

GRACE NOTES

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**BRINGING UNITY, EVENTS & NEWS TO THE CHURCHES OF ALMOND, OXFORD,
PORTAGE, REEDSBURG & THE WAUTOMA COMPANY**

Another Chance

Not long ago I read the following: "As the day begins it is another chance for us to be better than we were the day before." We might expect that this would come from a devotional book. It was instead a strategically placed sign for employees of Delta Airlines.

While the sign may have been written to motivate employees, I think it is also applicable to every one of us as Christians. As we climb (or slither) out of bed each morning we are given the gift of another day of life, provided by our Creator and Redeemer. In the words of the Psalmist, "This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

And each day He calls us higher. He calls us to place our trust more completely in Him. He calls us to live more in harmony with His ideal outlined in Scripture. He calls us to allow Him to work in us to more clearly represent Him to others. He calls us to lay aside everything that would hinder us from drawing close to Him.

Daily God gives us another chance. Another chance to allow Him to work on our character, another chance to practice living for Him, another chance to more clearly represent Him to our neighbors, work associates, and friends.

We are told that sanctification is the work of a lifetime. We don't know how many days our lifetime will be. We are not assured days or years ahead. We are only given one day at a time. One day that we can do better than yesterday. One day to rest in God's love, allowing Him to work to do His good pleasure in shaping our lives to be a beautiful character representing Him in a winning way.

Today, I would invite you to take advantage of another chance, this day, to be better, depend more fully than yesterday. If you do this, your life will be blessed, and you will be a blessing to others along the way.

Mike Edge
President

Wisconsin Conference



Portage Seventh-day Adventist Healthy Cooking classes make some delicious looking food. Join them for lessons and recipes and enjoy the end result of eating healthy!

Almond's May Events

- May 1 Weekly reading time at 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
- May 1 Steps to Christ Study 6:30 (Luke's apt)
- May 3 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- May 4 Sabbath - Vegetarian Potluck
- May 5 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- May 8 Weekly reading time at 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
- May 8 Steps to Christ Study 6:30 (Luke's apt)
- May 10 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- May 11 Sabbath - Vegetarian Potluck
- May 12 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- May 12 Prayer Breakfast 9 AM—All are welcome!**
- May 15 Weekly reading time at 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
- May 15 Steps to Christ Study (Luke's apt)
- May 17 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- May 18 Sabbath - Vegetarian Potluck
- May 19 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- May 22 Weekly reading time at 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
- May 22 Steps to Christ Study 6:30 (Luke's apt)
- May 24 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- May 25 Sabbath - Vegetarian Potluck
- May 26 **CANCELLED** Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- May 29 Weekly reading time at 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
- May 29 Steps to Christ Study (Luke's apt)
- May 31 Prayer Mtg. 7:00



Healthy Cooking Classes



Looking for some healthy, yet tasty recipes? Join us as we demonstrate some delicious, quick, healthy recipes at the Portage Seventh-Day Adventist Church at 2100 E State Highway 33 at 6:00 pm. Sample the results and take home the recipes. There is no charge, so bring a friend and join us. Call 608-617-8924 if you have questions or to register.

- April 17 Italian Cuisine
- April 24 Mexican Delights
- May 1 Making Tasty Tofu
- May 8 Party Treats

New Feature of Grace Notes!

Q&A

Anyone with any questions relating to the Bible or God or anything along that line, submit it and we will find an answer for it. Send your question to gracenotesnewsletter.com or through the regular mail and I will forward them, anonymously, to our Pastor who will answer them.

Question:

Question: Multi question on communication with God

How can you tell the voice of God from a voice in your head?

How can you tell the voice of God from the voice of the Devil?

Would you find it easier to kill someone if you believed God supported you in the act?

If God told you to kill an atheist, would you?

Answer:

Hebrews 13:8 - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." 1 John 4:1 - "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God" God will not contradict Himself, though He may contradict our preconceptions about Him. If the voice in your head contradicts the Bible, then you know it is not from God.

As for the questions regarding killing someone, the short answer is God is not calling you to kill someone. There are only a handful of times in the Bible that God calls someone to kill someone, and there are very specific circumstances required; circumstances such as being a king or a nation called to enact God's judgment upon another nation. Those reading this district newsletter do not fit those circumstances, so the answer is no. If you remain unconvinced, study the mercy and long-suffering of God in the Bible, and the nonviolence of Jesus our Example.

Thank you Pastor Justin for your answers. They have been enlightening and I pray that our new pastor will be willing to carry on this new section of Grace Notes.

Wautoma Company Revelation Seminar needs Volunteers!!

