

August 2021

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

191 Bridge Street
Corning, NY 14830-1997
607-936-6145
www.gumccorning.org
email: gracemethodist@stny.rr.com

Grace Notes
August 2021



Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

***Nursery Temporarily
Closed***

Sunday School for Children

10 AM

Adult Sunday School

Hopefully resumes in the Fall

Fellowship Hour

11 AM

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday
8 AM to 1 PM

Grace UM Church Staff:

Rev. Kevin Austin, Pastor

Anna Illig,
Administrative Assistant

Evelyn Einfeldt,
Financial Secretary

Terry Oakden, Custodian

Kathy Scudder
Treasurer

Jean Tedrick,
Organist

August 2021



Grace United Methodist Church

Rev. Kevin Austin, Pastor

607-936-6145

gracemethodist@stny.rr.com

FROM THE PASTOR

I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome you have given to me and my family since my appointment began on July 1. Everyone has been friendly, encouraging and supportive, and I am grateful. Sunday worship has been wonderful and I am slowly (but surely, I hope) learning names and getting to know the congregation.

The difficult part of beginning in a new appointment is what goes on aside from Sunday worship. Meeting with the various committees and discerning how to help with their goals and plans takes time. In my years as a United Methodist, I have served on most committees and have held various leadership positions, so I am anticipating being helpful in training people in the functions of their committees as well as being a source of encouragement and guidance.

Another aspect of ministry that takes some time to develop is finding out what the needs are for contact, visitation, having a presence in the office, and providing various types of communications. Each pastor's gifts and talents are different, as are each pastor's time constraints and obligations. There may be some things that I am unable to continue in their present form, but there may be new ways to do something similar, as well as entirely new things which you may find to be enjoyable and useful. I appreciate your grace as I work through this process.

Isaiah 43:19 speaks about God "doing a new thing". Several psalms refer to singing a new song to the Lord. I trust that God is involved in the process of pastor appointment in the United Methodist Church, and I truly believe that you and I have been placed together for something special. God has plans for Grace United Methodist Church and for the community we serve. We are in the first steps of our journey together, doing a "new thing" for the Lord. I pray that together, we will provide a "song" of ministry and love that is pleasing to God.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Kevin

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Circles do not meet in July and August.
See you in September.

2021 Theme
Knitted Together
for God's Good Work

Generous Hearts
and Strong Threads

Objective: To understand the role of women behind the scenes in building the tabernacle, and to commit ourselves to valuing the work of all women through advocacy for fair-wage practices.

Opening Prayer
Living and Loving God, draw us in from the cares of the day. Lighten our burdens and grant rest to our souls. Pour into our hearts the wisdom of your Holy Spirit, that we may grow in faithfulness and dedication to your mission. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Scripture
Exodus 35:4-29
Acts 9:36-42

Building Community

Women had a hand in every aspect of the production of fabrics from watering flocks to the spinning of wool, from working the fields of flax to harvest to preparing the fibers and spinning the linen. Often pitching the tents was also women's work, so that during the time that the Israelites were in the wilderness women would have played a key role in setting up and taking down tents. Likely they also helped to make the tents and perhaps suggested a few innovations to improve the tents.

God has given Moses detailed instructions for building the Ark of the Covenant, vestments for the priests, the

lampstands and altar, all to be placed inside a tent sanctuary called the tabernacle. God had further given Moses instructions to seek skilled people to do the work and to ask for anyone with generous hearts to contribute to the work. Building the tabernacle allowed the whole community of Israel to come together, with each person contributing to the project what they could, either gifts of gold or precious stones, or blue and purple linen, or their skill in creating the elements necessary to make the tabernacle and everything inside it.

The image given to us in Exodus 35 is an image of community building, drawing on the expertise and generosity of the people. Although reading through the sections of Exodus that describe the tabernacle in such detail might not be the kind of reading that tugs at your heartstrings, if you read between the lines you will see how the gifts and skills of unnamed women contributed to the sanctuary tent for the Lord. The whole community came together for a greater good, each person contributing their single thread to the larger tapestry of work that resulted in the Lord's tabernacle.

