

Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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June 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

June Meetings

June 3 – 6:45 p – *SPRC*

June 10 – 7:00 p – *Worship*

June 11 – 7:00 p – *Property Trustees*

June 24 – 7:00 p – *Outreach/Witness –
hot dog giveaway planning only*

June 25 – 7:00 p – *Church Council*

Ushers & Greeters



June 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>

June Ushers

Don Anthony, Alice Bonnell,
Bill Bunce, Gary Culbertson

Sunday, June 9th



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

From the Pastor

Light Up The Night

I've been thinking a lot recently about the image of light and darkness in the Bible. When I was 9 years old I watched a scary movie and it so troubled me that I slept with a nightlight until I was in 9th Grade. No foolin'. I really was afraid of the dark. There's something... sinister in darkness – or at least there is in the overactive imagination of an 11-year-old boy. I got over it... well, mostly.

John the Apostle uses the image of light and darkness frequently, in his Gospel, in his letters, in the Revelation. Light reveals. Light welcomes. Light highlights. Darkness conceals. Darkness is foreboding. Darkness misdirects.

"God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5) If light is an image of holiness and darkness is an image of evil, God is perfect holiness – there is no evil in God whatsoever.

When John described Jesus in the prologue of his Gospel he wrote, "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5)

God is light and Jesus is the light of all humanity.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12b)

John continues this theme in his letters: "If we claim to have fellowship with [God] and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." (1 John 1:6-7)

Just the tip of the iceberg, really, on what John has to say about light and darkness. And as I read through these passages, the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, from the Sermon on the Mount, ring in my heart:

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and

put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

Wait a minute. Jesus said He is the light of the world... but then he tells us WE are the light of the world... What's going on?

God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

Shortly after Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" in John's Gospel (8:12), he repeated this truth while speaking with a blind beggar, but with a simple, important variation: "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)

"While I am in the world..."

Jesus revealed the light of God while he was in the world. He lived out the character and nature of God in everything He said and did. He revealed God to a world lost in darkness.

"While I am in the world..."

But Jesus died and rose and ascended to heaven. When he returns, there will be no sun or moon but God Himself will be the light for the world (Revelation 22 and 23). But until then...

"You are the light of the world."

We reveal the nature and character of God to a world watching in darkness. It doesn't matter how long you have been a Christ follower or how devout you are or how many times you've read the Bible (or maybe you haven't read it yet), someone is watching you. Someone knows you have faith and they're watching. And a few may be watching to "catch" you getting it wrong. But I really do believe that most people are watching because they desperately want you to get it right – or at least to show enough of who God is to see hope and real love and grace and mercy. They want to see light instead of darkness. They want us to light up the night.

So, go and be the light of the world – reflect the light of God in Jesus Christ fueled by the power of the Holy Spirit!

In Christ,
Pastor Bill



From the Director of Congregational Care

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isaiah 54:13

It's beautiful here!! If the sun would shine more than one day in a row, it would be perfect! At least I haven't worn my heavy clothes for a whole week! May that continue.

Practices are officially over. Small groups will practice as needed... and they will be needed! Grace Choir sings every week and practices at 10:30 Sunday mornings. They had a few days recently to hear the trombones. They were just wonderful! Our Kris did all their arrangements and they were so good. I hope they come back real soon. Thank you, Guys.

The Bells made their first trip out of Grace Church. We went to Otterbein UM Church in Pittsfield. Whether we go next door or to Africa, taking the bells and all that goes with them is a real job. But this bell choir has the Armstrongs! They are organized, complete with laundry baskets and towels! Thank you, all you dear ones, for all you did, and to all the bell ladies for playing so well. There were the usual comments after: "I missed 2 notes.", "Did you hear my wrong note?" No! and neither did the audience. We had them singing and smiling and I hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

It's time to look at the attendance to see who was here the most Wednesdays and Sundays. Here they are: Kris missed 1; Tristan missed 2; Trish and Bill missed 5; Beth, LuAnn, and Vickie missed 6; and Alice, Renee, Larry, Suzette, Louie and Carol missed 10 or less. Awesome!! That is really wonderful!! Thank you all, my darlings. This is what makes us so good.

