

Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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February

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*"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



February Meetings

February 1 - 6:00 p - SPRC
February 8 - 6:00 p - Property Trustees
February 22 - 5:30 p - Education
February 28 - 7:00 p - Outreach



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

From the

A Prayer from Yesterday for Today

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor and theologian during the tumultuous era of the rise of Nazism in Germany in the 20s and 30s. Bonhoeffer strongly opposed the fascist regime's policies and was arrested as a dissident and hanged as a traitor (accused of participating in a plot to assassinate Hitler). His book, the *Cost of Discipleship* is a classic.

An eyewitness to Bonhoeffer's execution later wrote this:

"I saw Pastor Bonhoeffer... kneeling on the floor praying fervently to God. I was most deeply moved by the way this lovable man prayed, so devout and so certain that God heard his prayer. At the place of execution, he again said a short prayer and then climbed the few steps to the gallows, brave and composed."

In prison, Bonhoeffer wrote a prayer for his fellow prisoners, powerful words of comfort and challenge, words of confession and forgiveness, words to bring hope and light into places of darkness. I believe these are words that are as appropriate for us today as they were almost 80 years ago when Bonhoeffer wrote them.

O God, early in the morning I cry to you.
Help me to pray
And to concentrate my thoughts on you;
I can't do this alone.

In me there's darkness,
But with you there's light;
I'm lonely, but you don't leave me;
I'm feeble in heart, but with you there's help;
I'm restless, but with you there's peace.

In me there's bitterness, but with you there's patience;
I don't understand your ways,
But you know the way for me.

O Heavenly Father,
I praise and thank you
For rest in the night;
I praise and thank you for this new day;
I praise and thank you for all your goodness
and faithfulness throughout my life.

You have granted me many blessings;
Now let me also accept what's hard from your hand.
You will lay on me no more than I can bear.
You make all things work together for good for your children.

Lord Jesus Christ,
You were poor and in distress, a captive and forsaken as I am.

You know all man's troubles;
You abide with me when all men fail me;
You remember and seek me;
It's your will that I should know you and turn to you.

Lord, I hear your call and follow;
Help me.

O Holy Spirit,
Give me faith that will protect me
from despair, from passions, and from vice;
Give me such love for God and men
as will blot out all hatred and bitterness;
Give me the hope that will deliver me
from fear and faint-heartedness.
Amen.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bill

Choir Notes

Sing along with Hymn #133:

"What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms,
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
 Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, safe and secure from all alarms,
 Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, leaning on the everlasting arms.
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
 Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, safe and secure from all alarms,
 Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, leaning on the everlasting arms."

Sometimes it's not easy, but it's always possible, to lean on Jesus. Be comforted knowing that each of us may lean on Jesus, and have peace.

Our choir is currently still singing with masks, and praying to be understood. We'll all be glad when all of our members are healthy and well enough to sing God's praises with us.

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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LIFE-GIVING STEWARDSHIP

(The basis for this comes from a Global Disciples newsletter article written by Jerry Meadows, VP of Partner Relations.)

If people, in general, are generous, how much more can Christ-followers do with the supernatural grace of God? Jesus call us to pass on His abundant life to others. We need to be generous in “giving life”.



Globally, our brothers and sisters in Christ, many living in poverty, raise the bar when it comes to generosity – giving sacrificially of currency or commodities; offering chickens or crops or whatever they have to the Lord. Here are a few ideas on how to give of your time, treasure and talents.

Are you able to give our of your

- **Labor:** Is your “day job” an act of worship? Do you work as if you are serving the Lord? Even if you are retired, is your daily routine an act of worship? “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him”. (Colossians 3:17)
- **Influence:** True influence flow from your character and not just your words. With the Lord’s leading, you can help shape another person’s character. Through your good works, people are invited into the work of God for their own edification and to multiply it into others.
- **Finances:** Share the financial resources God has given you to use as He desires, knowing “that every good gift come from God”. (James 1:17)
- **Expertise/Experience:** Sharing what you are good at may not seem like a sacrifice. You may even believe that “anyone can do that”. Maybe you have abilities or skills but you don’t want to flaunt them. God gave you a gift – to be used for His purposes.