Every Thread Is Important

To this day, women still contribute their gifts and skill in needlework to sanctuaries around the world. In the grand Winchester Cathedral in England there are kneelers and cushions made by women needlecrafters. The stonework and intricate woodwork was begun in 1093 and completed in the early 16th century, with beautifully detailed cushions worked by hand in the 1930s. Each cushion is marked on the reverse with a woman's initials and the date of her work. A single thread, stitched over and over with devotion, contributing to the community of faith and the glory of God.

August 2021

Some people look for peace in their friends, their jobs, financial success, power ... but none of that will last. Only Jesus gives real peace and takes away all fear. All you have to do is trust Him and lean on Him. Come to this verse when life bears down on you. Do not let your heart be troubled. Do not be afraid. Find comfort and peace in Jesus.

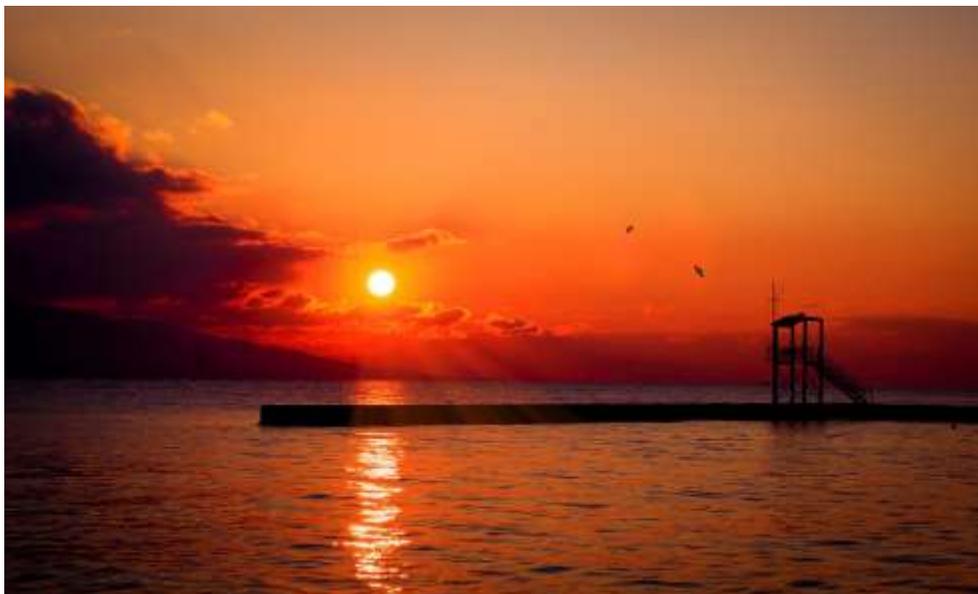
Staff-Parish Relations Committee

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee announces the recent resignation of Kajla Temple as Treasurer. At the July meeting, the Committee voted to hire Kathy Scudder to be the church treasurer. She began her duties as of July 20, 2021.

The Committee continues to seek a replacement for Evelyn Einfeldt as Financial Secretary. Candidates need to have financial and/or accounting experience. This job is about 10 hours a week with flexible hours between 1:00 PM and 8:00 PM in the church office. Anyone who is interested in the position, or would like more information, should contact Vida Johnson (607-962-0788 or mevidaloca@stny.rr.com) or Pastor Kevin (607-594-2893 or kaustin@empireaccess.net).

