

# Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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# July

# 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*



## July Meetings

**July 7 – 6:00 p – SPRC**

**July 12 – 6:00 p – Finance**

**July 13 – 6:00 p – Property Trustees**

**July 27 – 6:00 p – Church Council**



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

# *From the Pastor*

## Summer

**W**hat are your plans for the Summer? This has been a strange Spring to me – all the trees are bare – then suddenly they're green. Does it always happen that way? Maybe I've never paid close enough attention. Or maybe I wasn't paying close enough attention over the past couple months (is it REALLY June already?)

So – Summer plans. How much do we look forward to sunny, warm days when it's cold and snowy? How much do we look forward to the long days of sunlight (with the sun coming up before 6 AM and not going down until around 9 PM) on those short winter days (when the sun comes up at, what, almost 8 AM and goes down at like 5 PM)?

Yet, all too soon, we take those summer days for granted, don't we? Maybe we even complain about the heat, the humidity, it's too dry, it's too buggy. Sigh...

I like to be comfortable, and I don't think I'm alone. I'm happy to be in an air conditioned building or car when the mercury hits 80 or 90. Give me a padded pew over a hard wooden one any day. According to my phone (how did we ever get by without having Google at our fingertips 24/7?), the high temperature for today is 79 degrees – as I sit in my home office, where it's a wonderful 71 degrees, where I sit in my comfortable, padded office chair (which will recline to a nice napping angle, not that I would know anything about that!). A freshly made cup of coffee to my right, music playing to my left. Ah! Feels good.

Are we like that with our faith? I don't ever actually say it, but... do I want a comfortable faith? You know, faith that makes no demands on me. Faith that doesn't strain credibility or my ability. Faith that is easy. A lot of times I really only expect from God enough to keep me comfortable. Anybody else know what I mean? It's the air conditioning and carpeting of my faith journey – not too hot, not too hard to walk, not asking too much of me.

But where's the faith in that? Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:7, "For we live by faith, not by sight." (NIV) In other words, it's not just about what I can see, what I can accomplish, what I can do – but what God can see, what God can accomplish, what God can do (which, by the way, is ANYTHING, right?).

So... it's time I had a God-sized vision for my faith. It's time for me to listen to what God is saying, to pay attention to what God is doing, and time for me to move in step with God. Anybody with me?

Take some time this summer – maybe when you're relaxing in your favorite summer place (you beach people, I'm talking to you!), maybe sometime when you find yourself alone and thinking "God thoughts." Ask God for a faith-building experience this summer. Then hold on for the ride. And trust God during this. That's what faith is all about right? It's not about making my life more comfortable, but walking in step with God.

I pray you'll have an amazing summer.

In Christ,  
Pastor Bill

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## Choir Notes

### **Summer in Choir, and some are not...**

We've started the Summer Choir, and we're having fun! This is our chance to get together as a complete choir for the first time in over a year.



We meet in the choir room at **10:30** in preparation for the 11 o'clock worship service. No robe required! Everyone is welcome! If you've ever wanted to sing with a really good choir, now is your chance! It's not too cold, not too hot, seems just right to me!

In June we enjoyed the special music of Dem Bones – the always wonderful trombone ensemble led by our own Kris Magnuson. Look ahead to all of our worship services in July (The 4<sup>th</sup> happens to be on a Sunday... Don't miss being in the service!).

Psalm 95 starts with these words:  
“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our  
salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.”  
(please read the rest of this wonderful  
Psalm)

Remember, we'll meet in the choir room at 10:30.  
We're getting a party planned. Stay tuned!  
See you at church!

Floyd Moore

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## *From the Director of Congregational Care*

### SUMMER READING LIST

**L**OVE TO READ! So, it is no wonder that I have  
fond memories involving books. In my  
elementary school years, my mom would be  
ready after school to read to me and my brother. I  
am sure she read ALL of the Marquerite Henry  
books to us! Our children also became voracious  
readers. One of my camping memories is having all  
5 of us sitting around the fire after breakfast  
READING.

Readers seem to gravitate towards one another.  
We share favorite authors, books and subjects. We  
expand each other's horizons. So, please join me as  
I share some recent favorites that have been  
shared with me.

Chasing Francis: A Pilgrim's Tale by Ian Morgan  
Cron.

