

# Grace Notes

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A Communications Ministry of Grace United Methodist Church, Naperville

October 2019

## How is God Impacting Others Through You?

By Rev. Cindy Marino

Grace Church leadership is determining the amount of funds needed for the ministries of Grace UMC for 2020! Ultimately, our financial giving shapes the ministries and the impact of Grace UMC upon this community and the world. But to begin the process we consider the needs of the community and God's call upon us to address those needs. We pray that as we are able to adequately communicate those needs, God will provide the resources through faithful and generous givers.

We all want to know we're making a difference in the lives of others. I give financially to a few organizations that have touched my heart over the years; for example, I support a child in Mexico. I find that I need to know that my dollars are having an impact on her life. When I receive a letter from "Cinthia," I want to see what she is learning. I want to know that as a result of my donations, she has enough to eat and is wearing clean clothes. I'm not investing in an organization when I give, I am investing in a person. It is a lot to ask for my small contribution.

It's the same for many of us as we contribute to the ministries of Grace Church. We want to see the impact our dollars are having. We want to know our gift is making a difference. How does your giving and engagement at Grace impact others? How is Grace making a difference in your life? Just as I want to see progress in my sponsored child, I want to know that Grace is finding success as we participate in Christ's mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

I invite you to share your answers to the above questions with me. Send an email ([cindy.marino@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:cindy.marino@peopleofgrace.org)) or drop a note in the office. Please indicate whether I have permission to share your story of how this community of faith has impacted you or someone you know. I look forward to reading your stories and sharing some of them in the coming months.

Giving for the good of Grace UMC leads us to invest in Grace's mission. And giving for the good of God's mission through Grace UMC leads us to care beyond ourselves. Giving is part of our discipleship journey that leads to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ as we learn to trust in God for the resources.

The leaders of Grace have worked hard to provide you with information about the finances of Grace by sending out the minutes and reports of the Church Council meetings. Grace is currently spending about a quarter of a million dollars less than five years ago. That's an amazing achievement when you consider the level of ministries we provide.

The funding (budgeting) process is clear: It is developed using amounts requested by various lay committees

and staff. The requests are totaled and reviewed by our Finance Team and sent to Church Council for approval. Spending decisions throughout the year must comply with the Ministry Spending Plan (the budget) as approved.

Currently, there is a draft proposal for 2020 ready for review. You are invited to attend a meeting with our Finance Team and Church Council leadership to review the proposed **Ministry Spending Plan on Wednesday, October 2, at 7 p.m. in room 254.**

We hope to share with you the "Why" behind each of the amounts listed as they represent the ministries designed to impact people for Christ. Pray for Grace UMC and for discernment around how we steward the good gifts God has given us and prepare to invest in something with eternal impact. Celebrate the growth and impact we've already experienced!



Go All In With Grace!

HARVEST HOME DINNER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:30 - 8 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

TICKETS: \$ 10 PER PERSON | \$20 PER FAMILY

12 Years Old & Under Free

Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, October 6.

[www.peopleofgrace.org](http://www.peopleofgrace.org) for more information

## Ongoing Relief for the Bahamas

By Chamus Burnside-Savazzini

Greetings Grace Family! First, I am overwhelmed by the graciousness of all who have inquired about my family who live in both Freeport, Grand Bahama, and Abaco, Bahamas. All of my family members have been accounted for.

As you know, this was complete devastation for such a small country. Many of you have reached out to ask how you can support, and we have directed giving through UMCOR by using the specific Bahamas Relief Advance Number 982450. I reached out directly to the Methodist Superintendent, Rev. Kenneth Lewis, for both islands to inquire if there is a specific mission we could focus on from one church family to another and the overwhelming response was food, water (both churches in Freeport are the only source of hot meals for hundreds who do not have a home anymore or have been flooded out), underwear, feminine products, over-the-counter medicines, and shoes. Some families are physically safe but have lost everything.

