

Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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August

2021

*"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 3 – 6:00 p – *Leadership & Nominations*
August 4 – 6:00 p – *SPRC*
August 10 – 6:00 p – *Property Trustees*
August 16 – 6:00 p – *Education*
August 17 – 6:00 p – *Childcare*
August 23 – 7:00 p – *Worship*
August 26 – 6:00 p – *Preschool*



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

From the Pastor

Grace That Is Greater...

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 4:8-11 NIV)

I read a brief article on grace this morning** that focused on these words from the Apostle Peter. The author used an interesting illustration in the article that really stuck with me:

“One church in my hometown has an interesting way to determine “membership” in the congregation. ‘If you’ve hung out with us long enough to have your feelings hurt by someone in the church,’ says the pastor, ‘and then decided to forgive and stay here anyway, welcome to the family!’”

Isn't that one of the most powerful ways we express the grace that God has poured into us – by pouring it out to one another? I appreciate how Peter frames grace in the passage above: “love covers a multitude of sins” “offer hospitality...without grumbling” “use whatever gift you have received to serve others.” You don't say things like this if it's already happening, right? So the implications are: you're not forgiving one another, you're griping and moaning about each other, you're being selfish...

And that is the context of God's grace, isn't it? Here's what I mean. God sees my selfishness, my unloving heart, my judgmental attitude – and God loves me. That is grace. God forgives me when I've done things I shouldn't have done, said things I shouldn't have said, not because I deserve to be forgiven, but

because God's very character and nature is to forgive.

“Love each other deeply...” That's how Peter begins this paragraph. Grace is deeply loving another person – even though they are imperfect, maybe a little bossy, kind of opinionated, full of themselves, whatever. Deeply love one another.

Grace grows in the presence of hurtful comments, selfish actions, thoughtlessness – not because it is deserved or earned, but because love covers a multitude of sins. Not that love *accepts* a multitude of sins. Love finds a way to forgive. Love offers grace. Love seeks peace. Love is the grace of God in action.

Grace that is greater than all our sin.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bill

** Here's a link to the article:

<https://churchleaders.com/pastors/401683-grace-grows.html>

Choir Notes

We have an Amazing Choir!



The choir started our summer schedule on June 6th. We finally met all together in the choir room at 10:30 in preparation for the 11 o'clock worship service, and it seemed like we never missed a beat! Although we miss our Wednesday night rehearsals in the summer, we get together and make the most of our short morning rehearsal time and provide a music ministry in the 11 o'clock service with God's blessing.

We also have an **Amazing** organist and pianist, but you already know that! Thank you, Carmen and Kris!

The choir recently sang “Even In the Valley”, written by Rebecca Peck and Marie Unthank.

“Even in the valley, God is good.
Even in the valley He is faithful and true.
He carries His children through, like He said
He would,
Even in the valley, God is good.”

During this past year and a half of pandemic, many of us can look back and see more valleys than peaks. But rest assured that “If it matters to you, it matters to God, because *you* matter to God”. So keep praying and keep singing!

As summer vacation season winds down, we will finally resume our Wednesday night complete choir rehearsals at 7pm on September 8th. Plan ahead to get your chores done and meet together with the whole group on September 8th. Stay tuned!

See you at church!

Floyd Moore
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From the Director of Congregational Care

What’s in Your Hands?

I am sharing an excerpt from the Summer 2021 issue of the Global Disciples newsletter. This is the mission organization that our daughter, Julie, works for. They are based in Lancaster, PA. This piece was written by their President/CEO Galen Burkholder.

.... “*What’s in your hands?*” is a good question for each of us to consider. Recently one of our *Global Disciples Facilitators from Ecuador* told me about the perspective his church has on reaching the least-reached people.

He said, “We tell the people of our church that everyone works in the mission: **the knees of those who pray, the hands of those who give and the feet of those who go.** No matter what area of the mission you are involved in, either praying on your knees, opening your hands to give, or moving your feet to

go, it must be done sacrificially. Sacrificially pray, sacrificially go and sacrificially give to reach the unreached people.”

What is your role in reaching the one-third of our world that has never had the opportunity to respond to the Good News of Jesus? **What is in your hands?** The Bible reminds us that God our Savior “wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1Timothy 2:4).

I’m inspired when I read the stories of the early Church after Pentecost. “They were selling possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:45). Their engagement in God’s mission began with **what they had in their hands.** It’s a great place for each of us to start in making God’s glory known in the nations.

Look down at your hands now. We can fold them to pray, open them to give and reach out with them to love and care.

Cindy Price

Hello Grace Church!

Ever have a bad parenting day or days? Days when tempers are high and patience is short. Days when our kids seem to know exactly which of our buttons to press, at exactly the right pressure required to trigger us into snapping mouths and slamming doors. Yep, most of us have been there!

These days are not fun days. They’re not fun for us, and they’re not fun for our kids. But they’re unavoidable, right? I mean, not every parenting day can be glowing and giggly. No, sometimes it’s hard. And the reason it’s hard is because we’re human. And that’s okay.

