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Growing in Grace 1891-2016 Quasquicentennial 125 years

Grace UMC 125th Anniversary

Save the dates: October 22 - 23rd

Bus Tour	Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Free 2 hour tour
Dinner at Grace	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Reservations Needed, buffet
Program	Saturday	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate the Stories
Worship	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Bishop Sally Dyck
Fellowship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Sharing Stories

Grace History Bus Tour

A tour of the previous Grace UMC locations on Riverside and West State is planned for Saturday, October 22nd. A city bus has been generously donated for this free tour which will leave **promptly** at 1:00 p.m. from our current (3555 McFarland) parking lot. This two hour tour will be narrated by Roger Ellis as the bus goes down memory lane, hearing the stories and seeing the sites of Grace church through the years. Plan to sign up to ensure enough seats for all.

Celebration Dinner

On Saturday, October 22 at 5:00 p.m. there will be a delicious catered buffet dinner. The cost for the meal is \$13 for adults and \$7 for ages 12 and under. An invitation with a reservation card will be handed out in worship on September 25th (and mailed to those not present). The deadline for reservations is October 9th. (Don't let the cost keep you away, give Pastor Pam a call.)

Saturday Evening Program

The program following the dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will be a professional video of the past, present, and future of Grace church. We will also enjoy special music, favorite hymns that remind us of our rich history, as well as reflections from former pastors (Tom Harman, Steve Mindrup, and David Aslesen). The night will include a chance for folks to share a brief story or memory. We look forward to celebrating those who have been members of Grace the

Sunday Worship and Fellowship Time

Our Sunday morning worship on October 23rd will welcome the Northern Illinois Conference Bishop, Rev. Sally Dyck. There is special music planned with brass as well as combined youth and adult choirs. We will celebrate Holy Communion, gathering around the table with all who have gone before us. Following the service, plan on continuing the stories and sharing around tables in the Fellowship Hall.