This fictional work follows a pastor's journey of  
discovery about how to live a life of faith in today's  
world. His road map is the teachings of Francis of  
Assisi. Brilliantly written, this tome is a quick read,  
which is good, since I read it again to re-enforce  
the Franciscan ideas. Very inspiring and  
challenging.

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy by Eric  
Metaxas.

Hardly a quick read, this chronicle of Dietrich  
Bonhoeffer's life was worth the many weeks it  
took me to read it. I also kept a dictionary by my  
side! Metaxas is a superb biographical writer. His  
analysis of the era in which Bonhoeffer lived, the  
rise of Nazi Germany, is eye opening. If you have  
read, or desire to read, the Cost of Discipleship by  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, this biography gives the  
background necessary to *begin* to understand the  
true *cost of discipleship to Jesus Christ*.

7 Women: and the Secret of Their Greatness by  
Eric Metaxas.

These short biographical sketches range from Joan  
of Arc to Mother Teresa. Metaxas had previously  
written 7 Men and wasn't sure that, as a man, he  
would be able to accurately portray women. But,  
he does! The strong women of today are the result  
of centuries of women who came before us.

I hope that some of you will read these books. And,  
when you see me, share your faves with me. Better  
yet, if you see me in church, write them down so I  
won't forget!!

Take time to be quiet before the Lord (and then  
READ!)

Cindy Price

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**H**ello Grace Church!

Who doesn't love a  
summer playlist? Think of your  
favorite song... where does it  
take you? How does it make you  
feel?



This month I'd like to  
explore the power of  
music, it's therapeutic  
effects and provide some  
suggestions for your  
summer playlist. "I think  
music in itself is healing,"  
American musician Billy  
Joel once said. "It's an

explosive expression of humanity. It's something we  
are all touched by. No matter what culture we're

from, everyone loves music.”

Most of us would wholeheartedly agree with this statement, and it is this universal bond with music that has led researchers across the globe to investigate its therapeutic potential. We have such a deep connection to music because it is ‘hardwired’ in our brains and bodies.

Given the deep connection we have with music, it is perhaps unsurprising that numerous studies have shown it can benefit our mental health. A 2011 study by researchers from McGill University in Canada found that listening to music increases the amount of dopamine produced in the brain – a mood-enhancing chemical, making it a feasible treatment for depression.

Let’s take this music therapy to another level. What happens if that music is Christian music? Pastor Bill talked this past month about the effects prayer has on the brain. The mood-enhancing effect of music collides fantastically with hope, kindness and engagement. Can I get an AMEN! So, to kick off summer, here’s a suggested Christian playlist. Filled with high-energy, contemporary music.

† MERCYME

- Whiplash
- Happy Dance
- Shake
- Move

† NEWSBOYS

- God’s Not Dead
- Crazy
- Born Again
- Live with Abandon
- Jesus Freak

† UNSPOKEN

- Reason
- Good Fight
- Higher
- Open The Clouds

† SIDEWALK PROPHETS

- Something Different
- Rather Have You
- Don’t Sweat It

† TAUREN WELLS

- Citizen of Heaven
- Like You Love Me
- Undefeated
- Close
- Millionaire (Good Like That)

† CROWDER

- Run Devil Run
- Lift Your Head Weary Sinner
- Good God Almighty
- Prove It

† TOBYMAC

- Move (Keep Walking)
- This Is Not a Test
- Help Is On The Way (Maybe Midnight)
- Eye On IT
- Ignition

† CITIZEN WAY

- Bulletproof
- Elevated
- Set It On Fire
- WaveWalker ft. Bart Millard

† MANDISA

- Good Morning
- Overcomer
- Face 2 Face

Hope you get a chance to listen to some of this great music! Enjoy and God Bless!

Nicki Egger

I am happy to report that plans are coming along nicely for Vacation Bible



School this summer. The theme this year is “Rocky Railway, Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through,” which feels like a perfect theme for this year. VBS will be in-person and completely outside, rain or shine. All children from age five years old through those entering sixth grade are welcome to attend, no church membership is necessary. VBS will be at First Lutheran Church from Sunday, July 18 to Wednesday, July 21 from 6:00-8:15 each evening. You can find the registration form online on Grace

Church's website, the Embrace Grace Facebook page, and also on the Community VBS Facebook Page.

