

Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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November

2020

*"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times,
having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."
II Corinthians 9:8*



November Meetings

November 4 - 6:00 p - SPRC
November 10 - 6:00 p - Childcare
November 10 - 7:00 p - Property Trustees
November 16 - 7:00 p - Outreach/Witness
November 19 - 7:00 p - Nurture



This month's Communion offering will benefit **Grace Church Youth Group**. Please use the special Communion envelope in your monthly packet for your contribution.

Ushers & Greeters



November Greeters

Will resume soon.

November Ushers

Will resume soon.

From the Pastor

Thankful Hearts

In 1 Thessalonians 5 Paul writes:

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

In 2011 someone created on Facebook what they called the "30 Day Thankfulness Challenge" with the idea that every day in November they would post something they are thankful for. Nov 1st began with a simple question: "What are YOU thankful for?" A simple post that asks a simple question and 9 years later people are still answering the question. Yet... it's a challenge for a reason. Can you articulate 30 different things you are truly thankful for? For some of us that really CAN be a challenge.

Paul writes, "Give thanks in all circumstances." We think about thankfulness this month because of Thanksgiving – you know, the one day a year we HAVE to think about being thankful (like that one day a year we have to think about our mothers or our fathers, and so on...just kidding...) But we're maybe MORE likely to think about it in November, right?

Give thanks in all circumstances. How do you read that? I mean... I get that it doesn't say FOR all circumstances, but still... How hard to you find it to find reasons to be thankful? We often find it difficult, depending on our circumstances. But that's exactly what Paul is trying to drive us toward. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances. It shouldn't matter what is going on around us – we really do have great reasons to give thanks, great reasons to rejoice, and great reasons to be in connection with our God.

It takes a shift, being transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2). Our culture wants to wallow in self-pity, God says find a reason to give praise. The world around us pushes us into the mud and the mire, God says pay attention, you have reasons to be thankful.

So, don't just pause on Thanksgiving Day, or Thanksgiving Eve, or whatever. Not even just 30

days. Start right now and, regardless of your circumstances, regardless of what's going on.

Where do you get your joy?

What are YOU thankful for?

In Christ,
Pastor Bill

I hope and pray you and your family are healthy and well.

I also hope you've enjoyed our worship services, either online or in person. **I have good news!** We have some exciting worship opportunities planned for the near future.

***Thanksgiving is coming!
Christmas is coming!***

Every worship service from now until well into January has extra special meaning and significance in our lives. We will celebrate Thanksgiving! We will celebrate Advent and Christmas! We have been making plans to worship in the most meaningful ways while staying as safe as possible during these difficult times. Although we cannot present the wonderful Christmas concert as we have in the past, we will be involved in our Christmas Eve service, along with our Sunday worship services. Stay tuned!

If you're like me, you need to get back into singing shape.

Even with a mask, here are some tips:

Hum. A lot. High, low, loud and soft. Inside, outside, in the rain, or in the shower, humming is pretty safe, you can even hum within a mask and no one will know it's really you!

Breathe. You're still allowed to breathe, even in public! Breathe deeply, "Smell the rose, extinguish the candle". Just think about breathing for a while. You'll like it!

Sing. It's still legal, in most states. Make up some words to the song you almost remember. Make up your own language. Once again, with a mask, people might think you're a bilingual genius!

Exercise. You can exercise your whole mouth under your mask. Practice smiling! Probably nobody will even know you're not really a grump. Just don't stick out your tongue.....



Hum. Breathe. Sing. Exercise. Repeat. Pray without ceasing. Breathe without ceasing!
I hope you'll be involved in our ministry as much as you're comfortable at this very strange time. No matter what, please continue to pray for your ministry and your congregation here at Grace.

Floyd Moore

From the Director of Congregational Care

"Re-Cover" with Grace

Way back in March, when CoVID began, a group of women at Grace began making masks for the Warren community. To date, we have distributed 1,357 masks. The majority are handmade but we did buy several hundred early in the process to keep up with the need.

Our production waned in the late summer. As fall has set in and CoVID infections (along with potential flu) are on the rise, our output is increasing. We are now attaching an iron-on label: "Grace United Methodist Church Made with Love". Prayerfully, those who use these masks will be reminded of God's love as exemplified by his servants.

In September, a thank you note was sent to Grace thanking us for providing these free masks to the community. This really warmed my heart! The writer does not live within walking distance of Grace, so it impressed me that our clotheslines are being noticed by those beyond our immediate area.

"Covered" by Grace, our winter hats, mittens and scarves ministry, starts this month. Warm accessories and masks will now hang together on our front porch. PRAISE the LORD for all who contribute.