The children are not to be outdone. Kylie missed 3; Katelyn and Laken missed 4; Eddie, Addie and Jacob missed 5; DJ and Becca missed 6; and Tymber, Riley and Violet missed less than 10. Way to go, kids!!

So, everyone, enjoy summer and come to church!! Roll will not be taken... promise.

Beverly Petersen

Awish is an expressed desire for the welfare, happiness and health of someone. Those are our wishes this month for our dads, stepdads, grandfathers or father figures. They have a huge task.

There are some guidelines from a booklet by Pastor David Jeremiah called Creative Family Living: 20 Ideas for Christian Family Interaction. Here are some of the ideas for raising boys. Help your son decide his convictions before he faces the choices. Teach your son never to underestimate the importance of his choices. Train your son to determine the risk factor in every situation. Show your son how to depend upon God every day. Motivate your son to declare his decisions with courage. Encourage your son to develop friends who will stand with him.

Raising Faith-filled daughters; Fathers are irreplaceable! Surround her with faith-filled role models. A little freedom teaches big lessons. Don't allow your daughter to absorb the "little princess" mentality that will only breed selfishness and a sense of entitlement. Encourage your daughter to develop an independent quiet time with God. Teach your daughter early that God gave her special talents and aptitudes for a reason and help her stay busy developing them and completing everyday tasks. Discuss issues like peer pressure and social standards for beauty and sexuality. Don't make fear a factor, be her cheerleader teaching her to step out in faith in spite of fear.

Let's prepare our children well as they each have the potential to do great things for God. With God's help we can teach them to strengthen themselves in the Word, stand confident in Christ and step out with courage for righteousness sake.

Grace Church is praying for you, Dad... You are not alone as you take your God-given responsibility in your family.

Now June celebrants: fathers, graduates,

brides and grooms, reach out to others with the love and life of Jesus Christ.

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



Dean & Melinda thank everyone for their love, prayers, and support. We are overwhelmed with the blessings from our Grace Church family. We love you all!



The last day of preschool was bittersweet. We had some time for parents and caregivers to come in at the end of our day and take pictures and say our goodbyes. We look forward to seeing all our morning children again next year. We still have openings in the preschool program for the 2019-2020 school year, so please continue to let others know that registration forms can be picked up in the church office all summer long. June 30th is our next 5th Sunday, and the Care With Grace Daycare along with Promise Preschool will have an ice cream sundae bar after the combined 10:00 a.m. service! We would like to thank our Grace Church family for its continued support. Because of your generosity, our outreach to children & families in the community will continue, and we are so very grateful! Trish Gentilman & Brenda Whyte
preschool@atlanticbbn.net

As we begin to watch summer roll in, and life starts to hopefully slow down, I hope you can spend time going on vacation and spend more time together. I am sad to say that this will be my last newsletter to you all as your Director of Family Ministries. In August I will be getting married and moving out of the area to begin our lives together as a married couple. It has been an honor to serve all of you here at the church and I am sorry if I never got to know you very well.

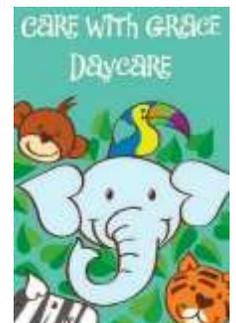


I wanted to leave you all with some words that we heard this past winter at SPARK by Duffy Robbins, "Jesus is with us in the jungle, this is God in the car with you. When the journey is beautiful, when the scene is amazing, God's there." I want you to remember that as you are traveling through the summer into the fall time that no matter where you go or what you do God is with you. He is there when the times are good and when the times are bad. He will always be there for us in our lives and when we call upon him.

Thank you for welcoming me into your home for the past year. May God bless all of you on your journeys.

~Kayla Schwanke – Director of Family Ministries

The nursery is open! They are so cute. We are looking forward to summer. We have so many fun things planned – going to the library, swimming, and field trips. June 30th (5th Sunday) there will be an ice cream social at the church after the 10am service for donation. All proceeds go to Care with Grace and Promise Preschool.



Care with Grace will be closed July 1st – July 5th and reopen on July 8th.

We want to say thanks for everything!

~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.)

June 2 – Becky Fuller

June 9 – Anna Peterson

June 16 – Becky Fuller

June 23 – Anna Peterson

June 30 – Becky Fuller



Flock Talk!

