

Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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October 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

October Meetings

October 1 – 6:45 p – *SPRC*
October 7 – 7:00 p – *Finance*
October 8 – 7:00 p – *Property Trustees*
October 21 – 7:00 p – *Worship*
October 22 – 7:00 p – *Church Council*

Ushers & Greeters



October Greeters

6 – Amy & Mike Stimmell	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Becky Hampson	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
13 – Pete & Marge Smith	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Larry Sutton	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
20 – Larry Sutton	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Pete & Marge Smith	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
27 – Amy Ei	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Chuck & Katie Keeport	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>

October Ushers

Don Anthony, Alice Bonnell, Bill Bunce,
Gary Culbertson

Sunday, October 6th



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 or pew pocket envelope for your contribution.

From the Pastor

Celebration!

October is a month full of celebrations for us. I believe that we should take the time to celebrate people, to celebrate moments, to celebrate ministries. We're not always really good at that – and, even though I believe we should celebrate, I'm usually so focused on where we're going that I forget to relish where we are and rejoice in where we've been.

When Jesus celebrated the Passover Meal with his disciples, he took those common, everyday elements of the meal, the bread and the wine, and told his disciples (and us!) that this represents his body broken for us, his blood shed for us. "Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19b). Celebrating is remembering. Celebrating is affirming. Celebrating helps us internalize. That's why we CELEBRATE the death of Jesus – because we remember, we affirm, we internalize what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

October 6th is World Communion Sunday. By its very name we recognize this as a celebration of the Church Universal, the Body of Jesus Christ as we celebrate communion across the country and around the world. The power and significance of communion cannot be overstated. This is a holy act we participate in that signifies the inward grace and mercy that God has given to us in Jesus – who is the Bread of Life. In addition, we take a special offering on World Communion Sunday which goes "to support the division of chaplains and ministries, Crusade Scholarships and the scholarship fund for minority groups." An interesting side note: we used to call this special offering Sunday "Fellowship of Suffering and Service," which may, in a very real sense, be a better (or at least more accurate) term for the offering: supporting those in the Body who serve in disadvantaged areas, particularly those who suffer in their service.

October 13th will be Choir Sunday and we will be

celebrating all morning with songs of praise and hymns of worship, prayers and Scripture readings. All three services will be very different: our 8:30 service will be more like an old-fashioned hymn sing where we'll pick some hymns to sing and pray some prayers as we worship. At 9:30, the service will be full-on congregational singing and praying led by the Grace Church Worship Team. Our 11:00 service will feature our fantastic Choir singing a variety of anthems, prayers and the Apostle's Creed. What a great opportunity to worship God through music!

October 20th is Laity Sunday when we celebrate the ministry of our congregation. Laity, or Lay Persons, are the people of the church! We all minister in different ways: some teach Sunday school, some pack food boxes, some chair committees, some support the ministries here with their resources, time and enthusiasm. 1 Peter 2:9 says, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." What a great opportunity to celebrate the way God calls us and uses us and delights in us!

October 27th begins a new series called "Live Out Loud!" When we are fully committed to our faith, when we are fully committed to our God, we live life to the fullest. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10b) We celebrate God's presence with us, God's love for us, God's grace to us.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bill



It's a rainy but warm day as I write this. We needed the rain, so it's ok. Things are under way – the children picked up their cuteness where they left off in May. The bells are working on some Christmas music already. Thanks to Mary

for the many hours she put in getting the bell room organized. That really helped!! Now we don't have to spend half our practice looking for music. ☺ Grace Choir just continues on – Summer ended with the wedding of Tyler and David. We sang several songs and it was great! Thanks to those who sang – we were well rewarded by the wonderful reception. It was in a barn in Garland and most of us found it!! The food was superb, and the ambience was very clever and fun. Thanks, everyone!

Formal choir practices began, and we were rewarded again by 3 new voices. Lori Beatty is now a tenor (thank you!) and Elie Beatty and Roman Pearce are giving the choir a new young look!! Welcome, kids!! We are glad you are here!! The invitation is always there to join us. We'd love it – any time! Our prayers are always with Carol, Larry, Ray, Vickie, Zeke, Nancy, Helena & Alfred. God bless you all.

