

Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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July 2019

"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



July Meetings

July 8 – 7:00 p – *Finance*

July 9 – 7:00 p – *Property Trustees*

Sunday, July 7th



This month's Communion offering will benefit **The Crossing**. Please use the Communion envelope in your monthly packet or pew pocket envelope for your contribution.

Ushers & Greeters



July Greeters

2 – Peg & Larry Willis	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Linda & Arden Knapp	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
9 – Linda & Arden Knapp	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Peg & Larry Willis	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
16 – Pete & Marge Smith	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
John & Karen Larson	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
23 – John & Karen Larson	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Pete & Marge Smith	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
30 – Ann Rossman	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Judy Templeton	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>

July Ushers

Richard Thoma, Dave Moore, Neal Twist,
Peggy Twist, Joy Wiedmaier, Zeke Stanton

From the Pastor

Grace Enough

Our Worship series in July and August is called, "Grace Enough for Everyone." It's intended to be a double entendre: God's grace is for everyone, there's room at Grace Church for everyone.

Ten or so years ago, when I was much younger and more able, I was asked to help replace a sidewalk for a friend of a friend. We tried to get folks from the church to help, but it was scheduled for a Monday and Tuesday during the day and those who felt physically able to shovel concrete for 6 or 8 slabs weren't able to schedule it. So... that left me and Stan from the church on Monday (Stan is an all-around great guy who appreciates good, bad and otherwise puns even more than I do).

The sum total of Stan's and my experience with concrete was, I think, watching Mythbusters try to use dynamite to clear a concrete truck with a cured load in it. Stan assured me that, and I quote from his email, "While there is no concrete evidence to support my claim, I feel such a project will help cement relations with the homeowner." (Just so you know what the days were like...heh).

Now, it turns out that the homeowner got another neighbor to come and help, Joe. And, actually, since he *did* have experience, he was instantly chosen foreman and chief sidewalk guy. Joe, a friend of his said, is not one to blend into a crowd. He had really long hair and a really, really bushy beard. He's got six kids at home, the youngest had a double ear infection that week.

Joe is a really interesting guy. He told me he was born and raised Mennonite and said he will still go to church when he's back home (Philly area) - but he goes to "rock the boat." He said with a smile and a twinkle in his eye, "They don't like me coming to church - 'cause I come in short sleeves." You see, Joe had a cross tattooed on his left forearm - and a nude woman tattooed on his right forearm (never mind what was tattooed on his *leg*...).

For me, those two tattoos say a lot about this man. You see, Joe worked third shift (11 PM to 7 AM) - he would come home from work, take his kids to school - and then come to do this sidewalk project - on Monday from 8-4 and on Tuesday from 8-5. He never complained about being tired, in fact, I will readily admit that Joe worked the hardest of all of us. He never had anything to prove, he knew what he was doing - but was very patient with those of us who...um...well, didn't know what we were doing. He treated it like a job he was getting paid a hundred bucks an hour to do, even though he wasn't getting a penny.

Yet, he told some really hard to listen to stories - he was pretty opinionated about things like government (local, state, federal - you name it), race, neighbors, his ex-wife. You don't need details...but he supplied them to me in abundance.

I think of Joe as a guy who is straddling the line between the kingdom of this world and the kingdom of God. He clearly understood what Jesus meant when he said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." He clearly had a Kingdom ethic, though he didn't seem to have a transformed heart. Oh, he had heard the story - he knew who Jesus is - he knew *about* faith...

One foot in heaven, one foot in this world - or one forearm in heaven and one in this world, if you will. Once, another neighbor stopped to help and he said he had just lost his job - Joe was pitching in to help *him* out, too... Making plans as we shoveled and pushed the concrete. "We have a lot in the garden and in the freezer," Joe said, "and after I get home from work tomorrow, I can take you to..." and so the plans went. We can look for a job for you, but in the meantime, we'll take care of you. Sounds like the Kingdom of Heaven. Certainly is Grace is action, isn't it?

I could never quite figure Joe out. I (obviously) still think about him now and again. What was going on in his heart? He knew about Jesus... did he know Jesus? I don't know. I know there was a lot of fallout and circumstances in his life that worked against him, that pushed against even a tiny seed of faith that might bloom (Matthew 13:1-23)

But, in a very real way, we all have one foot in heaven and one foot in this world, just like Joe.

