increase of our facility-use income to over \$60,000.

General maintenance needs were addressed throughout the year.

THANKS TO

- Volunteers who have helped at work parties and on special projects, especially Don Lyons who is quick to respond to a multitude of needs.
- Dick Carll for his financial guidance.
- Donors who contributed funds to various projects.
- Judy Williams, our office manager, for administering decisions of the department.
- The EBIC: Reta Wilcox, John Larsen, Bob Smayda.

ELDERS RESPONSIBLE

Bethallyn Black (chair), David Fellner, Earnie Cunningham

Submitted by Bethallyn Black

Discipleship

GOALS

- Encourages members and friends to contribute time, talent, and treasure, as well as to articulate the love of God and extend invitations to others to participate in our community of faith. (*Extravagant Generosity & Radical Hospitality*)
- Seeks, welcomes, and integrates visitors and members, and enhances their lives through a variety of group experiences. (*Radical Hospitality*)

STRATEGIES AND RESULTS

Evangelism and Outreach:

- Took the lead in implementing the Radical Hospitality Plan. See comprehensive report on Radical Hospitality on the next page.
- Continued Sunday Greeters and new member sponsors. Thanks to Sharon Lyons for coordination.

Stewardship:

- Conducted Endowment Appeal (with Valentines), Facilities Campaign (High Hopes, with June Allen's matching gift challenge), and Annual Pledge Drive (I Love to Tell the Story, combined with 55th Anniversary celebration.) Thanks to Stewardship Committee.
- Presented all appeals enclosed in Grace in the World newsletter, reducing mailing time and costs, in cooperation with Witness and Ministry.
- Published four Generosity Journals, *2012 in Brief*, *Radical Hospitality*, *The Spirit of Grace*, and *I Love to Tell the Story*, all mailed with quarterly statements. Thanks to Reta Wilcox.
- Continued E-Scrip enrollment -- accomplished by Melinda Boxold.

Volunteerism (giving of time and talent):

- Continued monthly recognition of honorees at Sunday worship and in Grace in the World. Thanks to Leslee Prah.
- Produced photo tribute to volunteers and donors for Harvest Dinner. Thanks to Leslee Prah.

Fellowship:

- Maintained Fellowship Hour volunteers, orientation, schedule, and weekly hospitality. Thanks to Joan Larsen, new coordinators Karen Haus and B J Boone, and all teams.
- Coordinated parts of the 55th Anniversary Celebration, luncheon, materials, and displays. Enormous thanks to Judy Williams.

THANKS TO

- Strategic Stewardship Advisory Committee: Reta Wilcox, El Nungesser, John and Joan Larsen.
- Rossmoor Friends of Grace: Leaders Joan Larsen, Reta Wilcox and El Nungesser, committee and many hostesses.
- Leslee Prah and Joan Larsen for continuing to help this department even though no longer on the Session.
- The pastors, Judy Williams, Florence Stone and Jennifer Wallace for constant support.

ELDERS RESPONSIBLE

Reta Wilcox (Chair) and Sharon Lyons

Submitted by Reta Wilcox

Outreach

A Year of Radical Hospitality

GOAL

Increase the number of church members.

STRATEGIES

- A year-long focus on Radical Hospitality, inviting and welcoming newcomers.
- A church calendar focused on evenly spaced and consistently promoted invitational options.
- Emphasis on enhancing Sunday worship with memorable opportunities for connection, and implementing more personal follow-up with visitors.
- Emphasis on expanding "bring-a-friend" opportunities, so successful for Rossmoor Friends of Grace, to other groups.
- Emphasis on inviting music lovers who attend our Concert Series to further involvement with the church, through more follow-up.

RESULTS

- Radical Hospitality was the theme of the January Officers Retreat, and included in every department action plan. In the spring Roger Reaber wrote a devotional booklet and presented a sermon series on the topic. The April Generosity Journal was devoted to our Radical Hospitality plans. Radical Hospitality was an integral part of every month's Grace in the World newsletter. The theme was reflected in the pastor's messages, articles celebrating new members and presenting their biographies, a feature reporting on the results of outreach activities, and materials for the Facilities Campaign.
- The calendar was widely publicized and offered one or two key events each month.
- Sunday worship was enhanced with several Sermon Series, invitational events such as Earth Day involving pre-schoolers and their families and Mother's and Father's Days featuring young musicians, and guest preachers such as Glenda Hope. Easter celebrated Charie Reid's service and retirement, and the 55th Anniversary celebrated Grace Church's history. All these occasions attracted visitors. A new, more detailed visitor follow-up system including mailings, phone calls, and pastoral visits was implemented mid-year.
- Rossmoor Friends of Grace has evolved from church members bringing friends to guests inviting additional guests. Each of four events attracted about 80 attendees. These were *Mardi Gras*, *Salsa Fiesta*, *Beach Boardwalk Summerfest*, and *Holiday Preview*. The "bring-a-friend" concept was expanded to a Hymn Sing/ Ice Cream Social, the Animal Blessing, and a Veteran's Appreciation Concert.
- Music lovers enjoyed a special "welcome to Grace" greeting at every concert, and many provided contact information so we can invite them to future events. Receptions followed selected concerts.

