

Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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April

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*



April Meetings

April 7 - 6:00 p - *SPRC*

April 13 - 7:00 p - *Property Trustees*



This month's Communion offering will benefit **Grace Church Children's Ministries**. Please use the special Communion envelope in your monthly packet for your contribution.



Ushers & Greeters

April Greeters

Will resume soon.

April Ushers

Will resume soon.

From the Pastor

Resurrection

I was talking someone the other day and he said, “You know, I love Christmas and all. The church is always beautiful, and I love the Christmas songs. But Easter is my favorite, hands down. This is what it’s really all about.”

I couldn’t agree more.

This week – this terrible, wonderful week – when Jesus was arrested, interrogated, tortured, humiliated, and finally executed in the most brutal forms of killing that history has devised – this week is our week of celebration. We celebrate the lengths to which God was willing to go to release us from sin and death. It’s why we call Holy Friday, “Good Friday.” In fact, every time we receive communion, we are celebrating Jesus’ death.

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

God’s plan of salvation that washed away our sins. No more would sacrifices need to be offered as a temporary, inadequate ritual of washing away our sins, Jesus died so that everything we have done or will do that breaks our relationship with God can and will be forgiven. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

I celebrate that truth every day. I am forgiven. I don’t deserve it, I didn’t earn it, I can’t always live up to it,

but I’m forgiven.

And then comes Easter. Not only does God demonstrate His complete victory over sin with Jesus’ death on the cross, but death is defeated.

God promised through the prophet Hosea:

“I will deliver this people from the power of the grave;

I will redeem them from death.

Where, O death, are your plagues?

Where, O grave, is your destruction?”

(Hosea 13:14)

God delivered on that promise in the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Corinthians 15:51-57)

This is “what it’s really all about.” God’s promise to us that if we will put our trust in Jesus Christ, sin has no power over our lives, and death has no power over our eternity.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Bill

Choir Notes

It seems in some ways little has changed since last month. We’ve established a functional worship participation schedule with the



first Sunday of the month led by the Madrigals, the second Sunday by the Women, and the third Sunday led by the Men of the choir. We precede those Sundays with the 2 Wednesday rehearsals in the choir loft. We haven't met in the Choir rehearsal room in over a year, and have adjusted as well as possible, warming up in the choir loft prior to the 11:00 service.

But we made a wonderful change on February 28 and opened our services again. We have taken all the necessary precautions and have remained safe and physically healthy, to the best of my knowledge. Come, check it out.

Great News! We are opening up the choir loft (extended), for any and all that want to participate in the choir for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter! We will continue to sing as safely as possible, with masks and distanced. We'll meet at 7 p.m. on the prior Wednesdays to rehearse. **YOU** are welcome to join us! So, grab your favorite mask, your favorite voice, and let's sing together again!

Come, now is the time to worship!

Floyd Moore

From the Director of Congregational Care

CARE FOR THE CONGREGATION

I love this position at GUMC! The real joy is becoming better acquainted with the people of Grace Church. Three months after I started, CoVID reared its ugly head and all in person visitation ceased. Hospital and Nursing Home visits have been non-existent. But, I have been meeting regularly with some folks; either in their homes, at their front doors or via phone calls.

I am grateful for all the Prayer Warriors who lift up the needs on the Prayer Chain and the emailed Prayer List. We have seen resolution of many of these requests ... often in surprising ways. That is how GOD works! AMEN!

But, there is a heaviness in my heart. It is not one particular person, idea or situation; rather, it is the division that I feel is festering in our community

and at both the national and international levels. It only takes a spark to start a fire. And I feel that there are hundreds of sparks igniting in our world. They seem to travel quietly. Often without being noticed until they appear as a flame. Feelings are being hurt; people are feeling misunderstood and uncared for; minorities bear the wrath of discrimination ... and on and on.

Do you feel this, also? My only answer is Prayer. Turn your heart towards praying for those in leadership at all levels: Grace Church, Warren County, Pennsylvania, USA and nations worldwide.

PRAY for those whom you disagree with.

PRAY for God's guidance for the decision makers.

PRAY for understanding and cooperation.

It is through Prayer that hearts can be changed. That is the miracle of Prayer.

Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your GOD.

Cindy Price

On Palm Sunday, the Children's Ministry had a very successful Easter Egg Hunt at Hem-View Farm. There were nearly twenty-five kids and their families who braved the chilly rain to attend. That's not even counting the youth from the church who came early to help hide the eggs and spread a little joy. They showed skills gained from egg hunting days past in the way they hid the eggs for the littler ones.



