

# Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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## August 2019

*"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*

### August Meetings

August 5 – 6:45 p – *SPRC*  
August 12 – 6:00 p – *Childcare*  
August 13 – 7:00 p – *Property Trustees*  
August 19 – 7:00 p – *Outreach/Witness*  
August 19 – 7:00 p – *Worship*  
August 20 – 7:00 p – *Education*  
August 27 – 7:00 p – *Church Council*  
August 29 – 6:00 p – *Preschool Board*

### Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>



This month's Communion offering will benefit **The Sharing Place**. Please use the Communion envelope in your monthly packet or pew pocket envelope for your contribution.

### Ushers & Greeters



### August Greeters

4 – Larry Sutton	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Ann Rossman	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
11 – Ann Rossman	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Larry Sutton	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
18 – Skip & Linda Morrison	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Judy Johnson	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
25 – Judy Johnson	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Skip & Linda Morrison	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>

### August Ushers

Rick Gnage, Arden Knapp,  
Dick Risinger, Tony Ross

# From the Pastor

## Invitability

**Y**eah – it’s a made-up word – *invite-ability*...

I just read an article that asked a number of questions about the “invitability of your church.” That is, how is the “invite culture” or your church? For those who attend regularly, how likely are they to invite people to participate in the life of the church?

According to Lifeway Research, only about 2% of people invited a friend to church in the last year.

Hmmm – I guess I have invited a few people to church over the past year, but I’m in a rather unique position to be able to do that pretty easily – and when I do, it’s kind of expected, you know?

Still, the Church (that’s the Big ‘C’ Church, as in the Church universal) exists not simply for the saved to grow in faith and trust, but the Church’s mission is, and I quote, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20a). To know Christ and to make him known.

We want to take discipleship seriously.

First, I’d like to ask everyone to go a little deeper in your relationship with God: take a Bible study class or join a Sunday School class, read a Christian classic or a new author for spiritual formation, add a regular devotional reading and a regular and intentional prayer time to your schedule every day, take a few minutes every day just to worship God.

That’s HALF of our task. Deepening our relationship with God in Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit is half our task. The other half is telling other people what that relationship means to you. And it can be as simple as inviting them to church or to a service project or to a special event like a concert. And it can be as deep as personally mentoring someone or

journeying through the Bible together with someone.

But it begins with our willingness to be invitational: to open up our hearts and lives to someone so that we can share the grace and truth of God with them.

Here are three questions from the article that I think are worth pondering as a first step toward thinking about being invitational:

- **When was the last time you invited someone to your church?**
  - If it was recently, what happened when you asked? What happened when your friend came to church?
  - If you haven’t recently invited someone, why not? What is holding you back?
- **Think of the last time someone at your church invited a friend and told you about it. Did they indicate that it was a positive or a negative experience?**
  - What part of that experience went well?
  - What part of that experience was negative?
- **How urgently does your church sense the need to reach the community around you?**
  - If it’s low urgency, what can you do to increase the vision for community impact at your church?
  - If it’s high urgency, are you connecting with and making an impact in the community and consistently inviting people to church?

So, how’s the *Invitability* of Grace Church?

Know Christ. Make Him Known.

In Christ’s Love,  
Pastor Bill

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This will be really short, as it is very quiet in music land. The sun has been shining, although we have some showers today. That's ok. Bless the Choir – there's been one all summer, so far. Thank you, dear ones, and thank you to Renee, Larry and Tristan who woke up one Sunday, never dreaming they would be singing solos!! They were great!! Again – thanks. We pray daily for Carol, Alfred, and Nancy S. and those who are caring for loved ones. May God bless each of you.

On August 31 we are singing for Tyler's wedding. The wedding is at 3:00 and you will be getting a letter about the particulars. Please save the day.

Choir will resume Wednesday practices on September 4, at 7 pm, the retreat is November 10, and the concert is December 8. Bells will begin on September 11. They will also get a card or letter. The children's choir is for kids in Grades 2 – no limit. They meet on Sundays at 9 am.

Summer is still on! Enjoy every precious minute of it. (I am just getting my dibs in early, so you will know where to put everything else!!) Watch your mailbox and come to church!!!

