

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Grace Notes August 2019



Nursery Open

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Sunday Worship Service

9:00 AM

Sunday School for Children

Resumes in the Fall

Youth Group

Resumes in the Fall

Adult Sunday School

Resumes in the Fall

Fellowship Hour

Follows the worship service

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
7:45-12:45 PM
Closed Fridays

Grace UM Church Staff:

Rev. Mike Kelly, Pastor

Kathy Scudder,
Administrative Assistant/
Treasurer

Evelyn Einfeldt,
Financial Secretary

Dan Towns, Custodian



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FROM THE PASTOR

Good Morning All: I am excited about Grace United Methodist and I can hardly believe that I have completed my first year there. Below is a scripture that I try to abide by and truly get excited about as we create new ideas to fulfill these requirements.

Matthew 22:34-40 Common English Bible

Great commandment

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. ³⁵ One of them, a legal expert, tested him. ³⁶ “Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ He replied, “*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind.*” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: *You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.* ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

As I think about the year past, I think of the many ways we show our love for our neighbors and thereby showing our love for God. Last night we had our second picnic of the summer and again approximately one-hundred people attended. The group from last night included many more local residents and even included three members of the Corning City Council. We have scheduled at least one more picnic for the summer, on August 20, and go from there.

The relationship that we have developed with the city has been amazing as we help them, help our neighbors as the residents of Knoxville Apartments now again have access to Wegmans that was taken away with the Bridge Street bridge project. We have received a great deal of positive press with us coming to their assistance. Thank you all that have gotten on board and are providing the rides.

We continue to fight hunger with several initiatives beginning with the UMW Pantry collection, our “Soup”er Bowl campaign and our continuance of the Back Pack program for the youth of Steuben, Schuyler and Tompkins Counties. Members of our congregation have even developed a pet initiative, providing food and other things for people with pets, that otherwise may not have food available. And beginning on August 1st we will house an emergency pantry to handle the needs of those other than during the normal pantry times.

We celebrated this past Christmas, again by supplying several gifts for the Angel Tree of the Salvation Army and we adopted a family that was in need from Gregg School, provided them with meals and gifts for Christmas, thanks to our young people and our Mini-Money for Missions.

From that same fund we were able to help out with local flooding needs through the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

For the first time Grace United Methodist was deeply involved with the Field of Flags thanks to some of our amazing congregation that took on the project of selling and assembling the flags for the Memorial Day celebration. We continued programs such as Undies for Jesus and a Hat and Mitten campaign, and I am sure I have missed other projects that we completed, but I dare say WE are making an impact in our community, All for the Lord's Glory.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for striving to fulfill God's Greatest Commandment.
With Peace and Love,
Pastor Mike

COMMITTEE NEWS

FINANCE REPORT JUNE 2019

	June	YTD
Operations Income:	11,133.00	58,681.00
Operations Expense:	10,514.00	64,955.00
Net Gain / (Loss)	619.00	(6,274.00)



SUPPER CLUB COME JOIN US!

Saturday, August 10, 6:00 pm
Chat-a-Wyle
Bath, NY
Please call Pat Edger
for a reservation at 607-368-2726.

PAY PAL

The church is set up to accept secure donations through Pay Pal. You can access Pay Pal by going to the church's website (gumccorning.org). Please be aware that when using Pay Pal, 2.9% of the donation and \$.30 per transaction is taken from the contribution.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Will not be meeting in August. The next UMW Executive will be Tuesday, September 3, at 9:30 am. Circles will meet on the same day at 10:00 am.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will not meet in August or September. Mark your calendars for October 7 at 6:00 pm for the next meeting.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Mark your calendars for our next Community Picnic, which will be on Tuesday, August 20, from 4-6:30 pm.

BIRTHDAY BRUNCH

Grace Church wants to celebrate your birthday!! On the last Sunday of each month, during the fellowship hour, we hold a brunch and celebrate those having birthdays in that month. For August the date will be the 25th. Bring a dish to pass and your own table setting. All are welcome!

We will be having a Fall Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 12th. If you have any "treasures" to donate, please bring them in during office hours and put into Reed Hall. We appreciate your support. (No electronics.)



