

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**WORSHIP SERVICES
START THIS
SUNDAY, JULY 5
AT 10:00**

Grace Notes
July 2020



Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM – Starting July 5

***Nursery Temporarily
Closed***

Sunday School for Children

Hopefully resumes in the Fall

Adult Sunday School

Hopefully resumes in the Fall

Fellowship Hour

Temporarily on hiatus

Office Hours

Currently Mondays & Thursdays
8:00-11:00 AM

Grace UM Church Staff:

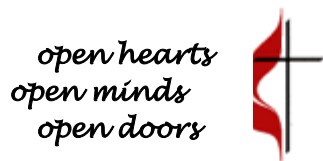
Rev. Mike Kelly, Pastor

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

We have met as a relaunch committee for the past few weeks and I believe that we will be prepared to open on **July 5th**. Thank you all for your patience, we want to open but must stay safe. So, there are some rules we need to put in place

First, we are limiting access to the church, our points of entry are the North, Hazel Street entrance and the Handicapped entrance. Next, all people will check in at the table (at both entrances), their names will be recorded, and you will be offered a squirt of sanitizer. You must have a mask; one will be provided if you do not have one. You then may go to your seats, which have been cleaned and sanitized. You must keep your mask on until the service begins and everybody is seated and socially distanced.

Unfortunately, there will be no choir, no bulletin, no pew Bibles, or other books. There will be no singing, but you may hum along to our fabulous music, no hand shaking, hugging, or other physical contact. When the service is over, we ask that you put your mask on before leaving your seat, there will be no coffee to share or fellowship time. If you must go to the bathroom, please put your mask on before leaving your seat. When finished in the bathroom, spray the area with the provided disinfectant.

Upon departing the church, please maintain social distancing. The church will remain closed to outside groups and should not be used by members other than the worship service so that we can maintain cleaning and sanitation required. Many areas of the church are closed including the upstairs and downstairs. Please comply by these safety standards so that first off, we may maintain the well-being of our members and secondly, continue our worship services.

On another note I will be serving South Corning beginning July 1st. Lastly after the survey our respondents, with approximately 70 expressed desire to move to a later service time, **beginning this Sunday, Corning Grace's service will be 10 AM.** Lots of changes, prayers for us.

Love and Peace,

Pastor Mike



FINANCIAL REPORT

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.

FINANCE REPORT MAY 2020

	<u>May</u>
Operations Income:	10,182.00
Operations Expense:	<u>5,969.00</u>
Net Gain / (Loss)	4,213.00



EVENTS

As of this writing, the Men's Group will meet August 3, 6:00 PM at Rusty Dye's home. If you plan on attending, please give Rusty a call at 973-2346 or 438-7081.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: There are no meetings during July and August.

The following article is from the 2019-2020 UMW Program Book.

Inspire & Ignite

Scripture:

The LORD is my light and my salvation; I will fear no one. The LORD protects me from all danger; I will never be afraid.

Psalms 27:1

LORD, your constant love reaches the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the skies.

You are the source of all life, and because of your light we see the light. **Psalms 36:5, 9**

Fear. Anger. Worry. Confusion. Anxiousness. Sadness. These are all feelings we experience as human beings. The wonder in our creation is that God gave us a range of emotions to feel and reflect on what is happening both inside and around us. Our feelings are diverse and universal. No matter your back-ground, geographical location or social status, human beings have the capability to feel a range of emotions.

But what happens when feelings like fear and anxiousness seem to overtake us? How do we find our way back to hope? God calls us to use both spiritual and practical tools to manage our emotions; much like the writer of the Psalms in today's scripture, God's presence is a light when our emotions are too much to bear.

The psalmist invites the people to move through fears and doubts into courage and hope, into God's light and love. Yes, the violence and injustice, the hostility and betrayals, the fears and doubts are real. And yet, even more powerful and real is the Creator God who brings light and life, love and liberation. As Eugene Peterson paraphrases the last verses of Psalm 27:13-14, "Stay with GOD! Take heart. Don't quit. I'll say it again: Stay with GOD."

Georgia Harkness, Methodist theologian, poet, antiwar activist, prolific author and ecumenical prophet, was the first woman to become a full-time professor in an American university. She was ordained a local deacon in 1926 and a local elder in 1938. She was fierce in her work against racism and gender inequality and in her work for the rights of immigrants, "the new Americans." She met with the World Council of Churches and went to visit Mahatma Gandhi in India. She fought for women's ordination, adequate housing, access to health care, economic justice and world peace.

Born in 1891, she must have had to overcome her own fears and doubts, as well as the many barriers erected by those who did not believe women should have a voice in the world or the church, let alone do theology. She publicly challenged the famous theologian Karl Barth on his narrow interpretation of the role of women in the church and she challenged the church to "open hearts, minds and doors." She was clear about the resistance, the hostility toward her, and yet she never lost her voice or vision, her faith or courage. "When we are assured that God ceases not to love us," she wrote, "we can watch in patience through the night and wait for dawn."