Watch, listen and trust for the Holy Spirit to lead you into acts of kindness and generosity. Give your life as an act of worship to Him (Romans 12) and to serve others.

With you in the body of Christ,
Cindy Price

Thank you so much for your continued support and participation in our children's ministry! Our events have been growing in attendance and it is so wonderful to see! Please keep checking our bulletin board outside of the church office for a calendar of activities, pictures from previous events, and the monthly devotional item that I will be posting. There will be one for children and families and a separate activity for adults!



We will also be utilizing the remind app for occasional event reminders and Mindful Monday verses, quotes, and/or inspiration! Please check the bulletin board for the number and code to sign up! Remind will allow me to send out mass reminders without sharing anyone's personal information. You are also able to send me a message for quick and efficient communication!

Lastly, I wanted to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in our Board Game Bonanza. It was a great success! WE all had a blast playing games and having fellowship. Because of those who came to have fun and support our ministry we were able to raise \$340! This money will go to hosting monthly events and trips!

Tyler Dymond

Winter weather is upon us after a mild fall and timid start to the season. We will begin the month by making predictions on whether Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow and hope for an early spring! The children have settled back into the routine after our Christmas break and are well into our winter activities. Our three-year-old class is starting their color unit and doing "homework". The four-year-old class is working on their "Passports to Kindergarten" and proudly adding stars for each skill they master. We look forward to Valentine's Day and our class Valentine's party. Our party day is always great fun as we share treats and cards from our friends.



Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is well under way for current preschool, Grace Church & daycare families. We will open to the public on February 1, 2022, so if you or someone you know would like to register a child for next school year, please pick up a registration form from the office, call 723-9440 and we can mail you a packet, or call the preschool room at 723-8011 during school hours. We usually fill up quickly, so reserve your spot now!

We have been honored with several memorial gifts and appreciate the support for our program. THANK YOU!

Happy Valentine's Day from all of us at Grace Promise Preschool!

Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/GracePromisePreschool

Trish Gentilman
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February is the time that we think about groundhogs, valentines, and presidents. That's according to my calendar anyway. At Care with Grace, we will be exploring these things a little bit with arts and crafts. There will be cute groundhogs made, valentines shared with each room, and we will be talking a little bit about what Presidents' Day is all about (especially with the older children). Even though it's early, we will also start to explore some ideas for what's in store for us during the summer. Feel free to share ideas for summer themes, various crafts, or any interest in volunteering with us! carewithgrace@gmail.com



Marc Merchant
Director



During Worship
9:30 a.m. (0-2 yrs.)
11:00 a.m. (0-5 yrs.)
February 6 – Becky Fuller
February 13 – Anna Peterson
February 20 – Becky Fuller
February 27 – Anna Peterson



The Grace Church Food Pantry is currently in need of canned meat (tuna, chicken, SPAM), and spaghetti sauce. Thank you to all who contribute.



Items for the March Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the office mary@graceumcwarren.com by Tuesday, February 15. Thank you.



Flock Talk

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God. You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

1st Corinthians 6:19-20

Now is the time! If you have ever considered adding exercise and healthy eating to your lifestyle it is within your reach. I am so very excited to be opening the gates to the Fitness Ministry once again! It's been nearly two years and there is an even greater need for this ministry than before. We will launch our new classes the week of February 7th.

Welcome back to all my faithful friends who have become my heroes with their patience and their trust that we would gather again. The offerings are similar to before with strength training and Christian based yoga. Always, there is an emphasis on healthy nutrition and lifestyle choices.

I will have several noontime classes and one evening class to begin and we'll see how social distancing determines whether we add an extra class if necessary. The schedule is posted in the newsletter and I am available to talk to you about any concerns or questions.

