

Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

Senior Pastor: *Rev. William Beatty*
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Congregational Care: *Cindy Price*
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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



June Meetings

June 9 - 6:00 p - Property Trustees

June 23 - 6:00 p - Church Council



This month's Communion offering will benefit the **Ruth M. Smith Center**. Please use the special Communion envelope in your monthly packet or a blue pew envelope for your contribution.

From the Pastor

Hide and Seek (and Find)

When I was a kid, summer meant nightly games of neighborhood hide and seek. We'd gather at the Cunningham's front porch from all around the block, do one-potato-two-potato to see who was "it" first, and then scatter to find our favorite hiding places. It was a summer classic.

When our daughter Rachel was very little - like 2 or 3 years old - we taught her to play hide and seek. She was terrible at hide and seek. Not that she couldn't find good places to hide - she actually often found clever places to hide - even in fairly open rooms like the big fellowship hall at First Church. Because she was so small and could fit in little places. She was actually pretty good at finding places to hide.

But then I would finish counting, I would turn around and take two steps and say, "Where are you?" and two more steps and say, "Where are you?" and after two or three "Where are you?" she would jump up giggling and yell, "Here I am!"

She didn't want to stay hidden. She wanted to be found. She wanted her daddy to come and pick her up and hug her and laugh and spin her around and love her. She wanted to be found.

But as kids get older we teach them to hide better - to stay hidden. We play a whole different kind of hide and seek. We hide our emotions, our fears, our dreams, our frustrations. Too many times we as parents don't want to go seeking for THAT, so we don't play hide and seek anymore. And then when we finally do go looking - when we know there's a problem - they've learned to hide too well, they don't want to be found, they won't jump up and say, "Here I am!"

So we become good at hiding as adults. I've been the one who stays in hiding and can still do it sometimes, God forgive me. And sometimes I see it in people all around me too. Too many of us are too good at hiding - from each other, from ourselves and, we think, from God.

In Luke 19 Jesus goes into the house of Zaccheaus the tax collector - talk about somebody who hides - he tried to hide in a tree! And we often assume that he is somebody who doesn't want anybody to look too closely at them, not too deeply under the surface, don't scrutinize the books too carefully, the lifestyle, the business practices. But Jesus looks right at him - "I found you!" and Jesus celebrates. And the tax collector can't help but respond in the joy that Jesus felt in the finding. His life is changed.

Jesus says that he has come to seek and save what is lost.

To find what is hidden.

To save what is lost.

We may try - but we can't hide from God. We're like my daughter - hiding under a chair or behind a curtain thinking that we've found a place that we can just sit in the dark, away from God and everyone else - well hidden, unfindable, in these impenetrable fortresses. But the truth is, we may be hidden away from everyone else, but we are never away from God.

In Psalm 139 David observes that there is nowhere we can go that God isn't already there - the heavens, the depths, where sun rises to where it sets, darkness, even before we were born - but not just physically - "search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Some people are haunted by the fact that they "can't escape God's scrutiny." That there's nowhere that God isn't. But those are words of comfort, or they should be. God knows every horrible thing I've done or said or even thought, yet... God loves me. Nothing is hidden from God and yet... God loves me.

I wanted to start with Rachel playing hide and seek because every time she jumped up and said, "Here I

am!" I laughed and picked her up and spun her around, so happy that I found what I lost. Sound familiar? Luke 15 stories? A lost sheep, a lost coin, a lost son? A father who watched and watched for any sign of the lost son, a father who runs to his boy when the son finally says, "Here I am," and grabs him and throws a party.

I'm guessing that we will all have a little bit of time in the coming months to pause, to reflect, to slow down a bit. Maybe an early morning on vacation or on the way home from work or on a hike through the woods. And in those moments of reflection, take a few minutes to think about what you've been hiding – from other people, from yourself, from God. And listen for the Spirit of God to say, "Where are you?" and open up your arms and say, "Here I am!"

That's the God we worship - everywhere watching, waiting, longing for sons and daughters to stop trying to hide, to stand up and say, "Here I am!"

Embracing. Throwing a party. Pouring out love and grace and forgiveness.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bill

Happy Home Essentials

Last month we celebrated Mother's Day, this month we celebrate Father's Day, but what really makes a happy home?

Here's an old hymn to get you thinking:

Happy the Home When God Is There Hymn 445

The words were written by Henry Ware Jr.

The music was composed by John B. Dykes. He named the tune St. Agnes.



Happy the home when God is there, and love fills every breast,
When one their wish, and one in prayer, and one their heavenly rest.

Happy the home where Jesus' name is sweet to every ear;
where children early speak his fame, and parents hold him dear.

Happy the home where prayer is heard, and praise is wont to rise;
Where parents love the sacred Word and all its wisdom prize.

Lord, let us in our homes agree this blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to thee, and love to all will reign.

Here are a few things I think every person should own to bring happiness to their home:

God in your heart, and a deep desire to know Christ and make Him known.

Your own Bible – the word of God. Each person should have constant access to the comfort, instruction and encouragement of their own personal bible. We have extra bibles at the church if you need one.

