

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Grace Notes
November 2019



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

Kathy Scudder,
Administrative Assistant/
Treasurer

Evelyn Einfeldt,
Financial Secretary

Terry Oakden, Custodian



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FROM THE PASTOR

Every week I ask for Joys and Concerns during our service and often it feels as though it is like pulling teeth to get joys. November is the month of Thanksgiving, a month for us to be thankful. But November should not be the only month to be thankful, we have so many joys in our lives that we don't even think about. Read these few scripture verses and then follow the simple directions.

Psalm 107:8 Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

1 Corinthians 1:4-5

4 I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge

Psalm 9:1 I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

With these scriptures in mind on each day of the month write in a blessing from that day.

November					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Let's all enter into November, and for that matter every day with thanksgiving in our hearts.

Pastor Mike

COMMITTEE NEWS

FINANCE REPORT - September 2019

September

Operations Income:	9,987.00
Operations Expense:	9,800.00
Net Gain / (Loss)	187.00

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.



Come join the Men of Grace the first Monday of each month. We will meet on November 4th in the church Lounge at 6:00 PM. All men are invited – there are no age limits here! Bring along a friend or two! We do some planning for various events at the church and we will honor November birthdays.

On the agenda this month will be discussion on hosting the UMW's Christmas dinner, our annual Christmas breakfast, and the opportunity for Grace UMC to take part in the Red Kettle Drive by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. This has always been in early December, open to the entire Church and is a very rewarding mission. Hope to see you on November 4!



COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS COMING -- NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Our Stewardship Campaign will begin the last week in October / first week in November with a mailing of a letter explaining our stewardship program and asking that you prayerfully consider your financial contribution to our church for 2020. As we wrap up our Stewardship Campaign on Commitment Sunday, November 17, we ask that you bring your pledge card with you to worship where it will be collected. After worship there will be a special time of fellowship that everyone is invited to attend to celebrate the completion of the Campaign. The Finance Committee appreciates everyone's willingness to help support and grow Grace United Methodist Church.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Business Meeting - 10:00 AM in the Lounge

Topics to Discuss:

Christmas dinner & entertainment

UMW Sampler for 2020

**CIRCLE 1 Meeting
10:00 AM in the Lounge
A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial**

Objective: To provide an opportunity for United Methodist Women members to learn more about the difficult circumstances children and youth face around the world, how United Methodist Women is promoting their well-being and equal opportunities for them, and how members can support children and youth in need through the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering.

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16

Offering: In 2019, the offerings received from the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance will support programming and advocacy for children. Programs may include but are not limited to:

- Advocacy to end the school-to-prison pipeline
- Anti-violence and child-protection programs
- After school and wrap-around programs
- Vocational livelihood training for refugees and vulnerable children and youth
- Formal and informational work-shops on healthy living
- Equal access to education
- Access to education and life opportunities for children with disabilities
- Health care for children
- Access to clean water
- Attention to the new needs of girls as puberty begins
- Scholarships

BELLS / CHOIR

The Bell Choir and Chancel Choir will begin practice in November.

The Bells will rehearse every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. The Choir will meet the first and third Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

If you are interested in joining either – or both – please contact Nancy VanEtten (377-2023).

STAFF APPRECIATION

Traditionally, those individuals who wish to do so have contributed to a staff Christmas gift so that we might remember our staff in a special way at Christmas. This is being done again this year. Please put your contribution in an envelope marked "Staff Christmas" and give to Dave Patterson on any Sunday between now and December 15 or you may mail it to the church office to Dave's attention. If writing a check, please make it out to Dave Patterson.

EVENTS

ALL SAINTS DAY

On November 3, during worship, we will remember our loved ones who have gone to "rest in the Lord." We will name each of the persons from this congregation who have passed away since November 1, 2018, along with the names of loved ones of our church family. If you have any loved ones who have died in the past year and would like them included during this service, please contact the church office at (936-6145) or email (gracemethodist@stny.rr.com) by October 31. We will need their full name and the day they passed away.



Election Day Spaghetti Dinner

November 5th from 4-6:30



Featuring Spaghetti with Homemade Meat Balls and Sauce,
Garden Salad, Bread, Beverage and Dessert.

Donations are accepted and appreciated.
Call 607-220-7873 for details.

Church Bazaar & Craft Show

November 9, 2019

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Multiple Vendors



*Come & find that special item that
you have been looking for!*

Lunch available.

*Contact Pam Kelly at 607-546-7767
for more information.*

EVENTS

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Immediately following worship on November 24, we will hold our annual Advent Workshop and prepare the church for the Advent and Christmas season. This is always a time of wonderful fellowship! Please join us.

SUPPER CLUB – COME JOIN US!

Saturday, November 9, 6:00 pm
Savona Diner

Please call Pat Edger for reservations
at 607-368-2726.

UMW Christmas Dinner

December 3, 2019
6:00 PM

This year's UMW Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 5, at 6:00 PM. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins and the December newsletter. Reservations do need to be made by Tuesday, November 26. All women of the church are invited to join us for this wonderful time of fellowship.

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 November the date will be the 24th. Bring a dish to pass and your own table setting. All are welcome!

