

Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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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



October Meetings

October 4 - 5:30 p - Nurture
6:00 p - SPRC
October 11 - 6:00 p - Property Trustees
October 13 - 6:00 p - Finance
October 25 - 6:00 p - Childcare

This month's Communion offering is **World Communion Sunday**. This provides scholarships to U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Please use the special Communion envelope in your monthly packet for your contribution.

From the Pastor

Listen to Me...

I love dogs. And when I'm around dogs I sometimes talk to them (no, they don't talk back). But there was this Far Side cartoon by Gary Larson years ago that went something like this:

What we say to dogs: Okay Ginger, I've had it. You stay out of the garbage from now on or else. Do you understand Ginger?

What dogs hear: Blah Ginger. Blah Ginger.

I get it. Sometimes I don't hear very well. I'm not talking about the old husband's "selective hearing" bit, and not just from years of playing in loud rock and roll bands. Sometimes I just don't hear very well. Lori might ask me something important but I'm in the middle of a paragraph of a book or the girls might say something to me and I'm checking email or whatever and I just don't hear. These three people in my life have a lot of experience dealing with this and they've pretty much mastered techniques for getting me to listen. When Rachel was little, she would start by simply saying, "Daddy." If that didn't work, she would use brute force repetition. "Daddydaddydaddydaddydaddydaddy..." and so on. Elie took a different track. She would ask, "Daddy, is what you are doing really important?" Failing that, both girls would grab my arm or leg. I never had to find out what the next step was. Lori simply says my name really loudly. Always works.

Now don't get me wrong. I do pay attention to my family. It's just I get...distracted sometimes. And I always feel badly when I realize that Lori or one of the girls has spoken and I haven't heard. I apologize and focus and really pay attention.

As I was thinking about this I realize that I can be the same way with God. When was the last time I listened, really, really listened to the voice of God? As Creator of the universe and our hope and salvation God really deserves more than a passing notice. Why should God have to pester me to get me to listen? What an insult that I would even put God in such a place to even have to do such a thing (though, just as with my family, I don't *intend* it to be an insult...). I should be sitting rapt at Jesus' feet like Mary of Bethany (Luke 10:38-41) not buried in whatever it is that has grabbed my attention at the moment. No matter how noble or worthwhile or important the task at hand might be, how can I justify putting God "on hold"? What do you suppose might be the result if I continue to put God off?

More than a dozen times in the New Testament Jesus says, "Let anyone with ears, listen," or some variation of that phrase. It is a call for all of us to listen – not just to hear, but to really listen. God shouldn't have to use my kids' techniques: "Church?" "Churchchurchchurchchurchchurch..." or "Is what you are doing really important?"

Are we listening? Really listening? To Elijah, God came as a still small voice. To Moses, a voice in a burning bush. To Israel God spoke through the prophets. To the church God speaks through the Holy Spirit. Are we listening?

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bill

We're Baack! Actually we never left. Well, just once. Your Grace choir has been singing faithfully each Sunday throughout the spring, summer, fall and winter. We took a tiny break on September 11. Did you miss us? Hopefully not, because that Sunday we worshipped with the Magnus Brass in the 11:00 service. I was in Salisbury Maryland visiting my son Alex, but I enjoyed the service online.



We're baack! Your choir is back to their fall and winter and spring schedules with Wednesday night rehearsals starting at 6:30 and ending around 8 p.m. (you're all invited, you know...) We've been missing Kris and Renee as they're taking a monthlong trip to visit friends and family everywhere, probably wearing out google maps. We've enjoyed the help of Kathy Neal and Lori Beatty while Kris is away. Our hearts go out to Lori and her family on the passing of her father.

Looking ahead – It's Christmas! Yes, put the date on your calendars – Our annual Christmas Concert is on Sunday, December 11 at 4p.m. In the meantime, worship with us each Sunday through October, November, including our season of Thanksgiving, and Advent in December!

Get outside and enjoy the Warren weather. Get inside on Sunday mornings and enjoy your church congregations and worship services. 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.



You're invited to *sing* with the Grace Choir!



We are rehearsing again in the choir room on
Wednesday evenings at 6:30p.m.

We've been singing all summer, but now we'll start practicing again.
Wednesday choir practice starts at 6:30 – invite all your friends!

If you like to sing – Join the Choir!