We started out with a story in the barn on bales of hay and heard a telling of the crucifixion and resurrection from *The Jesus Storybook Bible*. The story was followed by the littlest ones getting a bit of a head start finding eggs. Seeing the next group of kids race across the yard when we gave the go-ahead was a sight to see; their delight contagious. When all the eggs were found, we enjoyed cookies thanks to Vicki Morrison, and homemade hot chocolate from Melinda's kitchen. As the rain began to pick up, the kids made their way down to the barn to see the cows and the pet the cats. The kids took home a

craft that was a wreath showing Jesus' resurrection and a necklace.

We may have gotten a little wet from the rain, but we made the best of the day and had a great time! It was wonderful to see everybody come together to plan and execute this event for the kids. A big thank you to all who were involved, especially Meghan and Mary who helped stuff eggs with three little boys running around and Melinda for lending her property. I encourage everyone to attend the Children's ministry events and be a part of the fun!

Libby Yaegle



It's hard to believe our school year is quickly coming to an end! We are thankful we have been able to meet under these unprecedented circumstances for the majority of the school year and pray we all stay healthy until our last day in May!

It is great to see spring weather and we hope to go for some walks and play outside. In April we will prepare for and celebrate Easter and Earth Day, review our shapes, colors, numbers, and letters, and our afternoon class will continue to work hard at learning skills they will need for kindergarten.

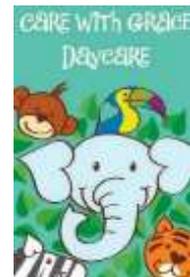
We still have openings in both classes for the 2021-2022 preschool year. Please contact the church office if you know of someone in need of a registration form!

We pray for the health and safety of our preschoolers & families, Grace Church and our community. Wear your mask and wash those hands!

Happy Easter!

Trish Gentilman

We have added 3 children in March and hope to add a few more for fall. We have 2 more children starting in the infant room in Aug and Sept and another to start in Jan. We are done with the Penny Wars and we made over \$400 and the Hippo class won. We are working on our Star's 2 level and are making progress.



Irene Garris



"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1

One of my horses has PTSD. She is nearly twenty and we have learned to live with it. A 1,000 lb. animal with a lack of coping skills can make for some harrowing adventures. But there is a redeeming quality in all of God's choices and how He will use His creation to teach us.

Two things that both animals and people need in order to reduce a fight or flight tendency are safety and consistency. In our world today, health experts are determining that we may see a rise in post trauma stress disorders due to everything from isolation to economic worries. How do we serve others in a way that encourages them to feel safe and secure?

Being able to resume in person worship has been a form of rescue for many people who were struggling, some behind the scenes. There is courage in numbers and a sense of community that offers more than fellowship. Church, whether it is in person or online, offers "help".

We love the Easter story and feel at peace when it never veers from the original and glorious message of redemption. This year may have a special impact on some people. It will offer safety, reassurance and the dependability of our Savior.

Many people will experience post traumatic “growth” by hearing the message this year. That type of healing comes not only on Sunday, but every time you and I are patient and kind and willing to listen to someone’s fears. We can be part of someone’s recovery. And each of us can be a recipient of someone’s help. God intended for us to care for one another and now is our time.

Lovingly,
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

April Worship Assistants



Advisors:

Linda Knapp 726-1199
Sheryl Richards 726-3876

Will resume soon.



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

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

Will resume soon.

If you wish to continue giving, please mail your envelopes to the church (501 PA Ave E) or use the electronic giving option posted on our webpage www.graceumcwarrenpa.com. Online giving accepts checking/savings accounts as well as debit/credit cards.



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



Our budget the month of February 2021:



Other income consists of funds from Sunday School, Room Rental, Bible Studies, Literature Tables, Fitness Ministry, Easter, Christmas, and Misc. Income.

BUDGET	2020	2019
Other Income:	104.64	384.02
Offerings & Tithes	<u>28,289.37</u>	<u>26,467.00</u>
Total Income	28,394.01	26,851.02
Number of Sundays:	4	4
Borrowed	0	0
Expense:		
Staff Parish	21,073.91	21,612.50
Trustees	4,230.08	4,478.05
Ministry	<u>4,391.68</u>	<u>3,994.20</u>
Total Expense	29,695.67	30,084.75
Attendance:	1,449*	852

Connectional Apportionments

Obligation- 3,334.83
Paid to date 6,669.66
Ahead (Behind) 0

Percent of year to date paid 17%

His income: Was \$1,542.99 higher in February 2021 compared to February 2020

Our expenses: Were \$389.08 lower in February 2021 compared to February 2020

We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings given.

*February 2021 attendance is estimated due to online worship services.