*Beverly Petersen*

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## *From the Director of Congregational Care*

*“And above all things have intense and unending love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins, forgives and disregards the offense of others.” 1 Peter 4:8 (Amplified)*

“T here once was a little girl, who has a little curl right in the middle of her forehead. When she was good, she was very, very good, but when she was bad, she was horrid.” I knew I was in trouble when my mother would recite that poem because she never said it

when I was “very, very good.”

One day while playing paper dolls on the front porch with my little friends, the thought came to me as I held the scissors in my hand, if the curl was gone... one skillful snip and I'd never be horrid again.

The next step was to hide the curl under the porch so my mother would never find out what I'd done. However, a gust of wind blew that horrid curl out onto the sidewalk just as mother came out to check on us.

She was very angry and asked me “who cut your hair?” Fibbing, I blamed Jack. Scapegoat Jack confessed and I breathed a sigh of relief. Go figure!

Later, being guilt ridden, I confessed my lies and Jack was released from exile.

To this day, I don't know why Jack was willing to take my place and punishment. Perhaps God used him to prepare me for a time when I would realize that there was One who had taken upon Himself all my HORRID sins.

Well, Jack Kirk probably doesn't even remember that rainy summer day. My curl grew back, and I probably heard the “recitation” more than a few times as I grew up. But I learned that it is possible to care about others enough to cover their faults for love makes up for practically anything.

Do we have any HORRID sins to repent of? Let's receive HIS forgiveness and a fresh anointing as we reach out to others with the love and life of Jesus Christ. That would be very, very good.

*Grace, mercy and peace,  
Karen D. Gray*



It is with a heavy heart that I must announce the resignation of Mrs. Whyte from Grace Promise Preschool. “After much consideration and deliberation” she has decided she needs to put her time and energy into her family spray foam business.

She has been such a blessing to our program and will be greatly missed.

As we actively search for someone to fill this position, I will continue to prepare the room and lessons for the upcoming school year and continue with the same dedication to the children and quality preparation for their future educational experiences. Please pray that we find the right person to join me in this important ministry! We still have openings for children in our 3 and 4 year-old classes, so if you know of any children not currently enrolled in a preschool program, registration forms can be picked up in the church office.

Feel free to share the job posting below with anyone you think may be interested.

### **PRESCHOOL TEACHER OR AIDE POSITION**

#### **AVAILABLE:**

Grace Promise Preschool is currently seeking a person with a passion for teaching children. A co-teacher or aide position is available for the 2019-2020 school year. This position would require working together with the Director to ensure a safe and nurturing environment for the children and prepare them for their future public school experience. Duties will include preparation of lesson plans and projects, creating bulletin boards to display students work, as well as help in keeping parents informed of events and activities taking place in the classroom.

This is a part time position that would require 15-17 hours per week. Classes are held on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, September through early May. Work with children in a preschool or daycare setting is preferred. Salary will be based on experience and clearances will be required per regulations for anyone working with children. If interested, please submit your resume to Grace United Methodist Church, 501 Pennsylvania Ave. East in Warren or you can drop it off in the church office.

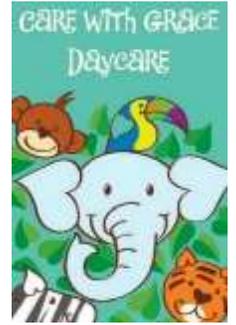
#### **THANK YOU!**

Trish Gentilman  
Director/Teacher  
Grace Promise Preschool

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So August is our last month of summer. July was hot, but we were able to go for walks early in the morning. August we will be going to the fair and Wildwood. We will be having a summer end party. Also the class that wins the Penny War will get their own party for collecting the most money in our jars. We are starting to get ready for the start of school on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

~Jolee Craddock & Irene Garris, co-directors



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

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

**August 4** – Anna Peterson

**August 11** – Becky Fuller

**August 18** – Anna Peterson

**August 25** – Becky Fuller

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Grace Family,  
Thank you so much for the Amazon gift card. That will come in handy with my move to Chicago in August. I will be attending Loyola University of Chicago for grad school beginning in August. Thank you so much! Ashley Barker



Dear Grace United Methodist,  
Thank you very much for the graduation gift and card. Sincerely, Lucas Moore

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Thank you for helping send us to Wesley Woods. One thing I did was play gaga ball. Thank you, Riley, Emma, and Karen Lyle

A BIG THANK YOU to the over 26 volunteers who helped in the planning and working to make the July 4<sup>th</sup> hot dog giveaway a success. We served 640 hot dogs! God is good, all the time... He further blessed us that day with a very hot day and no rain on the parade! With thanks & appreciation, The Outreach Committee



**Our budget the month of June 2019:**  
Other income consists of funds from Sunday

School, Room Rental, Bible Studies, Literature Tables, Fitness Ministry, Easter, Christmas, and Misc. Income.

