

Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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Director of
Children's Ministries: *Libby Yaegle*

November 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



November Meetings

November 4 – 6:45 p – *SPRC*
November 12 – 7:00 p – *Property Trustees*
November 18 – 6:00 p – *Childcare*
November 18 – 7:00 p – *Outreach/Witness*
November 18 – 7:00 p – *Worship*
November 19 – 7:00 p – *Education*

Sunday, November 3rd



This month's Communion offering will benefit **Grace Church Children and Youth Programs**. Please use the special Communion envelope in your monthly packet or pew pocket envelope for your contribution.

Ushers & Greeters



November Greeters

3 – Chuck & Katie Keeports	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Amy Ei	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
10 – Erin & Kevin Werner	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Donna & Dick Risinger	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
17 – Donna & Dick Risinger	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Erin & Kevin Werner	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>
24 – Bev Himes	<i>Parking Lot Door</i>
Arden & Linda Knapp	<i>Prospect St. Door</i>

November Ushers

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

From the Pastor

Love Through Me

In 1959 Rodgers and Hammerstein's stage version of *The Sound of Music* included an intro to the reprise of "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" that says this:

"A bell is no bell 'til you ring it,
A song is no song 'til you sing it,
And love in your heart wasn't put there to stay -
Love isn't love til you give it away."

My generation of country fans will recognize those words sounding an awful lot like Reba McEntire's "Love Isn't Love ('Til You Give It Away)" (from 1983!!).

There's a song by a duo called Jenny and Tyler that says this:

"There is plenty on this earth to suit our needs,
But there will never ever be enough to satisfy our greed.
Weigh this heavy on me now til' I can hardly breathe.
Love through me. Love through me."

Here's the thread that runs through these for me. What I have – my talents, my resources, my love, my joy, my hope, even my salvation – isn't really much of anything until I give it away... Until I make it known and real in someone else's life.

Love. Remember being in Junior High and "loving" someone... that you never once talked to? Was it really love? When I tell Lori I love her, I am giving her something real and tangible. When I tell the girls I love them, it's not just something I think in my mind, but it's something I demonstrate with my life: for my wife and for my daughters and for all the people in my life. It's real. Because I give it away.

November is stewardship season. I suppose that's because of Thanksgiving. You know, we're all thinking about reasons to be thankful anyway, so it's a good time to be talking about generosity... And we will talk about money. But it's so much more than that. It's our spiritual gifts. Do you know how God has gifted you? Do you know *why* God has gifted you? It's about our interests and abilities. What are you good at? That's where you will probably make the greatest impact for the kingdom of God. It's about not hoarding and holding *anything* that God has blessed us with.

It's about living that love that God loves us with.

Love isn't love until I give it away.

God... Love through me.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bill



What a beautiful day! Rumor has it that tomorrow will be bad, so it's nice to celebrate it when we can!

From now on every Sunday is a "notable" day. I was going to say "special day" – but every Sunday is special. There's Reformation, All Saints Day, Choir Retreat, Thanksgiving, Advent, Concert – dear gussie – where did the time go?

The great Grace Choir has had a big month once again... all in one weekend. We said a final goodbye to one of our own: Alfred Moore – on October 12. When he was well, he was a great bass and a loyal and faithful member. I was always thinking that he would get better and rejoin the last row. Instead he joined front row-center of the Heavenly Choir, which has never sounded better!! We miss you Alfred, but you left a wonderful legacy of wife, sons, daughter, grandchildren, and nieces & nephews. Our sympathies go out to the whole Moore family.

The day after 20 of us sang for the funeral, we

sang for Music Sunday, doing 8 anthems. What love and devotion. Thank you to all who sang and to Kris, whose magic fingers never quit. Thanks to Bill, and the Worship committee for the readings and the wonderful receptions – there was one after each service! Thank you, everyone!!

The retreat is November 10 – an afternoon of eating, singing, games, prizes and work. It’s always fun. It will be in the choir room.

We will miss Suzette as she has major foot surgery (ow). God bless and heal you quickly, Suzette.

The concert “Because of Love” is December 8 at 3:40. Get here early – so you won’t miss a note!

To get your hearts ready for this, why not come to church every Sunday? It’s a good way to say “Thank you” for all our blessings. See you in church and have a sumptuous and happy Thanksgiving!!

Beverly Petersen

From the Director of Congregational Care

“**T**he hills are alive with the sound of music.” Do you hear it? Shh. Listen. The wind is playing percussion as the branches thump against each other. Or is the wind playing its own instrument as it blows through the forest? Yet it may be playing cymbals as colorful leaves quake at its direction. Can you hear it now?

In our hymnal, page 86, the first verse reads, “Mountains are all aglow with autumn colors so bright; rivers are filled with water, giving life to our days. Golden fields wave their praise to God’s bountiful harvest; gratefully, skyward arising, hear our joyous songs of praise.” Do you hear it now?