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Four years ago, a diversified group of us began our journey through the Disciple Bible Study Series. Some of us have traveled through all four years and some have easily fallen in step throughout the courses. One thing is certain, if you ask us where something is in the Bible, we can probably find it with a quick turning of the pages! Our studies have been consistently demanding in the most glorious way! Disciple class is a two-hour commitment once a week for nine months that kept our donkeys at a fast trot. Our noses were in our Bibles all week long to prepare for the rewards of learning how to be a better disciple.

The word disciple means “learner”. A learner thrives in the presence of a good teacher. Pastor Bill brought Scripture to life and gave us an unmistakably clear understanding of how to live out the Great Commission. His teaching and our time spent in the Word has changed lives. We know, we saw our own lives change. We watched minds renew in our small groups and we learned, we loved, we encouraged and became like family.

This fall there will be new offerings and new inspiration. You might have a prompting to join, though you may have never thought of yourself as a fisher of people. But Jesus says we are. Jesus says we are to follow Him. He gives us the desire to drop our nets. He caught us and released us as His followers. The world is waiting to see what Christ looks like in you and me! If you have questions about these classes, please talk to us.

Lovingly, Sue Toombs, Lay Leader



Our budget the month of April 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:	482.75	3,524.23
Offerings & Tithes	<u>27,839.00</u>	<u>39,536.10</u>
Total Income	28,321.75	43,060.33
Number of Sundays:	4	5
Borrowed	0	0
Expense:	37,107.70	23,160.18
Attendance:	1,055	1,310
Connectional Apportionments		
Obligation-	3,330.00	
Paid to date	13,320.00	
Ahead (Behind)	0	
Percent of year to date paid	33.3%	

His income: Was \$14,738.58 higher in April 2018 compared to April 2019

Our expenses: Were \$13,947.52 higher in April 2019 compared to April 2018

Submitted by:
Alice Bonnell, Finance Chair



On May 19th during the 9:30 service Jace Santo Yaegle and Wallace Edward Yaegle were baptized. They are the sons of Keith and Libby Yaegle.



June 30th is the 5th Sunday in June. During the months with 5 Sundays, we will have ONE worship service at 10:00 a.m.

SOC – Support Our Children

Grace Promise Preschool and Care with Grace Childcare will continue collecting money for our children’s ministry. This money will be divided equally between these programs. The children will be collecting (coins, bills, checks) on the 5th Sunday of those months with 5 Sundays. **The next collection will be June 30th.** The following months will also be collecting Sundays – September and December. Your assistance with this program is greatly appreciated.

The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **jam/jelly, pork & beans, canned ham or spam** at this time. Thank you to all who contribute to the Grace Church Food Pantry!



Items for the July Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the Church office (mary@graceumcwarren.com) by Wednesday, June 19. Thank you!

“CHANGE FOR LIFE”, baby bottles will be collected on Father’s Day June 16th. Please bring your filled bottles or any bottles with change to Wesley Parlor and place them into the box provided. These will benefit the “Women’s Care Center of Warren County”. If you forget, you may bring the bottles until the end of June. We thank you all very much, for your prayers and generous donations. Please continue to pray for the work of the center.



PNC Park Faith Night – Pirates vs. Padres



on Saturday, June 22nd at 4:05 pm. We are looking to do a bus trip like last year and need a head count of all who are interested. A sign-up sheet will be in Wesley Parlor. Or call Dave or Jan Moore if interested 814-406-4242. Ticket pricing will follow. This should be a fun time for everyone! After the game we will have the opportunity to hear manager Clint Hurdle and other Pirates player and coaches share their personal experiences with how their faith has impacted both their lives and their careers in baseball specifically.



Youth 180 is a youth ministry for any youth grades 6th – 12th held the third Friday of every month at Grace Church from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Pizza, pop, and snacks will be provided. Open gym, organized activities, board games, rock painting, coloring, Nintendo Wii, and Youth 180 lesson. Bring friends! For more information find us on Facebook under Grace Warren, email youth180@yahoo.com, or call 814-688-64445.