UNDIES FOR JESUS

Grace Church's Membership Care Committee's summer project will be collecting underwear, socks and sweatpants for our local elementary schools. We would like to collect these items during July and August, with the deadline being August 25. Sizes needed would be girl sizes 6 to girls large and boy's size 6 to small men. If you would rather donate monetarily, please make your check out to Grace UMC with "Membership Care" in the memo line and the committee will do the shopping for you!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Gail McIntyre
Bonnie Teemley
Ted Tubbs
3 - Shirley Smith
4 - Ann Russell
Devon Tubbs
5 - Jack Westbrook
10 - Gary Hallenbeck
11 - Sydney Kolpien
14 - Joseph Patterson
Gordon Smith
15 - Nicole O'Connell Avery
18 - Vicky Watson
23 - Winnie Peer
Daniel Richards
25 - Sara Schroeder
26 - Betty Breuilly
29 - Vida Johnson
30 - Ron Earley
31 - Dennis O'Connell
Rob Marley
Hannah Lewek



OUR CHURCH SCHOOLERS BIRTHDAYS

8 - Jonathan Sorber
18 - Carter Kashmer
24 - Noelle Harpster

ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Zachary & Molly Fortier Hudgins
5 - Clif & Priscilla Smith
9 - Gary & Helen Fisher
10 - John & Yvette LeBaron
Matthew & Rebecca Stevens
12 - Carl & Susan Peer Scheu
14 - Gil & Joyce Mitchell
25 - Mike & Pam Kelly
Alfredo & Jessica Richards Balarin
28 - Rob & Stacy Marley
30 - Chris & Lindsay Hostrander Callas

A NOTE OF THANKS

Grace UMC: Thank you for the cards and prayers and thoughtfulness. God Bless you all, Alice Donahue (Pam Kelly's mother)

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Andrea & Dustin Smith on the birth of their daughter, Ella Iris Smith, on July 7.
Proud grandparents are Jeff & Maryann Smith.



IN THE HOSPITAL?

Due to the HIPAA privacy rules, the church doesn't always receive notification from the local hospitals when someone is admitted. Please call the church office, or have a family member call, if you are in the hospital and would like to receive a visit. Also, if you are at home recuperating and would like a visit, just give the office a call (936-6145).

GOT THE "NOTHING TO DO BLUES?"

Beat 'em with Grace UMC!
Free activities, games and snacks!
Ages 4 & up
Wednesday afternoons 2:30-3:30 pm
July 31, August 14

Hope to see you there!



FAITH IN ACTION

LIVING FAITH ENDOWMENT FUND

The Living Faith Endowment Fund offers an important alternative form of giving to Grace United Methodist Church. Money given to that fund is invested and the interest, when favorable, makes a significant contribution to the church. As such, it is a fund that works for us and keeps on giving. A gift in memory or in honor of a loved one is a gift that will continue to give and support the mission and ministry of Grace Church.

TRANSPORTATION

Want to attend Sunday worship, but don't have the transportation? Grace Church's Membership Care Committee offers a transportation service. Contact the church by Thursday morning and we will arrange to have Vet Taxi service pick you up and take you back home. Contact the church office (936-6145) for more information.



LET'S HELP OUR NEIGHBORS

Grace Church has three ways to help our neighbors who are struggling to put food on their tables. If inclined, please help in any of the following ways:

UMW FOOD COLLECTION

The UMW has committed to aiding those in need by collecting items for the local food pantry. We encourage you to give canned goods and other non-perishable items each month. A great way to give items is to take advantage of the stores Buy One Get One Free sales. Your gifts may be placed in the cabinet located in the Narthex. Each month a certain product will be highlighted, but other items are also welcomed! **In August we will highlight canned vegetables.**

BACK PACK PROGRAM

Again this year, Grace Church will participate in the Back Pack Program through the Southern Tier Food Pantry. Food is packed into a back pack and given to children throughout the area who do not have other means for lunches, etc. during the summer. Please bring in non perishable food items such as mac & cheese, cereals, SpaghettiOs, etc. These items will be collected and given to the Southern Tier Pantry. Last year Grace was very generous in donating to this program.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Beginning in August, Grace Church will provide an emergency food pantry for those who find themselves in situations where they have no food and are not able to get to our local food pantries. The items for this pantry will be on a shelving unit in the nursery, with guidelines as to how much food is to be given to each individual/family. A signup sheet has circulated during worship asking for certain food items. Thank you to those who have signed up to participate. For more information, see Pastor Mike or Pam Kelly.



