

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Grace Notes February 2020



Nursery Open
9:00 - 10:30 AM

Sunday Worship Service
9:00 AM

Sunday School
Children-Youth
every Sunday
10:45-11:30 AM

Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM

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

Jean Tedrick, Organist

Kathy Scudder,
Administrative Assistant/
Treasurer

Evelyn Einfeldt,
Financial Secretary

Terry Oakden, Custodian



FROM THE PASTOR

To my beloved Friends and Members;

I come to you with many thoughts clouding my mind. Thoughts like, "What will happen at the General Conference? What decisions will be made? How will it affect those calling themselves United Methodist? How will it affect the people of my churches? And who will be harmed?"

I am a lifelong United Methodist like many of you. I grew up in the United Methodist Church in Odessa, New York. I became an active member and Pastor knowing and loving what they stood for. It hurts me believing that the denomination that I know, and love will almost certainly split. But it hurts me even more to know that this denomination has hurt people along the way and most assuredly the hurt will continue.

I am concerned with new configuration within our conference and what that will mean. I believe that our District Superintendents are already stretched too far to be able to effectively minister to us. This new regional plan calls for four regions, each with four districts, but only three Superintendents. Our church will be in Region 3, which will encompass, the Oneonta District, the Binghamton District, the Mountain View District and the Cornerstone District. Looking at a map that reaches nearly the full way across Southern New York State.

Certainly, challenges will continue to come our way. But friends let me ask that we not worry about these situations, for we have a much greater job to do, and that is the work as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are given marching orders in scripture; make disciples, spread the Word, care for the sick, house the homeless, feed the hungry and clothe the naked. We are taught in scripture to LOVE, which we must do with a greater effort than ever in this world that seems so lost. I ask you simply to be "The Church" that Christ wants us to be in our communities, in our country and in our world. Together we will make a difference with Christ by our side.

With Peace and Grace,
Pastor Mike



COMMITTEE NEWS

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT DECEMBER 2019

	<u>December</u>
Operations Income:	\$11,828.00
Operations Expense:	<u>12,648.00</u>
Net Gain / (Loss)	\$ (820.00)

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.



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. February's meeting is on the 3rd. Hope to see you there!

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU...

If you have changed your phone number or discontinued your landline, please contact the church office with your "new" contact number. Also, if you have a new email address, please share that with the church as well.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
10:00 AM – Business Meeting



**CIRCLE 1 Meeting in the Lounge
following the business meeting**

**A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial 2020
Meeting God's Call to
Transform Communities**

Objective: That this program will shine a light on the many ways members of United Methodist Women have changed the lives of women, children and youth on the margins through their gifts to A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. This giving also transforms members' own lives as they grow in their love of God and neighbors.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:13-15

Members should come prepared to make their gift to the Prayer and Self-Denial offering for the 2020 year. If you will be writing a check, please make it payable to: **Grace UMW** and put **Prayer & Self-Denial** on the memo line.

United Methodist Women has eight Regional Missionaries whose work around the globe is funded by A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. Our sacrificial gifts make this work possible for them. We will hear their stories during the program.

The Wesley Community Center in Dayton, Ohio, is a National Mission Institution funded in part by money from A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial giving. It supports young mothers by offering childcare and the Job Search and Job Readiness Program.

"If it weren't for the program," Tanisha Biggerson explained, "I wouldn't be where I am today. I was so stressed all the time. Nothing was right. Nothing was in place. Since I started coming to Wesley, I've been able to relax."

SUPPER CLUB

Saturday, February 8, 6:00 pm
 Sorge's Restaurant,
 Corning
 Please call Pat Edger
 for a reservation at 607-368-2726.

***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 February the date will be the 23rd. Bring a dish to pass and your own table setting. All are welcome!

NEWS FROM STAFF-PARISH/PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

It is with mixed feelings of sadness and joy that the Committee announces the retirement of Kathy Scudder at the end of May 2020. Kathy has served faithfully as Grace Church's Administrative Assistant for 26 years and more recently as the church's treasurer. We are appreciative of the service she gives us and wish her well in her next endeavor.

If there is anyone who would be interested in either of these positions, or you know of someone who would be interested, please contact either Pastor Mike or Vida Johnson.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday falls on February 26 this year. Join us for a worship service at 12:00 noon, followed by a luncheon. All are welcome.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

This year's mid-week Lenten service for the area Methodist churches will take place on Wednesdays, starting Feb. 26, at 7:00 pm. All services will be held at Presho UMC.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION – December 15, 2019

It has been an annual tradition of Grace United Methodist's chapter of United Methodist Women to honor a few of our church members with Special Mission Recognition. While the honorees receive commemorative pins, our unit of UMW makes a monetary gift to carry out the mission work of the organization. Were you to review the names of previous recipients, you would be struck by the countless ways our church has been truly blessed with devoted members year after year.



