

# Grace Notes

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To know Christ and to make Him known!

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Ministries: *Tyler Dymond*  
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# November

# 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*



## November Meetings

**November 3 - 6:00 p - SPRC**  
**November 9 - 6:00 p - Property Trustees**  
**November 15 - 7:00 p - Outreach**  
**November 23 - 6:00 p - Church Council**



This month's Communion offering will benefit **Grace Church Youth Group (CREW)**. Please use the special Communion envelope in your monthly packet for your contribution.

# From the Pastor

## Thankful Heart

**W**ith a thankful heart, with an endless joy  
With a growing family, every girl and  
boy

Will be nephew and niece to me

Will bring love, hope, and peace to me

Yes, and every night will end and every day will start

With a grateful prayer and a thankful heart

So begins the song “Thankful Heart” from *A Muppet Christmas Carol*. Fun fact, when Michael Caine took on the role of Ebenezer Scrooge for this puppet-ed adaptation, he chose to act as if he were a part of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and not on a stage surrounded by... puppet pigs and frogs and...other creatures.

Every night will end and every day will start with a grateful prayer and a thankful heart.

Would that we could all learn that lesson. Let’s hope that we don’t have to go through the trials and tribulations that Scrooge had to experience!

What does it mean to have a Thankful Heart?

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 4:6-7)

Thankfulness comes from within. It’s not something that happens to us or something that is bestowed upon us – it’s a conscious choice that we make. To be thankful is to be aware of God’s blessing on your life. To be thankful is to be present in each moment – not lamenting over the past or longing for the future – but simply to BE. To be present with God. To be present with other people.

I read a tweet the other day:



“In every situation,” Paul said, “do not be anxious about anything...by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God.”

What are you thankful for today?

In Christ’s Love,  
Pastor Bill

## Choir Notes

It’s the season of celebration!  
 (“Tis the season to be jolly...)



Here we are in November and December with celebrations every Sunday! November starts with All Saints Day and communion. We will remember and celebrate the lives of many people who’ve made a difference in our lives.

The second Sunday in November, the 14<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate and honor our veterans.

On November 21 we will thank our Creator for his many blessings, both mundane and miraculous. Start you list early; “The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell”. That’s how songwriter Frederick M. Lehman started his song titled “The Love of God”. (Google it, then sing it!)

Advent starts on November 28 with the sermon series “The Gift exchange; worry + God = Peace”. The choir will also be involved in our preparations

leading up to our Christmas Eve celebration.

December 5 continues with our Advent celebration, communion, and “The Gift Exchange; hurt + God = healing”

Mark your calendars for the third Advent Sunday! (the *second* Sunday in December.) We will worship in the morning with “The Gift Exchange; grief + God = joy”.

***Our annual Christmas Concert will be presented on Sunday, December 12, at 4:00 p.m., followed by a great cookie and punch reception. No tickets required, just come early for a good seat!***

Our celebration on December 19 will be memorable with “The Gift Exchange; sin + God = forgiveness”

Christmas Eve (Friday, December 24) we will have two opportunities to celebrate, with the contemporary service at 7 p.m., and the traditional celebration starting at 11 p.m.

December 26 offers the opportunity to worship together as one church at 10 a.m.

We have eight Sundays and a concert and 2 Christmas eve opportunities to celebrate with us here at Grace. Let’s worship our Lord together!

Floyd Moore  
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**ALL THESE LITTLE LIGHTS**

**W**e take for granted all the light that electricity provides until we don’t have it. ☹️ I don’t know how many times I have walked into our bathroom (no windows) and closed the door behind me as I reach for the light switch only to end up in absolute blackness. This

happens if a storm comes through during the day and I don’t need any electric light to walk from room to room. One pinpoint of light in that small room would be all I need to keep me from cracking my shin on the toilet!

We can be those little lights of Christ in the world of darkness. If you think that one person won’t make a difference, I beg to differ! Turn off a tiny pen light in a dark room and you will see how significant that tiny beam is. If each of us would light up someone’s life every week, the combined light of our love would reflect Jesus’ light out in ever increasing circles.

Write a note or phone a friend or someone who hasn’t been in church recently. Offer to drive a neighbor, pick up groceries, rake leaves, move patio furniture or bake cookies. Encourage others to do likewise. As all of these points of light accumulate, a whole beam of light will begin to sweep the area!

Be infectious with kindness and grace!

Cindy Price

I am so excited to be taking in this opportunity and role as the children’s ministry director. We have many events and a few outings under ways for the coming months. Our mission is to engage and engross the children in the ways of the church and fellowship with people of all ages. A lot of our events will require volunteers!