Pop bottles and cans

Grace UMC will no longer be taking recyclable bottles and cans for redemption. It is suggested that you put them in your own recycle bin or take them to a redemption center yourself. Thank you for your support of this mission project in the past.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Gail McIntyre
Ted Tubbs
- 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
Carter Kashmer
- 21- Liz Fields
- 23 - Winnie Peer
Daniel Richards
- 26 - Betty Breuilly
- 29 - Vida Johnson
- 31 - Dennis O'Connell
Rob Marley
Hannah Lewek



[This Photo](#) by Unknown Author is licensed under [CC BY-NC](#)

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Zachary & Molly Fortier Hudgins
- 5 – Clif & Priscilla Smith
- 9 – Gary & Helen Fisher
- 14 – Gil & Joyce Mitchell
- 24- Liz & RJ Fields
- 25 – Mike & Pam Kelly
Alfredo & Jessica Richards Balarin
- 28 – Rob & Stacy Marley

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.

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).

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.

MEN'S GROUP

All men are invited to the Men's Group, a monthly meeting where the men enjoy some good food and fellowship. They gather on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm in the lounge. August Meeting will be Monday the 2nd.

Pat Edger would like to thank Barb Coles, Gail McIntyre, Betsy Austin and John O'Connell for their assistance with Fellowship Hour.

The staff at Grace would like to thank Denny O'Connell, John O'Connell, Rusty Dye and Terry Oakden for helping out with trimming of the trees located around the church's handicap parking lot.

Donald Mortimer for taking back the last set of returnable can donations for us.

Cathy Patterson for running our food pantry donations to the pantry for us.

Community Programs

The Cancer Services Program

The Cancer Services Program of Steuben, Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties, provides cancer screenings to Steuben, Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua County residents. Men and women between the ages of 40 to 64 who are uninsured or underinsured receive breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings at no cost to them. Additionally, expenses for follow up procedures are also covered by the program.
toll free number-877-778-6857

211 Helpline

Database of community organizations consisting on health, human services, nonprofit organizations, educational programs among others serving New York State. Contact them by dialing 2-1-1 (or 1-800-346-2211) or [211 website](#) for more information about services provided.

Bampa's House, Corning Comfort Care

Bampa's House offers end of life care for members of our community. Our volunteers will be offered 2-day training/lunch where they will be able to meet staff, tour our home and training that will equip you to help a resident who is living their best final days. Please call Lorraine @ 607-654-4205 to leave your name and number or email Lorraine.smith@bamapshouse.org for more information if you are interested in helping out.

Corning Meals on Wheels, INC.

Corning Meals on Wheels is looking for deliver help weekdays from 11:15 AM- 12:45 PM. Please check out www.cmowheels.com or call 607-962-7985 for more information if you are interested in helping out.

ProAction Weatherization and Energy Saving Program

Program designed to help improve your home's energy output saving the person both money and improve quality inside the home. This is an income-based program. Please Contact ProAction for more information at 607-776-2125.

August 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				ABBREVIATIONS K = Kitchen L = Lounge S = Sanctuary BC = Bethany Chapel DR = Dining Room RH = Reed Hall		
1 10:00 Worship, S 10:00 Youth Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship	2 4-8:45 Corning Ballroom & Latin Dance 6:00 Men's Group, L	3	4 6-7:30 Corning Ballroom & Latin Dance	5	6	7
8 10:00 Worship, S 10:00 Youth Sunday School 11: Fellowship	9 4-8:45 Corning Ballroom and Latin dance	10	11 6-7:30 Corning Ballroom & Latin Dance	12	13	14
15 10:00 Worship, S 10:00 Youth Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship	16 4-8:45 Corning ballroom & Latin Dance 6:30 Boy Scout Leaders, 201 Newsletter Deadline	17 10:30 Membership Cares Committee, L 2:00 Finance 4:00 Trustees	18 6-7:30 Corning Ballroom & Latin Dance	19	20 12-3 WIC Drive Thru Event, main parking lot	21
22 10:00 Worship, S 10:00: Youth Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship <hr/> 29 10:00 Worship, S 10:00 Youth Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship	23 4-8:45 Corning Ballroom & Latin Dance <hr/> 30 4-8:45 Corning Ballroom & Latin Dance	24 <hr/> 31	25 6-7:30 Corning Ballroom & Latin Dance	26	27	28