The Radical Hospitality focus was facilitated by hiring Florence Stone as Outreach Coordinator in April.

Our deliberately crafted and carefully implemented plan helped Grace Church attract 18 new members in 2013. This growth increased our membership by three to 230, offsetting 15 deaths and moves. This amount of concerted effort is clearly necessary in our aging congregation. The Discipleship Department sincerely THANKS everyone who helped make Radical Hospitality our priority in 2013.

Submitted by Reta Wilcox

Witness & Ministry

GOAL

Respond to Social Justice issues locally, nationally and globally with compassion and support.

STRATEGIES

Highlight the church-wide mission programs supported by the Mission Budget and seek to widen the reach of Grace's generosity in the local community and worldwide. We accepted the additional challenge of again raising at least \$7,500 for budgeted mission giving = Risk-taking ministry and service.

RESULTS

Created a Mission Budget reflecting support of local mission work in Contra Costa County and the Bay Area, as well as national and international concerns.

Collaborated monetarily with the Deacons in support of local mission programs. Members also contributed \$500+ with gift cards from the giving tree, sponsored by the Witness and Ministry Department, which will go to interfaith members, giving local families a boost during the Christmas season.

Created and/or supported fund raising events towards the \$7500 mission challenge. "Souper" Bowl collection, dinners and musical concerts were supported by members and guests, creating a sense of community as an extra plus and outreach for our fund-raising endeavors. From the EBIC Mission Fund we sent \$1,000 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in response to the needs in the Philippines, \$1,000 to Colorado, \$1,000 to the Mount Diablo Habitat for Humanity (to stay in Walnut Creek) and \$500 for Steve and Cinda who work as Mission Partner volunteers in Egypt.

Answered community needs with special donations to the San Francisco Network Ministry, Meals on Wheels, Bay Area Crisis Nursery and Habitat for Humanity. Provided a meal for Warm Winter Nights program and furnished school supplies for the Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, a BIG success!

We provided five food boxes per month this year with your in-kind and monetary donations. Each food box is valued at \$70.

Interpreted traditional special offerings with mailing to the Grace Community supplemented with Minutes for Mission deliveries to highlight significance of the offering to Presbyterian mission work – One Great Hour of Sharing, Peace Offering, Christmas Joy Offering. Again a Pentecost Offering was taken to benefit Bay Area Crisis Nursery and Meals on Wheels. Information was included in the bulletin announcements and postings, articles in *Grace in the World* and display materials.

Thanked the Grace Community with an invitation to the Harvest Dinner where many donated to our food box program.

THANKS TO

All who made Grace Church's 2013 mission giving a BIG SUCCESS. Grace people are wonderful, caring and very special. Your enthusiasm for helping others is living proof of God's love. Dick Carl for financial information and maintaining our mission giving on schedule.

ELDERS RESPONSIBLE

Sonja Luscher (chair), John Littig, Louise Milford

Submitted by Sonja Luscher

Worship & Education

GOAL

To inspire members and friends to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ through worship and study.

WORSHIP

The face of Sunday Morning Worship changed for Grace Church this year when Charie Reid retired on March 31. We take this opportunity once more to thank her for her years of service. We carry on our mission to offer special services as an outreach to our community and to nurture our church family. The worship services continued with Communion on the first Sunday of the month, two Christmas Eve and a New Year's Eve service. Other special services this year were World Communion Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Other community outreach we offered at Grace this year was an Animal Blessing, Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social, and Veterans Day Concert. The Veterans Day Concert was led by our Music Director Steve Cram. Also under his leadership we enjoyed many concerts throughout the year. Our bell choir was started up again this year and there has been new interest from our members in that ministry. Fran Whipple has been helping with directing the bell choir in joint leadership with Steve.

EDUCATION

The Education of our members has been another focus and outreach of this department. We have offered many educational programs throughout the year. To list a few classes offered both Sunday morning and Tuesday evening this year have been *Living the Question*, *Tex Mix*, *Song of Solomon*, *Painting the Stars*, and the sermon discussions.

Our other education opportunities this year were a class in Forgiveness, lead by Aline Wilson and M. J. Palley, and a Lenten study. As always, for many years, the Women's Association has a Bible study, the Men's Club has offered education/discussion opportunities and the Wednesday morning Bible study is offered.