If you would like to be on our volunteer email chain or stay up to date on what events/activities we will be having please email me at [tyler@graceumcwarren.com](mailto:tyler@graceumcwarren.com)

Thank you so much, I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Tyler Dymond



Our “community helper” unit in October was a big success. We would like to thank the Warren Police Department and Warren Fire Department for visiting us at school and showing us their vehicles and teaching us what to do in an emergency. We were blessed with two beautiful sunny days and the kids were beyond excited to sit in a police car and fire engine and see all the tools our community heroes use!

Halloween is now behind us 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. The afternoon class is busy with cool art projects, a pumpkin science experiment and fun language arts games with Mrs. Lynds.

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 over the years. Please continue to hold our teachers and children in your prayers as we continue to implement the COVID-19 protocols to keep everyone healthy & safe!

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

Trish Gentilman & Jen Lynds

Now that spooky season is over, we are entering November, which means it is a time to give thanks. There are plenty of things that Care with Grace is thankful for. We are thankful to GUMC for hosting us in their building. We are thankful to Pastor Bill for being the type of person that is willing to listen and provide guidance. We are thankful to Meghan and Mary down in the office for all the work they do to help us out upstairs. We are thankful for our Childcare board that always looks out for the best interest of the children within the daycare. We are thankful to our wonderful staff who show up day in and day out for our kids. We are thankful for our kids. Sometimes the days are rough, but the kids always make the hard days worth it. There is so much to be thankful for, sometimes I feel bad for waiting for November to remind me to truly be thankful and reflect on all that God has provided. Things do not just magically work out, they are meticulously planned and guided by God. Psalm 106:1 says, “Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever.”



Marc Merchant – Director



**During Worship**

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

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

**November 7 – Anna Peterson**

**November 14 – Becky Fuller**

**November 21 – Anna Peterson**

**November 28 – Becky Fuller**



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



**Flock Talk**



*“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.”  
Psalm 100:4*

**H**ow often we see Thanksgiving on the calendar and our minds steer toward plans, grocery lists and even a bit of anxiousness about family gatherings. Travel has been disrupted in our lives and we have become accustomed to our own comfort zones. Holidays shake us out of that!

Some interesting studies have found a link between our gratitude and our health. The findings indicate that people who regularly attend in-person worship services have more of a tendency to volunteer in their congregations. Those who volunteer are more likely to develop close friendships within their church community. And, those who have more friends report feeling more emotional support, thus giving them a greater sense of reassurance. This is one way that participation in church activities leads to a level of better health. We feel protected and empowered at the same time.

An area that appears to have room for a little more help is “getting people through the doors”. Not only does it give us the opportunity to meet the needs of others, but it also allows us to have a special outreach for young people who are less inclined to attend religious activities.

Simply encouraging people to gather with one another can help them to develop a more positive outlook on life. That can be one of the first steps in recharging our health and being fully invested in our attitude of gratitude for God!

Enthused for all,  
Sue Toombs, Lay Leader

**HOPES**

**For: Pastor Bill**  
**By: Pete & Marge Smith**

*In Honor of*

**Our budget the month of September 2021:**



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

<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Other Income:</b>	73.00	22.00
<b>Offerings &amp; Tithes</b>	<u>25,835.71</u>	<u>25,285.37</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>25,908.71</b>	<b>25,307.37</b>
<b>Number of Sundays:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Borrowed	0	0
<b>Expense:</b>		
<b>Staff Parish</b>	23,504.86	23,530.06
<b>Trustees</b>	7,120.25	6,069.00
<b>Ministry</b>	<u>4,299.09</u>	<u>4,483.65</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>34,924.20</b>	<b>34,082.71</b>

Attendance: 1,067 818

**Connectional Apportionments**

**Obligation-** 3,334.83  
**Paid to date** 30,013.47  
Ahead (Behind) 0

Percent of year to date paid 75%

**His income:** Was \$601.34 higher in September 2021 compared to September 2020

**Our expenses:** Were \$841.49 higher in September 2021 compared to September 2020

We praise God for the generous gifts and offerings given.

Submitted by:

Brian A. Jurkowski, Finance Chair

My gratitude and appreciation to Pastor Bill, my church family, my immediate family and friends for all the prayers, cards and help during my recent escapades. Our Dear Lord is hearing these prayers. I am healing well. I do have a few months of therapy for balance and strength. Thank you all so very much.

