

# Grace Notes

## July 2022

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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Director of Children's  
Ministries: *Tyler Dymond*  
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*



### *July Meetings*

**July 19 - 6:00 p - Finance**  
**July 25 - 6:00 p - Worship**



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

# *From the Pastor*

## **Blessed Are the Exhausted...**

**W**hen Matthew records Jesus' teaching, which we call the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus begins with a series of "Blessed are" statements...

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.  
(Matthew 5:3-12)*

There's some things on that list that we might be tempted to say... "that's not very blessing worthy": poor in spirit, mourning, being persecuted... But that's kind of the point. It's not "blessed are the super successful, beautiful people, for they will have it all..." That's not how God works, right? Not that Christ followers can't be successful, or beautiful (you are, you know!!) but blessing comes when we are more dependent on God, not less.

I read a brief blogpost this morning aimed at those who work in Kid's Ministry, but I think it applies to all of us who are Christ followers, since we all have a mission to be light and salt in this dark and flavorless world, as Jesus stated right after those "blessed are" statements in the Sermon on the Mount.

Anyway, here's the meat of that blogpost:

*Working with people can be exhausting. You give and give and give and if you aren't careful you'll get discouraged.*

*You have to work to stay encouraged.*

*#1) Remember your call. "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord." Colossians 4:17*

*#2) Take some time off. Jesus said, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet*

*place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31).*

*#3) Spend time with people who will build you up. We need to have people in our lives that encourage and uplift us. Ecclesiastes 4:12 says, "Two are better than one and a three-fold cord is not easily broken."*

*(Ryan at KIDZMATTER)*

I think we're coming out of season where many of us feel a little battered, a little exhausted, and maybe our taking up our cross and following (Luke 9:23) is a little lethargic and a little resigned. But we still take up the cross. We still follow. And we must. Who else has the words that bring life? Who else has the Spirit that will empower and enable and comfort? Who else but our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

So blessed are the exhausted, for they will find rest.

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

*(Matthew 11:28-30)*

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Bill

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### **We're singing your favorite hymns in June and July – And August!**

**T**hroughout June and July, we've asked for your input and requests for your favorite hymns. Request 'em, then come sing 'em. We're trying to sing as many of your favorites as possible in June and July. And August!



You can simply request your favorite hymn on the gold card and if you'd like, add a reason why you like it along with your name. Or submit online on the gold card. Just remember to tune in and sing in June and July. And August!

It seems that almost everyone wants to sing "In The Garden", the most requested so far. But we can't sing "In the Garden" all the time, sometimes we'll be "Singin in the Rain"!

That reminds me of another song, in another hymnal:

#### **God Leads Us Along                      by G. A. Young**

In shady green pastures, so rich and so sweet,  
God leads His dear children along;  
Where the water's cool flow bathes the weary one's feet,  
God leads His dear children along.

#### Chorus:

Some through the waters, some thru the flood,  
Some thru the fire, but all thru the blood;  
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,  
In the night season and all the day long.

Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright,  
God leads His dear children along;  
Sometimes in the valley, in the darkest of night,

God leads His dear children along.

Chorus

Though sorrows befall us and evils oppose,  
God leads His dear children along;  
Through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes,  
God leads His dear children along;

Chorus

### Choir Notes

Our inspirational and fun Wednesday night choir practices will resume in mid-August. Sunday morning choir practice in July and August will continue from 10:30 to 11, between the second and third services. You are always welcome to sing with your Grace choir.

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.

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### Prayers and Pray-ers!

I am humbled by the knowledge that many pray-ers lift me up in prayer. And, I am sure that the rest of the staff and the ministry leaders at Grace feel the same way. Our daily tasks would not be as fruitful without this support. Thank you!



I want to give you a brief overview of how the many individual prayer requests are handled at Grace. The gold cards are one way to communicate your prayer concerns. Meghan transfers these to the emailed Prayer List, unless they are marked confidential. Pastor Bill and I see all the cards with prayer requests and the confidential ones remain only with the two of us.

The Prayer Chain is a bit different. This group of 15 pray-ers receive requests that are brought to the attention of Pastor Bill or myself; via phone, email or from the church office. The information disseminated this way is to remain confidential. Requests can also be anonymously given with only the facts of the situation passed along without the name of the individual.

Updated information on specific prayers is also very helpful. This keeps everyone in the loop. A recent update was very uplifting to our pray-ers. An individual had a biopsy to determine if cancer had spread. When the results came back as negative, the relieved parents included a thank you to all of us for "covering her in prayer".