So... there's grace enough for everyone. The more we stand beside people who look and sound and think differently than us, the more opportunities we have to share the Grace and Truth of God. Joe knew I was a pastor and we talked about Jesus on more than a few occasions in the 17 or so hours we worked together. And when we were done, we looked over the freshly poured and smoothed concrete slabs and I said, "It is good." He smiled.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians, "For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." (3:9, NIV) One plants a seed, another waters the seed, God gives the increase. (3:5-8)

Grace enough for everyone. Grace church has a reputation for being welcoming, kind, open and embracing. That's how we come to know Christ and to make Him known.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bill



Happy Summer!!! It is great to wish that to everyone! At least, at this writing, it's summer. May it stay a while.

Things are quiet around here. Grace Choir was invited (urged) to enhance the choir at the Worship and Music workshop in Kane on June 26. This is the 3rd year we've done that, and it is definitely a big help. (When you read this, it will be over, so I can't say how many came.) Thank you, dear choir people. You are appreciated.

It's good to have Megan come back and sing. Her pretty smile and nice voice are so welcome. We will miss Alice, as she is spending the summer working for the Chautauqua choir. Lucky girl... and lucky them.

We sing each Sunday and meet ahead of time at 10:30 to practice. You can't say you didn't practice because it's all done at once. Anyone who'd like to try singing in Grace Choir is invited

to try it. No weekday practices, no commitment – why not try? You would be welcome – we have candy, ice water, front row seats, cooling fans – and wonderful friends, who will help you manage all your music.

Have a great summer! Come to church – even if you don't sing in the choir!

Beverly Petersen

From the Director of Congregational Care

"Therefore if anyone be in Christ he is new creature. Old things are passed away, behold all things have become new."

II Corinthians 5:17

I know it is July, but I'd like to take you back to a few Christmas Eves ago. Our family was being entertained by our great granddaughter. The current children's movie was Frozen so it was a no-brainer what gift to buy her.

The main character had a problem that isolated her from family and friends. There came a time when she wanted freedom more than her burden. There was a definite change in her attitude and attire.

We gifted our great granddaughter with the lovely dress Elsa wore which had a button at the waist that when depressed the theme song from the movie would play, "Let It Go." She knew all the words and gestures which was a great delight for all of us to witness.

Since then, you may hear us say "let it go" when tempted to allow wrong attitudes and unchristlike thoughts about others or ourselves to surface. We are placing the problems in God's hands trusting his Grace to help us be overcomers. We are reminded that Jesus has paid our sin debt in full. However, we often allow ourselves to be burdened with guilt we were delivered from. Would we rather live in bondage to the past or embrace our new life in Christ?

Let's all say, "LET IT GO?" and be free indeed – John 8:32. Elsa stomped her foot in resolve and raised her arm as if to cast away the burden she carried for so long. Sometimes a little body energy

exerted helps to affirm your resolve also; "Cast your cares upon Him because He cares for you." I Peter 5:7

Now, all you resolved to new life in Christ, reach out to others with the love and life of Jesus Christ. That is real freedom to celebrate on the 4th of July. Let freedom ring!

*Grace, mercy and peace,
Karen D. Gray*



There are still openings in both morning and afternoon classes! If you know of anyone that has not registered for preschool, please have them give us a call! Our tuition is only \$75 a MONTH! A completed registration form and \$20 registration fee is required to hold a spot for your child for the 2019-2020 schoolyear. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office.

Trish Gentilman

preschool@atlanticbbn.net or find us on Facebook!

Care with Grace will be closed July 1-5. There is much cleaning and painting to do.

We want to say Thank You for all that came to our ice cream fundraiser. We had a great time.

We are looking forward to 3 weeks of camp in July. They are:

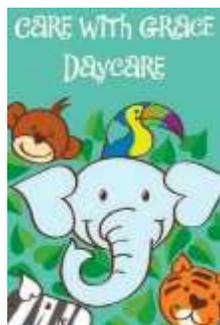
July 8-12 Plants

July 15-19 Down under ground

July 22-26 Camping

If anyone would like to come and talk, read a story or tell us about any of our topics, please contact Irene Garris at 723-9440.