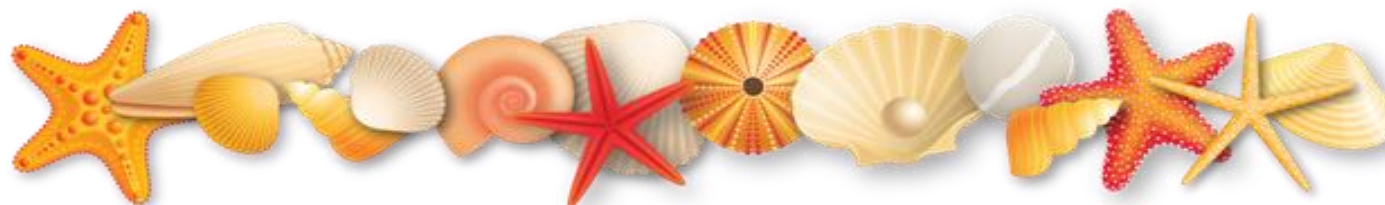
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE AUGUST 2019


*Please note that there are many areas in need of volunteers.
Let the church office know if you would like to help out in any of these areas.*

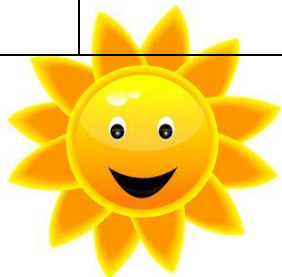


Date	Greeters - 3	Liturgist	Fellowship	Communion Stewards	Ushers - 3	Flowers	Bulletins
8/4	1. Ed Crook 2. Phyllis Crook 3.	Vida Johnson	Rick Bostwick & Betty Lou Taynton	1. TBA 2. TBA	1. Marvin Lee 2. Dan Towns 3. Rusty Dye		George Bunnell
8/11	1. Linda Sutton 2. Mary Molewski 3.	Ted Tubbs			1. Gary Fisher 2. Rick Bostwick 3. Rusty Dye		Kathy Scudder
8/18	1. Pat Osborn 2. 3.	Nancy VanEtten	Ed & Phyllis Crook Gerry Bruielly		1. Jeff Smith 2. Rusty Dye 3. Pat Osborn		Pat Osborn
8/25	1. John O'Connell 2. Patty O'Connell 3.	Dan Towns	Birthday Brunch		1. Rusty Dye 2. Gail McIntyre 3. Pat Edger	Pat Osborn	

Thank you to all who volunteer their time for these ministries and to those who donate flowers or bulletins.
Your time and help is very much appreciated!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ABBREVIATIONS K = Kitchen L = Lounge S = Sanctuary BC = Bethany Chapel DR = Dining Room RH = Reed Hall				1 9:00 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201	2 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	3 12:00 AA, 201
4 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR	5 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	6 12:00 AA, 201	7 10:00 NA, 205 12:00 AA, 201	8 12:00 AA, 201	9 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	10 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Supper Club, Chat-a-Wyle
11 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR	12 12:00 AA, 201 4:30 Finance, L 6:00 NA, DR 6:00 Missions, L	13 12:00 AA, 201	14 10:00 NA, 205 11:30 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201 2:30 Kids Hour	15 12:00 AA, 201	16 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	17 12:00 AA, 201
18 CAN & QUARTER 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR	19 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:30 Boy Scout Leaders, 201 Newsletter Deadline	20 9:30 Membership Care, L 12:00 AA, 201 4-6:30 Community Picnic	21 9:00 WIC, DR 10:00 NA, 205 12:00 AA, 201	22 12:00 AA, 201	23 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	24 12:00 AA, 201
25 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Birthday Brunch DR	26 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	27 9:00 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201	28 10:00 NA, 205 12:00 AA, 201	29 12:00 AA, 201	30 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	31 12:00 AA, 201



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