Your own hymnal – the personal praise and witness of God. Each person should have their own hymnal so they can sing and study with others in the home. Challenge yourself to find a song to match your daily bible study. Grace Church has been gifted with boxes of hymnals ready to be shared with our community. Don't take them out of the pews but contact Floyd or any choir member to obtain enough hymnals for your entire family. You

can also tune in to your favorite Christian radio station or online offerings to add encouraging music in your home, day or night.

A well-maintained piano, or at least a guitar is handy to add to the harmony of your home.

Now it's your turn. Thoughtfully make your own list of essentials for your happy home. Then take time to thank God for his many blessings given to you and your happy home.

Thank you for your prayers and support of the worship ministries here at Grace!

Floyd Moore
Choir Director
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Joy! It has been such a joy and honor to be able to work with your children, families and YOU! I am continually amazed at how God works through our church family and supplies our needs. Thank you to everyone for the many donations for Messy Church and for the wonderful team of helpers! The Nurture Committee is having a blast planning lots of events for the upcoming months and I greatly appreciate all of their efforts!



Save the Date!!!

Friday, June 12 @ 6:30 - Movie Night! Join us in Higginbotham Hall to watch the highly acclaimed animated movie from Angel Studios - **David**. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Sunday, June 14 @ 2 pm - Lacy Park - Church Picnic - Hot Dogs and drinks provided, as well as table setting supplies. Bring a dish to share if you are able.

Saturday, July 11 @ 11am - Waldameer Park in Erie - Rain or Shine - If you haven't turned in your money yet, please give it to Mary in the Church Office.

Wednesday, July 29 - Pirates Game vs. Diamondbacks. LET'S GO BUCS! The bus will leave the church at 8:30 am. If you have not paid for your trip yet, please see Mary in the Church Office.

Friday, August 7 @ 6pm - Chapman Dam - Intro to Fly Fishing or just come and Fish! Led by Gary Kel and he will supply all of the fly-fishing gear. A day license would be needed by anyone over the age of 16. Come out and learn about fly fishing as Gary gives a brief presentation and reveals one of the mysteries and wonders of our Creator - the aquatic insect! Everyone will get a chance to practice casting with a yarn fly (so nobody gets hurt) and then progress to actual fishing! Nurture will provide a pavilion, and you can bring your own snacks, drinks and chairs.

Friday, August 14 @ 7:00pm - Meet us at the church property across from the parsonage (behind Country Fair) for a campfire! Supplies for Smores will be provided. Please bring your own drink. Come and enjoy some fellowship and some praise songs!

Thursdays from 6 - 8pm beginning **September 10** - The Chosen Series and Bible Study will be held in the library. We plan to watch two episodes per night with Bible Study and discussion after each episode. 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 continue through May 28, 2027.

Saturday, October 10 @ 6:00pm - Join us in Higginbotham Hall for a night of fun and fellowship as we have a Karaoke Night! All ages are welcome - snacks will be provided.

Saturday, October 24 @ noon - Soup and Pie Senior Luncheon in Higginbotham Hall. Bring your appetite :)

Upcoming Events - Dates and times to be determined soon!

Would you like to learn calligraphy? Kathy Long is willing to teach a class to anyone who would like to learn. See Kathy or Lori Beatty if you are interested.

The Nurture Committee is planning a day (a Saturday sometime after Thanksgiving and prior to Christmas) - for adults to have a day/evening out. We will provide crafts, movies, games and meals/snacks for children so that parents have time for holiday preparations. More information will follow!

Lori Beatty



Flock Talk

***“Start children off the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”***

Proverbs 22:6

Summer is upon us! With this month comes the luxury of saying “life is good”. Hummingbirds are sparring for their territory, fawns are discovering their agility, and flowers are making the best dressed list.

It’s also the time to celebrate fatherhood with all of the past, present and future experiences that are unique to each of us. Whether you are a dad, or you have a dad, or you miss your dad, we all have one thing in common. God knew why He gave us the relationships we have. He knew the road ahead of us.

Our fathers are not and were not an all-knowing authority figure. Instead, they have the unique role of claiming to be human beings who are navigating fatherhood with all the fears, doubts, and self-searching tendencies that are to be expected. The relationship with our fathers is one of the most significant ones we will ever know. Treasure it, nurture it, cultivate it into something that will give reassurance to your heart and mind.

I had a stellar dad who encouraged me to be his farm hand as well as his beloved daughter. He knew that getting up early, tending farm animals, and being held accountable would shape my adult years. His honesty and integrity in business paved the way for me to pursue opportunities to help others. A good dad teaches what he knows. It’s the best he has to offer and when God empowers his heart with love, he leaves behind someone who fiercely misses him. Hold your dads close, in person and in memory.

Tenderly,
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader



During Worship
 9:30 a.m. (0-2 yrs.)
 11:00 a.m. (0- 5 yrs.)
 June 7 – Melissa Zaffino
 June 14 – Anna Peterson
 June 21 – Melissa Zaffino
 June 28 – Anna Peterson



Items for the **July 2026**
 Newsletter need to be delivered
 to Mary in the office
 to mary@graceumcwarren.com by
Monday, June 15.
 Thank you.