BARBARA COLES: Our first recipient has been an active member of our church for practically her entire life. She attended with her parents and other family members, and her commitment to family is one of her hallmarks. She also has a keen eye for design. If one were to stroll through our Education Building, it would be easy to recognize her impact. Quite a few years ago, she was instrumental in our redecoration efforts in the classrooms. Her work was so expertly completed, that she was enlisted in helping with the Dining Room's redecorating as well. I doubt that many churches can say that they have beautifully sewn custom window treatments like we do, which she made for us at no charge as I recall. More recently, she has been a fixture at our Church Rummage Sales, taking charge of the Reed Hall section where there must be thousands of items of every imaginable description each year. If you stop in near the end of the sale, you will probably see her in action wheeling and dealing with customers! Her bulletin in the lobby keeps us up to date on member birthdays and anniversaries. This member is always willing to lend a hand at many other church functions and she is known for her generosity. Recently, she relayed to us that she had some luck in winning a local raffle, but it is Grace Church which is lucky to have Barbara Coles as a member. Please help me in congratulating Barbara for Special Mission Recognition.

RICK BOSTWICK: Another one of honorees is also a familiar face in our congregation. Having been a member since the mid-80s, he has been particularly active the past several years, stepping up to be involved in countless endeavors. He participates in United Methodist Men and ushers regularly on Sunday mornings. Also, he is a member of the Trustees Committee, currently serving as vice-chair, and leads the Adult Bible Study class. While his work in these areas is needed and appreciated, where he really shines in the kitchen and gives freely of his time and talents here. Whether it's Sunday morning coffee hour or Birthday Brunch, the Chili Cook-Off, Election Day Dinner (which returned this past year), Craft Show breakfasts and lunches, or any other event where food is involved, we have enjoyed his culinary creations. Please join me in offering a round of applause to newlywed Rich Bostwick in honor of his selection for Special Mission Recognition.

BETTY LOU TAYNTON: Our final honoree is another individual who gives freely of her time and talents to the programs of Grace Church. She is also a person who goes out of her way to help others, often putting their needs before her own. Like Barb, she is exceptionally handy and has a wealth of ideas about how our church can have an impact in the Corning community. The Trustees and Staff Parish Relations Committee appreciate her perspective these days and she serves as one of our Communion Stewards. This past year, she stepped up to fill the role of Chairperson for the Rummage Sale, and made this event lots of fun to participate in. However, I am most grateful that she became a member of the Membership Care Team where her ideas, energy and sincerity are a real blessing. Her connections to the Gaffer District have led to much more community exposure for our church, especially the Field of Flags project. Though she spent some years away from Grace while she was living in the sunny south, thank goodness when she returned to Corning, she returned to us, too. It is a pleasure to recognize Betty Lou Taynton Bostwick, the other half of the newlywed couple, for Special Mission Recognition.

SOUPER BOWL

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, Matthew 25:35



On Sunday, February 2, members of Grace UMC will participate in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** by contributing dollars and non-perishable food

items. All proceeds will go to the Painted Post Food Pantry. If you wish to write a check, make it payable to: Painted Post Food Pantry.

Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food on the day of the Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, changing the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring.

Souper Bowl of Caring was originally founded by a church youth group. Even though the movement has since expanded from the faith community to many types of participating groups, we continue to be fueled by those coming together to worship and make a difference in their community.

One of the fundamentals of Souper Bowl of Caring is 100% of everything collected by our participants is donated directly to the charity of their choice. Because of this, we rely on donations from caring people like you to help us continue our mission. Every donation helps Souper Bowl of Caring empower youth, unite communities and generate food and resources at a critical time of year when charities are reporting a decrease in volunteers and donations. A donation to Souper Bowl of Caring is an investment: For every \$1 you donate, \$19 is generated for charities in local communities across the country.

MEMBERSHIP CARE PROJECT

The Membership Care Committee of Grace United Methodist has been committed to carrying out local missions, always with the generous support of the congregation. This winter, we are repeating our project of the past two years which benefitted the WIC program (Women, Infants, and Children). This program has made use of our church for over 30 years.

As was the case last year, the committee would like to collect toiletries/personal hygiene items and offer them for free to WIC clients. Our goal is to cover all three clinics held in February; if enough donations are collected, we would ideally cover their entire client base over all three February dates.

The congregation has been extremely generous with their donations in the past, and we hope that we can match that level of support again this year. Please bring in items such as: deodorant, combs, brushes, lip balm, hand lotion, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, shampoo, etc. (no razors please). With your help, Grace Church can extend our love of the Lord by filling this local need.

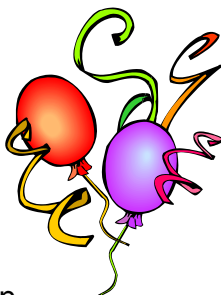
Donations may be placed in the designated container outside of the Church Office for the rest of this month and through February.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Derek Smith
- 3 - Christopher Patterson
- 5 - Nell Mortimer
- 10 - Karen Thatcher
Rick Bostwick
- 11 - David Patterson
Leona Watson Reynolds
- 13 - Nancy Boyer
- 17 - Melissa Bronson Morrison
- 18 - Molly Fortier Hudgins
- 19 - Jan Stever
- 21 - Nancy Johnson
- 26 - Lindsay Hostrander Callas



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 - Leland & Vicky Watson
- 14 - Dave & Darcy Sutton

SYMPATHY

On January 3, 2020 Grace UMC lost a pillar of our church – Sarah “Sally” Hovey. Sally was a very faithful, devoted member of Grace. Please keep in prayer her daughters Cynthia Dickerman and Jackie Grinnell and their families.