But just because you have a bad parenting day doesn’t mean you have to stay in that bad parenting day. We have the ability to reset a day, no matter how off-kilter it’s gotten. Here are seven ways you can salvage a bad parenting day (Holly Crawshaw, www.theparentcue.org):



Acknowledge it. Acknowledging the truth brings it out into the open and relieves the tension everyone is experiencing.

Create a symbolic restart. Think of a way to symbolically “restart” the day. For example, have everyone change socks. Or gulp down a glass of water together. Whatever you do, declare the rest of the day a clean slate.

Switch the location. As soon as you realize you’re caught in a bad-parenting-day cycle, get out of whatever environment you’re in. A change in scenery—even if it’s momentarily inconvenient—is a natural way to switch up the mood.

Apologize. Asking our kids to forgive us is one of the most powerful acts we can do as parents. Not only does it model humility for our kids, but it communicates the fact that we’re not perfect and we’re not going to get it right. That gives our kids permission to do the same.

Laugh. When you find yourself in a bad parenting moment, tell everyone to stop what they’re doing and look up a few memes, videos, or jokes that they think are funny. Laughing together reduces stress and lightens the heaviness of an off-day.

Dance it off. When you can’t take one more second of a bad parenting day, gather the family and turn up the music. Even if your kids act annoyed at first, chances are they’ll eventually join in the dancing and forget why they were frustrated in the first place.

Get alone. Find five minutes to be alone. Sit in as much silence and peace as you can and take a few deep breaths.

Having a bad parenting day doesn’t make us bad parents. But as the parent, we are the emotional leaders of our home. Our energy and attitude will be mirrored through our kids. So, if the day is taking an emotional nosedive, it’s up to us to right it. Teaching our kids they have the ability to start over, over and over again, is one that will serve them well now, and will also serve them even more in the future. Take care and God Bless!

Nicki Egger

Although July seemed to be a record breaking month for rain, thankfully we stayed dry during Vacation Bible School. I am happy to report that Rocky Railway VBS was a huge success this year. With over sixty kids from the community attending, we listened to Bible stories, sang songs, enjoyed games, created crafts, and ate snacks. The kids learned that Jesus’ power gives us strength, helps us to be bold, gives us hope, and lets us live forever. The kids raised over \$400.00 to donate to Foster Care of Children and Youth Services of Warren, which meant the lucky volunteers got to be pied and doused in ice water. It was a pleasure to once again work with Heidi, Jason, Cheri, Joanna, and all the other volunteers who gave their time to tell children about Jesus and how his mighty power effects each one of us. It is a blessing to be a part of furthering God’s kingdom in such a tangible way.



I will be spending some time in August looking for people to form the Family Ministries Committee. Members of this committee will be able to guide the children and youth ministries directors and be a part of the future of the programs for the children of our church. If you are interested in being a part of this group or have questions before you commit, please email me at Libby.Yaegle@gmail.com.

Libby Yaegle



Summer is quickly flying by, and the new schoolyear will be starting before we know it! We still have openings in the afternoon (4-year-old) class, so if you know of anyone that has not enrolled their child in a preschool for the fall, registration forms can be picked up in the church

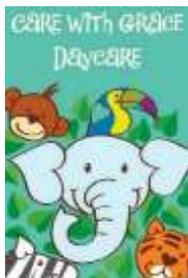
office. You can also find us on Facebook or send us an email- preschool@atlanticbbn.net

Mrs. Lynds is extremely excited to be part of our Promise Preschool family and is creating cool bulletin boards, preparing lesson plans, and working on fun activities to share with our classes in September. We are thankful for her knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm!

Have a great August!

Trish Gentilman- Director/Co-Teacher

The weather has not been kind to us recently! Job 37:5-7, 13 (NIV) reminds us that God creates these storms and will therefore bring us through them. Although the weather outside may be less than pristine, the atmosphere within the daycare has been fantastic. The kids have been enjoying our themed weeks. Our August themes are, Olympic week, Craft and Create, Think About Others, and Survivor week. It's hard to believe that Fall is almost upon us already. Soon the kids will be back to school, and our themes will end. During the Fall we use an Early Learning curriculum called FrogStreet that the kids really enjoy.



We are still looking to build our list of volunteers, so if that is something that interests you please feel free to email carewithgrace@gmail.com about reading to the kids, playing music for them, or anything else that you can think of!

Marc Merchant – Director



The Grace Church Food Pantry is well stocked on everything and does not need anything at this time. Thank you for your generosity!

Flock Talk



“A sweet friendship refreshes the soul.”
Proverbs 27:9

God made us for companionship. He knows our desire to be loved and to be known as a friend. Our friendships have the power to bring joy, to offer healing and to provide strength when we are struggling. Friendships become a comfort zone in our lives.

