

Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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May
2022

*"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



May Meetings

May 3 - 5:30 p - Nurture
6:00 p - SPRC
May 10 - 6:00 p - Property Trustees
May 17 - 6:00 p - Finance
May 23 - 5:30 p - Education
6:00 p - Worship
May 24 - 6:00 p - Church Council



This month's Communion offering will benefit **Warren County Prison Ministry**. Please use the special Communion envelope in your monthly packet for your contribution.

From the Pastor

Straight to the Heart

We are beginning a new worship series on May 1st: The Heart of the Matter.

Over the next six weeks we are going to explore what our church leadership has identified as the five Core Values of Grace Church.

Now, before I talk about these specific five core values, let me make a couple of things clear.

First, our Purpose (the greater mission) has never changed: To Know Christ and to Make Him Known. That comes to us from the Great Commission in Matthew 28, and it is our expression of the purpose of the Church Universal.

Second, there are lots of things that are core to being a church, that are what we might call “permission to play” values. Take, for example, the Apostles’ Creed. It’s a given that if we are a Christian Church, we believe in God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – in the Communion of Saints, forgiveness of sins, etc. That should be common to all Christian Churches. Love God and love your neighbor. Core to all. Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life. Core to all. Our goal was to identify five Core Values that are expressed uniquely here at Grace Church.

Hopefully you’ve seen our Core Values on slides before and after worship or in the bulletin. They’ve been posted on our website and Embrace Grace Facebook page for a few weeks now too.

OUR PURPOSE

To Know Christ And To Make Him Known

OUR CORE VALUES

- Extravagant Generosity
“We give joyfully of our time, talent and treasure”
- Authentic Engagement
“We want to shine the light of God’s love in our whole community”
- Transformational Discipleship
“We seek God’s will and God’s way for our lives”
- Extraordinary Grace
“We are all sinners seeking God’s grace together”
- Word-Centered Mission
“We believe the Word of God provides the foundation for all that we do”

OUR MISSION

To engage the community outside the walls of the church

OUR STRATEGY FOR 2022-2023

“Love Them Where They Are”

We will talk more about all of this as the year goes on, but this is the direction we believe God is calling Grace Church to move right now and so everything we do in ministry will be guided by these values.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Bill

April showers bring May flowers". **Finally** the weather is breaking and we can get outside and enjoy warmer weather, and gardening. A popular gospel song "In the Garden" is still quoted and requested often. The words and music were written by C. Austin Miles.



Enjoy the message of these words.

In The Garden

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet, the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me, Within my heart is ringing.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.*

I'd stay in the garden with Him, Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.*

Get outside and enjoy the Warren weather. Keep on breathing, keep on praying, and keep on singing! Celebrate with us each Sunday morning at 8:30, 9:30, or 11:00, either comfortably in person or online anytime. Look for a blessing. Look for peace.

Floyd Moore
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YHWH

There was a moment when Moses dared to ask God what his name was. God was gracious enough to answer and the name He gave, in Hebrew, was YHWH. Overtime, we arbitrarily added an “a” and an “e” to get YaHWeH, presumably because we have a preference for vowels!



But, scholars and Rabbis have noted that the letters YHWH represent breathing sounds, or aspirated consonants. When pronounced without intervening vowels, it actually sounds like breathing:

YH (inhale) WH (exhale)

So, a baby’s first cry, his first breath, speaks the name of God. A deep sigh calls His name – or a groan or a gasp that is too heavy for mere words.

Even an atheist would speak His name, unaware that their very breath is giving constant acknowledgment to God. Likewise, a person leaves this earth with their last breath, when God’s name is no longer filling their lungs. So, when I can’t utter anything else, is my cry calling out His name?

Being alive means I speak His name constantly. So, is it heard the loudest when I am the quietest?

In sadness, we breathe heavy sighs. In joy, our lungs feel almost like they will burst. In fear, we hold our breath and have to be told to breathe slowly to help us calm down. When we’re about to do something hard, we take a deep breath to find our courage.