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Grace United Methodist Church,
Thank you very much for the \$25 Amazon gift card! I very much appreciate it!
Thank you!
Derek Hahn

UNITY AND HOLINESS

We are facing challenging times in the United Methodist denomination. There are people with strong opinions, those who are beginning to try and understand so as to form an opinion and some who may not even care.



I have been reading a booklet, Church Unity: Through Paul's Eyes. It is based on lectures by N. T. Wright, a New Testament scholar, Pauline theologian and Anglican bishop.

Philippians 1:27 'Your public behavior must match up to the Gospel of the King'

NIV translation 'Whatever happens, conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ'.

I am holding this verse close to my heart.

Wright feels that the emphases here is about Unity and Holiness. *"Both concepts are vital and non-negotiable. They are a part of the attractive new way of being human that the early Christians based their lives and witness around. People today don't tend to think of holiness like that, as attractive, but try holiness really should be. If you know people who are genuinely, joyfully holy, you think, 'Wow, these are good people to be with!' You can rely on them. They are sustaining. They are life-giving."*

While Unity and Holiness are difficult in themselves, *"...they are very difficult when put together. Unity alone is comparatively easy. If you don't care about holiness, you can all just get together and turn a blind eye to people's behavior. Likewise, holiness alone is comparatively easy. If you don't care about unity, you just follow the rigorous standards you set for yourself and split off from anyone who disagrees. It's putting them together that's tough."*

Now, take the time to read these 2 paragraphs again --- slowly and thoughtfully.

I plan to present a new section of this work each month for the next 7 months.

While my heart is burdened by the possibility of conflict in our future, I trust that GOD is with us. As a family together in Christ, I pray that we can learn to live with and respect our differences.

Warmly, Cindy Price

*Thank
you*

To the Grace Congregation,
Much thanks to those who came to see me while I was in St. Vincent. And to those who just thought of me & prayed for me & sent cards & phone calls. Greatly appreciated.
Thank you.
Love & Prayers, Marti Phillips

Pastor Bill will be leading a six-week study called:

The Art of Neighboring

"What if Jesus meant that we should love our actual neighbors?"

**The Art of
Neighboring**

Sunday nights starting October 16 from 7:00-8:00 in Eaton Parlor (front of the church).

The book is \$5 and comes with a free study guide. (The book and study guide will be available in the office after October 3rd... or at least Pastor Bill hopes they will be!!)

Another preschool year is well underway. Our orientation days went smoothly and we are all adjusting to our daily routine. The children are quickly getting to know their new friends and teachers. You should see their excitement as they hang up their backpacks and find their nametags! The three-year old class is settling in by learning our class rules and the names of all their classmates. The afternoon class brought in several small items from home to help their friends learn more about them and the things they like. They also have a folder they take home each week with information for their families and fun things to do for school.

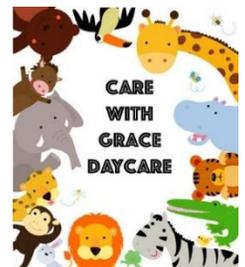


We are preparing for the fall season by learning about apples, Johnny Appleseed, and studying a unit on community helpers. We will plant crocus bulbs, make applesauce, and enjoy a visit from the Warren Fire and Police Departments. We love to see that big shiny fire truck and learn how to keep ourselves safe and meet the people that will protect and help us in an emergency. Fun fall decorations will begin to fill our room as we prepare for Halloween, and October will conclude with a class Halloween party and a parade for our families in the parking lot if the weather cooperates.

Promise Preschool wishes everyone a fun and festive fall season!

Trish Gentilman & Jen Lynds

All of our friends have started going back to school! The preschoolers have learned the new change to their routine and made new friends along the way! With the holidays just around the corner, we are going to begin fundraisers soon to help ensure a fun filled summer for next year.



Cindy Kalkbrenner
Director



During Worship

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

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

October 2 – Anna Peterson

October 9 – Anna Peterson

October 16 – Anna Peterson

October 23 – Anna Peterson

October 30 – Anna Peterson



Kitchen Fund

For: Midge Gilfillan

By: Harold & Janis Wall

**For: Midge Gilfillan, Jean Masterson,
Dottie Higgins**

By: Audrey Cable



Flock Talk

*"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

This is a full and glorious month at Grace Church! We celebrate Pastor Bill and his family. We enjoy the camaraderie and creativity of Laity Sunday. We see doors opening and new faces and calendars stuffed with events and happenings. All under one roof. Our church family pulling together and loving each other.

