Grace Notes
November 2026

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

Senior Pastor:	Rev. William Beatty
Coordinator of Congregational Care:	Cindy Price
Choir Director:	Floyd Moore
Organist/Accompanist:	Debbie Airgood
Office Administrator:	Meghan Brooker
Office Manager:	Mary Quiggle-Pickering
Director of Children & Family Ministries:	Lori Beatty
Director of Youth & Family Ministries:	Nicki Egger

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.

"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 3 – 6:00 p – *SPRC*
November 9 – 6:00 p – *Worship*
November 10 – 5:30 p – *Education*
November 10 – 6:00 p – *Property Trustees*
November 12 – 5:00 p – *Nurture*
November 24 – 6:00 p – *Church Council*



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

From the Pastor

To Be Thankful

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”(Luke 17:11-19)

Why did only one cleansed leper return to thank Jesus? The following are nine suggested reasons why the nine did not return:

One waited to see if the cure was real.
One waited to see if it would last.
One said he would see Jesus later.
One decided that he had never had leprosy.
One said he would have gotten well anyway.
One gave the glory to the priests.
One said, "O, well, Jesus didn't really do anything."
One said, "Any rabbi could have done it."
One said, "I was already much improved."
But One went back.
Why did he go back? To give thanks to Jesus for his healing.

If you go to just about *any* store the first week of November you will see that the world sweeps from Halloween to Christmas, pushing aside Thanksgiving as a holiday. It isn’t nearly as profitable for them as either Halloween or Christmas. Yet as Christians, *we* must not sweep aside our thanks to God for our blessings.

Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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

Give thanks in all circumstances. I’ve said before, and we all know this (but it’s hard to live it) – Paul doesn’t say give thanks *for* all circumstances. Sometimes things happen that are just awful, soul-crushing, and life altering.

And yet.

Give thanks in all circumstances. We can cultivate within our own hearts a habit of thankfulness that begins with God’s presence in our lives and continues with thankfulness for all the blessings – big and small – that we have in our lives. I heard someone say recently that 100 years ago almost nobody could take a hot shower. I can every morning. I don’t even think about it. It’s a small thing to be thankful for, but I am. I’m also thankful that God inspired someone to make a medicine that keeps me alive. The small and the big things.

What will you say thanks to God for today?

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Bill

A Note from the Choir Director

Imagine the world before Jesus. Hundreds of years of promises and prophecies unfulfilled.

"O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear…."

No Christmas.
Ever.

Then God's son Jesus came, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead. No doubt about it.

Jesus changed the world. Now we can sing "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing."

Let every heart prepare him room. Let Jesus change your world this Thanksgiving, advent, and Christmas season.

See you in church!

Floyd Moore
Choir Director
amfm123@verizon.net

"Hey, when's the Christmas Concert this year?" The second Sunday in December at 4p.m. (12/13 at 4)

The Chosen

Thursdays from 6 - 8pm – You can join us anytime! The Chosen Series and Bible Study is held in the library. We watch two episodes per night with discussion afterwards. No cost to participate – see Lori Beatty if you have any questions. We will not meet on Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve), Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) and will resume January 7.

Nurture News

We had a terrific response to our trip surveys! Don't worry if you didn't complete one, you can still attend if you are interested. We have 38 people interested in a trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky and 44 people interested in traveling to Lancaster for the Sight and Sound Theatre. We will have an informational meeting before the end of the year - date and time to be determined.

The next Nurture committee meeting will be at 5pm in the library on Thursday, November 12.

Calling All Parents!!! Save the Date – 12/5/26 from 1:00 - 8:00 pm in Higginbotham Hall

The Nurture Committee, Children's Ministry, and CREW are planning a getaway day for parents to have time for holiday preparations or to just enjoy a night out! We will provide crafts, movies, games, and meal/snacks for children, aged 3 and up. All adult helpers will have their state and federal clearances. Anyone wishing to help out can also sign up and if you don't already have your clearances, see Meghan in the office and she will help out! There will be a QR code provided for sign-ups as well as sign-ups on the bulletin board.

Also, if you are interested, the nurture committee will be offering free gift wrapping. If you would like to drop off gifts for wrapping, please note that on the QR form. Gifts can be dropped off, wrapped, and

stored on the second floor of the church in a locked room away from any prying eyes :) The gifts can be picked up anytime – just reach out to Lori and arrangements will be made.

Messy Church

November 18, 2026 – 5:00 - 6:30
Our theme this month is "Messy Thanksgiving". Come on out and get your gobble going! Pastor Bill is our chef and will be preparing our feast :)



Paint Night is Back!!