When the days of “sheltering in” were upon us, there was a tendency to tighten our circles of friends. We adopted an attitude of intentionality in our friendships. We looked more closely at the amount of peacefulness that accompanied these relationships. In other words, we began to get a better feel for who needed us. And, a better feel for *who we needed*.

God has provided us with a vibrant community of friends to do life with. When we draw together in deeper community, we draw closer to God. He provides a way of doing this by empowering us in our walk alongside each other. Friends step in to heal places of brokenness or discord. They help us restore what may be slowly falling apart in our lives. Friends support, encourage and uplift, usually when we need it most and when we are least capable of fixing ourselves.

Friends teach us patience and forgiveness. They are a beautiful reminder of the workings of the Holy Spirit in our personalities. Jesus formed strong friendships with His disciples, and they seldom traveled without one another. We never have to tough things out alone. Our church is filled with open arms and strong shoulders and tender hearts. And, as we all know, “You have a friend in Jesus”!

Your friend always,
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

Our budget the month of June 2021:



Other income consists of funds from Sunday School, Room Rental, Bible Studies, Literature Tables, Fitness Ministry,

Easter, Christmas, and Misc. Income.

BUDGET	2021	2020
Other Income:	39.00	64.03
Offerings & Tithes	<u>26,088.09</u>	<u>26,584.37</u>
Total Income	26,127.09	26,648.40
Number of Sundays:	4	4
Borrowed	0	0
Expense:		
Staff Parish**	23,568.81	4,679.45
Trustees	9,168.05	6,002.99
Ministry	<u>5,008.87</u>	<u>5,228.74</u>
Total Expense	37,745.73	15,911.18
Attendance*:	995	1,316

Connectional Apportionments

Obligation-	3,334.83
Paid to date	20,008.96
Ahead (Behind)	0

Percent of year to date paid 50%

His income: Was \$521.31 lower in June 2021 compared to June 2020

Our expenses: Were \$21,834.55 higher in June 2021 compared to June 2020

We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings given.

*Attendance is approximated due to online worship services.

** June 2020 payroll (Staff Parish expense) was paid by PPP loan.

Submitted by:
Brian A. Jurkowski, Finance Chair

Memorial

For: Julana Hanson
By: Donald McCurdy



During Worship

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

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

August 1 – Anna Peterson

August 8 – Becky Fuller

August 15 – Anna Peterson

August 22 – Becky Fuller

August 29 – Anna Peterson

To My Church Family,
Thank you so much for the gift card and thoughtful card. Now that I have completed my Med in Curriculum and Instruction, I will continue to teach in the Clairton City School District (just south of Pittsburgh, PA), with hopes of taking on leadership roles in the future.

Thank you again.
-Maria Miller



Dear G.U.M.C. Family,
I appreciate the gift card so much! It will be very useful to me as I prepare for the next stage of my life. Thank you for all of your support for myself and my family over the years!

From, Seth Conarro

"What is prayer? A sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the soul to God through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Spirit, for such things as God has promised. The best prayers have often more groans than words."

John Bunyan

Selections from the writing of John Bunyan



Join us at The Crossing Café on August 6 from 5-10pm for a Grand Re-Opening! Come

try our new menu and enjoy some live music. We are looking for volunteers to help at the café! If you are interested or would like more information, please email thecrossing@atlanticbbn.net. Find us online at our new website: TheCrossingCafeWarren.com

Thanks to all those ladies from Grace Church who were involved recently in serving cookies and punch on the porch of the United Methodist House at Chautauqua Institute. It was a very enjoyable day, great fellowship among those who attended and those who stopped by the punch table, and wonderful weather. In the free time before serving, some of the group walked through the grounds enjoying flower gardens, shopping, or visiting friends. Some enjoyed lunch on the porch with the chaplain of the week at the UMH, Michele Wilkins, a minister from Baltimore. She shared a devotion entitled "Honoring Community." Those participating in the day's activities were Marge Smith, Bev Smith, Bev Petersen, Karen Conarro, Blanch Shuman, Kathy Neal, Bonnie Lopez, and Linda Knapp. A special thanks to the cookie bakers that were unable to attend (Sandy Darr, Suzette Berdine, Cindy Price, and Vickie Morrison), to Karen Conarro for driving, and to Bonnie Lopez for the beautiful flowers from her garden for the table.

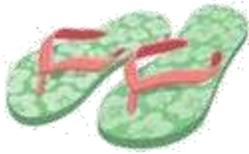
We are so thankful for the donations that are useful for those we serve. Now there's an online way for you to help! By visiting out Amazon wishlist, you can buy items that we need for the food pantry and Covered by Grace and have them delivered directly to the church. Visit our website www.graceumcwarrenpa.com and locate the Amazon wishlist buttons.



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



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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:45 a Sunday School	2	3 6:00 p <i>Leadership & Nominations</i>	4 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 p <i>SPRC</i> 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	5 6:00 p Praise Team	6 12:00 p Yarn Angels	7
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