<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Other Income:</b>	164.75	565.39
<b>Offerings &amp; Tithes</b>	<u>41,491.35</u>	<u>29,474.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>41,656.10</b>	<b>30,039.39</b>
<b>Number of Sundays:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
Borrowed	0	0
<b>Expense:</b>	32,309.77	34,311.68
Attendance:	1,021	859
<b>Connectional Apportionments</b>		
<b>Obligation-</b>	3,330.00	
<b>Paid to date</b>	19,980.00	
Ahead (Behind)	0	
Percent of year to date paid 50%		



Grace Methodist Church, I want to thank you all for everything you did to help me get a ramp. Karen, I want to thank you for setting up things to get me a ramp. Also, thank you for the subs and brownies for the volunteers. I want to thank all the volunteers that gave up their time to help put the ramp together. Thank you again and God Bless. Anita Zimmer

To our church family, We want to thank you all for your prayers, cards, visits and gifts. It is overwhelming knowing so many care and are praying for us. We've had some not so great days but know we are never alone and that we are given the strength and patience to get thru. You are all a blessing to us in so many ways. Thank you! Ray and Vickie



There will be a memorial reception for Gail Nelson on August 11 in Higginbotham Hall after the 11 am service. Everyone is invited to come down and greet Joyce Nelson and family and have some cake.



**His income:** Was \$12,017.35 higher in June 2019 compared to June 2018

**Our expenses:** Were \$2,001.91 lower in June 2019 compared to June 2018

**Six Month Review**

Income: January – June \$194,333.41

Expense: January – June \$200,503.79

Submitted by:

Alice Bonnell, Finance Chair



**Flock Talk!**

***“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”***

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

How nice that every Sunday brings us the opportunity to experience these great words! There is a very touching quality to our concern for one another at Grace Church. A nicely spoken command in Hebrews 10:24 tells us to “consider” one another. Just as we are always to be thinking about Jesus, we are always to be thinking about each other. It is our care, our concern and our compassion that comes through our words and our actions. Our thoughts

toward each other take on a special quality of generosity. Any given Sunday, we see how this expression of love is demonstrated. We greet, we hug, we assist, we kneel with each other during difficult times. We share the tender need for comfort, and we find ourselves offering supportive words of encouragement. Sometimes we don't know how strong we are until we have other believers come alongside to revive our spiritual stamina. Many friendships have formed in our church, some will last a lifetime. When God places a certain individual in our path, we never know if we are to help them or if they are positioned to bring out our best virtues. I would say both. This next Sunday, enjoy the unique fragrance of friendship, delight in the warm fellowship that expresses Christ's love! Tenderly, Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

MORE  
COMING  
SOON!  
*stay tuned...*

Coming September 28, Daughter of Grace Dinner with Simple Faith – an inspirational and entertaining program.



This fall's study is **Putting Jesus First** by Sarah Young and Karen Lee-Thorp. There are 8 weeks of studies plus some readings and questions

for you to complete between sessions. The book's price will probably be under \$7.00. We will meet in Wesley Parlor (behind the sanctuary). Classes begin on Tuesday, September 10, at 7:00pm, and Wednesday, September 11, at 8:45am and 10:45am. **(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE WEDNESDAY MORNING TIMES.** These new times will allow the 8:45 class to finish and leave before the 10:45 class members begin to arrive in an attempt to alleviate parking difficulties.) Please decide by **AUGUST 9** if you will be taking the course, and which session you will be attending most frequently. The books will be ordered after August 9. Please contact me at (814) 726-7890 or [radmagnuson@gmail.com](mailto:radmagnuson@gmail.com) to sign up for the class. Looking forward to seeing you. Renee Magnuson



The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **canned meat (chicken, tuna, spam) and jam or jelly** at this time. Thank you to all who contribute to the Grace Church Food Pantry!