When I think about it, breathing is giving him praise. Even in the hardest moments!

This is so beautiful and fills me with emotion every time I grasp the thought. God chose to give himself a name that we can’t help but speak every moment we are alive. All of us, always, everywhere: waking, sleeping, breathing with the name of God on our lips.

Take time to *BREATHE!* Cindy Price

(This was written by Sandra Thurman Caporale from the Memorial Church of Christ in Houston)

Hi all!
Thank you so much for your continued support of children, youth, and family ministries! We were able to hide over 1,200 eggs at our Easter egg hunt! We have basketball every Sunday from 1-3pm 16 years and older, young adult 18+ Bible study every Wednesday at 5 and CREW (youth group) every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00! Stay tuned on our bulletin board and Facebook for upcoming events!



Tyler Dymond

Our school year is quickly coming to an end and we are looking forward to summer vacation! The year certainly has been a busy and exciting one. We are so blessed to have Mrs. Lynds join our Promise Preschool Family. She seamlessly stepped into the role as the four-year-old teacher with her love and passion for teaching and has those kids ready to start their next phase of education!



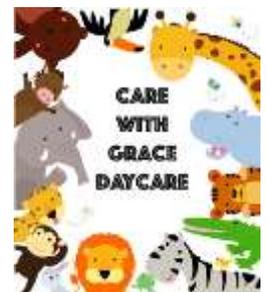
As we spend our last few days together, we hope the weather will get warmer so we can play outside and look for signs of spring. Our school year will conclude with acting out some stories, discussing summer fun and safety and making our own pizzas on the last day of school. Please pray for good weather on our last day so we can have a small gathering outdoors for our afternoon class as we send them off to kindergarten!

We would like to thank all of you for the incredible support for our preschool program. We continue to work with our Care with Grace Daycare program to provide the best care and learning experience possible! We are always humbled at the on-going support we receive from our Grace Church Family! Our Sarris Candies Fundraiser was a big success with \$500 profit which we will be splitting with the daycare. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

We still have some openings in the 4-year-old class for next schoolyear. If you know of anyone that has not registered for preschool, please have them give us a call! Our tuition is only \$85 a MONTH! Registration forms can be picked up in the church office during the week, mailed, or downloaded by going to graceumcwarrenpa.com, click on "Our Ministries" at the top of the page and find Grace Promise Preschool.

Have a great summer!
Trish Gentilman & Jen Lynds
preschool@atlanticbbn.net or find us on Facebook!

Now that May is here, we are looking forward to seeing our flowers bloom! We decided to take advantage of the rainy weather in April and planted flowers in our play yard. We are also looking forward to Mother's Day! We will be creating special crafts with our moms in mind. We are also starting to plan for our summer activities. We are looking for volunteers to help with our time swimming at the pool as well as our field trips. If this sounds like something you'd like to join us in, feel free to let us know!



Marc Merchant
Director



During Worship
9:30 a.m. (0-2 yrs.)
11:00 a.m. (0- 5 yrs.)
May 1 –Becky Fuller
May 8 – Anna Peterson
May 15 – Becky Fuller
May 22 – Anna Peterson
May 29 – Becky Fuller



The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **canned fruit, canned meat (tuna, chicken, SPAM), mac & cheese, pork & beans, egg noodles, and larger boxes.** Thank you to all who contribute!



Items for the June Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the office mary@graceumcwarren.com by **Monday, May 16.** Thank you.



Flock Talk

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

Proverbs 31:28

The Bible says "strength and dignity are her clothing" when speaking about mothers. Here is a woman to look up to. Being a wife and a mother has not caused her to lose any part of herself. It has added to her attributes as being a strong and dignified entity in the world. She is not afraid of what the future holds. Most likely, she has weathered many untold storms to reach this place.