THANK YOU'S

The staff of Grace UMC - Pastor Mike, Kathy, Evelyn and Terry would like to send a sincere thank you to all who contributed to the staff Christmas gift. We are all very humbled at your thoughtfulness and appreciate it so very much. It is such a privilege to work with and among the people of Grace UMC! Our wish for all of you is for a healthy and wonderful 2020!

CHILI COOK OFF

On Saturday, January 11, Grace Church held its second annual Chili Cook Off Contest. There were 5 competitors with varying chili recipes - all of which were delicious! Those making chili were Rick Bostwick, Dan Town, Denny O'Connell, John O'Connell and Barb Coles. The person with the most votes and winning this year's title was Dan! Thank you to all who participated - it was a fun time.



FAITH IN ACTION

MITTEN TREE UPDATE

Our mitten tree, again this year, was over-loaded with mittens, gloves and hats. We received:



14 pairs mittens/gloves
33 hats
1 pair of cozy socks

Thank you to all who donated these items. The children at the Head Start Program are keeping warm this winter and are very thankful.



FLOWER & BULLETIN CHARTS

The flower chart and bulletin chart for 2020 are ready for sign ups! They are located on the bulletin board between the office and the library. Donating altar flowers or the Sunday bulletin is a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. For altar flowers, order them through your local florist (or Northside Floral 962-3103). For bulletins, cost is \$10, made payable to Grace UMC.

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).

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. Those giving to the Living Faith Endowment for the month of January are: in memory of **Bud & Elouise O'Connell**: John O'Connell. In memory of **Sally Hovey**: David & Cathy Patterson, Marvin & Hyung Lee, Kathy Scudder, Barbara Coles, Kaaren Kline, Betty Ramberg, Stella King, Shirley Serdula, Frances Linder, James Jay, Jeanne Wilson, Doreen & JR Trimm, Gary & DeEtte Wilson, Dorothy Moore, Karen & Sean Kelly, Doris Bempkins, Michael McLaughlin, Michael & Nancy McLaughlin, Aurella Dean, Margaret Duffey, Gil & Joyce Mitchell, Mark & Robin Truax.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2020



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

Date	Greeters - 3	Liturgist	Fellowship	Communion	Ushers - 3	Flowers	Bulletins
2/2	1. Mary Molewski 2. 3.	Nancy VanEtten	The Choir	1. John O'Connell 2. Dennis O'Connell	1. Marvin Lee 2. Dan Towns 3. Rusty Dye		
2/9	1. 2. 3.	Dan Towns			1. Rick Bostwick 2. Gary Fisher 3. Rusty Dye		
2/16	1. Pat Osborn 2. 3.	Dave Patterson	John & Denny O'Connell		1. Jeff Smith 2. Pat Osborn 3. Rusty Dye		
2/23	1. John O'Connell 2. 3.	Vida Johnson	Birthday Brunch Dish-to-Pass		1. Rusty Dye 2. Gail McIntyre 3. Pat Edger		

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



IT'S LEAP YEAR!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ABBREVIATIONS K = Kitchen L = Lounge S = Sanctuary BC = Bethany Chapel DR = Dining Room RH = Reed Hall						1 12:00 AA, 201
2 Souper Bowl 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	3 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:00 Men's Grp, L 6:15 Girl Scouts, 204	4 10:00 Circles, L 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S	5 10:00 NA Study Grp, 204 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Boy Scouts, RH/DR 6:00 Bells, S 7:00 Choir, BC	6 9:30 Membership Care, K 12:00 AA, 201	7 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	8 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Supper Club, Sorge's
9 Boy Scout Sunday 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	10 12:00 AA, 201 5:30 Trustees, Central 6:00 NA, DR 6:15 Girl Scouts, 204	11 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S	12 10:00 NA Study Grp, 204 11:30 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Boy Scouts, RH 6:00 Bells, S	13 12:00 AA, 201	14 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 	15 12:00 AA, 201
16 Can & Quarter 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	17 President's Day Office Closed 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:15 Girl Scouts, 204 6:30 Boy Scout Leaders, 201 Newsletter Deadline	18 9:30 Membership Care, BC 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S	19 9:00 WIC, DR 10:00 NA Study Grp, 204 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Bells, S 6:00 Boy Scouts, DR/RH 7:00 Choir, BC	20 12:00 AA, 201	21 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	22 12:00 AA, 201
23 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Birthday Brunch, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	24 12:00 AA, 201 4:30 Finance, L 6:00 NA, DR 6:15 Girl Scouts, 204	25 9:00 WIC, DR 10:30 Audit, L 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S	26 Ash Wednesday 10:00 NA Study Grp, 204 12:00 Worship Service 12:00 AA, 201 1:00 Luncheon, DR 6:00 Bells, S 6:00 Boy Scouts, DR/RH	27 12:00 AA, 201	28 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	29 12:00 AA, 201


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