

Grace Notes

May 2024

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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Office Manager: *Mary Quiggle-Pickering*
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 Family Ministries: *Amanda Slattery*
Director of Youth &
 Family Ministries: *Nicki Egger*

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



May Meetings

May 6 - 5:00 p - Nurture
May 6 - 6:00 p - Worship
May 7 - 6:00 p - SPRC
May 14 - 5:30 p - Education
May 14 - 6:00 p - Property Trustees
May 21 - 6:00 p - Finance
May 28 - 6:00 p - Church Council



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

From the Pastor

What Matters?

I don't watch golf. I sometimes *sleep* while golf is on TV... but I don't watch golf. . I don't even play golf anymore. It's a great way to increase both my physical activity and my complete frustration levels in my life, I get it. I haven't been on a golf course in 15 years and I haven't watched golf since Tiger Woods was the biggest thing in sports... and even then I didn't really watch golf much.

I say all of that as prelude to this. I was waiting for some takeout at Cornerstone on Sunday afternoon (chicken lips... mmmm) and the Masters was on TV and the guy in the lead was like 15 under par for the tournament? That got my attention. And I watched as the cameras and announcers followed him and they talked about how he was so focused on each hole, each shot... when his pregnant wife might go into labor at any moment. And I remembered one of the morning sports shows talking about how one of the golfers might not even play the Masters because his wife was expecting. Scottie Scheffler is his name and I saw an interview with him afterward. He said that if his wife had gone into labor, wherever he was on the course or the leaderboard, he would have walked away from the tournament (and the 3+million dollar prize for winning) with no regrets.

In an interview after he won the Masters (for the second time it seems) he was talking about the impending birth of his first child and he said something like this:

"Now my priorities have to change. Golf drops down to fourth in my life behind my wife and my son or daughter..." And the interview highlight that I saw didn't include any elaboration on how he prioritized his life, but the announcer followed up after the clip saying that Scottie Scheffler said that God was first, then his wife and his child and then golf.

And in doing a little reading and research, that seems to be true for Scottie Scheffler. God first. His family second. Then everything else – including even the Masters Golf Tournament. So, his wife and his child, more important than a golf tournament, no matter how likely he was to win it... And over everything else in his life is his relationship with God.

That's how followers of Jesus should prioritize our lives. Proverbs 3:5-6 is a life verse for me:

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.*

That's what it is to make God my top priority. And this also shows us the promise of making God the most important think in my life: God will make a way for me. God will make a way for me to love my family, to do my work excellently, to experience my days of rest fully. To "re-create" in those moments of refreshing and to have the energy and attention I need to be fully present in every moment. If God is first, I don't have to fight to prioritize anything else...

I still don't watch golf (not a priority!!) but I really appreciate Scottie Scheffler's testimony.

What's first in your life?

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bill

April showers bring May flowers.” We’ve all heard it before, and we *all* can talk about the weather, right?



Well, there’s a hymn for that. Daniel Webster Whittle (I can’t possibly make that name up!) wrote the words to “Showers of Blessing” based on the word of God in Ezekiel 34:26, “I will cause showers to come in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.” James McGranahan set the words to music, and a great “weather report” was born.

There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

There shall be showers of blessing: This is the promise of love.
There shall be seasons refreshing, Sent from the Savior above.

Chorus:
Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need.
Mercy – drops round us are falling, But for the showers we need.

There shall be showers of blessing – Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys, Sound of abundance of rain.

(Chorus)

There shall be showers of blessing: Send them upon us, O Lord.
Grant to us now a refreshing; Come and now honor Your word.

(Chorus)

There shall be showers of blessing; O that today they might fall,
Now as to God we’re confessing, Now as on Jesus we call!

(Chorus)

By the way, the author and composer also combined to bring us hymn #714, “I Know Whom I Have Believed”. Check it out in your hymnal, just not during the pastor’s sermon.

So, Count your many blessings, name them one by one! (Oops, that’s another great hymn – look it up.)

Thank you again for keeping your Grace Choir in your prayers. We enjoy being used as a part of one of many ministries here at Grace, regardless of the weather outside! (Remember, you’re not too young, too old, nor too late, to join your Grace Choir!)

See you in church!

