

# Grace Notes

## June 2024

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*To know Christ and to make Him known!*

Senior Pastor: *Rev. William Beatty*  
Director of  
Congregational Care: *Cindy Price*  
Choir Director: *Floyd Moore*  
Organist/Accompanist: *Debbie Airgood*  
Office Administrator: *Meghan Brooker*  
Office Manager: *Mary Quiggie-Pickering*  
Director of Children &  
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*



### June Meetings

**June 4 - 6:00 p - SPRC**  
**June 11 - 6:00 p - Property Trustees**  
**June 25 - 6:00 p - Church Council**



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

# *From the Pastor*

## Passion

I was reading an article the other day by Sam Rainer called “The One Unexpected Question that Reveals the Heart of Your Church.” Sam and his father Thom are church consultants who have worked with hundreds (probably thousands) of churches over the years so I’m always interested in their insights into church culture, most of which come from asking questions and then simply listening to what people say. According to Sam, the question that gets people talking more than any other is:

“What gets your church most excited?” or “What gets you most excited about your church?”

What’s important about the question is that it draws out positive answers. We can all find things about the Church and about our church that need work, that are wrong, that should have been retired two generations ago – but what makes this question a good question for every church member to consider is that it looks forward instead of backward.

So what gets you excited about church?

And, like a good pastor, Sam illustrates his point with four subpoints that all begin with the letter “P”.

The answer we give to the question reveals:

**Passion** – what excites us about church is what moves us and makes us want to continue

**Priority** – what excites us about church is what we build on and make a focus of our church

**Perspective** – what excites us about church moves us in a positive direction

**Personality** – what excites us about church reveals the part of Jesus’ mission that is at the heart of the church: some churches are generous, some are welcoming, some have amazing music, some have deep theology, there are as many church personalities as there are churches.

The Apostle Paul wrote a lot about what it is to be The Church, the Body of Christ. In Galatians chapter 6 Paul encourages us to “bear one another’s burdens” (6:2) and the warning that “whatever a person sows, this he will also reap.” (6:7) But in all of this, he is encouraging the Church, and encouraging us, to lean into what gets us excited about the church – about *our* church, Grace Church:

*Let’s not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let’s do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. (6:9-10)*

So... what gets you excited about Grace Church?

That’s not a rhetorical question, I’d really like to hear what you have to say.

In Christ’s Love,  
Pastor Bill

**W**elcome to summer! Welcome to Grace!

Theoretically, all the snowbirds should be home for the summer, and we look forward to worshipping with you at Grace. Welcome!



We have a few different things in the planning stages for our worship services in the summer – come check them out. Your choir will take a few Sundays off in June, July, and August in great anticipation of rebounding in September. I believe this is the first time the choir has taken a break over the summer in the past 34 years or so, except for adjustments during COVID.

Look for special events this summer and look for new opportunities to minister and worship with us here at Grace.

See you in church!

Floyd Moore  
Choir Director  
[amfm123@verizon.net](mailto:amfm123@verizon.net)

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## TRANSITIONS



new babies : deaths of parents and grandparents

single -> couple : couple -> single

full house -> empty nest

employed -> unemployed

active -> less active

competent -> less able

homeowners < -- > apartment dwellers

good health : failing health

child -> adult (and all stages in between!)

**S**o many transitions in our lives. And they don't always happen singularly. Several can be present at one time or overlap. How do we handle these changes?

I am privileged to have witnessed some seamless transitions. These folks often had time to prepare themselves for the changes. In other cases, there was little or no time for preparation. But acceptance of conditions that could not be changed seems to be the common factor for success.

Loss of home and belongings to fire : you and your family are safe

Death of a spouse, child or loved one : you live and keep their memory alive

Move to a different locale : you make new friends and keep the ones you already have

Certainly, acceptance of change doesn't come easily. Opening your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit will lead you into a place of serenity that can only come from Him.

Take time to quiet yourself in prayer

To seek God in silence

To feel the Holy Spirit dwelling within you

Amen

Cindy Price

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**O**ur school year ended with a fun pizza party for both classes, and a celebration for our afternoon class heading to kindergarten. We had a great group of parents, grandparents and friends that came to support us on our last day.



We look forward to seeing our morning children again next year. We still have openings for more friends in both classes. Please continue to let others know that registration forms can be picked up in the church office all summer long. Our tuition cost is only \$85 a month! We really want to make quality preschool available to all at a reasonable price.