THANKS

This department wants to give thanks to all the volunteers who make Worship and Education at Grace what it is, from ushers to lay readers, with a special thank you to Marjorie Tweedie and Fran Whipple who lined up those volunteers. We would also like to thank the staff at Grace: Roger, Charie, Steve, and Judy Williams, the office manager. Also, a special thanks to Susan Blair who paints the windows for special events and helps decorate the Sanctuary along with Rita and Juan Chorné. And to Jon and Mary Ann Littig who lead many of our educational studies.

ELDERS RESPONSIBLE

Carol Parker (Chair), Roger Schultz, and Aline Wilson

Submitted by Carol Parker

Board of Deacons

GOAL

Deacons shall minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless and to any who may be in distress. They shall be responsible for other duties as may be assigned to them by Session.

STRATEGIES

- Continue caring ministry to support and encourage our membership.
- Fulfill other responsibilities; oversee Deacons funds and mission-giving.

RESULTS

- The Caring Caller program continues with volunteers from the membership.
- Communion elements are prepared, candles are filled, and elders and deacons accompany the pastors on Home Communion visitation.
- Memorial receptions are provided when Circles are not in charge.
- Memorial gifts have been acknowledged.
- Note cards are sent to shut-ins, those hospitalized or in need.
- The needs of the Food Bank are kept before the congregation as well as opportunities to bring cans for the Food Barrel and to sort food at the Food Bank.
- \$100 in food cards is made available monthly to Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition for the Fourth Week Food Program.
- With Richard Carll's assistance, we disbursed funds per policies and Mission Budget.
- Hosted fellowship time 4th Sundays throughout the year.

DEACONS RESPONSIBLE

Jan Zimmerman	Moderator
Betsy Williams	Secretary
Rita Dorst	Caring Caller
Karen Haus	Emergency/Disaster preparedness, Session Liaison
Joyce Maynes	Deacon at large
Dorothy Miller-Nelson	Communion preparation, Home Communion recruitment
Jeanne Owens	Deacon at large
Robert Quivey	Candle filling, Emergency/Disaster preparedness
Margo Riach	Emergency/Disaster preparedness, Hymnal Board monitor, Caring Caller
Marjie Tweedie	Memorial gifts recognition
Louella Horning	Note ministry, Communion preparation

We are grateful to *Sonja Luscher* who organizes memorial service receptions and to *Phyllis Carman* for facilitating the Caring Callers ministry.

Submitted by Jan Zimmerman

Women of Grace

2013 was a year for change. The Women of Grace had just four programs: February, May, September, and December, changed from the previous program schedule of once per month.

In February our program speaker was Elizabeth Cook, Professor, Department Chair and our mission co-worker at the Latin American Biblical University in Costa Rica. In May, we were entertained by "Standing Ovarions", children's theater group, who sang a few selections from their upcoming musical. The main event was Sonia Christopher's "sing a-long". In September, a speaker from Vector Control educated us on preventing Nile Virus. The last event of the year was the December Annual Advent Tea featuring the Madrigal Singers of Northgate High School and a delicious feast prepared as our gift to the community.

The three Circles continue to meet monthly. We have 41 members and 11 associate members.

Esther Circle's moderator is Janyce Gerber. They meet on the second Tuesday at 11:45 in the Fireside Room, unless noted. Their mission is Bibles for Juvenile Hall.

Lydia Circle is moderated by Pat Hansen, who we welcomed aboard this year. They meet the second Thursday at noon in the Fireside Room. Their mission is Safe House, San Francisco.

Susanna Circle's moderator is Lorna Barber. They meet the second Friday at 9:30 and meet in members' homes, unless noted. Their mission is STAND (against Domestic Violence).

In September, a group attended San Francisco Theological Seminary for the annual Bible Study preview. Each Circle is studying "*An Abiding Hope: the presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*". We heard from the author, Janice Catron, a very humorous and engaging speaker.

The current Coordinating Team is:

Lorna Barber, Moderator
Mary Ann Littig, Treasurer
Lavenia Black, Studies
Betsy Williams, Mission
Janyce Gerber, Fellowship
Diana Barkley, Peace and Justice
Dottie McGhee, Member at Large

A special thanks this year to Diana Barkley and all the Needlers who meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 11. They have finished many wonderful projects including scarves for our service people, lap robes for the VA hospital and layettes and scarves for Bay Area Crisis Nursery and many items for the Cameron House in San Francisco. What a group!

We look forward to serving the community and each other in the coming year.

Submitted by Lorna Barber

Grace Cooperative Preschool

2013 was a wonderful year for Grace Cooperative Preschool. We held our first Earth Day celebration, strengthened our school's commitment to the environment, and cheered on our school director, Marlene Hall, as she received a Lifetime Achievement award.

The families of Grace Cooperative Preschool shared a wonderful experience with the Church at our first Earth Day celebration. Children and families treasured the time that we shared with the members of the church as we visited the congregation and the children sang Earth Day songs. Children also enjoyed earth and nature-related crafts, including making seeds balls to spread flowers to barren areas; and families shared their love of the environment by planting lemon trees and lavender plants.

