

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



June Meetings

June 7 - 6:00 p - SPRC
June 14 - 6:00 p - Property Trustees
June 21 - 6:00 p - Childcare



This month's Communion offering will benefit **Warren County Campground Ministries**. Please use the special Communion envelope in your monthly packet for your contribution.

From the Pastor

Deadline*

I'm typing this on the afternoon of the day the newsletter articles are due to be turned in to the office... which seems to be my habit. I'm almost never early. At least it's not "I had it in before midnight so it's technically still the day..." which, sadly, I've done... And I have missed the deadline more than once. Mary is gracious, but it's wrong of me to rely on her grace. I have told her that if articles aren't in on time, no matter from whom (including me) that she should publish the newsletter without said articles. But Mary is gracious and, so far, hasn't taken me up on the offer.

But it's wrong of me to take advantage of her grace and I am pledging not to do so any more.

I don't know about anybody else, but I'm a deadline pusher. What I mean is – when I have a deadline, I do my best to honor it. But... I'll usually be scrambling to complete whatever task it is right before the deadline. **

This got me thinking about my faith and how I'm living out my faith. There are no deadlines in Christ following (well, there's *one*... literally). So what drives me to know God deeper, to pray more earnestly, to live more generously?

In 2 Corinthians 6:1-2, Paul writes:

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.

For he says,

*"In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you."*

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

Now. That's the deadline, right? There really is no "later" in our walk of faith. There is today, right now. Every moment of every day is an opportunity to live out this life of faith: to love, to forgive, to repent. Now is the day of salvation. This, right now, is the deadline for living a sold-out, Holy Spirit fueled, grace embracing life for God. We've taken advantage of God's patient grace for far too long.

Now is the time to be the Church, to be the Body of Christ. To live what we believe.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bill

* By the way, the term "deadline" has a particularly gruesome origin...

** In High School I typed my senior research paper – on a manual typewriter for you kids out there – the night before it was due – all eleven pages with footnotes and bibliography... actually... I did the research that afternoon as well...

Request and sing your favorite hymns in June and July!

H GTA? AG? DBD is one of my favorites. JTTW? (We'll wait for Christmas for that one.) Throughout June and July, we'd like your input and requests for your favorite hymns. Request 'em, then come sing 'em. We'll try to sing as many of your favorites as possible in June and July.



Simply request your favorite hymn on the gold card and add a reason why you like it with your name if you'd like. Or submit online on the gold card. Just remember to tune in and sing in June and July.

Choir Notes

Our inspirational and fun Wednesday night choir practices will finish for the summer on June 8. Choir practice in June and July will continue on Sunday mornings 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.

Floyd Moore
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Dear Grace Choir,

It is with grateful hearts that we say THANK YOU! Thank you for the people you are that share your talents, love of one another, and that expresses God's love so beautifully every Sunday! Thank you for loving Mom so much and for the ways you embraced and encouraged her through her illness. Your calls, cards and visits meant the world to her. She loved you all! Thank you for the beautiful music you provided for her service, what a tribute to her.

A decorative graphic with the words "Thank You!" written in a purple, cursive font. The text is surrounded by several black musical notes of various sizes and positions, giving it a musical theme.

With love & gratitude,
The Bunce Family

We Welcome...

Spring: sunshine brings energy; blooms bring color (and allergies!); extended daylight allows us to be outdoors longer; birds have returned and are singing before dawn!



*These are the days that the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be GLAD!*

Pentecost (June 5): we celebrate the presentation of the Holy Spirit to humankind. The Apostles received Him as a wind. *Breath* or *wind* is a symbol of the Spirit of God. Last month, I wrote about YHWH or YaHWeH (inhale/exhale). From our lowest valleys to the heights of joy, our every breath expresses that God's spirit is with us.

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.*

Try to explain *wind* to a child. It's interesting! While wind is the movement of air, how we perceive it is how we can explain it. It can be the silent, gentlest touch of a breeze on your bare shoulder. It is seen as it moves tree branches and leaves. We can hear it as it enables hanging chimes to ring out their melody. The winds of change can ROAR into our lives as it moves around buildings in forceful gusts or ahead of torrents of rain. I remember when the tornado that took down Carter Lumber arrived and it DID sound like a freight train!

And, that is how the Holy Spirit works: gently, during times of quiet desperation; boldly, to be "heard" over the clamor of our lives or in those AH-HA moments when we wonder ... How? Why? ... was I able to do what I did, or say what I said or be what I was?

"I am with you, child." Is the reply.

Prepare to welcome and recognize the Holy Spirit's presence in your life.

Cindy Price

Hey all! We have some very exciting things coming up! June 11th we will be having a family cooking class with Rainbow Pizza! This will be from 12-2 please register with me! We will be having a family famine from July 9-10th. More information will be coming soon!