The Wautoma SDA Company will be starting a Revelation Seminar on April 9 - June 1. We will be meeting each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We are in need of the following volunteers:

Special Music Presenters each week (call Alan Anderson @ 920-787-2580)

Prayer Warriors for each Tuesday, Thursday, Wednesday and Saturday Nights (call Tim Schmidt @ 920-859-8002)

Health Talk Speakers (about 10 minutes) for each Tuesday and Thursday night (call Judy Schmidt @ 920-859-8002)

Visitation Volunteers to participate with follow-up visits (call Tim Schmidt @ 920-859-8002)

Happy Birthday !!!

Martin Olajec	5/2	REEDSBURG
Charlen Leonard	5/4	REEDSBURG
John Beggs, Jr	5/10	ALMOND
Joe Boehm	5/10	PORTAGE
Kerrie Evert	5/15	PORTAGE
Julie Coens	5/16	REEDSBURG
Greg Klemp	5/16	OXFORD
Kim Jorgenson	5/17	OXFORD
Dennis Hartman	5/18	PORTAGE
Angie Dana	5/19	PORTAGE
Linda Hartley	5/19	PORTAGE
Steve Collins	5/19	PORTAGE
John Zipsie	5/20	REEDSBURG
Tonya Roat	5/23	PORTAGE
Debbie Moungey	5/25	PORTAGE
Beverly Bentley	5/28	ALMOND
Duaine Pixler	5/28	PORTAGE
Marita McKnight	5/31	PORTAGE



The Portage Patriots Pathfinder club is putting together a "Healthy Diet Cookbook" fundraiser. Please forward your favorite Recipes to Steve Collins at fscdriver@yahoo.com Funds will be used to defray expenses to the Oshkosh world wide camperee! The books will be beautiful to see and lay flat for maximum functionality as well. Each recipe will include the contributor's name. Be a part of the Pathfinders experience!

If you have anything coming up in your church that needs to be promoted, please let us know. We would be happy to promote your event or to share stories of your event after it happened. We are also looking for human interest type stories or anything that has touched your life. Share with others so that we can all be touched in the way that you were.

Hello from Wautoma

We are in the middle of an 8-week Revelation Seminar which is being lead out by Tim Schmidt. The meetings are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays starting at 6:30 p.m. We have been blessed with special music every evening and Thursday evenings program includes a health message. So far our largest attendance has been 14 and we have had several non-members join us. There has been a genuine interest in learning and everybody who has attended an evening program has been blessed.

Our other weekly activities continue making things very busy in Wautoma. On 4-20-2019 we had our 2nd joint communion service with the Hispanic company and we were blessed greatly with the sense of Jesus and love in our presence.

Work on remodeling continues with drywall, painting and some changes for increasing accessibility. I can't say when our project will be complete but every week brings us closer to that hope.

Alan Anderson

Portage Events

Portage SDA Church email address is:

portagesdachurch@gmail.com

Portage SDA Church Facebook:

Type: Portage Seventh-day Adventist

Radio station:

WPSA LP 93.5 FM



Please consider serving our Savior with your musical abilities....

Our camp meeting choir and orchestra will be bringing the anthems "HOW CAN IT BE" with "AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN" to our camp meeting congregation on Sabbath, June 22, 2019, at 11:00 am. Based on

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NEED A JOB? BORYCA08@GMAIL.COM
The Wisconsin ABC is looking for dedicated, reliable, hard working individuals to work at this years camp meeting. Please contact Melissa Boryca at the above email ASAP if you are interested in applying.

JUNE 12-23
ABC HOURS:
10 AM - 6 PM
AFTER EVENING MEETING - 10 PM

PosterMyWall.com

Camp Choir... continued

scriptures: 1 John 2:1-2; Hebrews 4:16; John 8:10-12, this is a bold statement of faith that soars with purpose.

Please contact Jill (Lawson) Ahrens for music prior to camp meeting

(608)792-7931 cell/text

vivacerae@gmail.com

or jillrae.lawson@hotmail.com

Happy Centennial Birthday Robert Peterson !!!



We were honored on Sabbath to spend time celebrating this special day with Robert Peterson on his **100th Birthday**. This event took place at the Legion Hall in Almond. Family came to attend from as far as Arizona and friends from at least 4 different Adventist Churches. We had a great time, great food and a great Sabbath Day together with everyone. There were many memories shared by all. God Bless you Robert!



Robert Peterson, born April 27th, 1919

It's hard to believe that anyone can live that long and still be as active as he is. He has farmed all of his life and he continues to farm to this day. He has a few things going for him though. Looking at the brothers and sisters that are still living, and the fact that his Dad was almost 100 when he passed, there seems to be something in his genes that promote long life. Then again, we know why Robert is still around giving joy to everyone that he touches. He serves a God that is a God of love and evidently, God isn't finished with Robert yet. Whatever God has planned for Robert, it's going to be great and I for one am happy to be a part of it. Let's do this again next year on your birthday!

Happy Birthday Robert and many more!

Are You In Need of ?

This section is intended as an outreach to help those with needs, also helping those with the need to free up space in their homes by donating those un-needed items to someone who may have a use for them. May God Bless you for your generosity. If you have items to donate to someone, please let us know.