Sign Up Soon – The Paint Night with Kelly Hunt and Jan Moore is limited to 24 participants (aged 10 and up). The paint night will be held in Higginbotham Hall on Saturday, December 12 at 6:00 pm. Cost is $25 per participant and all supplies are provided. To the left is an example of what we will be creating. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office.

Lori Beatty

PROMISE PRESCHOOL

October went by in a flash! We had so much fun! The Warren City Police, Penelec and the Warren City Firefighters came to visit us and tell us all about their vehicles and how to stay safe.
We learned about nocturnal and diurnal animals, we looked at an owl pellet, we also did some painting.
We also talked about pumpkins, their life cycle, did our annual Pumpkin Jack decomposition experiment, we baked pumpkin muffins.
We also had a little Halloween fun! We had a fun day and our families got to see all the kids in their costumes!
Also, we're working on letters, numbers, phonemic awareness, and fine and gross motor skills!

In November, we're going to have a food collection to prepare "Thanksgiving Meal in a Bag" using all pantry items to be able to have a Thanksgiving meal that we will donate how many bags we make to the church food pantry.

We hope you have a wonderful November and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Jen Lynds and Soojye Gustafson

SOC – Support Our Children Grace Promise Preschool does a special offering collection on months that have 5 Sundays to help with their programming. The next collection will be **Sunday**, **November 29th**.
Your support is greatly appreciated!



Flock Talk

"In the same way let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven"
Matthew 5:16

Great thanks are in order. November is the month that celebrates gratitude and here we are at the very beginning of it. Last month we celebrated Pastor Appreciation Month and dedicated October to the many ways we could show our sincere thankfulness.

Some of us have the wonderful opportunity to serve alongside Pastor Bill in meetings and if you are one of them, then you know how this feels. I'll be one of the strongest voices that says, "It feels right". It feels right to volunteer when you have a pastor that is all in. It feels right to put forth energy when you see Pastor Bill willing to take on more than his share. It feels right to sacrifice free time to attend meetings when you know he will be your biggest supporter. It feels right from every perspective, even on the days you're tired or busy or second guessing your effectiveness.

We have a church that pulls together. Every ministry, every leader in their area, every volunteer who gives their time toward our church, they deserve a great big thanks. It is not always easy. It is not always convenient. It is not always resolved in one sitting.

What it is, is necessary. It is relevant to the health and well-being of our church. It is a part of being in the body of Christ that testifies to the world that we follow His commands. It becomes second nature to serve. It becomes a way of life and a way to love. Thank God that He chose us and that we chose Him!

Sincerely grateful,
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

HAPPY NOVEMBER!!

Grace UMC will be serving a Thanksgiving Community Dinner on Turkey Day November 26 from 12-2pm in Higginbotham Hall. Take-outs will be available for pickup from 1-2pm.

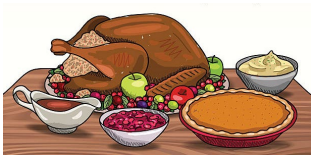
Reservations are required by 11/20/26 for both eat-in and take-out.

I encourage all of you to spread the word about this wonderful opportunity for fellowship with others and a nice hot meal of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, and homemade desserts!

… so we are counting on the **HANDS OF GRACE** to make it happen!

Sign-up sheets will be available in front of the Office for:

1. Reservations (eat-in or take-out)
2. Table setters Wednesday 7:00 pm
3. Food Prep Work Thursday 9:00 am
4. Serving and/or Cleanup Thursday11:30 am
5. Green Bean Casserole makers
6. Purchase Cranberry Sauce (1 each Whole Berry and Jellied)
7. Dessert bakers (Pie or Cake only, please)



During the week, you can contact Meghan or Mary in the office to make reservations or to sign up to help. 814-723-9440.

In the past, some turkeys have been donated. We will gratefully accept these, but they must be in the 18-23 lb range. With the larger birds there is less waste. We appreciate anyone who is willing to cook a turkey at home and bring it SLICED Thursday morning.

Please contact Cindy about donating and/or cooking turkeys.

Cindy Price 814-688-7594 (text) or kcprice1@breezeline.net

Grace Church Finance Report



Grace Church ~

Below you will find our financials for the month of September and Year to Date position. As we head into fall and winter, let us look to God for guidance in our giving.

Thank you!