Community Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14th 1-3PM



Sponsored by our young people, for ages 12 and under, come celebrate with us, crafts, lunch, a visit from Santa Claus, and much more fun. Call 936-6145 to RSVP by December 7th or call

Pastor Mike at 607-220-7873 for details

MEMBER NEWS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Colin Fortier
Cathy Patterson
- 3 - John LeBaron
Nick Stead
- 4 - Leland Watson, Sr.
Katy Grinnell Kashmer
- 5 - Jonathan Sutton
- 7 - David Sutton, Jr.
- 11 - Sandy Tubbs
- 12 - Bob Harpster
- 14 - Tim Kolpien
- 15 - Dagmar Ceder
- 16 - Jean Burnside
- 18 - Pam Bronson
- 22 - John Vine
- 24 - Carol Stevens
- 25 - John Russell
- 28 - Patricia Edger
- 29 - Diane Hilliard
- 30 - Richard Snyder



WITH OUR CHURCH SCHOOLERS

- 6 - Sarah Marley

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Gordon & Lorraine Smith
- 18 - Terry & Hope Johnson
- 21 - Ted & Sandy Tubbs

IN THE HOSPITAL?

We care about our people and want to contact you, or your loved one, when you are at the hospital. With the HIPA laws, the church is not always contacted when someone is admitted. Please have the hospital or a family member let the church office know if you are in the hospital.

Please let the church office know if you recently had a change of address or if your phone/cell number or email has changed.

FRAN GETS A SPECIAL VISIT

Horseheads School District hosts “make a difference day” and visited local assisted living facilities. Below is Fran Toby with a participant and Zeke, the school mascot. Thank you to Michelle Harpster for the pictures!



FAITH IN ACTION



HOLIDAY TURKEYS

The Grace Church United Methodist Women annually encourage ALL to not just count their blessings, but to share them. Your gifts will help to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys for needy families in our community. **Giving envelopes should be returned by November 10th**, the funds will then be forwarded to our local Food Pantry.

It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving. Mother Teresa

THANK YOU

Dear Friends, The Officers, Directors and Volunteers of the Painted Post Food Pantry, Inc., wish to thank you for your donation of 72 pounds of food. This is a TRUE blessing to us. Support such as yours enable us to keep assisting those in our community, who are in need, through difficult times in their lives... and this number continues to grow. We truly appreciate your generosity and caring hearts. Sincerely, Sally Kostera, Corresponding Secretary Painted Post Food Pantry, Inc.

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.



Don't have a will, or need to update your will?

You're not alone! Now is a great time to start planning, and please consider including a charitable bequest to Grace United Methodist Church in your estate plans. Contact the Church Office for the Grace Church tax ID for you to share with your attorney.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2019



*Please note that we need hosts for Fellowship. There are also dates for flowers & bulletins.
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
11/3	1. Betty Lou Taynton 2. Rick Bostwick 3.	Dan Towns	Betty Lou Taynton, Rick Bostwick	1. John O'Connell 2. Denny O'Connell	1. Marvin Lee 2. Dan Towns 3. Rusty Dye		Ed & Phyllis Crook
11/10	1. Phyllis Crook 2. Ed Crook 3. Terry Oakden	David Patterson			1. Rick Bostwick 2. Gary Fisher 3. Rusty Dye		George Bunnell
11/17	1. Pam Kelly 2. 3.	Vida Johnson	Choir/ Commitment Sunday Celebration		1. Jeff Smith 2. Pat Osborn 3. Rusty Dye		Pat Edger
11/24	1. Pat Osborn 2. 3.	Ted Tubbs	Birthday Brunch / Advent Workshop		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 are 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 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:00 Rehearsal, S Silver/Dubuque	2 4:30 Wedding, S Silver/Dubuque
3 All Saints Day 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	4 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:00 Men's Group, L 6:15 Girl Scouts, 204	5 9:30 UMW Exec, L 10:00 Circles, L 12:00 AA, 201 4:00 Election Day Dinner, DR 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205 7:00 Harmon. Choir, S	6 10:00 NA Study Grp 205 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Bells, S 6:00 Boy Scouts, DR/RH 7:00 Choir, BC	7 9:00 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201	8 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	9 9:00 Holiday & Craft Bazaar, RH/DR 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Supper Club, Savona Diner
10 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	11 Veteran's Day Office Closed	12 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S	13 10:00 NA Study Grp 205 11:30 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Bells, S 6:10 Boy Scouts, RH	14 12:00 AA, 201	15 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR Boy Scout Overnight	16 12:00 AA, 201
17 Commitment Sun. 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	18 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:15 Girl Scouts, 204 Newsletter Deadline	19 9:30 Membership Care, L 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S	20 9:00 WIC, DR 10:00 NA Study Grp 205 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Bells, S 6:10 Boy Scouts, RH 7:00 Choir, S	21 12:00 AA, 201	22 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	23 12:00 AA, 201
24 Advent Workshop 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	25 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:15 Girl Scouts, 204	26 9:00 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics, 205 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S	27 10:00 NA Study Grp 205 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Bells, S 6:10 Boy Scouts, DR/RH	28 Office Closed 12:00 AA, 201  Thanksgiving	29 Office Closed 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	30 12:00 AA, 201

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