On Saturday, October 19, 2019, Grace UMC's Men's Ministry will be hosting a Man in the Mirror event *Rewired*. The event will take place in the Slater Room at the Warren Public Library (205 Market Street Warren, PA 16365) from 10 am to 4 pm. Pre-registration cost is \$15 or, if not sold out, \$20 at the door. Speakers include Pastor Bill Beatty, Dr. Jerry Schoenborn, Pastor Rick Hamrick, and Pastor Doug McCracken. Any questions or for more information, contact Kurt Shafer at [mensministrywarrenco@gmail.com](mailto:mensministrywarrenco@gmail.com)



### August Worship Assistants



**Advisors:**  
Linda Knapp 726-1199  
Sheryl Richards 726-3876

- August 4** – Kylie Jurkowski & Alanna Byrd
- August 11** – Charlotte & Adelaide Keeports
- August 18** – Ryan & Bella Egger
- August 25** – AJ Slattery & Becca Anderson



Items for the September Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the Church office ([mary@graceumcwarren.com](mailto:mary@graceumcwarren.com)) by Friday, August 16. Thank you!



- August 1 – Julie Hitchcock
- August 2 – Guy Baughman, Gregg Danielson
- August 3 – Sharon Silzle, Madelene Reid
- August 5 – Brendan Garrett
- August 6 – Marlene Avery, Nikolai Long,  
Matt Stapleford, Darrell Robinault,  
Cadence McManigle
- August 7 – Earl Duvall, Shirley Shafer, Michael Barr,  
Trevor Buchanan
- August 8 – Bev Himes, Tony Stellato, Tyler Retterer
- August 9 – Bill Gentilman, Quay Strandburg
- August 10 – Jaxon Knapp, Judy Templeton,  
Caden Beers
- August 11 – Becky Ikert, Craig Rodoski
- August 13 – Patricia Dutchess
- August 14 – Debra Foreman
- August 15 – Suzanne Shall, Gladys Jones
- August 16 – Gavin LaVan, Karen Conrad,  
Andrew Sprentz, Dianna Flagella
- August 17 – AJ Slattery
- August 18 – Randy Grey
- August 19 – Maggie Birgel, Kris Magnuson,  
Lynnanne Hammersley
- August 20 – Mark Shene
- August 21 – Caleb Gnage, Randy Ickert
- August 23 – Chloe Watson
- August 24 – Adelaide Keepports, Aaren Danielson
- August 25 – Parker Shene, Amy Yaegle, Derek Knapp
- August 26 – Lisa Brown, Bonnie Lopez, Joyce Font,  
Becca Anderson, Elin Smith, Charlie Sienkiewicz,  
DJ Anderson, Eddie Anderson
- August 27 – Sarah Peterson, Charissa Barkley
- August 28 – Ryan Zavinski, Charlotte Keepports,  
Cathy Irwin
- August 29 – Ashley Barker, Jordan Retterer,  
Midge Gilligan, Dorothy Culbertson
- August 31 – Chris Zaffino, Seth McClymonds,  
Sheldon McMeans

# August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><b>CARE WITH GRACE DAYCARE</b> is open daily from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm located on the second-floor parking lot side and in the gym.</p>	<p><b>PROMISE PRESCHOOL</b> is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-11:30 am (3-year-olds) and 12:30 – 3:00 pm (4-year-olds) located on the ground floor.</p>		<p><b>1</b> 5:00 p Caregivers' Support Group 6:00 p Pickleball 7:00 p AseraCare</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10:00 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga</p>	<b>3</b>
<p><b>4</b> 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:45 a Sunday School</p>	<p><b>5</b> 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p Habitat for Humanity 6:45 p <i>SPRC</i> 7:00 p Eaton Parlor Reserved</p>	<p><b>6</b> 11:15 Staff Meeting 5:15 p Healing Christian Yoga 6:00 p Pickleball</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga 7:00 p Praise Team</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:00 p Pickleball</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:00 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga</p>	<p><b>10</b> 11:00 a Wesley Parlor Reserved 12:00 p Kitchen &amp; Higginbotham Hall Reserved</p>
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