2026 Monthly and YTD Financials

	September '26	YTD
Total Income	**$27,927.03**	**$258.558.73**
Office Expense	$163.67	$6,206.03
Buildings & Ground Expense (Church & Parsonage)	$9,629.06	$70,840.08
Ministry Personnel	$21,924.90	$192,639.02
Church Council	$0.00	$360.19
Education Ministry	$181.51	$1,536.83
Nurture Ministry	$393.20	$2,669.09
Worship Ministry	$395.98	$3,587.29
Outreach Ministry	$0.00	$1,287.29
Connectional Apportionment	$1,649.88	$21,848.92
Witness Ministry	$0.00	$0.00
Total Ministry & Expense	**$34,338.20**	**$300,974.74**
Net Income	**($6,411.17)**	**($42,416.01)**

Shortfall

Account Balance 09/30/2026	**($66,438.94)**

We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings.

Submitted by:
Brian A. Jurkowski, Finance Chair & the Finance Committee



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



Items for the **December 2026** Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the office mary@graceumcwarren.com by **Monday, November 16.**
Thank you.



The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **everything** at this time. Thank you to all who contribute!

Do you like to knit or crochet? Yarn Angels meets weekly on Friday mornings from **9:30am-11am** in the **church library**. If you have any questions, call Vickie Morrison at 814-726-0170.



Come Join Our Messy Church

Invite your friends for a time of fun activities and crafts, celebration of praise and Bible story, and a meal to share together! This is a Worship time for everyone in the family! We meet on the third Wednesday of the month (Sept-May) from 5 – 6:30pm upstairs on the second floor. Our next event "**A Messy Thanksgiving"** is **Wednesday, November 18th!**

TRIVIA NIGHTS have returned! Evenings for the whole family, with mental challenge, fun, fellowship and food in Higginbotham Hall once monthly. Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with pizza, snacks, drinks and prizes….and, of course, great trivia questions on a wide variety of subjects. Mark your calendars! Trivia Night dates are:

November 21 – theme is 1950s
January 16
February 20
March 20
…and maybe April too!

Please invite friends and neighbors! Encourage them to form a team to play every month! We see this as an outreach opportunity, to introduce folks to a church family and perhaps share the knowledge and love of Christ with them.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in Wesley Parlor soon. Boxes are due back by **Sunday, November 15th**. Toys, stationery, personal care items, etc. can be donated. Please do not include soap, candy, toothpaste, war-related items, food, liquids or lotions.

Hanging of the Greens – The annual Hanging of the Greens for this Advent season will be on **Sunday, November 22nd**.
We will meet after the 11:00 service to begin the task. Sign-up sheets will be on the signup board outside the church office.
Help is needed in all areas. Any questions ask Suzette Berdine.



November 1 – Becky Gnage
November 2 – Marge Smith
November 3 – Kevin Werner
November 4 – Lilly Berdine, Casey Eaker, Harper Dymond
November 5 – Nickie Webb
November 6 – Paige Conklin, Caleb Hellman, Lois Strycula, Gary Trisket
November 7 – Melinda Johnson, Kim Messinger, Jan Moore
November 9 – Nicki Egger
November 10 – Rick Gnage
November 11 – Dave Hunter
November 12 – Missy Tatarski
November 14 – Becky Culbertson, Madison Manelick
November 15 – Ken Brady, Lyn Grey
November 16 – Alli Jerman, Linda Tuttle
November 17 – Chris Ei, Charles Keller, Erick Shafer, Alicia Vavala
November 18 – Rob Gafner
November 19 – Chad Ball, Sarah Nolan, Kayla Randolph
November 20 – Jacob Moore, Emmet Yaegle, Lainey Suppa
November 22 – Chuck Keeports
November 24 – Trish Gentilman
November 25 – RuthAnn Dennis, Heather Morrison
November 27 – DJ Hahn, Bucky Knapp
November 28 – Jim Babcock, Melanie Barrett
November 29 – Pat Jerman, Marshall Johnson, Charmaine Pearson, Jakob Rodoski, Elishia Wurst
November 30 – Lucas Green, Dominic Zaffino



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:00 a Children's Choir 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School 6:00 p Worship at The Crossing 6:00 p Experiencing God Bible Study	2 8:00 a Pickleball 10:30 a Touch Tennis 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Wesley Parlor Reserved 7:00 p Ping Pong	3 8:00 a Pickleball 10:30 a Preschool - Gym Reserved 11:00 a Staff Meeting 12:15 p Christian Yoga 1:30 p Pickleball 6:00 p Pickleball 6:00 p *SPRC*	4 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 a Experiencing God Bible Study 10:30 a Preschool - Gym Reserved 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p Choir 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	5 8:00 a Pickleball 10:30 a Preschool - Gym Reserved 6:00 p Chosen Bible Study 6:00 p Caregivers' Support Group	6 8:00 a Pickleball 9:30 a Yarn Angels 11:15 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga	7 9:00 a Praise Team 10:00 a Pickleball
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