Questions to Ponder

What helps each of us not give up while we are waiting for the dawn of God's light and love? How does transformative education help us to embody a kin-dom* reality here and now, an alternative to the way the world is?

***kin-dom:** This term was first coined by Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz. It emphasizes relationality, community and equity as the basis of God's reign.

Closing Litany

Love is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

Love is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

When fears assail me, rising up to accuse me,

Each one in turn shall be seen in Love's light . . .

Teach me to be love, as You are Love;

Lead me through each fear;

Hold my hand as I walk through valleys of doubts each day,

That I may know your peace.

I believe that I shall know the Realm of Heaven, of Love, here on Earth!

Wait for the Beloved, be strong with courage of the heart . . .

How precious is your steadfast love, O Companioning Presence.

We, your children, take refuge in the shadow of your wings . . .

For in You is the very source of life, and in your Light do we see light . . .

Open the hearts of those who live in darkness, O Beloved,

That they might rise up and live in your Light. Amen.

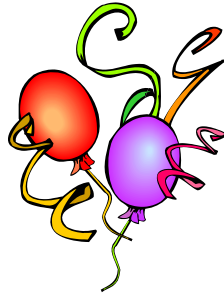


Due to the HIPAA privacy rules, the church doesn't always receive notification from the local hospitals when someone is admitted. Please call the church office, or have a family member call, if you are in the hospital and would like to receive a visit. Also, if you are at home recuperating and would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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 - Benjamin Richards
Debra Wood
- 7 - Gil Mitchell
- 9 - Peter Fratarcangelo
- 10 - Clif Smith
- 11 - Stephanie Kolpien
- 12 - Ryan Cosgrove
- 13 - Michael Smith
- Tiffany Kelly
- 16 - Mary Gail Ervay
Robert Sutton
- 18 - Julie Whiting
- 20 - Michael Hudson
- Bryce Kolpien
- 26 - Donna Kuhner
Richard Kniffin
JoAnn Fratarcangelo
- 27 - John O'Connell
- 29 - Priscilla Smith
- 31 - Abe Smith



A NOTE FROM MICHAEL HUDSON

I've been transferring old VHS videos to DVD/Digital format. I just finished the concert my dad (James Hudson) did at Grace United Methodist Church in 1997. If you would like to watch that concert, here is the Vimeo link to "An Evening with Jim Hudson": <https://bit.ly/JimHudsonConcert>

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Congratulations to Hannah Lewek, who earned President's List Honors at SUNY Canton. The President's List recognizes students who achieve a 3.75 or greater GPA. Hannah is enrolled in the Veterinary Technology program and has completed her sophomore year at SUNY Canton.

Hannah is the granddaughter of Pat Edger and niece of Gail McIntyre and Dan Towns.

GRACE YOUTH

- 25 - Jacob Wales
- 29 - Jeremy Tas
- 30 - Cody Allen Kram

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you to all for your cards, prayers and kind thoughts at the time of my surgery and recovery. It was very much appreciated.

Denny O'Connell

ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 - Paul & Melissa Teemley Homin
- 16 - Joe & Karen Monastra
- 19 - Hobert & Esther Davis
- 30 - Reed & Carol Walrath

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thank you to this group of people who helped serve 300 plus families in Schuyler County at the Food Distribution for the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. Truly appreciate the crew of volunteers, Dan Towns, Shelly, Russell, Barb, Tammy and Pastor Mike and Pam.



2020 GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following 2020 graduates. Grace UMC wishes you success on all your future endeavors.



Jacob Robert Harpster, son of Bob & Michelle Harpster, graduated from Horseheads High School, where he was the Class President. While in school, Jacob participated in varsity golf (NYS Southern Tier Athletic Association and Section Champions), Horseheads marching ensemble (trumpet, NYS Field Band Conference Large School Division 2 State Champions), Greenroom Players, National Honor Society, Environmental Club, guest conductor for Spring Band Concert, American Legion Boys State delegate, Boy Scouts of America (Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm, Order of the Arrow, Brotherhood member), NY Public High School Athletic Association Individual Scholar Athlete. Jacob earned a 4-year Navy ROTC Scholarship, 4-year Army ROTC Scholarship, King Rockwell Scholarship. Jacob will be attending Pennsylvania State University to study Civil Engineering and participate in the Navy ROTC program. Jacob looks forward to serving in the Navy following graduation from PSU.



Luke Morris graduated from Pickens High School in South Carolina. He is the son of Lee and Jennifer Morris and the grandson of Tom and Helen Coleman.

Luke placed 34th out of 281 students. He earned a scholarship to a community college in Easley, South Carolina and will study Computer Science.