The power of Prayer by Pray-ers . . . it goes a long way!

Cindy Price

**W**hile the students have a break for the summer, there will be some painting and cleaning in our classroom in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year. We are able to get back to normal class sizes which is a blessing and a challenge! Our morning (3-year-old) class is full, but we still have a couple openings for our 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 the Grace Church website.



A special thank you to the Margaret Willet Memorial Endowment for the gift to get our program back on solid ground after the past two years of restrictions! We truly value the prayers and support from our Grace Church Family.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Trish Gentilman – Director/Co-Teacher

**C**are with Grace has been enjoying the nice weather and using the play yard! We had teacher in service at the start of the month in order to do an in-depth cleaning of all the toys to help ensure that all our friends can enjoy their summer. If anyone wants to volunteer with the children, please let me know! The school kids and preschoolers love gym time and science, the 1s love to be read to, and there are children from every group that love to do some arts and crafts.



Cindy Kalkbrenner  
Director



**During Worship**  
**9:30 a.m. (0-2 yrs.)**  
**11:00 a.m. (0- 5 yrs.)**  
**July 3 – Anna Peterson**  
**July 10 – Becky Fuller**  
**July 17 – Anna Peterson**  
**July 24 – Becky Fuller**  
**July 31 – Anna Peterson**

Upcoming Family Ministry Events:

- July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – Church wide 30-hour famine
- July 30<sup>th</sup> – Family and friends bowling at Frewsburg Lanes
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Picnic in the Park at Lacy Park

More information to come.



The Grace Church Food Pantry is not in need of anything at this time. Thank you to all who contribute!



Items for the August Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the office [mary@graceumcwarren.com](mailto:mary@graceumcwarren.com) by Friday, July 15.  
Thank you.



## Flock Talk

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the sky above proclaims His handiwork."*

*Psalms 19:1*

**T**ime to step outside! Whether you walk or run, whether you hike or paddle, or maybe you swing a club or a racquet. We've waited a long time for the weather to be so perfectly inviting. God's creation beckons us to be our healthiest!

My own personal favorite is to throw a saddle on a horse and take off at a fast gallop. We all have something that draws us into the woods, down the river or on the trails. When we think of the words that describe God's creation in the Bible we remember His description as majestic and awe inspiring. So, let's look at some reasons to move!

God's creation reminds us of how great He is. When we are outdoors we find ourselves in the perfect setting for worship. We lose track of time enjoying the little pockets of quiet that happen when our minds relax. We let go of planning and analyzing and anything that requires over thinking. We learn to be still while we are on the move.

We take time to ponder, to reflect and to draw near to Him. These are the teachable moments we dearly need. His creation provides the frame of mind that helps us understand what is truly important. We may be hiking vigorously up a hill or we may be sitting quietly as birds and animals venture boldly out in the open. Fresh air is medicine to our bodies. Let's not wait!

With enthusiasm,  
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

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Dave & Shauna Goode will be speaking at Grace on July 31st during all 3 services about their mission work in Jamaica. They are independent missionaries who are faith-supported and rely on individuals and churches for much of their financial support. We will have a love offering to help cover the cost of their travels and mission needs.

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Community Sunday Worship Service August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at the Struthers Library Theatre.



Community VBS Hay Day: Growing in Friendship with Jesus Sunday, July 17- Wednesday, July 20 from 6-8:15pm at First Presbyterian Church (300 Market Street). Rain or shine – most activities will be outside. Kids ages 5 through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Register now on the Grace UMC website.

**Volunteers are needed!** Please contact Libby ([libby.yaegle@gmail.com](mailto:libby.yaegle@gmail.com)) if you're interested.

On June 5<sup>th</sup> during the 11:00 service David Alan Dymond III was baptized. He is the son of Tyler & David Dymond Jr.



## Welcome new members 2022:

Thelma Billingslea  
Al & Geri Fox  
Mary Gustafson  
Linda Shattuck  
Janet Smith  
Patrick & Shelly Ward





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## Grace Financials Recap

As we approach the summer season, I'd like to provide a recap on Grace's financials for 2022.



**INCOME:** Grace came very close to budget for income in the months of January, April, and May, however; February and March were challenging months and the church income was well short of budget for those months. Year to date, our total income is approximately \$159,000, compared to a budget of \$177,000 resulting in our income being approximately \$18,000 under budget so far for the year.