Floyd Moore
Choir Director
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Piggy Party

Hey kids! Join us for Sunday School at 9:30am on **Sunday, May 5th** for a Piggy Party!
Come meet our new piggy friends and enjoy a unique and interactive mini pet pig experience. All kids are welcome!



Our school year is quickly coming to an end and we are looking forward to summer vacation! The year certainly has been a busy and exciting one.

As we spend our last few days together, we hope for warm weather so we can play outside and look for signs of spring. We have a field trip planned for Warren Library and are looking forward to hearing some stories and exploring the library. Our school year will conclude with acting out some stories, discussing summer fun and safety and making our own pizzas on the last day of school. The afternoon class will have a brief gathering to sing some songs and say their goodbyes as we send them off to kindergarten!



We still have openings in both classes for next school year. If you know of anyone that has not registered for preschool, please have them give us a call! Our tuition is only \$85 a MONTH! Registration forms can be picked up in the church office during the week, mailed, or downloaded by going to graceumcwarrenpa.com and clicking on the preschool banner. We are grateful for the incredible support and prayers we receive from our Grace Church Family!

Have a great summer!
Trish Gentilman & Jen Lynds
promisepreschool@myyahoo.com
or find us on Facebook!



During Worship

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

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

May 5 – Anna Peterson

May 12 – Melissa Zaffino

May 19 – Anna Peterson

May 26 – Melissa Zaffino



Items for the **June 2024**
Newsletter need to be
delivered to Mary in the office
mary@graceumcwarren.com
by **Wednesday, May 15.**
Thank you.



The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **canned soup, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, jelly** at this time. Thank you to all who contribute!

On April 28th during the 9:30am service
Brooke Louise Johnson was baptized.
She is the daughter of Colter & Paige Johnson.



Wednesday, May 15th is Warren Gives day! From 6am-10pm visit www.warengives.org to donate to several organizations throughout Warren County. 100% of your donation to Grace UMC will go to the **HOPES Fund**. Find out more about how to donate on their website.





Flock Talk

*"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."
Proverbs 31:25*

Let's look at what it's like to re-think that verse. Godly women (and men) are commonly compared to those who live their lives apart from God. It's a sharp contrast. When we are "clothed" in something, we are not just performing a certain way for the world to see. It means we are actually ingrained with these qualities. They are etched in our personalities. We look around in church and we see these women everywhere. There is no age limit, but it does seem to strengthen with the test of time. The test of trials, suffering and temptation all fortify the dignity and integrity needed to basically survive.

With Mother's Day this month, we appreciate these women even more because of the focus on their goodness. It doesn't matter if you are or were or never could be a mom. What matters is that these women with all their unique circumstances matter to God. They matter in such a magnificent way that he wanted them to be respected and loved and cared for, especially in their fragile years.

We are all fortunate to be one pew away from a woman of strength and dignity. I'm beside one every Sunday in my pew. I hold her strong little hand when certain hymns play that I know are treasured in her heart. This month as we greet one another, take the extra few minutes that you will never have back again and thank a beautiful and courageous woman, young or old, for being a part of your faith journey. We all have opportunities to link arms and we all need encouragement.

Lovingly,
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

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 2024-2025 school year. Be sure to reserve a place for your child today! Additional forms can be found on the Grace Church website, picked up in the church office or by calling (814) 723-8011 during school hours and we can mail one to you. Questions? Send us an e-mail or find us on Facebook!

Mrs. Gentilman & Mrs. Lynds Promisepreschool@myyahoo.com



Outreach will hold a Rummage Sale at Grace on **May 4th** from 8am-1pm. Please drop off your household items on Friday May 3rd from 4-6pm in the front of the Church. Children clothes and shoes are welcome, but please no adult clothes. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Keeports @ 814-688-8534.

Attention women!

"Full of Grace" Women's Ministry meets the **fourth Monday of each month** now at **10:30am or 6:30pm** in the **Grace Church library** (take the elevator to floor 2). If you have any questions, contact Karen Conarro at 814-688-6445.

There will be **no** meeting in May due to Memorial Day.



