

PARISH NOTES

January's Communion offering will benefit **The Crossing**. Please use the special Communion envelope in your monthly packet or a pew pocket envelope.

2025 tithing envelopes are in! Pick up your envelopes on the literature table in the back of the sanctuary.

Grace Children's Choir practice Sunday mornings at 9am in the choir room. All children in 1st - 6th grades are welcome to join.

The 2025 altar flowers list is up. Go to the Grace Church website www.graceumcwarrenpa.com, click the sign-up button, and follow the directions. You can also call or email the church office to reserve your spot.



The Food Pantry is in need of **everything** at this time. We are especially in need of **mashed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat (not tuna)**. Thank you to all who contribute!

Covered by Grace is in need of **hats, gloves, and mittens**. Donations can be placed in the gray tote across from Pastor Bill's office.



Unhanging of the Greens will be after the 11 o'clock service on **January 12th**. If you can stay for ½ hour to 1 hour to help, we would be thankful for your time. Many hands make light work.

The Agape class will begin a new study by Chip Ingram titled **The Real Heaven**. The Agape class meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the Winger Parlor, which is located off the foyer at the front of the church.

All are welcome to join the group for this study; however, if you have not been a regular attendee, please contact the church office or Lois Strycula at 814-728-8675 or lois.strycula@gmail.com.

This way we will be sure to have sufficient study guides.

The exact date the study will begin has not been determined. It will probably be the last Sunday in January or the first or second Sunday in February. Information as to the exact date will be posted as soon as possible. Please join us.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, January 5

8:30/9:30/11:00 a – Worship

9:30 a – Agape Sunday School, Winger Parlor

9:45 a – Children's Sunday School

6:00 p – Community Worship at The Crossing

MONDAY, January 6

5:15 p – Christian Yoga

7:00 p – Ping Pong, Gym

TUESDAY, January 7

9:00 a – Pickleball

11:00 a – Staff Meeting

12:15 p – Christian Yoga

6:00 p – Pickleball

6:00 p – *SPRC*

6:00 p – Winger Parlor Reserved

7:00 p – Prayer Gathering, Wesley Parlor

WEDNESDAY, January 8

7:00 a – Men's Ministry Breakfast

5:15 p – Christian Yoga

6:00 p – Madrigals

6:30 p – Choir

6:30 p – CREW (Youth Group), Gilfillan Room

7:00 p – Gym Reserved

THURSDAY, January 9

9:00 a - Pickleball

10:00 a – Disciple 2A, Library

6:00 p – Disciple IV, Library

6:30 p – New Beginnings Handbells

8:00 p – Disciple 2A, Zoom

FRIDAY, January 10

9:00 a - Pickleball

9:30 a – Yarn Angels, Library

11:15 a – Fitness Class

12:15 p – Christian Yoga

SATURDAY, January 11

9:00 a – Praise Team

9:30 a – Library Reserved

10:00 a – How to Eat for Energy and Weight Management

11:00 a – Yoga for Those Who Don't Bend

LAST WEEK'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (<i>in person</i>)	TOTAL
8:30 – 24 9:30 – 60 11:00 – 81	165
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (<i>online</i>)	TOTAL
9:30 – 148 11:00 – 134	282
TITHES & OFFERINGS	\$13,928.16

Disciple IV Class Our next Disciple class will begin on Thursday, January 9th at 6:00pm in the Library. This will be the second half of Disciple IV and will be held weekly until the end of April.

Anyone is welcome to attend and you can jump right in without ever having taken any of these classes.

Disciple IV will focus on John and Revelation and the books of the Bible that help us comprehend the mystery of the end of times. This course will be enlightening and interactive with all the beloved qualities of a small group study.

There are study books available, but please contact Sue Toombs several weeks prior to class to set one aside for you. Sue will be your instructor and is happy to answer any questions.

A Healthy Fresh Start! Saturday, January 11th in Higginbotham Hall

10-11:00am “How to Eat for Energy and Weight Management”

Join in this interactive class that welcomes questions and will answer your concerns about healthy lifestyle approaches. We will have an informative talk on nutrition and its impact on our energy and overall well-being.

11:15-12:15pm “Yoga for Those Who Don’t Bend”

The reasons for doing yoga extend beyond flexibility. It improves posture, reduces joint pain, burns plenty of calories and gives us a sense of well-being. Sometimes the stumbling block to begin a class is a lack of flexibility. This class will ease you into a comfortable frame of mind about taking your mobility a step further.

Both classes are taught by Sue Toombs, Certified Fitness Trainer and Yoga Instructor. Please bring a mat for the stretching class and something comfortable to sit on for the nutrition class. Chairs are available, if needed. A \$5.00 donation fee is suggested.

Welcome

January 5, 2025

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

It is our desire and goal for you to know Christ and to make Him known as part of this worship experience. If you are looking for a church home, please consider us.

Members, Guests, and Visitors:

Please fill out a **YELLOW CARD** including any prayer requests or comments on the back. *If you wish your prayer request to be confidential, please indicate that on the card.*

PLEASE NOTE: Handicapped seating for those in wheelchairs and their families is available in the sanctuary – just in front of the sound booth.

DVDs of each Sunday’s service are available. Call the church office.

LARGE-PRINT HYMNALS are available on the literature tables for your use each week.

WATCH Sunday’s services live at 9:30 and 11 am on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/GraceLiveWarren or our Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/embracegrace

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known!

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.