I have requested a specific account to be set up for individuals to give directly through Grace so that we can respond in a timely way to those who have immediate needs that will be ongoing. I will also be traveling to Florida to assist with the Florida churches who are warehousing donations and palletizing these for distribution. The expense comes in with providing the needed items and the shipping of the items. So, if you would like to support this specific ongoing effort, please earmark donations "Bahamas Relief."

Please look out for blogs and updates! Thanking God for your faithful and passionate support. Contact Chamus Burnside-Savazzini ([chamus@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:chamus@peopleofgrace.org)) with any questions or concerns.



## Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk 2019

### Seeds, Chickens and You or Veggies, Eggs and a Side of HOPE

The story of Yabes and her daughter Sifralili of West Timor, Indonesia, tells of a mother struggling to keep her little girl healthy. As part of the CWS/CROP Zero Hunger initiative, Yabes now has a protected clean water source. She received seeds and training to build a home garden. With the gift of a rooster and three hens, she's now collecting eggs and raising enough chickens to turn a profit. She has saved almost enough to build a latrine for her family.

When you support a CROP Hunger Walk, you are there investing in global neighbors like Yabes with this winning combo for a healthier, more prosperous life.

\$15 gives home gardening for a family; \$24, chickens for a family; \$64, seeds, tools, chicken & clean water access; \$115, family latrine.

*"Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later. Divide your gifts among many, for in the days ahead you yourself may need much help" - Ecclesiastes 11:1 (TLB)*

If you are willing to email some friends with this news and walk in solidarity with those who have to walk every day to get water and food, consider the Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk on October 20, with sign-in beginning at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and step-off from the lower parking lot at Grace Church at 1:30 p.m. After the Walk, you are invited to stay and pack meal bags for Loaves and Fishes Community Resource Center. It is easy enough that even school-age children can help. So, bring the whole family. Wagons and strollers are welcome.

A CROP representative will be in the new Gathering Space between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday until the day of the Walk to take your donations or to sign you up for the Walk. Remember, the Walk goes on rain or shine. The inside of the Church will be our route if there is stormy weather.

To help the day of the Walk go smoothly, you have the opportunity to order \$5 boxed lunches which will be available for pick up between 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. on the day of the event in the Gathering Space near the Worship Center Door. Reserve your boxed lunch at [peopleofgrace.org/crop-walk](http://peopleofgrace.org/crop-walk) with a credit or debit card when you order. Only prepaid lunches will be ordered. Deadline to order is Wednesday, October 16.

Contact Chamus Burnside-Savazzini ([chamus@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:chamus@peopleofgrace.org)) for more information about boxed lunches. Contact Phyllis Pepiot ([phyllis.pepiot@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:phyllis.pepiot@peopleofgrace.org)) for more information about the Walk.

## Children's Sabbath

Each year the Methodist church and faith groups at large stop to bring awareness and respond to the issues of children all around the world.

On Sunday, October 27, during the 10:30 service, we will be charged to "Be strong! Be courageous!" for all children in need. Music will be led by combined Adult and Children's Music Ministries.

In the spirit of serving those in need, we encourage you to support our monthly food collection that takes place on the 1st Sunday of each month. You can bring your food items in on Children's Sabbath or take a bag and return it with items on the list (your choice) for the first of the month collection. Make sure to invite your friends and family to join you for Children's Sabbath Sunday!

**Note:**  
**The Naperville 1/2 Marathon is Sunday, October 20.**  
**Grace UMC will be having worship on Saturday, October 19, at 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 20, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Race Route information coming soon!**

## Blessing of the Pets

Join us on Sunday, October 6, at 2 p.m. in the lower parking lot or Activity Center (in case of rain) for a time of fellowship and blessing. Bring your dogs, cats, birds, turtles, and any other animal that serves as your faithful companion in this journey of life. All pets must be leashed or caged.