This season also brings a serious tone and a time for deep reflection. We have decisions arising from deep conversations and we look expectantly at our neighbor as we try to find ways to love better. And, to be more lovable.

It has been said many ways, "spiritual friends watch over one another". In light of everything that is happening, we find strength and solace as we live out our faith. Whether this is in small group studies or Sunday School, during committee work or in the choir room - we grab an oar and we paddle together.

When we see an obstacle, we see an opportunity to be merciful. We follow Jesus' teachings of compassion, justice and worship. We search the Scriptures and we make ourselves open and obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

This month, we may find ourselves in conversations that provide us the moment we have been waiting for - to be a witness to Christ Jesus and His overwhelming love. Let's be wonderfully kind and generous with our thoughts and words. May His love pour through us into others.

Thoughtfully,
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader



The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **jelly, pancake mix, pancake syrup, stuffing, and cranberry sauce** at this time. Thank you to all who contribute!



Items for the November Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the office mary@graceumcwarren.com by **Wednesday, October 19.** Thank you.

Pastor Appreciation Month!

This year will mark Pastor Bill's 26th year in ministry and we would like to show him extra appreciation for his service. When we think of the qualities that God looks for in a pastor, we realize how very fortunate we are to have Pastor Bill and his family serving at our church.

He is a consistent man of godliness and a great example of spiritual maturity. As a diligent student of Scripture, he is always a faithful and consistent preacher. Throughout his time with us we have come to depend upon his humbleness in prayer and his selfless dedication to his flock. His messages are life changing and challenging at the same time.

We are grateful for the loving support of his wife, Lori, and of the delightful friendships of their children, Rachel and Elie. Let's all take time this month to thank him and his family for their care of Grace Church and for his commitment to ministry. Our hope is that we may share many more years together!

Grace Church Finance Report



Rally for Grace

Last Sunday was Rally Sunday. We can get inspiration from anywhere. People are inspired by our families, our friends, motivational speakers, teachers, bosses, great movies, great songs, sporting events ... all kinds of things. I've been inspired by all of these things at one time or another. But on Rally Sunday, I was inspired by our children's message.

As she often does, Nicki Egger had a great message for our kids that day. It had me excited for our kids to enter another year of learning about God and His message. It had me excited to take in more of Pastor Bill's message each Sunday. Thanks, Nicki, for giving a pep rally for Grace.

The fall brings us into budget season for Grace. It's not always easy to rally around budget vs. actual, debits vs. credits, income vs. expenses. But as we head into budget season, please pay close attention to what's needed for the financial health of Grace.

2022 Monthly and YTD Financials

	August '22	YTD
Total Income	\$29,031.88	\$253,464.61
Office Expense	\$524.83	\$4,160.81
Buildings & Ground Expense (Church & Parsonage)	\$9,953.72	\$56,885.50
Ministry Personnel	\$24,237.24	\$196,510.28
Church Council	\$0.00	\$443.79
Education Ministry	\$33.42	\$1,977.26
Nurture Ministry	\$70.95	\$1,849.62
Worship Ministry	\$427.33	\$1,138.21
Outreach Ministry	\$433.85	\$568.74
Connectional Apportionment	\$2,939.00	\$23,512.00
Witness Ministry	\$247.69	\$716.61
Total Ministry & Expense	\$38,868.03	\$287,762.82
Net Income	(\$9,836.15)	(\$34,298.21)

Borrowed Funds

Account Balance 8/31/2022	(\$79,765.74)
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We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings.

Submitted by:

Brian A. Jurkowski, Finance Chair & the Finance Committee

Laity Sunday!

Grace Church is celebrating Laity Sunday this year on October 9th. This is the day we celebrate all Christians as their lives are empowered for ministry through the Holy Spirit. This day offers the occasion for people of all ages to pause and consider their calling within the community of believers.

Laity Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to infuse a fresh voice into worship and to develop leadership potential. Our laity are welcome to participate and share their testimony or to join in any part of the service. We look forward to a warm camaraderie of servants!

Pastor Appreciation Day!

Sunday, October 16th is Pastor Appreciation Day! We are celebrating Pastor Bill and his family Sunday morning with a heartwarming reception. Please join us as we show our appreciation of his time with us!

Our church is so very blessed to have his leadership and his loving concern. We are experiencing how his 26 years in ministry have culminated in a pastor who sincerely cares and gives us the teaching we need to follow God's Word.