Grace Promise Preschool registration is now open! A completed registration form and **\$20 non-refundable fee** is required to hold a spot for the 2026-2027 school year. A handbook and registration form can be found on the church website www.graceumcwarrenpa.com, picked up at the church office, or by calling (814) 723-8011 during school hours (Tuesday-Thursday 9a-11:30a). Questions? Email Promisepreschool@myyahoo.com

Grace Church Finance Report



2026 Monthly and YTD Financials

	April '26	YTD
Total Income	\$28,361.15	\$120,196.68
Office Expense	\$420.10	\$4,357.09
Buildings & Ground Expense (Church & Parsonage)	\$9,331.12	\$33,829.34
Ministry Personnel	\$22,742.58	\$86,394.08
Church Council	\$360.19	\$360.19
Education Ministry	\$41.18	\$344.78
Nurture Ministry	\$250.45	\$460.13
Worship Ministry	\$503.24	\$1,726.16
Outreach Ministry	\$0.00	\$542.87
Connectional Apportionment	\$2,649.88	\$10,599.52
Witness Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Ministry & Expense	\$36,298.74	\$138,614.16
Net Income	(\$7,937.59)	(\$18,417.48)

Shortfall

Account Balance 04/30/2026	(\$42,279.29)
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We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings.

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



The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **mac and cheese, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, and oatmeal** 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.



Grace Church is serving punch and cookies at the United Methodist House in Chautauqua, NY on Tuesday, August 25th from approximately 3-4:30pm. If interested in helping, contact Linda Knapp at 814-726-1199. Limited to 10 people. We will also need cookie bakers.

Need Help Dealing with Grief and Loss?

Grief Share Support Group Thursdays, June 25-September 17 6-8pm in the Gilfillan Room (CREW Room) \$20 fee to cover the workbook. Contact Nicki Egger to register nicki@graceumcwarren.com

A Grief Share support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability – and gain solid support each step of the way.



We'd like to welcome our new members over the past year:
Emily & Bradley Reed, Richard Bence, and Craig Williams

The 4th of July is just around the corner which means hot dog giveaway time! The Outreach Committee will be giving away FREE hot dogs during the parade on Saturday, July 4. Volunteers are always needed for set-up, cooking, serving, and tear down after the parade. We also need donations of ketchup, mustard, and relish. Sign up sheets will be up soon.



It's the Women's Care Center "Change for Life" baby bottle fundraiser time! Bottles are available in Higginbotham Hall and Wesley Parlor. Return them by Father's Day, June 21st to the tub in Wesley Parlor. Donate coins (not rolled please), paper money, or checks made out to The Women's Care Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we ask for your prayers as well.



June 1 - Kevin Babcock

June 3 - Schuyler Campbell

June 4 - Cora Yaegle

June 5 - Todd Andersen, Doug Zaffino

June 6 - Katie Keeports, Allison Sedon

June 7 - Sydney Brown, Stan Pearson

June 8 - Matthew Brooker, Jacob Carroll, Bill Thompson

June 9 - Skip Morrison

June 10 - Olivia Brocklehurst, Derek Hahn

June 11 - Katie Card, Landon Shelby

June 12 - Daniel Jeffrey

June 13 - William McCollough

June 14 - Megan Moore

June 15 - Jackie Saber

June 16 - Hailey Peterson

June 17 - Jamie Irwin, John Larson

June 18 - Laken Carroll, Koletina Zaffino

June 19 - Sandy Darr

June 20 - Jamie Houghtalen, Tristan Shepherd, MaryLou Sleeman

June 21 - Chris Berdine, Lindsey Culbertson

June 22 - Justin Conarro, Summer Lucks, Peggy Willis, Michael Wilson, Henry Brown

June 23 - Rachel Lynds

June 24 - Adele Armstrong, Mark Lynds, Skylar Zimmer

June 25 - Zakary Buerkle, Chad Burns, Madeline Ei, Hollie Marshall, Steven Knapp

June 26 - Jill McCollough

June 27 - Amy Black, Alex Danielson, Serena Haight

June 29 - Laura Phillips

June 30 - Leslie Stewart

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10:30 a Touch Tennis 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Wesley Parlor Reserved	2 11:00 a Staff Meeting 12:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Pickleball	3 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15 p Christian Yoga 5:45 p Handbells 6:30 p Choir 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	4 6:00 p Caregivers' Support Group	5 9:30 a Yarn Angels 11:15 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga	6 9:00 a Praise Team
7 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:45 a Sunday School 6:00 p Worship at The Crossing	8 10:30 a Touch Tennis 5:15 p Christian Yoga	9 12:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Pickleball 6:00 p <i>Property Trustees</i>	10 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15 p Christian Yoga 5:45 p Handbells 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	11	12 9:30 a Yarn Angels 11:15 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p Nurture's Movie Night	13 9:00 a Praise Team
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