Our community is **"Blessed" by Grace!**

Warmly, Cindy Price

Somehow we are in the last few months of the year already. The weather has been gorgeous this year and the start of autumn did not disappoint. The changing leaves were spectacular and while most had dropped to the ground, a few blotches of gold still dotted the hillside for us to enjoy while on the hayride at the end of October on the Johnson's farm. It was a chilly day, but we had an excellent time. The kids enjoyed being outside, kicking or throwing balls, playing with Melinda's toy tractors, playing with the stomp rocket, petting farm cats, feeding apples to the horses, drinking hot chocolate, and running up and down the big hill, a tradition, I've been told. Watching the kids climb to the top of the hill and then run back down, arms flailing, toppling over in the grass at high speeds, may have been the most entertaining part of the day. A very big thank you to Colter and Melinda for letting us spend the afternoon at their farm.

The air is getting chillier, allowing for fewer opportunities for outdoor events, so what is next with gatherings for the Children's Ministry has yet to be decided. Careful consideration will be given during planning.

Libby Yaegle



Halloween is now behind us and we have been talking about fall and how our animal friends prepare for winter. The three year-old class will bring in their teddy bears and we will teach them how to hibernate. November will bring more fun as we learn about Thanksgiving, play in our teepee and sail on the Mayflower. The month will conclude with our Thanksgiving feast where we will share thanks for all of our blessings.

There aren't enough words to express our appreciation for all the support you have given our program over the years. We hope to get a fundraiser under way this fall to help with the shortfall due to the lower number of students we could safely enroll this year. Please continue to hold our teachers and children in your prayers as we implement the COVID-19 protocols to keep everyone healthy & safe!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We want to wish everyone a wonderful November and Happy Thanksgiving!

Trish Gentilman & Jessica Rex

November Worship Assistants



Advisors:

Linda Knapp 726-1199

Sheryl Richards 726-3876

Coming soon.

Our budget the month of September 2020:



Other income consists of funds from Sunday School, Room Rental, Bible Studies, Literature Tables, Fitness Ministry, Easter, Christmas, and Misc. Income.

Easter, Christmas, and Misc. Income.

BUDGET	2020	2019
Other Income:	22.00	1,352.60
Offerings & Tithes	<u>25,287.06</u>	<u>30,946.91</u>
Total Income	25,309.06	32,299.51

Number of Sundays:	4	5
Borrowed	0	0
Expense:	34,082.71	34,386.01
Attendance:	818*	977

Connectional Apportionments

Obligation-	3,252.42
Paid to date	29,272.36

Ahead (Behind) 0

Percent of year to date paid 75%

His income: Was \$6,990.45 higher in September 2019 compared to September 2020

Our expenses: Were \$303.30 lower in September 2020 compared to September 2019

Nine month review

Income: January – September \$247,008.52

Expense: January – September \$254,591.78

We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings given.

*September 2020 attendance is estimated due to online worship services.

Submitted by:

Alice Bonnell, Finance Chair

Thank you for all that donated for the two Trunk or Treat we participated in. It is hard to believe that it is

November already. The weather is really changing. The children are going to have Teacher Conferences on Nov Mon 9th & Tue 10th that will mean we will have all day care for those days. Thanksgiving is also this month so we will be closed November Thu 26th & Fri 27th but we will have all day care on November Wed 25th & Mon 30th.



Stay Safe and Happy Thanksgiving

Irene Garriss



During Worship
9:30 a.m. (0-2 yrs.)

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11:00 a.m. (0-5 yrs.)

November 8
November 15
November 22
November 29



“Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and you are as healthy in body as you are as strong in spirit.”

3 John 1:2

Did you ever have one of those moments in your life when it feels like God is saying, “I’ve been using you here, but now I’m going to use you over there”. I believe that has happened to me in these last few months.

The Fitness Ministry was going along great with an abundance of people and warm camaraderie, even endless opportunities to evangelize. Then . . . the pandemic halted us in our tracks. I would have never guessed that the day I put a sign on the door that said we would disband for two weeks would turn into not meeting again indefinitely.

But God had plans yet to unfold and it has only taken a change from one word to another. Welcome the Health Ministry! I am reframing the class format into a more individualized method of working with people. My passion will always be fitness training, but that also includes an abundance of other areas of health.

If you happen to be someone who wants to improve your strength, your balance, your bone density or your finesse with yoga moves, I’ve got a plan for you! If you are looking for a way to burn more calories, to eat better or to address health issues through nutrition, I’ve got this! And very importantly, please know I am trained in anxiety related issues that range from disrupted sleep to stress related issues and all the way through PTSD.

I’m simply a phone call or an email away. I will be meeting with individuals or up to three people at a time in Eaton Parlor, or even your home. I have close to thirty years of working with people in this capacity and I think God wants me to keep pitching in! If you want to be a part of the Health Ministry and bring your skill set with you, I would love to hear from you! I welcome having others to walk alongside.

With enthusiasm,
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

Music Memorial Fund
**For: Marlene Franklin,
 Jim Gray, Don Johnson,
 Dean Johnson**
By: Audrey Cable



HOPES Fund
For: Tim & Natalie Price’s Wedding
By: Alice Bonnell



For: Pastor Bill & Family (Pastor Appreciation)
By: Pete & Marge Smith



Looking for something new to read? Christian Fiction, Christian Non-Fiction, Devotionals, Children’s Books, and More! Check out the church library, located on the second floor, above Wesley Parlor. The library is open by appointment only. Call the church office to reserve your time.