In the same vein, we supported the environment through school projects, including a project in the Monday-Thursday class to reduce the use of plastics throughout the entire school during snack time. The school received a grant to begin the process of updating our school garden to drought tolerant plants in order to reduce our water usage, and the teachers attended a conference on the effect of plastics on our oceans.

In March, at the state convention for the California Council of Parent Participation Preschools (CCPPNS), our very own Marlene Hall received a Lifetime Achievement Award for her years of dedication, wisdom, and care as the Director of our preschool. We are grateful to the members of the church who helped us by writing letters to nominate Marlene for this award.

Our annual Pancake Breakfast was a great success this year. Our theme was "Enchanted Forest", and children and families were busy transforming the Oak Room into a forest filled with pixies, forest creatures, nests and family trees. We were able to use the funds raised from the pancake breakfast for tuition assistance and to support our wonderful music program. We are so grateful to all of the Church members who support our school during this event and attend the pancake breakfast.

We will miss our long-time volunteers who moved away this year, including Ethel Vaughan, and Margaret Sandelmann. We also miss Charie Reid, who has such a long and wonderful history with our school. We are so grateful for the many church volunteers who help us in the classroom. The children are always so happy to see them. The MWF children cherished their time with Margaret Sandelmann, Joan Larsen and sometimes Marsha Stark, as they learned about cooking and enjoyed their edible creations. Ethel Vaughan and Kay Hatch have been so helpful in the classroom, and the children enjoyed spending time with each of them. The children and families adore the time they get to spend in music class with Lavenia Black as the children sing along and develop a love of music. The children were delighted when Santa visited Grace again this year. Since Dick Pierce's surgery precluded his being with us, we were relieved and enchanted when a star was born as Dave Fellner stepped in as the man with the white beard. We are so grateful to Judy Williams and to Roger Reaber for their ongoing support and encouragement. We thank you for everything you do for us! We appreciate you!

Submitted by Sarah Lee-Jaine,
Board President 2013-2014

Legacy Society

LEGACY SOCIETY

Grace Presbyterian Church expresses grateful thanks to past, present and future donors of major gifts, bequests and endowments. Their thoughtful contemplation of our church's future needs, and their generous commitment to extend their faith, influence and support beyond their lifetimes is sincerely appreciated.

PAST DONORS

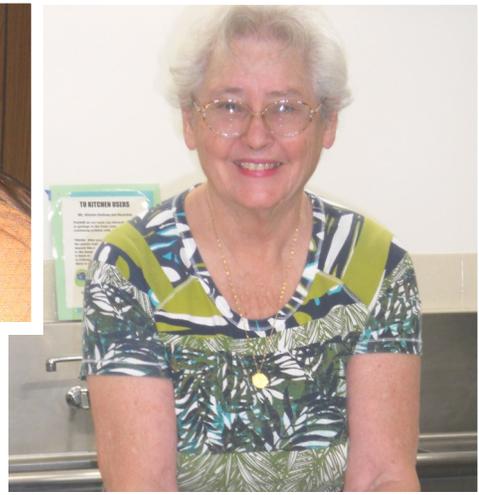
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FUTURE DONORS and LIFE GIFT CONTRIBUTORS

This list includes those who have notified the church of their future intentions.

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Carol Bergesen
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Officers 2014

SESSION - 2014

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A Look to 2014
Invite a friend or more!

Monday, February 10	RFOG Valentines Party, Rossmoor, 1 to 2:30 PM
Sunday, February 16	Hymn Sing, 3 PM
Saturday, March 8	Crab Feed, 6 PM
Sunday, March 9	David Chavez, Tenor, Concert, 3 PM
Friday, March 28	Spring Outreach-Comedy Theater, 1 PM Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday, Regular worship at 10 AM
Sunday, May 11	Mother's Day Concert with Glenn Staller, 3 PM
Monday, May 26	RFOG Memorial Day Concert and Picnic, 1:00 PM, Grace Campus
Sunday, June 15	Organ Blowout Concert, 3 PM
Sunday, July 20	Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social, 3 PM
September 2014	RFOG Rossmoor 50th Anniversary/ Interfaith Worship, Rossmoor
Sunday, November 9	Veterans' Memorial Concert, 3 PM
Monday, November 24	RFOG Holiday Event, 1 to 2:30 PM, Rossmoor
Saturday, December 6	Annual Advent Tea, 1 PM Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women
Sunday, December 7	Ashmolean Singers Concert, 3 PM
Sunday, December 21	Harmony Singers Concert, 3 PM
Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Worship, 4 and 7:30 PM
Wednesday, December 31	New Year's Eve Reflections, 4 PM