Like our opening verse tells us, we are the temple. It is our responsibility to keep it in good working order and to be accountable for the choices that affect our health. During the pandemic, some of our habits changed and left us feeling less vigilant toward our eating habits and our attitudes concerning fitness.

We are in this together. You, me, all of the wonderful community of health minded people who are experts at pulling together. Where one of us is not strong, another reaches out. I am reaching out to all of you and saying "welcome aboard!"

Enthusied,
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader



Covered by Grace is a ministry that allows anyone needing winter items to simply take them from a clothesline on the front porch of the church. The lines will stay up through February. Donations can be placed in the gray bin across from Pastor Bill's office. You can also visit our Amazon wishlist to purchase donations. The link can be found on our website www.graceumcwarrenpa.com



FOOD PANTRY

COVERED BY GRACE

Momentum

How do we measure momentum? Velocity X Mass

How can we improve our momentum at Grace?



What is the velocity and mass at Grace Church? You could equate our velocity to our ministries at Grace - Covered by Grace, the Grace Food Pantry, HOPES fund, Ramps Ministry, Thanksgiving Dinner, mission trips, various community outreach and others. We are all passionate about all or some of these ministries. You could equate our mass to our ability to fund these ministries. It's not quite as exciting as our velocity, but to achieve great momentum, both are equally important.

Without the passion of Grace Church members, our velocity, these ministries may die on the vine and we will lose our momentum as a church. On the other hand, without the funding for these ministries, our mass, we will not be able to sustain our ministries.

As we enter a new year, let's try to envision the momentum that we can achieve as a church. All of our ministries, past, present, and future are important to our church family, our community, and all of those that we reach near and far. As I stated earlier, balancing the budget is not as exciting as seeing the impacts of our ministries, but it is important.

We are asking all members to continue to pray about your stewardship for the church and consider how your contributions help to achieve our momentum. Review the information below carefully. The last couple years have been difficult for Grace financially as they have for many others throughout our country. Our goal is to reduce and eliminate the borrowed funds seen below and work toward an achievable balanced budget that will allow us to support Grace's mission, vision, and values.

2021 Actual to Budget

	December '21 Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Income	\$44,488.84	\$360,490.87	\$354,250.00
Office Expense	\$365.88	\$6,372.19	\$9,700.00
Buildings & Ground Expense (Church & Parsonage)	\$8,652.02	\$81,581.13	\$87,300.00
Ministry Personnel	\$24,041.54	\$273,462.92	\$275,245.05
Church Council	\$0.00	\$317.79	\$500.00
Education Ministry	\$1,032.68	\$3,101.17	\$2,800.00
Nurture Ministry	\$396.68	\$1,161.60	\$4,150.00
Worship Ministry	\$71.46	\$2,840.76	\$4,025.00
Outreach Ministry	\$48.50	\$781.05	\$500.00
Connectional Apportionment	\$3,011.87	\$39,695.00	\$40,018.00
Witness Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Total Ministry & Expense	\$37,620.63	\$409,313.61	\$426,238.05
Net Income	\$6,868.21	(\$48,822.74)	(\$71,988.05)

Borrowed Funds

Account Balance 11/30/21	(\$144,799.41)
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We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings given.

Submitted by:

Brian A. Jurkowski, Finance Chair & the Finance Committee

Memorial

For: Carole Schoenborn
By: Julie Myler, John & Carol Hanna

For: Martha Anderson
By: Chris Dutchess



For: Luella Chase
By: Kinzua Healthcare, Harold & Janis Wall

Youth / SPARK

For: Ryan Egger
By: Bill & Trish Gentilman,
Judy Templeton, Karen Conarro
George & Denice Bleech