If you would like to be involved with this wonderful community wide event, you can contact me at [Libby.Yaegle@gmail.com](mailto:Libby.Yaegle@gmail.com) or call the church office to volunteer. If working directly with the kids doesn't interest you, you can make a monetary donation or a food donation. We are looking for apples and strawberry yogurt to be used as the snack for one of the nights of VBS. Since these items can spoil, if you'd like to donate them, please only do so between July 15-18. You can drop these items off at the church or contact me to set up a drop off. It has been wonderful to see community members come together to plan this event for the children in our town and I ask that you keep this ministry in your prayers.

Libby Yaegle



**W**hile the students have a break for the summer, some cleaning out and reorganizing is in the works in preparation for the upcoming school year. We still don't know what kind of restrictions we will have September, but we know from experience that the kids can handle whatever we need to do!

We are excited to announce our new teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Lynds! Jen has experience with the YMCA preschool, daycare, and camp programs as well as teaching Sunday school, Vacation Bible school and volunteering in the Warren County School District. We look forward to all Mrs. Lynds has to offer Grace Promise Preschool. WELCOME Mrs. Lynds!

We still have openings in the preschool for our afternoon 4-year-old class, so if you know of anyone that has not enrolled their child in a preschool for the

fall, registration forms can be picked up in the church office. You can also find us on Facebook or the Grace Church website.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Trish Gentilman- Director/Co-Teacher

**S**ummer is in full swing at Care with Grace! Our enrollment is increasing, our school-age kids are here with us all day through the summer, and we're all looking forward to fun under the Sun! Our July weekly themes are Stars and Stripes (the last week of June), Storybook, Ranger Camp, Dance and Music, and Explorer. The kids will be actively exploring these themes by using the Library, Chapman's State Park, and the community around us to explore and make discoveries all around them.



We are also looking to build a list of volunteers that would be interested in coming in and reading with our children. There are some requirements that must be met of course. State regulations require that volunteers have their clearances just as employees do. Any questions for what clearances are required and how to get them can be directed to [carewithgrace@gmail.com](mailto:carewithgrace@gmail.com)

Marc Merchant – Director



### During Worship

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

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

**July 4 – Anna Peterson**

**July 11 – Becky Fuller**

**July 18 – Anna Peterson**

**July 25 – Becky Fuller**



## Flock Talk



***"The heavens declare  
the glory of God, the  
skies proclaim the  
work of His hands."  
Psalms 19:1***

**T**he warm summer months are calling! If ever there was a time to enjoy God's creation it's when the living is easy. Now, let's go outside and pray!

There are several different ways to pray in the great outdoors and it helps to have a few tips. I'll discuss three of my favorites, although you may have some even better ones!

First, the "Solitude Style". Find a place deep in the woods, somewhere off the beaten trail. Even if it's only a little ways in. Make a comfortable seat for yourself against a tree and feel the warmth and the strength of it against your back. Maybe there's a stream nearby, or a pond. Something that adds to the movement of the forest. Or simply, the birds overhead. Now, breathe deeply. Speak earnestly. Allow the moment to be so real that it feels like God has found you.

Second, the "Walking Style". Whether it's walking your dog or picking up your pace on a rigorous hike. Spiritual fitness and physical fitness go hand in hand in helping you successfully arrive at your destination. Pray for someone or something different each time your terrain changes. Let the Holy Spirit guide you with your healthy breathing and your focus on healing. As your lungs expand, so does your soul.

And, third, the "Sunset Style". Whether it's sunrise, sunset, rocky terrain or a sandy beach, it is a powerful reminder of God's majesty. Close your eyes and breathe in God. Breathe out whatever prayer feels right. Let your eyes drink in the beauty of creation and calm your mind with God's presence. He gave you these delights to enjoy and to soothe the over thinking that can cloud our way.

Summer is here and gone. The evenings are meant for taking in the glory of God and letting the night

sky catch our breath with its beauty. Look upwards and praise Him!