On our day of celebration, we look forward to gathering in the Wesley Parlor after each service. There will be a basket for cards of appreciation. Let's shower him and his family with love, encouragement, and prayer!

LADIES, LOOK!!! FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CLASSES begin Tuesday, October 25th from 6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. and Wednesday, October 26th from 10:00a.m. to 11:30a.m. The study will last 6 weeks. Things you need to know include:

1. Women's Bible study classes are open to all women, whether they attend Grace Church or not. If you've been a class member in one of our studies before, think of someone to invite this time. If you've never participated, please come; you'll be warmly welcomed.
2. For this Bible study, we will be using the study guide, **Ruth – Rescued by the Redeemer**, by Dale and Sandy Larsen. This is a straightforward study with little to no homework. Until you receive your study guide, read through the book of Ruth in the Old Testament.
3. We'll meet in Eaton Parlor at the front of the church. A ramp leads to the front doors. Once inside, please go into the room immediately on your left.
4. You will need your Bible.
5. Study guides cost \$8.00. **If you cannot afford the book, please do not let that stop you from coming.** Just tell Liz, Lois, or Renee privately. Forty (40) study guide copies are available at this time. You may pay with cash or write your check to **"Grace United Methodist Church"**. You may receive your study guide one of two ways:
 - a. Pay Mary or Meghan in the church office.
 - b. Pay at your first class. If you choose to do this, please come a few minutes early.
6. Please sign up for the study by Sunday, October 16th. To sign up, either email Liz Anderson at gumcwomensbiblestudy@outlook.com or email Renee Magnuson at radmagnuson@gmail.com or call Lois Strycula at 814-728-8675.

Whether contacting one of us by email or by phone, you'll need to provide three bits of information: (1) your name, (2) your best contact telephone number, and (3) which class, Tuesday evening's or Wednesday morning's, you wish to attend. **VERY IMPORTANT!!!** Please do not wait until a few days before classes start to decide that you'd like to attend. We can't guarantee a study guide will be available for you.

7. You are still always more than welcome to join a class, but if no more books remain, you will need to order your own.
 8. Finally, the goal of each women's Bible study at Grace Church is to bring each class member into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through reading, discussing, and applying God's word. You are invited. We look forward to hearing from you.
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GRACE CHURCH, PLEASE COME PRAY

On Saturday, November 5th, the sanctuary will be open from 9:00a.m. until 6:00p.m. for members of the Grace Church family to spend time in prayer. Let's confess our sins before God, humbly asking Him to grant each one of us the wisdom we need to discern the direction He desires for our congregation. You may desire to pray for a few minutes or for a longer period. Silent prayer is recommended because the sanctuary's acoustics make it easy to hear even the quietest conversation on the opposite side of the room. Thank you for respecting other individuals' prayers by leaving the building before gathering to visit with others.



October 2 – Judy Johnson, Melissa Shene

October 5 – Jason Peterson

October 7 – Shania Brady, Amy Ei

October 8 – Annette Miller, Ray Toombs, Sara Tucher

October 10 – LaVoyce Dey, Kristy Engstrom

October 12 – Tom Flood, Brittany Fry

October 13 – Barb Babcock, Michael Hahn, Keith Price, Dan Russo, Jameson Shepherd

October 14 – Stephanie Banovic, Blanche Shuman

October 15 – Kyle Graham, Mark Risinger

October 16 – John Lewis

October 17 – Kori Eaker, Tom Yaegle

October 19 – Neal Twist

October 20 – Sara Sienkiewicz

October 21 – Suzette Berdine, Teresa Nolan

October 22 – Darla Sabat

October 23 – Miken Beers

October 26 – Tymber Barr, Sally Hunter

October 28 – Shawn Barkley, Lily Brooker, Dylan Redfield

October 29 – Lucas Moore, Marilyn Shene, Jackson Steves

October 30 – Mary Babcock, Jennifer Blum

October 31 – Sarah Stapleford



October



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School 2:30 p Lay Servant School 6:00 p Conversation About the Future of Grace Church 6:00 p Worship @ The Crossing	3 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Truth Project	4 11:00 a Staff Meeting 12:15 p Christian Yoga 5:30 p <i>Nurture</i> 6:00 p <i>SPRC</i> 6:00 p Pickleball	5 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Madrigals 6:30 p Choir 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	6 6:00 p Caregivers' Support Group	7 10:30 a Yarn Angels 11:00 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga	1 9:00 a Praise Team 8 9:00 a Praise Team
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