We would like to thank our Grace Church family for its continued support. Donations to Grace Promise Preschool are always appreciated, or if you'd like to help sponsor a student for the school year, contact us and we will work something out! Please keep our program in your prayers so we can continue our outreach to children & families in the community!

Have a wonderful & safe summer!

Trish Gentilman & Jen Lynds  
[promisepreschool@myyahoo.com](mailto:promisepreschool@myyahoo.com)



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### During Worship

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

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

June 2 – Anna Peterson

June 9 – Melissa Zaffino

June 16 – Anna Peterson

June 23 – Melissa Zaffino

June 30 – Anna Peterson



Items for the **July 2024**  
Newsletter need to be  
delivered to Mary in the office  
[mary@graceumcwarren.com](mailto:mary@graceumcwarren.com)

by **Friday, June 14.**

Thank you.



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The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **canned meat (tuna, chicken, SPAM)** at this time. Thank you to all who contribute! HUGH thank you to the Salvation Army and USPS Stamp Out Hunger food drive for their very generous donation to the Grace Church food pantry.



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### General Memorial

**For: Carol Baughman**

**By: Anne Kelso, Brandy O'Connell,  
Cindy Montgomery, Patty Bateski**

**Ronald & Shirley Kelly, Mary Ellen & Mark Kopnitsky**

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### Funeral Fund

**For: Carol Baughman**

**By: The Fab 50 Girls**

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### HOPES Fund

**For: Pete Smith**

**By: David VanOrsdale**

**For: Carol Baughman**

**By: David VanOrsdale,  
Craig & Pat Esterbrook**

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### Food Pantry

**For: Carol Baughman**

**By: Lana Creal**



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## Flock Talk

*"As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him."*

*Psalm 103:13*

**A**s we enter the month that celebrates fathers, we think of how often Jesus used fathers as an example of love and compassion. The word compassion is more than a feeling, it's an action. Sympathy is an emotion, but when it walks itself forward as compassion it takes hold of a situation. Sympathy sits with the wounded. Compassion finds a way to wrap the wound. Sympathy is necessary and to be treasured. Compassion takes the reins and heals.

Fathers have a way of doing this. Even if you aren't a father or never will be, you came into this world because of your father and you have a beloved heavenly Father. I watch the fathers in this church and see love and compassion abound. There is a care and concern that often translates into a paternal look of true joy.

On Father's Day this year, take a moment or more to let someone know you see the hard work and the energy that goes into raising a family. The elderly men in church have stories and memories that are going to be history someday. Hear it firsthand. Be a good listener when a dad wants to talk about his kids.

I was blessed to have one of the best. I hope we all say that. Thank you to everyone who took a moment to shake my dad's hand Sunday mornings. I knew how much that meant to him.

Lovingly,  
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

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## 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](mailto:Promisepreschool@myyahoo.com)

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**NEEDED!** Summer Sunday School Volunteer Teachers! Please consider teaching grades 1-5 for a Sunday this summer. Lessons are already planned and can be emailed or printed for you. To sign up contact Meghan at [meghan@graceumcwarren.com](mailto:meghan@graceumcwarren.com)

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## Attention women!

"Full of Grace" Women's Ministry meets the **fourth Monday of each month 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.

June's meeting will take place on **Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**.



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It's the Women's Care Center "Change for Life" baby bottle fundraiser time! Bottles are available in Wesley Parlor and Higginbotham Hall. Return them by Father's Day, June 16<sup>th</sup> to the grey tub in Wesley Parlor. Donate coins, paper money, or checks made out to The Women's Care Center. No donation is too little or too great. Contact Judy Templeton with any questions 723-2618.

# Grace Church Finance Report



## 2024 Monthly and YTD Financials

	April '24	YTD
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$30,859.60</b>	<b>\$127,659.27</b>
Office Expense	\$440.96	\$3,877.54
Buildings & Ground Expense (Church & Parsonage)	\$5,771.27	\$27,231.73
Ministry Personnel	\$20,430.99	\$85,471.13
Church Council	\$338.99	\$338.99
Education Ministry	\$326.74	\$1,264.66
Nurture Ministry	\$130.15	\$243.83
Worship Ministry	\$464.39	\$1,042.17
Outreach Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connectional Apportionment	\$842.81	\$3,371.24
Witness Ministry	\$0.00	\$208.60
<b>Total Ministry &amp; Expense</b>	<b>\$28,746.30</b>	<b>\$123,049.89</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$2,113.30</b>	<b>\$4,609.38</b>

## Borrowed Funds

Account Balance 4/30/2024	<b>(\$103,621.35)</b>
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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.