Proverbs 31:25-31 is a beautiful passage that describes what a woman, a mother, brings to fruition. When we celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember those women who have been a compassionate and loving presence in your life. Whether related by family or by spirit, they are a gift. If you have your mother with you on this earth, embrace her fully on this day. And, tomorrow and the next day and every tomorrow that God's grace allows.

Life is beautifully lived in such a brief time. Not a day should pass that we don't celebrate mothers and all women who have left a kind and loving mark on our hearts. My own mother's love is etched so deeply into every fiber of my being that I rejoice always! Happy Mother's Day, all of you dearly treasured ladies!

Tenderly,
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

Easter

Happy Easter Grace Church!



The winter season is coming to an end and spring is upon us. It's a season to celebrate new life and new.

During this, the most holy time of year, we reflect upon the sacrifice that God made for us, giving his only son to die for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, let us enter this new season with a renewed commitment to our purpose - To know Christ and make Him known.

As you review the financials for the first quarter of 2022, please reflect on Renee's money moment during service a few weeks ago.

2022 Monthly and YTD Financials

	March '22	YTD
Total Income	\$29,158.66	\$92,130.31
Office Expense	\$1,058.67	\$2,254.94
Buildings & Ground Expense (Church & Parsonage)	\$8,273.25	\$21,807.98
Ministry Personnel	\$26,777.45	\$79,007.57
Church Council	\$101.00	\$126.00
Education Ministry	\$147.86	\$370.41
Nurture Ministry	\$50.75	\$1,052.55
Worship Ministry	\$290.59	\$421.07
Outreach Ministry	\$5.00	\$29.99
Connectional Apportionment	\$2,939.00	\$8,817.00
Witness Ministry	\$246.79	\$246.79
Total Ministry & Expense	\$39,890.36	\$114,134.30
Net Income	(\$10,731.70)	(\$22,003.99)

Borrowed Funds

Account Balance 3/31/2022	(\$102,772.26)
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We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings.

Submitted by:

Brian A. Jurkowski, Finance Chair & the Finance Committee

A reminder to **ALL** ladies of the Church:

The May Tea and Talk get-together of the Ruth M. Smith Center Circle will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Wesley Parlor. Bring a special or favorite teacup and join us for planning some additional events and activities as part of this missionary circle. For more info call Suzette at 814-730-3396 or Linda at 814-726-1199.

Memorial

For: Donald & Margaret McCurdy

By: Donald McCurdy



For: Nancy Carr

By: Ann Ziki

For: Jim & Marty Adams

By: Al & Karen Conarro

For: Judy Bunce

By: Allen & Joanne Miller, Rod & Anita Adams, Ruth Eakin, Connie & Steve Schenck, Charles & Kathleen Keller, Carol Rough, Al & Karen Conarro, Penney White, Bev Himes, Rita Daub

Music

For: Judy Bunce

By: Denny & LuAnn Munksgard, Stan & Shirley Pearson, Carol Ostergard, Clifford & Judy Rafson

Kitchen Fund

For: Judy Bunce

By: Harold & Janis Wall, Bucky & Linda Knapp

General Fund

For: Judy Bunce

By: Jim & Adele Armstrong, Nancy Johnson

In Honor of

UMCOR – Ukraine

For: Dr. Keith Price in honor of National Doctor's Day

By: Hospice of Warren Co.



Ramps Ministry

brief update for everyone about this great group of people...

THEIR MISSION IS:

To build ramps onto the homes of those in need as an active demonstration and expression of the love of Jesus.

This is a group of everyday folks, (no building experience necessary), who have a passion to help others. They provide all of the labor and materials necessary for completing a ramp for those in need, design and install semi-permanent ramps that can be relocated if the recipient moves or no longer needs the ramp. They do not charge a fee to build a ramp, however, families are asked to evaluate for themselves their ability to contribute to the project.