Submitted by:

Brian A. Jurkowski, Finance Chair



Covered by Grace gave out 334 items in February bringing this season’s total to **2,158 items!** Donations are accepted all year long. Items can be placed in the tote in the hall right outside of Pastor Bill’s office.

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.



Promise Preschool Registration is now open! A completed registration form and \$20 non-refundable registration fee is required to hold a spot for your child for the 2021-2022 school year. If you or anyone you know needs a preschool for their child, sign up today! Forms can be picked up in the church office or by calling 723-8011 during school hours. Visit our Grace Promise Preschool Facebook page for more information.

Trish Gentilman- Director/Teacher
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Memorial

For: Warren Carr
By: Stan & Shirley Pearson,
Dale Allmendinger,
Betty Swanson



For: Mary Schorman
By: Jerry Huber

Promise Preschool
For: Warren Carr
By: Harold & Janis Wall

Music Memorial
For: Rodger Sorenson
By: Harold & Janis Wall

For: Mary Schorman & Julana Hanson
By: Audrey Cable

Easter Offering (Prison Ministry)
For: Mary Schorman
By: David & Ellen VanOrsdale

The Outreach team will be hosting a rummage sale at Grace on April 10th from 8 am to 2 pm to raise funds for Wesley Woods Camp. 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 Thursday April 8th from 6 to 8 pm and Friday April 9th from 4 pm - 6 pm. Please contact Chuck Keeperts @ 814-688-8534 if you need help with pickup or to volunteer to help.



The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) exists to be an advocate for both the staff and the congregation. If you have questions about the staffing of our church or have an issue that you feel you can't approach a staff member with, please feel free to contact an SPRC member. The members are

- Larry Sutton, Chair – lmsutton7@gmail.net
- Terry Moldovan – moldy5555@yahoo.com
- Bonnie Riggle – bonniewhistler@gmail.com
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- Lay Leader Sue Toombs – fourwindsranch@verizon.net

Items for the May Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the Church office (mary@graceumcwarren.com) by Monday, April 19. Thank you





- April 1 - Anita Zimmer, Bobby Morrison,
Gillian Rapp, Chase Card
- April 2 - Adam Flagella
- April 3 - Alice Pedersen, Laurie Dickson
- April 4 - Christa Yaegle
- April 5 - Katelyn Jurkowski, Freida Ecelberger,
Jesse Lucks
- April 6 - Helen Clark, Jack Lynds, Rob Pearce,
David MacPherson, March Schorman
- April 7 - Gabrielle Cummings, Carolyn Fry
- April 8 - Jackie Johnson, Zeke Stanton
- April 9 - Kristin Moore, Melissa Culbertson
- April 11 - Hannah Fry, Michele Coffman
- April 13 - Dottie Higgins, Nancy Eaker, Chase Alex,
Dave Van Orsdale
- April 14 - Shallin Shelby
- April 15 - Richard Pedersen, Jaime Housler
- April 16 - Pete Jansens, Rylee Napolitan
- April 17 - Sara Hoehn, Kyle Jones
- April 18 - Callie Hampson, Bob Sedon,
Chloe Meddaugh, Zachry Tucher
- April 19 - Peggy Twist, JimMiller, Emily Birgel,
Conner Schultz
- April 20 - Don Anthony, Austin Eggleston,
Tina Moore, Sandy Shene
- April 21 - Jean Buerkle
- April 22 - Tom Lord
- April 23 - Cheryle Stellato, Mogan Danielson,
Terry Wilson
- April 24 - Jody Benjamin
- April 26 - Kristen Lucks, Shirley Pearson,
Scott Curren
- April 27 - Vicki Garrett
- April 28 - Jen Lynds, Degan Peterson
- April 29 - Janey Swanson, Emily Weiland,
Andrew Knowlton, Jim Ostergard
- April 30 - Mike Barrett, Gordon Mathis, Don Smith,
Jenafer McKown, Vance Anzalone



April



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 6:00 p Praise Team 7:00 p Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>2 7:00 p Good Friday</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Easter Sunday 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 p <i>SPRC</i> 6:30 p C.R.E.W.</p>	<p>8 6:00 p Praise Team</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 7:00 p <i>Property Trustees</i></p>	<p>14 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 p C.R.E.W.</p>	<p>15 6:00 p Praise Team</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship</p>	<p>19 12:00 p Caregivers' Support Group</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 p C.R.E.W.</p>	<p>22 6:00 p Praise Team</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 p C.R.E.W.</p>	<p>29 6:00 p Praise Team</p>	<p>30</p>	

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- Grace Praise Team -

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