## Heartland Blood Drive

Join us at the Heartland Blood Drive on Monday, October 7, between 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Make an appointment at [versiti.org](http://versiti.org) or just walk in. Give Blood, Give Life! Contact Barb McCarthy ([s-bmccarthy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s-bmccarthy@sbcglobal.net)) for more information.

## Harvest Home Dinner

Join us for this year's traditional Harvest Home Dinner on Wednesday, October 9, from 6:30 -8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



Ticket prices are \$10 per person or \$20 max per family. Children 12 years old and under are free. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Welcome Desk on Sundays and during the week at the Church Office beginning September 22. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, October 6. Please purchase your tickets early so we can have a proper count for the turkey purchase and set up.

Turkey dinner and all the trimmings — turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, rolls, and beverage will be provided. Each guest is asked to bring a side dish (vegetable/salad/dessert) to pass. Please bring your own table setting (plate, tableware, and cup).

Childcare will be provided for children under 3. Reservations must be made when tickets are purchased. There will be activities for children 3 and over following dinner. Contact Joan Meador ([joancstarr@aol.com](mailto:joancstarr@aol.com)) for more information.

## Parenting with Grace

Join us on Sunday, October 6, at 4 p.m. (after the Bears game) in Fellowship Hall, as we host Mary Browning to talk about Technology and Parenting. Mary Browning is the Community Education/Crime Prevention Specialist from the Naperville Police Department. She will have much to share for parents with kids of all ages who wrestle with the role of technology at home and school. Please RSVP to attend the October 6 event at [peopleofgrace.org/parenting](http://peopleofgrace.org/parenting). Childcare will be provided for 6 weeks old through 5th grade. We hope to see you there!

## Fall Festival

All are invited to join us for our Fall Festival, Sunday, October 27, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the lower parking lot. Fall Festival features activities for all ages: bounce house, tricycle hay bale maze, lunch, cookie decorating, Belgian horse-drawn hayride, petting zoo, Trunk-or-Treat and more! Tickets for the event will be on sale at the Welcome Desk beginning October 6. Same-day tickets are available, though advanced purchase is preferred. Trunk-or-Treat vehicles and volunteers are needed! Contact Gaye Lynn Loufek ([gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org)) to express interest or for more information!

## Clean Your Trash Bins Fundraiser

Is your garbage can stinking, your recycling bin a mess? Do you want to replace them? Have they been put to the test? Hold on for a minute, we have an option for you. There's a fundraiser brewing that will help our youth too. We've partnered with Eco Trash Bin Clean.



They come to your home. It's an amazing thing. Your containers are washed, sanitized, shined. It's the craziest thing you'll ever find. Your stinky old bins come out looking like new. The best part is they smell awesome too.

So don't hesitate, call or text today. Ask your friends to call too. Don't delay. The more who participate, the more money we make. It's a win-win situation for goodness sake!

Thanks in advance for helping us out! We can't do it without you—there's no doubt!

*Eco Trash Bin Clean comes to your home, uses their equipment to clean and sanitize your garbage containers. For best results, consider setting up your appointment for the day after your garbage pick-up. For each appointment made with Eco Trash Bin Clean, Grace Youth Summer Missions will make \$5. Please help us get the word out to your friends and neighbors by copying the post on the Grace Facebook page and re-posting to any Facebook page(s) with which you are affiliated. You may also simply share the phone number and our code word "Grace." You may also visit [ecotrashbinclean.com](http://ecotrashbinclean.com) to learn more about the services provided.*

For appointments, text or call 630-352-8022. Contact Gaye Lynn Loufek ([gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org)) for more information.

## United Methodist Women Give Thanks

Join us on Tuesday, October 1, as Katy Klepper leads us in the Celebration of World Thank Offering. She and others will lift up how United Methodist Women around the world give to the global efforts of women in mission with each other for the good of those worldwide, sharing their faith, hope, and love in action. The gathering will begin with coffee and continental breakfast at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall provided by Sarah Circle. Childcare is always provided. Contact Phyllis Pepiot ([ppepiot@gmail.com](mailto:ppepiot@gmail.com)) for more information.