Music Sunday is October 13. All three services will have their own special music – and it's all different!! Why not come at 8:30 and make a morning of it!!! There's even goodies in between! You'll hear the Praise band, join in a song fest, hear bells, children and Grace Choir. You will be humming all week!! Hope to see you there.

We have also enjoyed solos by LuAnn, Renee, and Don S. Thanks folks, you were also great!!

So remember October 13, and we'll see you in church!!

Beverly Petersen

From the Director of Congregational Care

I suppose when the leaves are finally raked up, I'll throw them away; speaking of my tennis shoes.

They were so comfortable and sparkling white until I walked through mud puddles and they'd never sparkle again.

They were relegated to garden shoes and soon the right big toe was worn through. You could tell if I'd been digging in the mulch because my toe would be very dirty. If I'd been cleaning the pool the chemicals would leave a very clean sanitized

toe. After mowing the lawn I'd have a green toe. Only God and I knew about my toe and what caused it.

I believe that where we go and what we do each day leaves a mark on our soul that God only knows. Remember the children's song, "Oh, be careful little eyes what you see... hands what you do... ears what you hear... feet where you go; for your Father up above is looking down with love... etc.?" When we ask God to help us see the needs of others, to use our resources to meet their needs, to hear God's words imparting His Grace and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us, a mark is left on our soul. Others are blessed, God receives the glory and we are filled with the love and life of Jesus Christ.

Now, marked ones, reach out to others with the love and life of Jesus Christ. Then they will have His Grace imprinted on their souls.

Oh, be careful little souls!

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



Another preschool year is well underway. Orientation day went smoothly with the help of our faithful board members. Mr. Gentilman took pictures of the children and their parents, Mrs. Evertsen measured the kids so we can keep track of how much they grow this year, Mrs. Green helped with logistics & Mrs. Morrison collected tuition and handled the financial end of things. We are so thankful for all of our Promise Preschool Board members! We were excited to introduce Mrs. Rex to our children and parents. She is looking forward to becoming a part of our Grace Promise Preschool Family! The children are quickly getting to know their new friends and school routine. You should see their smiling faces 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 new friends. The afternoon class brought in several small items from home to help their friends learn more about them and the things they like.

We are preparing for the fall season by learning about apples, Johnny Appleseed, and fire safety. We will plant crocus bulbs, make applesauce and apple tarts, plus enjoy a visit from the Warren Fire Department. We love to see that big shiny fire truck and learn how to keep ourselves safe. Fun Halloween decorations will begin to fill our room as we prepare for Halloween, and October will conclude with a class Halloween party and parade for our families.

Thank you for your support with our RADA Cutlery fundraiser and S.O.C. collection in September!

Promise Preschool wishes everyone a fun and festive fall season!

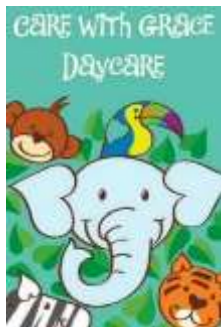
Trish Gentilman

We will have our first no school day on October 7. We have a lot of great things planned.

We have hired 2 new staff to go with the splitting of the 2 and 3-year-old rooms.

We are so excited for all the things to come.

~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.)
October 1 – Becky Fuller
October 8 – Anna Peterson
October 15 – Becky Fuller
October 22 – Anna Peterson

Thank you for sending me to camp. I had a lot of fun. And I learned a lot about Jesus.

Emmett Zaffino



Our budget the month of August 2019:

Other income consists of funds from Sunday

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

BUDGET	2019	2018
Other Income:	204.35	583.27
Offerings & Tithes	<u>26,345.00</u>	<u>26,037.84</u>
Total Income	26,549.35	26,621.11
Number of Sundays:	4	4
Borrowed	0	0
Expense:	32,679.06	34,427.11
Attendance:	810	788

Connectional Apportionments

Obligation- 3,330.00

Paid to date 26,640.00

Ahead (Behind) 0

Percent of year to date paid 67%

His income: Was \$71.76 higher in August 2018 compared to August 2019

Our expenses: Were \$1,748.05 lower in August 2019 compared to August 2018

Submitted by:

Alice Bonnell, Finance Chair

Welcome new members 2019:

- Kathy Neal
- Carole Schoenborn
- Bonnie Riggle
- Susan Swab
- Judy Schreckengost
- Mary Bernard
- Aaron Stearns
- Carissa Stearns



Flock Talk



“Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.