Enjoy the music, the magnificent colors, the aromas and tastes of the gift of autumn & celebration of Thanksgiving. Now you’ll sing the Gospel and present the beauty of our Creator God as you reach out to others with the love and life of Jesus Christ. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

I want to start by thanking Grace Church for



welcoming me so warmly. I am very excited, humbled, and honored to be working as your Director of Children’s Ministries. I was able to attend the Future Forward Conference in Pittsburgh with Pastor Bill, Sue, and Meghan and returned home to my sweet boys with ideas buzzing around in my head and great fervor for this path God has led me down. As I am finding my rhythm and starting to plan events into next year, I pray to our heavenly father that I would be a willing servant and that this ministry would grow in our church. I invite anyone who wants to attend events, whether you have children of your own, know a child who would enjoy the festivities, or feel most comfortable helping on the sidelines. Our next event will be Christmas caroling on Friday, December 6. Details will follow. I will leave you with this tender image of our savior from Mark 9:36-37: “He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.’”

Libby Yaegle



Our Halloween parade and program were a lot of fun and we have been talking about fall and how our animal friends prepare for winter. The three year- old class will bring in their teddy bears and we will teach them how to hibernate. November will bring more fun as we learn about Thanksgiving, play in our teepee and sail on the Mayflower. The month will conclude with our

Thanksgiving feast where we will share thanks for all of our blessings.

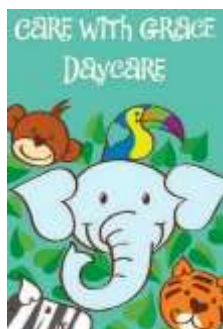
There aren't enough words to express our appreciation for all the support you have given our program this past year. Our RADA Cutlery fundraiser and S.O.C. collections have been an astounding success, which will help our childcare and preschool programs stay on track. Please continue to keep our teachers and children in your prayers.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We want to wish everyone a wonderful November and Happy Thanksgiving!

Trish Gentilman & Jessica Rex

October was a very busy month at Care with Grace. We had visitors from the City of Warren Police Dept, we went on field trips to the Hatch Patch and McDonalds, and our directors attended the Pennsylvania Early Childhood Education Summit at Penn State. Our facility ended October with a Halloween Costume Walk and classroom Halloween parties.



With November here, we are getting ready for our second annual classroom supply drive. Many people donated last year, and we are beyond thankful for everyone's contributions! Santa was able to donate to all our classrooms and the children had a wonderful time opening and using the gifts we received. We will be getting a list of items out as soon as possible for anyone willing to donate.

We will also be selling Cooke Tavern Soups again this year. More information will be coming very soon.

We are looking forward to celebrating the holidays at Care with Grace and with our GUMC family.

Thank you,
Jolee Cradduck & Irene Garris, co-directors



During Worship

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

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

November 3 – Becky Fuller

November 10 – Anna Peterson

November 17 – Becky Fuller

November 24 – Anna Peterson



Our budget the month of September 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:	1,352.60	923.27
Offerings & Tithes	<u>30,946.91</u>	<u>30,136.50</u>
Total Income	32,299.51	31,059.77
Number of Sundays:	5	5
Borrowed	0	0
Expense:	34,356.01	33,153.24
Attendance:	977	1,068

Connectional Apportionments

Obligation- 3,330.00

Paid to date 29,970.00

Ahead (Behind) 0

Percent of year to date paid 75%

His income: Was \$1,239.74 higher in September 2019 compared to September 2018

Our expenses: Were \$1,202.77 higher in September 2019 compared to September 2018

Nine Month Review

Income: January – September \$280,825.15

Expense: January – September \$301,972.94

Submitted by:

Alice Bonnell, Finance Chair

Flock Talk



“And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”

Matthew 21:22

The five “Ws” of prayer: who, what, when, where and why?

Who? You and me. A congregation who prays together, and for one another.

What? Our faith. We believe in our prayers being heard and answered.

When? In His time, according to His knowledge and wisdom.

Where? Wherever we are, as often as we hear, feel, or see a need.

Why? We pray not only because we are suffering, but because Christ suffered for us.

Blessings to all,

Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

Lori, Rachel, Elie and I want to thank everyone for your prayers, your support and your encouragement. We are so blessed to serve here alongside you all, and you continue to bring joy to us! Thank you!
Pastor Bill

Thank You



Dear Church family,
Thank you so very much for your prayers and many acts of kindness during our loss and illness of Alfred Moore. Your Christian comfort has been invaluable! Please continue to honor his memory and “brighten the corner where you are.”
Thank you! The Moore family

Men’s Ministry would like to thank everyone at Grace Church for all of your support and prayers. You helped make the Men’s Event a success. A special thanks to our 4 speakers, Pastor Bill Beatty, Dr. Jerry Schoenborn, Pastor Rick Hamrick, and Pastor Doug McCracken. With a special thanks to our office staff, Mary Quiggle-Pickering and Meghan Brooker.

Thank you

General Fund
For: Samuel B. Reed
By: Lori Toth



It’s Operation Christmas Child time! Boxes and info are in Wesley Parlor. Deadline for boxes is **November 17th**.