~Jolee Craddock & Irene Garris, co-directors



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

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

July 7 – Anna Peterson

July 14 – Becky Fuller

July 21 – Anna Peterson

July 28 – Becky Fuller



On June 9th during the 9:30 service Nikolai Benjamin Long was baptized. He is the son of Tracy and Georie Long



Dear Church Family,

Thank you incredibly for the graduation wishes and the Amazon gift card! This gift will help me to acquire supplies I need for the upcoming fall semester, so I am appreciative of it alongside the support of all of you!

Sincerely, Caleb Ei

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generous graduation gift. I cannot believe four years at Duquesne University have flown by so quickly! I am excited to share that I received the awards for top graduating student in both the School of Education and the College of Liberal Arts. I am in the process of finding a teaching job for next school year – social studies middle/high school.

Thank you again, Maria Miller



Our budget the month of May 2019:

Other income consists of funds from Sunday

School, Room Rental, Bible Studies, Literature Tables, Fitness Ministry, Easter, Christmas, and Misc. Income.

BUDGET	2019	2018
Other Income:	374.40	434.09
Offerings & Tithes	<u>30,676.00</u>	<u>27,865.50</u>
Total Income	31,050.40	28,299.59
Number of Sundays:	4	4
Borrowed	0	0
Expense:	29,474.35	36,265.04
Attendance:	909	1,004
Connectional Apportionments		
Obligation-	3,330.00	
Paid to date	16,650.00	
Ahead (Behind)	0	
Percent of year to date paid	42%	

His income: Was \$2,750.81 higher in May 2019 compared to May 2018

Our expenses: Were \$6,790.69 lower in May 2019 compared to May 2018

Submitted by:
Alice Bonnell, Finance Chair



Flock Talk!
"He who believes in me... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." John 7:38

Our church is a church that pours through. In his book "My Utmost For His Highest", Oswald Chambers discusses how it is not what we ourselves gain, but what Christ pours through us that really counts. Grace Church pours through in such plentiful streams of giving. From our missionary endeavors to our Outreach programs, through our ministry with the underprivileged and our many avenues of reaching out and lifting up.

When a need arises, one or more of our hard-working committees navigates the effort in the best direction. What a blessing to be an instrument in such generosity! With Christ working through us,

pouring His love into us, we become vessels who send forth refreshing tributaries of His living waters. I have the unique opportunity to regularly deliver homemade cookies from one kind church member to another. This act of love gives me the honor of carrying a special kindness from one friend to another. These simple times of "pouring through" must bring moments of joy to the heavenly realms. Our author, Oswald Chambers, went on to say "God's purpose is not just to make us beautiful, plump grapes, but to make us grapes that He may squeeze the sweetness out of us".
Lovingly, Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

Women's Bible Study

Our study this fall is called **Putting Jesus First** by Sarah Young and Karen Lee-Thorp. There are eight weeks of studies plus some readings and questions for you to complete between sessions. I am not certain of the book's price at this time, but it will probably be under \$7.00. We will meet in Wesley Parlor (behind the sanctuary), as usual. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 10, at 7:00pm, and Wednesday, September 11, at 8:45am and 10:45am. **(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE WEDNESDAY MORNING TIMES.** These new times will allow the 8:45 class to finish and leave before the 10:45 class members begin to arrive in an attempt to alleviate parking difficulties.) Please decide by **AUGUST 9** if you will be taking the course, and which session you will be attending most frequently. This helps me plan for seating arrangements. The books will be ordered after August 9. You may contact me at (814) 726-7890 or radmagnuson@gmail.com to sign up for the class. Looking forward to seeing you.

Renee Magnuson

The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **canned meat (chicken, tuna, spam) and mashed or scalloped potatoes** at this time. Thank you to all who contribute to the Grace Church Food Pantry!



On Saturday, October 19, 2019, Grace UMC's Men's Ministry will be hosting a Man in the Mirror event

Rewired. The event will take place in the



Slater Room at the Warren Public Library (205 Market Street Warren, PA 16365) from 10 am to 4 pm. Pre-registration cost is \$15 or, if not sold out, \$20 at the door. Speakers include Pastor Bill Beatty, Dr. Jerry Schoenborn, Pastor Rick Hamrick, and Pastor Doug McCracken. Any questions or for more information, contact Kurt Shafer at mensministrywarrenco@gmail.com

HANDY PEOPLE WANTED!!!



THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE RAMPS MINISTRY...

a group dedicated to helping build ramps for those in need. This ministry was started in 2015 by the Kane District and is an alliance of the United Methodist churches in Warren, Elk, McKean, Forest, Cameron, Potter and Clarion Counties. The ministry is based solely on donations for materials and volunteer labor. The organization's mission is to design and install semi-permanent ramps on the homes of those in need as an active demonstration of the love of Jesus. The ministry does not charge a fee to build a ramp but they ask families to evaluate their ability to contribute to the project. Their funding comes from a variety of sources including offerings from participating churches within the district, private donations, grants from foundations and other philanthropic organizations and fundraisers. All that is asked of the volunteers is to come to the building site and help out! No need to bring any tools! As the coordinator, Dean Clough, said, "all that is needed is a warm body! Age is not important and he feels they can find something for anyone to do". If you are interested in helping out, your name will be put on a contact list and as the projects are planned, you will receive notice of the date and time of the next project. A sign-up sheet will be in the Wesley Parlor, or you can email Cheryle Stellato at tcstsellato@atlanticbb.net Or call /text to 814-730-0824 for additional information.

Save the Date: Community Vacation Bible Scholl will be held July 21-25 at First UMC from 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm.

Available for ages 4 – Grade 5.

This year's theme is "Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth!" For more information, please contact Heidi at First UMC at 723-4930.



July Worship Assistants



Advisors:

Linda Knapp 726-1199

Sheryl Richards 726-3876

July 7 – Kylie Jurkowski & Karson Werner

July 14 – Kaden Werner & Ryan Egger

July 21 – Becca Anderson & Bella Egger

July 28 – Alanna Byrd & Brandon Byrd



Items for the August Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the Church office (mary@graceumcwarren.com) by Wednesday, July 17. Thank you!



- July 1 – Karl Grosch, Jason Tucher
- July 2 – Nano Lopez
- July 3 – Chuck McManigle, Cora Watt
- July 4 – Gabrielle Hahn, Eliana Beatty, Steve Norris,
Maribeth Miller, Ann Rossman
- July 5 – Steph Russo, Shari Jerman, Shawn Zaffino
- July 6 – Sharaya Vivian, Tyler Dziendziel,
Margaret Sleeman, Kaitlin Sedon
- July 8 – Seth Connaro, Sheryl Richards
- July 9 – Julana Hanson, Mackenzie Tucher,
Tom Smith
- July 10 – Paul Schultz, Barb Stevenson
- July 13 – Tressa Knowlton
- July 14 – Patti McMeans, Bonnie Glotz
- July 15 – Jim Adams, Barb Stanko, Karen Conarro
- July 16 – Cale Trisket
- July 17 – Kevin Farr, Keith Yaegle, Derek Hanlin
- July 18 – Amy Smith, Kerry Pangborn, Isabella Egger,
Eliza Hellman
- July 19 – Kylie Jurkowski
- July 21 – Tom Sleeman
- July 22 – Amanda Babcock, Veronica Andersen
- July 23 – Alex Weiland
- July 24 – Zachary Ickert, Michaelle Carroll
- July 25 – Marcy Jurkowski, Brian Jurkowski
- July 26 – Brooke Barney, Jean Anderson,
Dennis Strandburg, Dave Larsen
- July 27 – Ryan Barker, Ella Card, Lisa Card
- July 29 – Jordan Arthur, Kay McNaughton
- July 30 – Hunter Danielson, Janis Wall,
Susan Bednez, Haley Stimmell, Maya Alex,
Jerry Reichard
- July 31 – William Lord, Denny Munksgard

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p Habitat for Humanity 7:00 p Eaton Parlor Reserved	2 11:00 a Staff Meeting 5:15 p Healing Christian Yoga 6:00 p Pickleball	3 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga 7:00 p Praise Team	4 Office Closed	5 Office Closed 10:00 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga	6
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~ Grace Praise Team ~

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