June Worship Assistants



Advisors:

Linda Knapp 726-1199
Sheryl Richards 726-3876

- June 2** – Tymber Barr & Isabella Egger
- June 9** – Adelaide Keepports & Charlotte Keepports
- June 16** – OPEN
- June 23** – OPEN
- June 30** – OPEN

*If you are available to serve on an OPEN date, please let an advisor know.



- June 1 – Kevin Babcock, Sahun Gupta
- June 3 – Schuyler Campbell
- June 5 – Todd Anderson, Doug Zaffino
- June 6 – Carol Ostergard, Allison Sedon,
Katie Keeports
- June 7 – Stan Pearson, Sydney Brown
- June 8 – Jacob Carroll, Matt Brooker, Bill Thompson,
Alfred Moore
- June 9 – Zane Anderson, Skip Morrison
- June 10 – Olivia Brocklehurst
- June 11 – Diane Risher, Katie Card
- June 12 – Barb Hallock, Dan Jeffrey
- June 14 – Sandra Culp, Julie McManigle,
Megan Moore
- June 15 – Don Johnson, Jackie Saber
- June 16 – Hailey Peterson
- June 17 – John Larson, Scott Bonnell, Jamie Irwin,
Jeff Zavinski
- June 18 – Judi Danielson, Laken Carroll,
Koletin Zaffino
- June 19 – Sandy Darr, Jeremy Steves
- June 20 – MaryLou Sleeman, Jamie Houghtalen,
Tristan Shepherd
- June 21 – Chris Berdine, Lindsey Culbertson
- June 22 – Summer Lucks, Justin Conarro,
Mike Wilson, Peg Willis
- June 23 – John Huber, Rachel Lynds
- June 24 – Preston McMeans, Adele Armstrong,
Skylar Zimmer
- June 25 – Zak Buerkle, Hollie Johnson, Steve Knapp,
Chad Burns
- June 26 – Jill McCollough
- June 27 – Alex Danielson, Amy Black, Audrey Mader,
Serena Haight
- June 29 – Laura Phillips
- June 30 – Leslie Stewart

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Adult Sunday School 9:45 a Sunday School	3 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga 6:00 p Youth Group 6:30 p Habitat for Humanity 6:45 p <i>SPRC</i> 7:00 p Eaton Parlor Reserved	4 11:00 a Staff Meeting 5:15 p Healing Christian Yoga 6:00 p Pickleball	5 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga	6 12:00 p Kitchen & Higginbotham Hall Reserved 5:00 p Caregivers' Support Group 6:00 p Pickleball 7:00 p AseraCare	7 10:00 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga	1
9 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Adult Sunday School 9:45 a Sunday School 1:00 p Girl Scouts	10 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga 7:00 p <i>Worship</i> 7:00 p Eaton Parlor Reserved	11 5:15 p Healing Christian Yoga 6:00 p Pickleball 7:00 p <i>Property Trustees</i>	12 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga	13 6:00 p Pickleball	14 10:00 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga	8 11:00 a Wesley Parlor Reserved 11:00 a Higginbotham Hall Reserved
16 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Adult Sunday School 9:45 a Sunday School 4:00 p Watson Home	17 12:00 p Caregivers' Support Group 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga 7:00 p Eaton Parlor Reserved	18 11:00 a Staff Meeting 4:30 p Wesley Parlor Reserved 5:15 p Healing Christian Yoga 6:00 p Pickleball	19 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga	20 6:00 p Pickleball	21 10:00 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga 5:30 p Youth 180!	22
23 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Adult Sunday School 9:45 a Sunday School	24 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga 7:00 p <i>Outreach/Witness</i> 7:00 p Eaton Parlor Reserved	25 5:15 p Healing Christian Yoga 6:00 p Pickleball 7:00 p <i>Church Council</i>	26 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:15 p Fitness Class 5:15 p Christian Yoga	27 6:00 p Pickleball	28 10:00 a Yarn Angels 12:15 p Christian Yoga	29
30 10:00 a Worship 11:00 a Ice Cream Social			CARE WITH GRACE DAYCARE is open daily from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm located on the second-floor parking lot side and in the gym.	PROMISE PRESCHOOL is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-11:30 am (3-year-olds) and 12:30 – 3:00 pm (4-year-olds) located on the ground floor.		

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