**EXPENSES:** Grace expenses were under budget for the months of January, April, and May, and slightly over budget for February and March. Year to date, our total expenses are approximately \$177,000, compared to a budget of \$185,000 resulting in our expenses being approximately \$8,000 under budget for the year.

Together this means that we have a NET INCOME of approximately \$10,000 less than the budget projection year to date.

When comparing financials month by month, our 2022 deficit was the result of two challenging months in February and March where our Income was under budget and our Expenses were over budget. The good news is that we've made up a lot of ground from the challenges earlier this year. As we head into summer and vacation season, please continue to remember our mission at Grace and have a happy summer!

### 2022 Monthly and YTD Financials

	May '22	YTD
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$33,817.73</b>	<b>\$159,740.49</b>
Office Expense	\$316.51	\$2,954.56
Buildings & Ground Expense (Church & Parsonage)	\$4,216.98	\$31,075.92
Ministry Personnel	\$21,521.21	\$124,901.68
Church Council	\$317.79	\$443.79
Education Ministry	\$29.64	\$585.98
Nurture Ministry	\$557.84	\$1,704.03
Worship Ministry	\$137.55	\$558.62
Outreach Ministry	\$0.00	\$29.99
Connectional Apportionment	\$2,939.00	\$14,695.00
Witness Ministry	\$75.90	\$468.92
<b>Total Ministry &amp; Expense</b>	<b>\$30,112.42</b>	<b>\$177,418.49</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$3,705.31</b>	<b>(\$17,678.00)</b>

### Borrowed Funds

<b>Account Balance 5/31/2022</b>	<b>(\$63,220.53)</b>
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We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings.

Submitted by:

Brian A. Jurkowski, Finance Chair & the Finance Committee



**July 1 – Karl Grosch, Jason Tucher**

**July 2 – Nano Lopez**

**July 3 – Chuck McManigle**

**July 4 – Steve Norris, Ann Rossman, Maribeth Miller, Gabrielle Hahn, Elie Beatty**

**July 5 – Steph Russo, Shari Jerman, Shawn Zaffino**

**July 6 – Margaret Sleeman, Sharaya Vivian, Tyler Dymond, Kaitlin Sedon, Aliza Shelby**

**July 8 – Sheryl Richards, Seth Conarro**

**July 9 – Mackenzie Tucher**

**July 10 – Barb Stevenson**

**July 13 – Tressa Knowlton**

**July 14 – Patti McMeans, Bonnie Glotz**

**July 15 – Barb Stanko, Karen Conarro**

**July 16 – Cale Trisket**

**July 17 – Kevin Farr, Keith Yaegle, Derek Hanlin**

**July 18 – Kerry Pangborn, Amy Smith, Bella Egger, Eliza Hellman**

**July 19 – Kylie Jurkowski**

**July 21 – Tom Sleeman**

**July 22 – Veronica Andersen, Davi Dymond**

**July 23 – Alex Weiland**

**July 24 – Michaelle Carroll, Zachary Ickert**

**July 25 – Brian Jurkowski**

**July 26 – Dennis Strandburg, David Larsen, Brooke Barney**

**July 27 – Ryan Barker, Lisa Card, Ella Card**

**July 29 – Kay McNaughton, Jordan Arthur**

**July 30 – Janis Wall, Susan Bednez, Hunter Danielson, Haley Stimmell, Maya Alex**

**July 31 – Denny Munksgard, William Lord**





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 1:00 p Intramural Basketball 6:00 p Deep Dive Bible Study	<b>4 Office Closed</b> 8:00 a 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade Hot Dog Giveaway	<b>5</b> 11:00 a Staff Meeting 12:15 p Christian Yoga 5:00 p Gym Resv. 6:00 p Pickleball	<b>6</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:00 p YA Bible Study 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	<b>7</b> 5:00 p Gym Resv. 6:00 p Praise Team 6:00 p Caregivers' Support Group	<b>1</b> 10:30 a Yarn Angels 11:00 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga	<b>2</b>
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<b>31</b> 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:45 a Sunday School 1:00 p Intramural Basketball			<b>CARE WITH GRACE            DAYCARE</b> is open Mon-Fri from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm located on the first floor (nursery) and the second floor	<b>PROMISE            PRESCHOOL</b> is open Sept-May Mon, Wed, and Thurs from 9:00 – 11:30 am (3-year- olds) and 12:30 – 3:00 pm (4-year- olds) located on the ground floor.		

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