Tyler Dymond

Our prayers were answered and the weather was wonderful so we could have our last day of school celebration outside! We are so thankful we made it through the school year without any significant shutdowns. The kids were such troopers and we are so proud of them for making the best of a difficult two years. We look forward to seeing our morning children again next year and still have openings for some more friends in the afternoon (4-year-old) class. Please continue to let others know that registration forms can be picked up in the church office all summer long. We would like to thank our Grace Church family for its continued support. Because of your generosity, our outreach to children & families in the community will continue, and we are so very grateful!



Trish Gentilman – Director
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It's time to enjoy the summer! Care with Grace will be getting ready shortly for our amazing summer plans to begin. We will be utilizing the city pool with our older children, while the younger children enjoy playing with sprinklers. We also have some exciting trips planned over the next few months to the Erie Zoo, the Russell roller rink, and Chapman state park to name a few. There will be crafts specially made with love to celebrate our dads this month too!



Marc Merchant
Director



During Worship
9:30 a.m. (0-2 yrs.)
11:00 a.m. (0- 5 yrs.)
June 5 – Anna Peterson
June 12 – Becky Fuller
June 19 – Anna Peterson
June 26 – Becky Fuller



The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **peanut butter and jelly**. Thank you to all who contribute!



Items for the July Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the office mary@graceumcwarren.com by Friday, June 17.
Thank you.



Flock Talk

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

Proverbs 22:6

When we remember the beautiful old hymn, “I Need Thee Every Hour”, it gives us a strong sense of how we lean into God. And, how we dearly need our earthly fathers. No matter how young or how old we are, we need the love and protection of our fathers. Even if they are gone, we find great reassurance as we shelter in their memory.

This Father’s Day will bring a range of emotions to many of us. It’s a day to honor and love and respect those men who have raised us, including those men who have been instrumentally attached to our lives. There are six areas in the Bible that describe the character of these men:

- 1.) He walks closely with the Lord daily.
- 2.) He is humble, and not proud.
- 3.) He is generous with his time for his family.
- 4.) He is generous with forgiveness and understanding.
- 5.) He is focused on the future of his children.
- 6.) He is a reflection of Jesus with his compassion.

I was so very blessed to have a father who chose to be this man for his family. May we all celebrate with the love of “Our Father Who Art in Heaven” and thank these men in our lives. May we feel forever blessed to know how it feels to love and be loved.

With gratitude,
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

Dear Grace Members,



We want to thank those of you who sent Dottie a birthday card recently! We appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. Dottie is doing fairly well at the Rouse and lights up especially when her great granddaughter visits her! Thanks again.

Sincerely, Jim & Anne

Liturgy Invitation!

We are inviting anyone interested in being a liturgist to consider this wonderful opportunity. Every Sunday at the 11:00 worship service, the liturgist leads the congregation with the Call to Worship and the Opening Prayer.

All readings and prayers are supplied to you, making this a well-coordinated and easy effort. Sundays are rotated and a schedule is available for your own choosing. You can decide your own dates and times. If you would like to know more, please contact Sue Toombs at church or 814-730-9996.

Extravagant Generosity

Extravagant - (adj.) 1. spending much more than is necessary or wise; 2. exceeding the bounds of reason; 3. going beyond what is deserved or justifiable



Generosity - (noun) 1. liberality in giving; 2. freedom from meanness or smallness of mind or character; 3. largeness or fullness

By themselves the words extravagant and generosity have substantial meaning; placing them together intensifies their significance: liberally giving beyond the bounds of reason; or freedom from the smallness of mind or character to spend much more than is necessary or wise.

Pastor Bill recently spoke about Extravagant Generosity, one of the core values of Grace Church. He reminded us: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously". He spoke of having one of three mindsets: bag, basket, or barn mentality. This core value guides us to have a barn mentality, to give joyfully of our time, talent, and treasure.

Thank you, Grace Church for all of your generosity. Let's continue to have Extravagant Generosity in our lives and support the core values of Grace Church.

2022 Monthly and YTD Financials

	April '22	YTD
Total Income	\$33,792.45	\$125,922.76
Office Expense	\$383.11	\$2,638.05
Buildings & Ground Expense (Church & Parsonage)	\$5,224.63	\$26,858.94
Ministry Personnel	\$24,398.15	\$103,380.47
Church Council	\$0.00	\$126.00
Education Ministry	\$185.93	\$556.34
Nurture Ministry	\$93.64	\$1146.19
Worship Ministry	\$0.00	\$421.07
Outreach Ministry	\$0.00	\$29.99
Connectional Apportionment	\$2,939.00	\$11,756.00
Witness Ministry	\$146.23	\$393.02
Total Ministry & Expense	\$33,370.69	\$147,306.07
Net Income	\$421.76	(\$21,383.31)

Borrowed Funds

Account Balance 4/30/2022	(\$102,151.58)
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We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings.