Heifer International

For: Ryan Egger, Austin Eggleston
By: Harold & Janis Wall

General Fund

For: Luella Chase
By: Bill & Trish Gentilman

For: Mary Schoreman
By: Bill & Trish Gentilman

Promise Preschool

For: Carole Schoenborn
By: Judy Templeton

Kitchen

For: Martha Anderson
By: Audrey Cable, Harold & Janis Wall

For: Luella Chase
By: Audrey Cable

Music

For: Kris & Renee Magnuson
By: Crystal Stearns

In Honor of

HOPES

For: Dick Risinger, Keith Price, Nano & Bonnie Lopez
By: Judy Templeton

Heifer International

For: Kris Magnuson
By: Grace Choir

Dear Grace Church Family,
Thank you for your prayers, your phone calls and your loving support and beautiful cards on the death of my sister, Lois Kashella. It was quite difficult to be so far apart when she passed. (She lived in Niagara Falls, NY.) Lois was a loving wife, mother & sister. She had so many health issues, but she spent the last year of her life caring for her daughter, Melissa. (Melissa has colon cancer and has been in treatment for over a year.) Again, the outpouring of love & compassion I know comes from God thru your love and words of caring. I praise God for friends like you every day. In His Service Always,
Neal & Peggy Twist

Thank you

Grace Church,
We sincerely thank you for all of your support. The love, kindness and generosity has been wonderful. We are so honored to share our family with you and be a part of the Grace UMC family. The Praise team was fabulous, the luncheon crew awesome. Love,
Jesse, Nicki & Bella Egger

THANK YOU





Thank you to all those who furnished the beautiful and delicious cookies for the reception following our Christmas choir concert on December 12. A very special thanks to the people who worked so hard at setting up, serving, and cleaning up after the reception. All donations of time and/or cookies were greatly appreciated.
Bonnie Lopez and Linda Knapp

Fitness and Yoga Ministry Everyone is welcome! Beginning the week of February 7th

Christian Yoga Monday 12:15 - 1:30 pm

Christian Yoga Wednesday 5:15 - 6:30 pm

Christian Yoga Friday 12:15 - 1:30 pm

A strength training class will begin at a slightly later date.

It will be a 45-minute class held on Fridays from 11:00-11:45 am.

The Friday yoga class is an easier class with deeper stretching and will be a perfect complement to the strength training class. If you are new to yoga, you may want to start with the Friday class. All classes are held in Higginbotham Hall. Please arrive a few minutes early so I can get contact information.

Susan Toombs, C.F.T. 814-730-9996 fourwindsranch@verizon.net

Staff Appreciation Day!

We are celebrating Staff Appreciation Day on February 20th! Our treasured staff will each receive a gift card this year as a gesture of our appreciation. When you see one of our staff today, or anytime this month, please take the opportunity to acknowledge these incredible people!

We thank you, Grace Church staff, for the way you navigate the challenges of each and every day. Most especially, your willingness to be a strong foundation during this past year. We thank you for your dedication to keep learning as the environment changes around you. Thank you for communicating God's truths to us in your own unique manners. Thank you caring about us when we are not there to see it. We are most grateful that you steady us in areas that we sometimes assume are effortless.

We extend a warm hearted "thank you" to the following people:

Mary Quiggle-Pickering, Office Manager
Meghan Brooker, Office Administrator
Cindy Price, Director of Congregational Care
Nicki Egger, Director of Youth and Family Ministries
Tyler Dymond, Director of Children's Ministries
Floyd Moore, Director of Grace Choir
Kris Magnuson, Accompanist/Pianist
Carmen Pearce, Accompanist/Organist
Dave Moore, Audio & Video Equipment Technician
Trish Gentilman, Director of Promise Preschool
Jen Lynds, Co-Teacher of Promise Preschool
Mike Roney, Building Maintenance Supervisor
Tristan Johnson, Security/Set-up Custodian
Shirley Shafer, Housekeeping Custodian
Anna Peterson, Nursery Worker
Becky Fuller, Nursery Worker

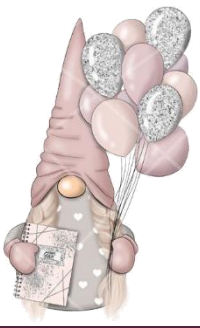
VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON: All seniors (age 60+) of Grace Church are invited to a special "love filled" luncheon on February 12th at noon in Wesley Parlor or Higginbotham Hall (determined by number of attendees). There will be a delicious meal, fellowship, and entertainment. It will be a celebration of our love for God and others, and His love for us. Reservations are a must so please call the church office no later than February 9th. Hope to see you there, as love is in the air!! There is no charge for this event!