## Musical Highlights for December!

The Lakeside Singers Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Gift of Love Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15, at 3 p.m.

New Life Singers Christmas Cantata on Saturday, December 21, at 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 22, at 8 a.m.

### Christmas Eve Services

**12 p.m.** Festive Communion Service with Youth Choir, Youth Bells, Youth Readers, and Intergenerational Orchestra

**3 p.m.** A Service Designed with Children in Mind with the Grace Children's Choirs

**4:30 p.m.** Contemporary Service with the Grace Praise Team

**8 p.m.** Candlelight Service with Communion, the New Life Singers, and Grace Bell Ensemble

**10 p.m.** Candlelight Traditional Lessons and Carols with the Chancel Choir.

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## Save the Date! Children in Advent

Greetings Grace Family and Friends!

It seems too early to bring this up, but we are almost into the Advent season! It's exciting to await the huge birthday celebration to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

**Help Needed!** We will need to make new wreath forms, so please let Chamus ([chamus@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:chamus@peopleofgrace.org)) know if you or a team can work well with chicken wire to help us get it done.

- Sunday, November 24, at 11:30 a.m. Advent lunch and fellowship in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, November 24, at 12:15 p.m. Advent Wreath Making in Fellowship Hall
- Friday, December 6, at 5:30 p.m. Children's Night Out
- Sunday, December 8, at 9:30 a.m. Children's Musical, "Room for Christmas," in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, December 15, at 9:15 a.m. Special Christmas Sunday School hour

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## Choral Evensong

Experience the beauty of holiness in a fresh and ancient way. Come as you are! Leave renewed!

Join us on Sunday, November 17, at 3:30 p.m. for Pre-Service Concert with the Krizalido Piano Trio performing *Mendelssohn: Piano Trio No. 1 in D Minor*.

The trio features Daryl Silberman, orchestra director at Waubonsie Valley High School. (Learn more about the trio at [krizalidopianotrio.com](http://krizalidopianotrio.com)).

Come and celebrate one of Naperville's finest music educators and performers.

Sung Evensong will begin at 4 p.m. with a reception in the Gathering Space at 4:45 p.m.

Contact Dan Wagner ([dan.wagner@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:dan.wagner@peopleofgrace.org)) for more information.

## Noisy Offering

Please continue to save your loose change to help the Children's Music Ministry "Change The World!" The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Noisy Offering will take place on Sunday, November 24, at all 3 services. Your generosity on that pre-Thanksgiving Sunday morning helps purchase the packing slots for the choirs and their families at the Feed My Starving Children's Feed The Need Mobile Pack in February 2020!

The choristers also make their own monthly contribution toward our \$2500 goal by donating chore money, asking for contributions, raking leaves, sharing from their allowance, etc. Because the Mobile Pack allows for even our youngest choristers to participate, there is no better opportunity to plant a seed for growing life-long servants, caring for the "least of these" and living out Matthew 25:40.

Mark your calendars to bring your collected loose change, so that we might change the world one quarter at a time! (But if you forget, paper bills work too!)

# November & December @Grace

## Save the Date! Mistletoe Marketplace

Mistletoe Marketplace is coming to town on Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Activity Center. Beautiful hand-crafted items, our silent auction, our 2019 beautiful mission quilt, homemade baked goods, a cafe breakfast and so much more will be there for you!

It is a great place to find those one-of-a-kind holiday gifts at a great price. More importantly, this event helps the United Methodist Women of Grace fund the many missions that benefit women and children locally, nationally and internationally. 100% of all our proceeds from this event go to missions. We need your attendance and your financial assistance at this event so that we can continue to do the good work we do and to meet our 2019 commitments. This has been a difficult year throughout the world, where disasters like Hurricane Dorian have called all Christians to the forefront to help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We look forward to a great day and hope you will find the time to join us in this important and joyous endeavor. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for a time of fun, fellowship, shopping, and food! See you on November 9!