Confirmation was held May 19<sup>th</sup> during the 9:30 service. Welcome new members Gracie Page, Emma Peterson, Adelaide Keeperts, and Wyatt Stearns.

We'd also like to welcome our new members over the past year:

Jan & Kurt Lyle, Lee & Donna Ochterski, Becky Miller, Virgil Gillotti, Debbie Airgood, Gary & Lyn Kell, Carol & Al Hammer, Amy Morrison, Joe & Beth Peterson, Matthew Himes, Derek Knapp, Richard Gray.



On May 19<sup>th</sup> during the 9:30am service  
Gracie Lou Page was baptized.  
She is the daughter of Melissa & Marc Page.





June 1 – Kevin Babcock  
June 3 – Schuyler Campbell  
June 4 – Cora Yaegle  
June 5 – Todd Andersen, Doug Zaffino  
June 6 – Katie Keepports, Carol Ostergard, Allison Sedon  
June 7 – Sydney Brown, Stan Pearson  
June 8 – Matthew Brooker, Jacob Carroll, Bill Thompson  
June 9 – Skip Morrison  
June 10 – Olivia Brocklehurst, Derek Hahn  
June 11 – Katie Card, Landon Shelby  
June 12 – Daniel Jeffrey  
June 13 – William McCollough  
June 14 – Megan Moore  
June 15 – Jackie Saber  
June 16 – Hailey Peterson  
June 17 – Scott Bonnell, Jamie Irwin, John Larson  
June 18 – Laken Carroll, Koletina Zaffino  
June 19 – Sandy Darr, Jeremy Steves  
June 20 – Jamie Houghtalen, Tristan Shepherd, MaryLou Sleeman  
June 21 – Chris Berdine, Lindsey Culbertson  
June 22 – Justin Conarro, Summer Lucks, Peggy Willis, Michael Wilson, Henry Brown, Michael Wilson  
June 23 – Rachel Lynds  
June 24 – Adele Armstrong, Mark Lynds, Skylar Zimmer  
June 25 – Zakary Buerkle, Chad Burns, Madeline Ei, Hollie Marshall, Steven Knapp  
June 26 – Jacob Fry, Jill McCollough  
June 27 – Amy Black, Alex Danielson, Serena Haight  
June 29 – Laura Phillips  
June 30 – Leslie Stewart





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> 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	<b>3</b> 5:15 p Christian Yoga	<b>4</b> 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	<b>5</b> 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.	<b>6</b> 9:30 a Higginbotham Hall Reserved 6:00 p Caregivers' Support Group	<b>7</b> 9:30 a Yarn Angels 11:00 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga	<b>1</b> 9:00 a Praise Team  <b>8</b> 9:00 a Praise Team
<b>9</b> 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School 6:00 p Worship @ The Crossing	<b>10</b> 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p Wesley Parlor Reserved	<b>11</b> 12:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p <i>Property            Trustees</i> 6:00 p Pickleball 7:00 p Prayer Gathering	<b>12</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 a Yarn Angels 11:00 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga	<b>15</b> 9:00 a Praise Team 10:00 a Library Reserved 12:30 p Higginbotham Hall Reserved
<b>16</b> 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School 4:00 p Watson Home 6:00 p Worship @ The Crossing	<b>17</b> 12:00 p Caregivers' Support Group 5:15 p Christian Yoga	<b>18</b> 12:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Pickleball 7:00 p Prayer Gathering	<b>19</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 a Yarn Angels 11:00 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga	<b>22</b> 9:00 a Praise Team
<b>23</b> 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School 6:00 p Worship @ The Crossing	<b>24</b> 10:30 a Full of Grace 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p Full of Grace 6:30 p Wesley Parlor Reserved	<b>25</b> 12:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p <i>Church            Council</i> 6:00 p Pickleball 7:00 p Prayer Gathering	<b>26</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p C.R.E.W.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 a Yarn Angels 11:00 a Fitness Ministry 12:15 p Christian Yoga	<b>29</b> 9:00 a Praise Team
<b>30</b> 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School 6:00 p Worship @ The Crossing			<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.			



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