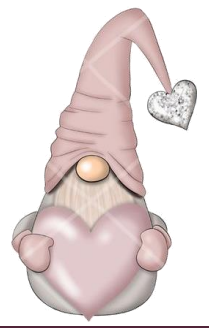
Grace Promise Preschool and Care with Grace Daycare are having a Sarris Candies fundraiser! Orders will be accepted through April 10 so you can order for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter! To order go to sarriscandiesfundraising.com and click on fundraising then online ordering. Put in **Group ID 10-3656**. Orders will ship directly to your door for only a \$5 processing fee.







February 1 – Gary Culbertson
February 2 – Thomas Jones, Tim Price, Riley McCollough
February 3 – Rick Reiff, Tammy Kibbey, Sam Birgel
February 4– Madison Kridler
February 7 – Larry Knowlton, Linda Knapp, Jesse Lucks
February 9 – Danny Grosch, Jaclyn Barrett, Maria Miller
February 11 – Phyllis Marti, Norma Dey, Dave Carter
February 12 – Tristan Danielson
February 13 – Mona Rosequist
February 14 – Kyle Grey
February 15 – Wayne Price, Kurt Smith
February 16 – Lisa Shall
February 17 – Bill Bunce, Brett Ball
February 18 – Stacy Vavala, Linnea Wertz, Josie Bailey
February 20 – Jeff Benjamin, Lisa McDermott
February 23 – Karen Lucks, Marcy Jurkowski, Cheyenna Thompson
February 24 – Amelia Haley
February 25 – David Johnson, Melissa Zaffino, Kaila Abplanalp, Eric Moore, Braydn Wilson, Harper Vivian
February 26 – Randy Johnson, Barb Kulinski
February 27 – Donna Risinger
February 28 – Judy Bunce, Terry Moldovan, Olivia English
February 29 – David Morrison



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 11:00 a Staff Meeting 5:00 p Gym Reserved 6:00 p <i>SPRC</i> 6:00 p Pickleball	2 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 p C.R.E.W. 7:00 p Choir	3 5:00 p Gym Reserved 6:00 p Praise Team 6:00 p Disciple II	4 10:30 a Yarn Angels	5
6 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School	7 12:15 p Christian Yoga	8 5:00 p Gym Reserved 6:00 p <i>Property Trustees</i> 6:00 p Pickleball	9 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p C.R.E.W. 7:00 p Choir	10 5:00 p Gym Reserved 6:00 p Praise Team 6:00 p Disciple II	11 10:30 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga	12 12:00 p Senior Valentine's Luncheon
13 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School 12:00 p Children's Ministry Valentine's Party	14 12:15 p Christian Yoga	15 11:00 a Staff Meeting 5:00 p Gym Reserved 6:00 p Pickleball 6:30 p Wesley Parlor Reserved	16 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p C.R.E.W. 7:00 p Choir	17 5:00 p Gym Reserved 6:00 p Praise Team 6:00 p Disciple II	18 10:30 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga	19 All Day Sanctuary & Higginbotham Hall Reserved
20 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School 4:00 P Watson Home	21 12:00 p Caregivers' Support Group 12:15 p Christian Yoga	22 5:00 p Gym Reserved 5:30 p <i>Education</i> 6:00 p Pickleball	23 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p C.R.E.W. 7:00 p Choir	24 5:00 p Gym Reserved 6:00 p Praise Team 6:00 p Disciple II	25 10:30 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga	26 1:00 pm CREW Higginbotham Hall Reserved
27 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School	28 12:15 p Christian Yoga 7:00 p <i>Outreach</i>		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.	

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