Love in Christ, Carole Schoenborn



## Memorial

**For: Samuel B. Reed**

**By: Lori Toth**



## Music Memorial

**For: Will Mead**

**By: Audrey Cable**

We want to say thank you to everyone here at Grace Church for the kind words and encouragement you have given to us. We are truly grateful to be serving here with you! We appreciate the gifts - especially those that were given in our name to help others to the HOPES fund and to Child Find. Again - thank you all so much!

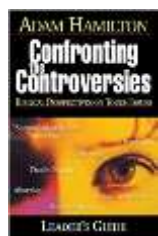


Pastor Bill, Lori, Rachel and Elie

The Outreach team will be hosting a rummage sale at Grace on November 6th from 8 am until 2 pm to raise funds for Heifer International. Clear out some space and donate your usable items. Kids clothes are welcome, but please no adult clothes. You can drop off items on Thursday November 4th from 5 - 7 pm and Friday November 5th from 4 - 6 PM. **Please drop off only at these times.** Please contact Chuck Keeports @ 814-688-8534 for more info.



**Stuff We Don't Like To Talk About** Bible Study will begin on Monday, November 1st. We will use the book *Confronting the Controversies: Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues* by Rev. Adam Hamilton as a starting point for our conversations. The book will be available on the first day of class or can be ordered online.



The study will be offered at the following times:  
Monday Mornings 9:30-11:00 (Eaton Parlor)  
Monday Evenings 6:30-8:00 (Eaton Parlor)  
Tuesday Nights 8:30-10:00 (Zoom only)

Contact Pastor Bill for more information, to get a book or to get the zoom link for Tuesday evenings.

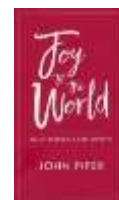
Operation Christmas Child is an amazing outreach to touch the lives of children who need Christ's love! The impact of these gifts is being felt around the globe! Please help by filling an average-sized cardboard



shoebox. Also, we have pre-printed boxes on order and will have them by November 13. Shoebox collection week is November 15-22, 2021. Please have your box to the church by November 22 so we can deliver them. If you don't have time to pack a box, feel free to donate money for gifts and shipping of the shoeboxes.

Did you know that just one week ago, October 25<sup>th</sup>, there were two months remaining until Christmas? Don't shoot me; I'm only the messenger. This year, the first Sunday of Advent is November 28<sup>th</sup>. The word Advent means "the coming" or "the arrival". During the four weeks prior to Christmas, the church celebrates the anticipated arrival of Jesus – both at Christmas, as the infant King, and at the Second Coming of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords.

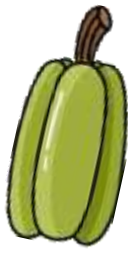
Beginning Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Advent devotional books will be on a table at the back of the sanctuary. This year's booklet is **Joy to the World** by John Piper. This devotional is a bit different in that it starts on December 1<sup>st</sup>, rather on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28<sup>th</sup>. (But you may read the preface and the introduction sometime between 11/28 and 11/30. Please take one for yourself, or for you and your family, and if you know of others who might like to have one, please take one to them. If you are unable to come to Grace Church to pick up your copy in person, please let the church office staff know, so that they can get one to you.



**Items for the December Newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the office [mary@graceumcwarren.com](mailto:mary@graceumcwarren.com) by Monday, November 15.**  
**Thank you.**



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



# november



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 9:30 a Stuff Bible Study 6:30 p Stuff Bible Study	<b>2</b> 8:30 p Stuff Bible Study	<b>3</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 p <i>SPRC</i> 6:30 p C.R.E.W. 7:00 p Choir	<b>4</b> 5:00 p Rummage Sale Drop Off 6:00 p Disciple III 6:00 p Praise Team	<b>5</b> 10:30 p Yarn Angels 4:00 p Rummage Sale Drop Off	<b>6</b> 8:00 a Rummage Sale
<b>7</b> 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School	<b>8</b> 9:30 a Stuff Bible Study 6:30 p Stuff Bible Study	<b>9</b> 6:00 p <i>Property Trustees</i> 8:30 p Stuff Bible Study	<b>10</b> 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 p C.R.E.W. 7:00 p Choir	<b>11</b> 6:00 p Disciple III 6:00 p Praise Team	<b>12</b> 10:30 p Yarn Angels	<b>13</b>
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<b>28</b> 8:30/9:30/11:00 a Worship 9:30 a Agape 9:45 a Sunday School	<b>29</b> 9:30 a Stuff Bible Study 6:30 p Stuff Bible Study	<b>30</b> 8:30 p Stuff Bible Study		CARE WITH GRACE DAYCARE is open Mon-Fri from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm located on the first floor (nursery) and the second floor	PROMISE PRESCHOOL 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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