The Ruth M. Smith Center Circle will be packing shoeboxes on Thursday, November 7 at 9 am in Higginbotham Hall. If you would like to donate items for the Circle to pack, you can put them in the tote in the hall right outside the sanctuary heading toward the front lobby on the parking lot side (please check the brochure for permitted items). If you do not want to buy items, money donations can be left at the church office or given to Marge Smith or Linda Knapp. Any and all help that day would also be appreciated.

COVERED BY GRACE

Soon, the clotheslines will appear outside the front of the church, and we, the congregation of Grace, will supply hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to be hung on those clotheslines as a ministry to the Warren community. Hats, mittens, and gloves are especially needed, but scarves are used also. Covered by Grace runs from November through February 2020. Please keep those clothing items coming throughout the winter.



The Outreach team will be hosting a rummage sale at Grace on **November 2nd** from 8 am until 2 pm to raise



funds for the UMC Camp Campaign. Clear out some space and donate your usable items. Kids clothes are welcome, but please no adult clothes. You can drop off items in Higginbotham Hall on Friday November 1st from 4 pm - 6 pm. Please contact Chuck Keeports @ 814-688-8534 for more info.

The community Thanksgiving dinner will be taking place in Higginbotham Hall on November 28 at noon. Take outs will be available starting at 1. Please RSVP with the office 723-9440 to save your spot. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in Wesley Parlor soon. A huge thank you goes to Sheryl Richards for her time and dedication to this Outreach ministry.



- November 1 – Becky Gnage
- November 2 – Marge Smith
- November 3 – Megan Curren, Kevin Werner
- November 4 – Casey Eaker, Lilly Berdine
- November 5 – David Cassidy, Nichole Webb
- November 6 – Gary Trisket, Caleb Hellman, Paige Conklin, Lois Strycula
- November 7 – Kim Messinger, Jan Moore, Melinda Johnson
- November 9 – Nickole Egger
- November 10 – Rick Gnage, Carol Mead
- November 11 – Dave Hunter
- November 12 – Melissa Tatarski
- November 13 – Dorothy Robinault
- November 14 – Madison Manelick, Becky Culbertson
- November 15 – Nancy Johnson, Lyn Grey, Ken Brady
- November 16 – Linda Tuttle, Alli Jerman
- November 17 – Addyson McManigle, Erick Shafer, Charles Keller, Chris Ei, Alicia Vavala
- November 18 – Barbara Gelotte
- November 19 – Sarah Nolan, Chad Ball, Kayla Randolph
- November 20 – Linda Robinault, Emmet Yaegle, Robert Tuttle, Jacob Moore
- November 22 – Chuck Keepports, Jim Gray
- November 23 – Will Mead, Colby Fry, Emily Goodwill
- November 24 – Trish Gentilman
- November 25 – Heather Morrison, Janey Ickert, RuthAnn Dennis
- November 27 – D.J. Hahn, Bucky Knapp
- November 28 – Melanie Barrett, Jim Babcock
- November 29 – Jakob Rodoski, Charmaine Pearson, Pat Jerman, Marshall Johnson, Elishia Wurst, Martha Anderson
- November 30 – Luke Green



Sunday, November 24th after 11:00 service. Please plan to join everyone in the decorating of the

church. Fellowship and fun for the entire family!

The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese, and soup** at this time. Thank you to all who contribute to the Grace Church Food Pantry!



November Worship Assistants



Advisors:

Linda Knapp 726-1199
Sheryl Richards 726-3876



- November 3 – AJ Slattery & Ryan Egger
- November 10 – Tymber Barr & Alanna Byrd
- November 17 – Kylie Jurkowski & Bella Egger
- November 24 – Adelaide & Charlotte Keepports



Items for the December Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the Church office (mary@graceumcwarren.com) by Friday, November 15.

Thank you!

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		CARE WITH GRACE DAYCARE is open daily from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm located on the first floor (nursery) and the second floor.	PROMISE PRESCHOOL is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 – 11:30 am (3-year-olds) and 12:30 – 3:00 pm (4-year-olds) located on the ground floor.		1 10:00 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga 4:00 p Rummage Sale Drop-Off	2 8:00 a Rummage Sale
3 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:00 a Children's Choir 9:30 a Agape Sunday School 9:45 a Sunday School 3:00 p Charge Conference 6:30 p Bible Study - The God First Life	4 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:30 p Gym Reserved 6:30 p Library Reserved 6:45 p <i>SPRC</i> 7:00 p Bible Study – A Year with Tozer 7:00 p Eaton Parlor Reserved	5 9:00 a Bible Study – A Year with Tozer 11:15 a Staff Meeting 5:15 p Healing Christian Yoga 6:30 p Pickleball	6 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Men's <i>Rewired</i> Study 6:00 p Handbells 7:00 p Choir 8:15 p Madrigals	7 9:00 a Higginbotham Hall Reserved 3:00 p Wesley Parlor Reserved 5:00 p Caregivers' Support Group 6:00 p Disciple 6:00 p Pickleball 7:00 p AseraCare 7:00 p Praise Team	8 10:00 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga	9
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