715-572-0650

or gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com

Business office desk. It is still in good shape but has seen many years of use so it contains minimal wear and tear on the front, around the drawers especially. All the drawers are in good working condition and the lockable drawer works.

30" tall X 60" wide. 715-570-2179



Rival Bread Machine... Free for the taking.
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(Contact gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com)

Almond SDA Church

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00
Potluck follows service each week!
1340 Elm St.
Almond WI 54909
715-570-2179
www.almondsda.org

Wautoma SDA Company

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Potluck follows service each week!
535 S. Cambridge
Wautoma WI 54982
920-765-0961
wautomawi.adventistchurch.org
Website under construction!

Oxford SDA Church
 Sabbath Worship Times
 Sabbath School @ 9:15 a.m.
 Worship @ 10:40 a.m.
 322 E Chauncey St
 Oxford, WI 53952-9064
 608-586-5770

Portage Seventh-day Adventist Church
 2100 E State Road 33
 Portage, WI 53901-1468
 608-742-4695
 Pastor:
Service Times:
 Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Reedsburg SDA Church
 115 S. Oak St.
 Reedsburg WI 53959
 Join Us This Saturday
 Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
 We have bible studies on Wednesday evening's at 6:30 at the church. We are starting the book of John on video.

Wautoma's May Events			
5/1/2019	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.	5/14/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt
5/2/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt	5/15/2019	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
5/3/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath	5/16/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt
5/4/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.	5/17/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath
5/4/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt	5/18/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
5/5/2019	Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.	5/18/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt
5/6/2019	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.	5/21/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt
5/7/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt	5/22/2019	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
5/8/2019	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.	5/23/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt
5/9/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt	5/24/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath
5/10/2019	Vespers at Church to begin 1/2 hour before the Sabbath	5/25/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
5/11/2019	Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.	5/25/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt
5/11/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt	5/28/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt
5/12/2019	Bible study at the Anderson's @ 5:30 p.m.	5/29/2019	Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ church @ 6:30 p.m.
5/13/2019	Women's Group at the Anderson's @ 10:00 a.m.	5/30/2019	Revelation Seminar 6:30 p.m.- Tim Schmidt
		5/31/2019	Vespers at Church to begin the Sabbath



Registration for the 2019 Hallelujah Hustle is **NOW OPEN**. Register by May 5th to save \$5 and guarantee your shirt size. Youth sizes are only available through May 5th, so don't delay. The 2019 Hustle will take place on Sunday, June 16 at 7:40 am at the ball field of Camp Waukonda during camp meeting, and is open to all ages. There is also a free Kid's Fun Run, for children ages 11 & under, at 7:30 am.

Learn more at: <http://hallelujahhustle.com>.

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Contribution deadline is the 23rd
of the month

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Pictures are best viewed on the website. <http://www.almondsda.org/district-newsletter/2019>



Mission Statement:

Fostering Unity

Vision Statement:

To be a resource which encourages and inspires unity in our church district; through inspirational thoughts, informative articles and testimonials; preparing for the soon coming of Christ.

Ministry From Home

Have you ever thought of having a prison ministry? You don't have to leave your home to have this. A letter changes the life of an inmate every time they receive it. Pray that God will lead you to write an inmate. Give an inmate a blessing!

Kenneth Wells 414034

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Letters to the editor...

If you have ideas, thoughts, complaints or opinions, write to us. This column will appear each month.

Send emails to

["gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com"](mailto:gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com)

Thanks,

Grace Notes Editor

Recipe Corner

Our potluck meals are the best.

Share some of your best vegetarian or vegan recipes for others to try.

Send it to us and we'll share it for you.

Healthy food doesn't have to taste bad!

THAI SWEET POTATOE SOUP

This soup is made with pureed sweet potatoes, ginger, lime, coconut milk and curry paste with just a hint of spice.

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Total time: 30 minutes

Ingredients:

1 Tbsp. olive oil
3 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
3-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and minced
2-3 Tbsp. green or red curry paste
4 medium sweet potatoes, cooked and peeled
1 1/2-2 tsp. coarse salt
4 cups unsalted vegetable stock
Zest and juice of 2 medium limes
1 1/2 tsp. granulated sugar
1 (15 oz.) can coconut milk
Pinch cayenne pepper (optional)
Fresh cilantro leaves and coconut flakes, for garnish

Directions:

1. In a Dutch oven or stock pot, heat oil to medium-high. Add garlic and ginger and saute 30-60 seconds, until fragrant. Add curry paste and stir. Add sweet potatoes. Whisk in stock, and bring to a simmer. Allow to cook 12-15 minutes. Puree, until smooth, with an immersion blender.
2. Whisk in lime zest and juice, sugar, coconut milk and cayenne (if using). Taste and adjust seasoning, if necessary.
3. Serve with cilantro and coconut flakes.