To get involved with this group, just sign up and give us your phone number. When a ramp is planned, you will receive a "robo call" from the coordinator with all the information and you just show up to help! There are several other ways to get involved without building...

- Support the Ramps of Hope ministry with donations to the Kane District Office. Be sure to include "Ramps of Hope" in the memo. Send to the Kane District Office, PO Box 767, Sheffield, PA 16347
- Buy one of their new Kane District Ramps t-shirts or hoodies! Check out their Facebook page, Kane District Ramp ministry for more information about cost, etc.
- Volunteer to help provide lunches for the workers
- Volunteer to take pictures of the work day and post on the Facebook page, Kane District Ramp Ministry

They have started the building season already and have plenty of new projects planned! Thanks to all those volunteers involved in this great ministry! Any questions please contact Cheryle Stellato for more information! tcstellato@atlanticbb.net or 814-730-0824.

SHARING PLACE UPDATE

Just a quick update on the status of the Sharing Place. They are still providing dinners for the public on Thursday evenings at the First Presbyterian Church, but it is on a take-out basis only. There is a small group of volunteers that meet on Thursdays and prepare the meals, package and distribute them as people arrive outside. As of now, they still do not need any additional volunteers. Sharing Place is hoping to return to in-person dinners soon, but that time is still undecided. We still have our list of volunteers so when this time comes to help, you will be contacted to see if you are still interested in helping out!



May 1 - Dawn Werner

May 2 - Jamie Watson, Jacqueline Sadler, James Black

May 3 - Dudley Wineriter, Barbara Hulings, Eric Zavinski

May 4- Floyd Moore, Simon Smith

May 5 - Evelyn Eaton, Sally Moldovan, Joe Sienkiewicz

May 6 - Edwin Rickerson, Kimberly Tutaro, Connor Grey

May 7 - Richard Thoma, Emma Stimmell

May 8 - Jan Garrett, Melissa Larsen

May 10 - Susan Puhl, Julie Danielson, Erin Werner

May 11 - Karen Schwone

May 12 - Helena Moore, Stephanie Reagle, Laura Rescorla, Violet Brooker

May 13 - Beth Anne Nichols, Brittany Saber

May 14 - Linda Clover, Daniel Farr

May 15 - Donna Miller, Gary Fleming

May 16 - Matthew Jeffrey

May 17 - Shane Burns

May 19 - Mary Rose Farr, Caroline Curren

May 20 - Kylie Pearson, Kailee Morrison, Mitchell Arnold

May 21 - Mary Sprentz, Jennifer Morrison

May 22 - Patricia McClement, Sarah Tarpinning, Jacob McCollough, Kristen Johnson

May 23 - Beverly Petersen

May 24 - Tyler Gustafson

May 25 - Marci Barker, Brandi Buchanan, Beau Kibbey

May 26 - Michael Phillips

May 27 - Cory Burns, Adam Barker

May 28 - Dave Berdine, Julie Ross, Ryan Gustafson

May 29 - Linda Morrison, Taylor Napolitan

May 30 - Paul Johnson

May 31 - Tony Ross, Walt Miller, Rhonda Narlee, Anna Peterson, Amanda Green, Julie Halteman



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School 1:00 p Intramural Basketball 2:00 p District Conference (Saint Marys, PA)	2 5:15 p Christian Yoga 7:00 p Truth Project Bible Study	3 11:00 a Staff Meeting 12:15 p Christian Yoga 5:00 p Gym Resv. 5:30 p <i>Nurture</i> 6:00 p <i>SPRC</i> 6:00 p Pickleball 6:30 p Women's Bible Study	4 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 a Women's Bible Study 5:00 p YA Bible Study 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Madrigals 6:30 p C.R.E.W. 6:30 p Choir	5 5:00 p Gym Resv. 6:00 p Praise Team 6:00 p Disciple II 6:00 p Caregivers' Support Group	6 10:30 a Yarn Angels 11:00 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga 5:30 p Nurture Movie Night	7
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