Encouragingly,  
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

## Our budget the month of May 2021:



*Other income consists of  
funds from Sunday  
School, Room Rental,  
Bible Studies, Literature  
Tables, Fitness Ministry,*

*Easter, Christmas, and Misc. Income.*

<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Other Income:</b>	76.95	44.54
<b>Offerings &amp;</b>		
<b>Tithes</b>	<u>28,407.25</u>	<u>22,960.11</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>28,484.20</b>	<b>23,004.65</b>
<b>Number of Sundays:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
Borrowed	0	87,900 (PPP loan)
<b>Expense:</b>		
<b>Staff Parish</b>	20,798.47	13,150.73
<b>Trustees</b>	3,787.35	3,863.91
<b>Ministry</b>	<u>3,813.05</u>	<u>4,490.47</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>28,398.87</b>	<b>21,505.11</b>
Attendance*:	1,363	1,699

## Connectional Apportionments

**Obligation-** 3,334.83

**Paid to date** 16,674.15

Ahead (Behind) 0

Percent of year to date paid 42%

**His income:** Was \$5,479.55 higher in May 2021 compared to May 2020

**Our expenses:** Were \$6,893.76 higher in May 2021 compared to May 2020

We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings given.

\*Attendance is approximated due to online worship services.

Submitted by:

Brian A. Jurkowski, Finance Chair



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

Dear Grace Church Family,  
Thank you very much for the gift card for my graduation. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.  
Sincerely, Sarah Nolan



### **With Joyful Appreciation!**

Grace Church is blessed to have Pastor Bill reassigned to our church for another year. We now head into our fifth year of his ministry with us. We would like to thank Pastor Bill for leading and guiding us as a congregation. We thank him for his faithful labors in so many areas of our lives. We are especially grateful for his prayers and support during this past year and the challenges we faced. Pastor Bill continues to lead us with online services, with in person worship and with his dependably great musical skills! We are grateful to his family for sharing him with us another year. Through his leadership, we remain sincere in our mission to know Christ and to make Him known!

Rock Railway VBS: Jesus' power pulls us through  
Join us to see what the power of Jesus can do! All children age 5 years through those entering 6th grade. First Lutheran Church (109 W 3rd Ave, Warren, PA 16365) All events will be held outside! Sunday, July 18, 2021 through Wednesday, July 21, 2021 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Parent information packet and registration can be found on the Grace Church website.



Homemade cookies are needed for Tuesday, July 27. The women of Grace Church have been asked to serve the

afternoon refreshments on the porch of the United Methodist House at Chautauqua Institution. If you would like to join us for the day, furnish cookies, or help serve, please call Marge Smith at 723-2551 or Linda Knapp at 726-1199.



Items for the August Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the office [mary@graceumcwarren.com](mailto:mary@graceumcwarren.com) by Friday, July 16. Thank you.

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 our 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](http://www.graceumcwarrenpa.com) and locate the Amazon wishlist buttons.



FOOD PANTRY

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### **HOPES Fund (Warren Gives)**

**For: LeRoy Marti, James Marti, Paul Marti**  
**By: Ruth C. Marti**

**For: Elizabeth Thoma**  
**By: Joy Wiedmaier & Richard Thoma**



**For: Dean Johnson**  
**By: Larry & Kathy Neal**

**For: Mary Schorman**  
**By: Alec & Karen Conarro**

**For: Nancy Zaffino**  
**By: Melissa & Shawn Zaffino**

**For: Irene & Charles Reichard, brothers & sisters**  
**By: Gerald Reichard**

**For: Connie Reichard, Ella Mauk, Chet & Mary Munksgard**  
**By: LuAnn & Denny Munksgard**

**For: Ann Rossman**  
**By: Tim & Cynthia Dorsett**



**For: Grace Staff**  
**By: Bonnie Riggle**



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





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>CARE WITH GRACE DAYCARE</b> is open Mon-Fri from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm located on the first floor (nursery) and the second floor.	<b>PROMISE PRESCHOOL</b> 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.		<b>1</b> 6:00 p Praise Team	<b>2</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 12:00 p Yarn Angels	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:45 a Sunday School	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 p <i>SPRC</i> 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	<b>8</b> 6:00 p Praise Team	<b>9</b> 12:00 p Yarn Angels	<b>10</b>
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<b>18</b> 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:45 a Sunday School 4:00 p Watson Home	<b>19</b> 12:00 p Caregivers' Support Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	<b>22</b> 6:00 p Praise Team	<b>23</b> 12:00 p Yarn Angels	<b>24</b>
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