Psalm 32:8

October brings the special occasion of showing our appreciation to Pastor Bill. This can be worded in a great many ways, but I found a letter that bestows a refreshingly simple message of gratitude.

Thank You

For early Sunday mornings and late meeting nights.

Thank You

For the seeds you plant and the disciples you nurture.

Thank You

For the sermons you preach and the prayers you lift up.

Thank You

For the wise counsel and the words of encouragement.

Thank You

For the sacrifice and the service.

In Christ,

Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

Let's celebrate Pastor Bill by overwhelming him with appreciation! This entire month is an opportunity to



take time to let him know what his ministry means to you. Grace Church is blessed to have him and his family as a part of our church family.

Sunday, October 13th is Pastor Appreciation Day!

Let's celebrate Pastor Bill with cards, handshakes and our presence at church. There will be a delightful reception in the Wesley Parlor from 10:30 to 11:00 and again after the last service. This is a wonderful time to greet his family!

Pastor Appreciation Gift

Our congregation will be honoring Pastor Bill with a special card at the reception on October 13th. If your

heart is inclined to show appreciation through a gift, a thoughtful note or a card, please feel free to do so through the church office. Let's always keep our pastor lifted up in prayer!



Please join us on Sunday, Oct 13, 2019 for this year's Music Appreciation Sunday. There are special plans for all three services that are certain to bless your worship experience. The Worship Committee will host a reception from 10:30-11 am and then continue immediately following the 11 am service.

Please mark your calendars and join us for this special worship experience.

Sincerely,

The Worship Committee



Please join us as we celebrate Laity Sunday on October 20th!

This day allows the laity to recognize the servant hood of all believers. On this Sunday, the lay people plan and participate in the service. All

three services welcome laity to be

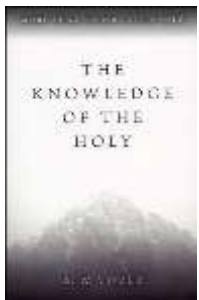
involved. If you feel called to be involved, please contact the office. This is the day we celebrate the people in the pews!

October 6th is "Intent Sunday" for the **Deeply Rooted, Upward Reaching** Capital Campaign for Camping and Retreat Ministries. Bring a black or blue pen and your checkbook to church that Sunday. You will receive detailed instructions about how to complete a brief form, and to write any checks to WPAUMC (Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Conference) – not to Grace UMC. The church's total goal is \$60,000.00 over three years. \$34,350.00 has already been raised, so our target is to raise the remaining \$25,650.00 on October 6th. Half the money received goes toward much-needed improvements at each of the six

facilities, while the other half is for scholarships – both immediate and endowed scholarships. Please pray about what you might be able to give for the Camping and Retreat Ministries with either a one-time gift or a three-year pledge to WPAUMC.

October 13th is **Deeply Rooted, Upward Reaching** Celebration Sunday. Judy Templeton or Renee Magnuson will share how much money was raised toward Camping and Retreat Ministries. We will praise God for enabling us to give to these ministries.

A Year with Tozer



A.W. Tozer's book *The Knowledge of the Holy* is a seminal work from the mid-twentieth century renewing our understanding of the attributes of God as revealed in scripture. In a style similar to Disciple Bible Study, Pastor Bill will be leading a weekly study using

Knowledge of the Holy as a guide: a chapter a week with additional scripture readings and study guide questions.

Monday nights from 7:00-8:30 and Tuesday mornings from 9:00-10:30 beginning October 14th and 15th. Books are available for \$10 each, though many may already own this classic.

Tozer's Knowledge of the Holy

Monday Evenings 7:00-8:30PM

October 14, 21, 28
November 4, 11, 18, 25
December 9, 16
January 6, 13, 20, 27
February 3, (10), 17, 24
March (2), 9, 16, 23, 30
April 13, 20, 27
May 4, 11, 18

Tuesday Mornings 9:00-10:30AM

October 15, 22, 29
November 5, 12, 19, 26
December 10, 17
January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, (11), 18, 25
March (3), 10, 17, 24
April 1, 14, 21, 28
May 5, 12, 19

COVERED BY GRACE

Soon, the clotheslines will appear outside the front of the church, and we, the congregation of Grace, will supply hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to be hung on those clotheslines as a ministry to the Warren community. On October 27, we will have a dedication of any items you can bring to worship service that day. Please bring whatever you can and put the items on the altar (for the 8:30a.m. service downstairs), and on the altar rail (for the 9:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. services up in the sanctuary). Hats, mittens, and gloves are especially needed, but scarves are used also. Covered by Grace runs from November through February 2020. Please keep those clothing items coming throughout the winter.