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## 2019 Mission Quilt

Our beautiful 2019 Money for Missions Quilt was pieced and hand-quilted by Grace Quilters and is called "Sweet Dreams." It is a queen-size quilt and comes with two coordinated pillowcases.

Tickets for the Mission Quilt Drawing as well as four other hand-made items will be on sale between services on Sundays, beginning October 13 or can be purchased from any Grace Quilter. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6. All proceeds from ticket sales go to United Methodist Women missions. Drawing for the quilt and other items will take place at our Mistletoe Marketplace on Saturday, November 9. You do not need to be present to win. Contact Nancy Lindberg ([nanjquilter@comcast.net](mailto:nanjquilter@comcast.net)) for more information.



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## Silent Auction Items Needed!

We need your donations for the Silent Auction at Mistletoe Marketplace on Saturday, November 9!

The words "SILENT AUCTION" in a large, bold, black, serif font with a white outline and a slight shadow effect.

The more Silent Auction items we have, the more funds that are raised for Missions. Items needed are sports/entertainment tickets, holiday décor, antiques, gift baskets, and new/unused items that are appropriate for a Silent Auction. No "White Elephants" please!

Gift baskets are very popular items and raise the most money. You can design one of your own or donate items and UMW members will create one.

Deadline to drop off items in the containers behind the Welcome Desk is Sunday, November 3.

Contact Ro Willard ([willardrj1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:willardrj1@sbcglobal.net)) or Darlene Schille ([darsquiltz@gmail.com](mailto:darsquiltz@gmail.com)) for more information.

## Leaving a Lasting Legacy of Your Faith

By Scott Oats, Chairman of the Grace UMC Foundation

Whether you place your offering in the plate that is passed down your pew, make your gifts online, or have your gift automatically debited from your bank account, we hope it brings you great joy to support the work of Grace United Methodist Church as we spread God's love.

Have you ever wondered how your gifts can continue to advance Grace Church and its mission for years to come, but you don't know how to start?

All it takes is adding a sentence in your will or living trust.

*"I give to Grace United Methodist Church Foundation, a nonprofit corporation currently located at 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville IL 60540, \_\_\_\_\_ [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use."*

This is only a suggested example of the wording that could be used in your will or living trust. Wills and living trusts are important documents and you should consult your attorney to properly document your wishes.

You may restrict your gift by designating a specific purpose for which it can be used. Long-time member Dorothy Kline left a restricted gift from her will to be used for training of church staff and/or laypersons that will "build up the church for the glory of God." Dorothy's gift has been used on numerous occasions over the years to send our leadership for additional training and continuing education.

By remembering Grace Church in your will or trust, you are leaving a lasting legacy and helping the church plan for the future with confidence.

Contact Scott Oats, President of the Grace UMC Foundation, (soats@sbcglobal.net) to plan your gift and learn more about the difference your gift will make to Grace Church.



## Save the Date! Celebrate the Season!

Join us for our 14th annual "Celebrate the Season," a ladies-only event, to be held on Wednesday, December 4, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The evening includes decorated tables, catered dinner, and entertainment by four singers from the group "Lakeside Singers."



Our committee is taking reservations now for ladies that will decorate tables. As in the past, the tables are groups of 8 and 10. You do not have to sell all of your seats at your tables. An extra thank you to Larry Hartman who will be chair of the volunteers "Men of Grace," who will be serving us that evening!

Contact Kim Scharafin (kimscharafin@comcast.net) for more information and to let us know you if you would like to decorate a table.

