

Dear Members and Friends of Grace Church,

Jenny Baker, may she rest in peace, was the oldest member of Grace for many years. At her 105th birthday party, with a twinkle in her eye, Jenny commented, “Can you believe somebody actually had the nerve to ask me if I thought I would make it to 106? And do you know what I told them? I told them that statistics show that very few people die between the ages of 105 and 106!” ☺

What a blessing that Jenny was still catching us with a joke at that age! She died this past winter at the age of 107, after a rich and full life. We remember her sense of humor, her wisdom and compassion gained through a long career as a nurse, and her faith, which supported her through many seasons of life - generations of friends and loved ones. A long-time resident in nursing care, she also knew that humor, while important, couldn't always save the day. “I'm sorry there's so little I can do anymore,” she would say, as her hearing and eyesight were leaving her. “I hope Grace is still helping young people today find a way to have faith, because it would be hard getting this old without my faith.”

In her own way, Jenny expresses the mission of the church...to share the gift of faith, to translate the promises of God for the next generation. Statistically, congregations without such a passion can “die” at any age – but those who remain open to God's Spirit, energetic and creative in sharing, and adapting to the changes and chances of life, will be places where faith is shared, and God's people will ***grow in grace...generation to generation.***

In this packet we share with you the goals of our Capital Campaign, the reasons for these goals, and the details of how we hope to accomplish this major project of caring for our historic building, renovating our lower level into a new center for education and fellowship, and creating a new entrance and elevator to provide accessibility to the whole building for all generations. In this packet of information you will find:

- A brochure outlining the proposed repairs and renovations
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- Creative giving ideas
- A Stories of Grace devotional booklet
- A Guide for Giving and Commitment Form with a return envelope

Please join us in praying for the success of this campaign, and offering to the Lord your own commitment as the Holy Spirit leads you. We trust that God will use our generous response in this moment to renew our own awareness of the “grace upon grace” that we have all received, and enable us to plant seeds of grace that will grow in a new generation!

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