The Outreach team will be hosting a rummage sale



at Grace on **November 2nd** from 8 am until 2 pm to raise

funds for the UMC Camp Campaign. Clear out some space and donate your usable items. Kids clothes are welcome, but please no adult clothes. You can drop off items in Higginbotham Hall on Friday November 1st from 4 pm - 6 pm. Please contact Chuck Keeperts @ 814-688-8534 for more info.

General Fund

For: Donald & Margaret McCurdy

By: Donald McCurdy



The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **soup, spaghetti, jelly or jam, and pork & beans** 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

LADIES: HELP WANTED!

The men will be having an event called "Rewired" October 19, in the Slater Room of the Warren Public Library from 10:00a.m. -- 4:00p.m. Last year the men served during the Women's Event with Sue Duffield, so it is our turn to serve this time. We need:

- 2 women to help serve donuts and coffee from 9:40 to about 10:30a.m.
- 5 women to help serve lunch and clean-up after. Time: 11:45a.m. to 1:15p.m. (All the food is provided except the beverages and dessert.)
- 8-10 women to bake a total of 20 dozen cookies or brownies. Please deliver the cookies or brownies to the Grace UMC kitchen by 8:45a.m. Saturday, October 19 on plates, aluminum trays or in boxes that you don't need returned to you.

Sign-up sheets are in Wesley Parlor. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Magnuson at 726-7890 or at radmagnuson@gmail.com.

October Worship Assistants



Advisors:

Linda Knapp 726-1199
Sheryl Richards 726-3876

- October 6** – Ryan Egger & Bella Egger
- October 13** – Becca Anderson & Kylie Jurkowski
- October 20** – Kaden Werner & Karson Werner
- October 27** – Tymber Barr & Alanna Byrd



Items for the November Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the Church office (mary@graceumcwarren.com) by Wednesday, October 16. Thank you!



- October 2 – Judy Johnson
- October 5 – Jason Peterson
- October 7 – Shania Brady, Amy Ei
- October 8 – Ray Toombs, Annette Miller, Sara Tucher
- October 10 – Kristy Engstrom
- October 12 – Brittany Fry, Thomas Flood
- October 13 – Barbara Babcock, Dan Russo, Jameson Shepherd, Michael Hahn, Keith Price
- October 14 – Stephanie Banovic, Blanche Shuman
- October 15 – Mark Risinger, Kyle Graham
- October 16 – John Lewis
- October 17 – Tom Yaegle
- October 18 – Kendra Sauers
- October 19 – Neal Twist
- October 20 – Sara Sienkiewicz
- October 21 – Ray Morrison, Suzette Berdine, Terrie Nolan
- October 22 – Darla Sabat
- October 23 – Alta Mae Barr, Miken Beers
- October 26 – Leslie Dawes, Sally Hunter
- October 28 – Nancy Carr, Dylan Redfield, Lily Brooker
- October 29 – Lucas Moore
- October 30 – Jennifer Blum, Mary Babcock
- October 31 – Sarah Stapleford

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>CARE WITH GRACE DAYCARE is open daily from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm located on the first floor (nursery) and the second floor.</p>	<p>PROMISE PRESCHOOL is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 – 11:30 am (3-year-olds) and 12:30 – 3:00 pm (4-year-olds) located on the ground floor.</p>	<p>1 11:15 Staff Meeting 5:15 p Healing Christian Yoga 6:30 p Pickleball 6:45 p <i>SPRC</i> 7:00 p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>2 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:45 a Women's Bible Study 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Handbells 7:00 p Choir 8:15 p Madrigals</p>	<p>3 5:00 p Caregivers' Support Group 6:00 p Bible Study - New Believers 6:00 p Disciple 6:00 p Pickleball 7:00 p AseraCare 7:00 p Praise Team</p>	<p>4 10:00 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga</p>	<p>5</p>
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