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Items for the December Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the Church office (mary@graceumcwarren.com) by Monday, November 16. Thank you!

The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **boxes**. Amazon or other shipping boxes would be appreciated. We are also in need of **Jello and Pudding** at this time. Thank you to all who contribute.





Operation Christmas Child starts with an empty shoe box and ends with great joy in the life of a child and an opportunity for them to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ways you can help:

Have your family pack a box(es) enclosing the \$9 shipping fee for each,

Donate items (see brochure),

Donate money to help with the \$9 shipping fee/per shoe box.

If you need a shoe box, the pre-printed ones are still available in Wesley Parlor. If you prefer, you may use a purchased one (plastic with snap-on lid), or recycle a clean shoebox with lid that you may have on hand. Pick up the informational brochure as well in Wesley Parlor.

For those who would like to contribute merchandise, but not necessarily wanting to fill a shoe box, there is a donation OCC box outside the church office by the elevator entrance as a collection point for such items. Please bring these to the church by November 8. A few ideas are small toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, combs, baseball caps, socks, t-shirts. Please, no candy, toothpaste, liquid items, glass or breakable items, or war-related articles. Refer to the brochure for further information and suggested items. (We have plenty of washcloths and small/medium flipflops already.)

If you prefer not to shop, you might consider donating to the cost of shipping, which is \$9 per box. This would go toward the boxes assembled by the CREW (our youth group) from the loose items donated—cash, or checks payable to Grace United Methodist Church and put in the offering plate or give/send directly to the Church office.

Deadline for completed shoe boxes is Sunday, November 15. Please follow the instructions on the envelope provided with the label--boy or girl and the age.

Thank you in advance for any help, items, or contributions you may be able to give for this important mission project. For questions regarding this project, please call the church office, 723-9440, or Linda Knapp, 726-1199.



November 1 – Becky Gnage

November 2 – Marge Smith

November 3 – Megan Curren, Kevin Werner

November 4 – Lilly Berdine, Casey Eaker

November 5 – David Cassidy, Nichole Webb

**November 6 – Gary Trisket, Paige Conklin,
Caleb Hellman, Lois Strycula**

**November 7 – Jan Moore, Kim Messinger,
Melinda Johnson**

November 9 – Nicki Egger

November 10 – Rick Gnage, Carol Mead

November 11 – Dave Hunter

November 12 – Melissa Tatarski

November 13 – Dorothy Robinault

November 14 – Becky Culbertson, Madison Manelick

November 15 – Nancy Johnson, Lyn Grey, Ken Brady

November 16 – Linda Tuttle, Alli Jerman

**November 17 – Charles Keller, Chris Ei, Erick Shafer,
Alicia Vavala, Addyson McManigle**

November 18 – Barbara Gelotte

**November 19 – Sarah Nolan, Kayla Randolph,
Chad Ball**

**November 20 – Jacob Moore, Linda Robinault,
Robert Tuttle, Emmet Yaegle**

November 22 – Chuck Keepports

November 23 – Colby Fry, Will Mead

November 24 – Trish Gentilman

**November 25 – Janey Ickert, RuthAnn Dennis,
Heather Morrison**

November 27 – Bucky Knapp, D.J. Hahn

November 28 – Melanie Barrett, Jim Babcock

**November 29 – Elishia Wurst, Pat Jerman,
Martha Anderson, Marshall Johnson,
Charmaine Pearson, Jakob Rodoski**

November 30 – Luke Green



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints' Day 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape Sunday School	2	3	4 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 p <i>SPRC</i> 7:00 p Truth Project Bible Study	5 6:00 p Praise Team	6	7
8 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape Sunday School 9:45 a Sunday School 5:30 p Charge Conference	9	10 6:00 p <i>Childcare</i> 7:00 p <i>Property</i> <i>Trustees</i>	11 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 p Truth Project Bible Study	12 6:00 p Praise Team	13	14
15 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape Sunday School 9:45 a Sunday School	16 12:00 p Caregivers' Support Group 7:00 p <i>Outreach/</i> <i>Witness</i>	17	18 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 p Truth Project Bible Study	19 6:00 p Praise Team 7:00 p <i>Nurture</i>	20	21
22 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape Sunday School 9:45 a Sunday School	23	24	25 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast	26 Office Closed 	27 Office Closed	28
29 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape Sunday School 9:45 a Sunday School	30		CARE WITH GRACE DAYCARE is open daily from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm located on the first floor (nursery) and the second floor.	PROMISE PRESCHOOL is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 – 11:30 am (3-year- olds) and 12:30 – 3:00 pm (4- year- olds) located on the ground floor.		

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- Grace Praise Team -

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