Submitted by:

Brian A. Jurkowski, Finance Chair & the Finance Committee

ACOLYTE NEWS

Recently 6 new acolytes were installed to begin service at Grace Church. They were presented acolyte cross pendants and participation certificates during the 11:00 a.m. service on May 1. These students completed a 4-week training class with Pastor Bill and helpers, where they learned about the worship service, symbols in the church, the sacraments, what it means to be an acolyte, and practiced lighting the worship candles. A “get-acquainted” pizza party included current acolytes and was held at the conclusion of the last class with 10 present. Those completing the classes they began before covid are DJ Anderson and Katelyn Jurkowski. Those completing this current series of classes are Eddie Anderson, Bobbi Gafner, Emma Lyle, and Riley Lyle. For the first few times of serving, each will work with a “veteran” acolyte. We now have a total of 13 active members. Congratulations to the new class and thank you to everyone for serving in this important part of worship.

Ruth M. Smith Center Circle News

On May 10, an organizational meeting was held in an effort to resume meetings of the Ruth M. Smith Center Circle. 12 women of the church met for a time of “Tea and Talk.” Following a welcome and introductions given by Suzette Berdine, a token of appreciation was presented to Marge Smith for her many years of serving the Circle (at least 50). Pat Slattery led the devotions. Light refreshments were served and those attending brought a favorite teacup, some gave the history of their cups. It was decided by the group to meet 3 times a year and our next meeting will be on September 20 for lunch (time and place TBD nearer the date). Janice Lyle, Board of Directors member of the Ruth M. Smith Center, will tell us of her work at the Smith Center and the relationship of the Center presently with the National Division of UMW. Future plans may include a visit with the residents of the Smith Home, and perhaps a Christmas tureen dinner. The Circle welcomes any women of the Church, and further information may be obtained by calling Suzette at 814-730-3396 or Linda at 814-726-1199.

Memorial

For: Nancy Carr
By: Jane Ziki

For: Judy Bunce
By: Floyd & Helena Moore



Music

For: Judy Bunce
By: Pete & Marge Smith

For: Jim & Marty Adams
By: Pete & Marge Smith

Window Fund

For: Luella Chase
By: Alice Bonnell

Kitchen Fund

For: Judy Bunce
By: Audrey Cable

For: Nancy Carr
By: Audrey Cable

Ruth M. Smith Center

For: Judy Bunce
By: Alice Bonnell

Interested in a trip to **RED BIRD MISSION**? This area of Kentucky is one of the most impoverished regions in the U.S., and there are **many** opportunities to be involved in Community Improvement projects.... from construction to help in the local thrift and craft stores to home & grounds maintenance projects....and more! People can go as individuals, as families, or in groups. Folks are welcomed to come during spring, summer, and fall...usually for a week, they but can stay longer if desired. Even RV's can be accommodated there! It is a great opportunity for kids and teens to be involved as well. Over the years, Grace Church has sent teams there perhaps 15 times. It is a life-changing experience! For more information, please contact Keith Price at 723-3953 or rkeithprice@hotmail.com.



June 1 – Kevin Babcock, Shaun Gupta

June 3 – Schuyler Campbell

June 5 – Todd Andersen, Doug Zaffino

June 6 – Katie Keeports, Carol Ostergard, Allison Sedon

June 7 – Sydney Brown, Kendra Hadden, Stan Pearson

June 8 – Matthew Brooker, Jacob Carroll, Bill Thompson

June 9 – Skip Morrison

June 10 – Olivia Brocklehurst, Derek Hahn

June 11 – Katie Card, Diane Risher, Landon Shelby

June 12 – Barbara Hallock, Daniel Jeffrey

June 13 – William McCollough

June 14 – Julie McManigle, Megan Moore

June 15 – Jacqueline Saber

June 16 – Hailey Peterson

June 17 – Scott Bonnell, Jamie Irwin, John Larson, Jeffrey Zavinski

June 18 – Laken Carroll, Judith Danielson, Koletín Zaffino

June 19 – Sandy Darr, Jeremy Steves

June 20 – Jamie Houghtalen, Tristan Shepherd, MaryLou Sleeman

June 21 – Christopher Berdine, Lindsey Culbertson

June 22 – Justin Conarro, Summer Lucks, Peggy Willis, Michael Wilson

June 23 – John Huber, Rachel Lynds, Kassandra Spurdute

June 24 – Adele Armstrong, Mark Lynds, Preston McMeans, Skylar Zimmer

June 25 – Zakary Buerkle, Chad Burns, Madeline Ei, Hollie Johnson, Steven Knapp

June 26 – Jacob Fry, 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
CARE WITH GRACE DAYCARE is open Mon-Fri from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm located on the first floor (nursery) and the second floor	PROMISE PRESCHOOL 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.		1 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:00 p YA Bible Study 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Madrigals 6:30 p C.R.E.W. 6:30 p Choir	2 5:00 p Gym Resv. 6:00 p Praise Team 6:00 p Caregivers' Support Group	3 10:30 a Yarn Angels 11:00 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga 5:30 p Nurture Movie Night	4
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