Grace Church Finance Report



2024 Monthly and YTD Financials

	March '24	YTD
Total Income	\$31,338.26	\$96,799.67
Office Expense	\$525.11	\$3,436.58
Buildings & Ground Expense (Church & Parsonage)	\$7,133.44	\$21,460.46
Ministry Personnel	\$20,765.23	\$65,040.14
Church Council	\$0.00	\$0.00
Education Ministry	\$655.67	\$937.92
Nurture Ministry	\$12.36	\$113.68
Worship Ministry	\$232.52	\$577.78
Outreach Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connectional Apportionment	\$842.81	\$2,528.43
Witness Ministry	\$208.60	\$208.60
Total Ministry & Expense	\$30,385.74	\$94,303.59
Net Income	\$952.52	\$2,496.08

Borrowed Funds

Account Balance 3/31/2024	(\$105,734.65)
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We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings.

Submitted by:

Brian A. Jurkowski, Finance Chair & the Finance Committee

Do you like to knit or crochet? Yarn Angels meets weekly on Friday mornings from **9:30am-11am** in the **church library**. If you have any questions, call or text Karen Conarro 814-688-6445.

Volunteer Appreciation Day

Grace Church is celebrating all of our volunteers on **Sunday, May 5th!**

We are having a special reception after each service and would like to invite everyone. We are blessed with countless diligent and hard-working people who are willing to use their time and their giftedness to fortify our church.

Our lives of service have a tremendous impact on the world around us. To every volunteer, "we send a heartfelt thank you for your dedication". Much of the work is behind the scenes, but God sees and to Him goes all honor and glory! The contributions of all our volunteers have allowed Grace Church to continue to offer an exceptional worship experience in our community.

Volunteers bring a wealth of knowledge and skills and it has been a tremendous honor to see them press forward. It takes love and faith and joy to link arms and strongly pull together. Let's show our appreciation to these devoted servants of Christ!



May 1 – Dawn Werner

May 2 – Jamie Watson, Jacqueline Sadler, James Black

May 3 – Dudley Wineriter

May 4– Floyd Moore, Simon Smith

May 5 – Evelyn Eaton, Sally Moldovan, Joe Sienkiewicz

May 6 – Edwin Rickerson, Kimberly Tutaro, Connor Grey

May 7 – Richard Thoma, Emma Stimmell

May 8 – Jan Garrett, Melissa Larsen, Bobbi Gafner

May 10 – Susan Puhl, Erin Werner

May 11 – Karen Schwone

May 12 – Helena Moore, Violet Brooker

May 13 – Beth Anne Nichols, Brittany Saber

May 14 – Daniel Farr

May 15 – Donna Miller, Gary Fleming

May 16 – Matthew Jeffrey

May 17 – Shane Burns

May 19 – Mary Rose Farr

May 20 – Kylie Kennedy, Kailee Morrison, Mitchell Arnold

May 21 – Beth Sprentz, Jennifer Morrison

May 22 – Patricia McClement, Sarah Tarpenning, Jacob McCollough, Kristen Johnson, Emma Peterson

May 24 – Tyler Gustafson, Amy Morrison

May 25 – Marci Barker, Brandi Buchanan, Beau Kibbey

May 26 – Michael Phillips

May 27 – Cory Burns, Adam Barker

May 28 – Dave Berdine, Julie Ross, Ryan Gustafson

May 29 – Linda Morrison

May 30 – Paul Johnson

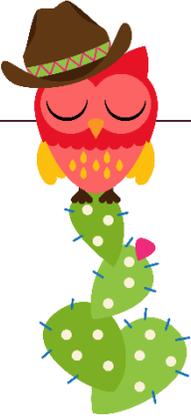
May 31 – Tony Ross, Walt Miller, Rhonda Narlee, Anna Peterson, Amanda Green, Julie Halteman





May



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	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 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Madrigals 6:30 p Choir 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	2 10:00 a Disciple Fast Track 6:00 p Caregivers' Support Group	3 9:30 a Yarn Angels 11:00 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga 4:00 p Rummage Sale Drop Off	4 8:00 a Rummage Sale 9:00 a Praise Team
5 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School 1:00 p Girl Scouts 6:00 p Worship @ The Crossing	6 5:00 p <i>Nurture</i> 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p <i>Worship</i>	7 11:00 a Staff Meeting 12:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p <i>SPRC</i> 6:00 p Pickleball 7:00 p Prayer Gathering 8:00 p Disciple Fast Track-Zoom	8 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Madrigals 6:30 p Choir 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	9 10:00 a Disciple Fast Track	10 9:30 a Yarn Angels 11:00 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga	11 9:00 a Praise Team
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