## Annual Service of Remembrance

Join us for All Saints Sunday, November 3, at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



The Grace Chancel Choir will present the timeless and poignant Requiem by Gabriel Faure accompanied by the Memorial Orchestra with Guest Organist Philip Spencer.

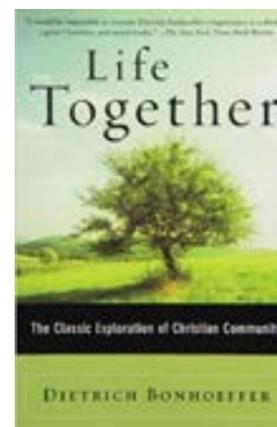
Please consider remembering or celebrating loved ones with a gift toward the Memorial Orchestra at [peopleofgrace.org/all-saints-orchestra](http://peopleofgrace.org/all-saints-orchestra).

Contact Dan Wagner ([dan.wagner@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:dan.wagner@peopleofgrace.org)) for more information.

## Adult Faith Formation Gathering

Mark your calendars: Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 3, at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Doug Bowden and Larry Hartman will share with us insights gathered from their fall group study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life-changing book Life Together. Bonhoeffer was a German pastor, theologian, and martyr who bore witness to the grace and love of God amidst the horrors of Nazi Germany. When in 1938 his beloved seminary at Finkenwalde was closed by the Nazis, Bonhoeffer wrote the book Life Together as a meditation on the nature of Christian community. This book remains for us today a powerful and challenging call to live in Christ-centered communities of love.



Join us for this hour of exploration as we learn from Doug and Larry about Bonhoeffer's life and what his book, Life Together can teach us still today.

## The 9:00 GATHERING – Come, grow (closer) with us!

As we continue to reach out and expand our community, here are a few reasons you might want to join us and bring a friend! We gather for Coffee/Music/Worship every Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Activity Center. Come! Grab a cup! Join us around the table!

*"Where else can you get beautiful music, a time for sharing joys and concerns, and an uplifting message in one hour? Our 9:00 Gathering!" ~ Stefanie Flatt*

*"It's an opportunity to meet new people in an informal worship setting accompanied with beautiful inspirational music." ~ Jayne and Wayne McCallister*

*Everyone who knows me knows that I'm not a morning person. BUT, I make every effort not to miss the 9:00 Gathering at Grace. I love everything about it. Come join us!" ~ Betsy Koepnick*

*"As a member of the Praise Team, I must admit I was skeptical about this new service. But after the first week, I saw potential for the kind of close, personal connection so many are thirsting for." ~ Barb Ceruti*

## Over 50 Fellowship

Join us for an old-fashioned hymn sing at our November meeting on Thursday, November 14. Tom Colao, our former organist, and pianist at Grace will accompany us as we sing favorite hymns and carols.



Tom Colao

Join the group as we reminisce and usher in the holidays with this festive day of song!

The Over 50 Fellowship will meet Thursday, November 14, at noon in Fellowship Hall. We will start with lunch, then our program will begin promptly at 1 p.m. When you sign up at the Welcome Desk, each person should list a hymn or carol request.

Sign-up will close at noon on Monday, November 11. The lunch will cost \$10 in cash, payable at the door.

Contact Martha Sanders ([bmarzink@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bmarzink@sbcglobal.net)) for more information.

## We Need Your Help! Leaf Raking Workday

The Trustees need volunteers to rake and remove the fallen leaves from the Church grounds on Saturday, November 16, from 8 a.m. - noon. You and your family are



invited to come out and give a hand. Bring your own equipment (rakes, blowers and tarps) if you have them. If not, come anyway. We will have extra rakes and tarps available for those who do not bring their own. The Church trustees will provide coffee, tea, juice, bottled water, donuts, and muffins.

Please, if you are not able to work the entire morning come and help out for however long you can. Any time that you can give will help get the work done quicker and be greatly appreciated. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Contact Steve Peters ([swplap@wowway.com](mailto:swplap@wowway.com)) for more information.