

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Grace Notes
September 2019



Nursery Open

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Sunday Worship Service

9:00 AM

Sunday School Children-Youth

Starts Sept. 22; every Sunday

10:45-11:30 AM

Youth Group

TBA

Adult Sunday School

TBA

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Good Morning All:

It is hard to believe that school's start is just around the corner, unless you are in college and that probably began this week. Speaking on education I have it from a good source that Sunday school is also just around the corner, with that in mind I am also thinking of Adult Sunday school and am looking for someone to step up that would like to lead it. Please see me so we can discuss the topics.

I had the joy of meeting with one of our parishioners a couple of weeks ago. He has received the call to ministry, so over the course of the next weeks and months I will be working with him to develop that call. If there is anybody that believes that they have received the call from Christ into ministry please see me so that we can work on that. Remember that a call to ministry does not necessarily mean a call to the pulpit, it could be a call to youth ministry, missions, chaplaincy or music, or many other things, please see me if you have received such a call or think you may have.

We just completed our third community picnic. They seem to have been a great success, thank you to all that have contributed in any way. Our next venture will be on September 10th, when we celebrate our heroes, veterans and active duty military, police, fire and EMS. This will be in the fellowship hall and will include dinner. More details coming soon.

It is that time of year that we dread, charge conference. We will be scheduling many meetings in the near future, beginning on September 3rd, to talk about this and what we need to have ready. If you are asked by the Committee on Lay Leadership to accept a position, please prayerfully consider it.

Lastly, I want to thank everybody for prayers and concern that has been given for me. They mean so very much.

With Peace and Love,
Pastor Mike



COMMITTEE NEWS

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CIRCLE 1

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019
10:00 AM in the Lounge**

“Women Speaking Truth from the Ground Up”

Objective: To learn the significance of the truth shared by those in the margins who spoke it, then to look at our names and God's personal call for action on behalf of women, children and youth.

Scripture: Genesis 16:1-13; 2 Kings 5:1-19
Why does the truth of Hagar or Naaman's maid matter?

Hagar and Naaman's maid each had a name. Although the name of the latter wasn't mentioned in the Bible, God knows her name. They each also had a story of God's call to mission and their response.

Names come from our parents and often have a story to go with them. Sometimes we change our names. So, what is your name and what is your story?

**District UMW Fall Meeting
Saturday, September 21, 2019
9:30 AM to 2:30 PM**

**Horseheads United Methodist Church
1034 W. Broad Street; Horseheads, NY**

Theme: Faith in Action

Program: Social Action Panels

Just Energy for All – Climate Change
Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline

A Living Wage for All
End Maternal Mortality

Worship
Business Meeting
Pledge Service
Memorial Service
Communion
Bring a bag lunch
Dessert & beverage furnished

PILL BOTTLES UPDATE

Regretfully, due to health issues, our faithful contact will no longer be able to accept our pill bottles to send to the Matthew 25 Ministry receiving point. We will let you know if another contact can be found. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS WITH THIS MINISTRY!!**



If you might consider looking into being the contact person for sending the pill bottles so that this ministry might continue, please contact Vida Johnson at 962-0788 or by email at mevidaloca@stny.rr.com.

MEN'S GROUP

Please note that there will **NOT** be a Men's meeting in September. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, at 6:00 pm. All men of the church are welcome to stop in and share in some wonderful fellowship and pizza.

ANNUAL REPORTS

2019 Annual Reports are due to the office by November 4. All committee chairs are asked to put together a year-to-date report on their committee's accomplishments.

FINANCE REPORT - JULY 2019

	July	YTD
Operations Income:	9,414.00	68,095.00
Operations Expense:	11,771.40	76,726.00
Net Gain / (Loss)	(2,357.40)	(8,631.00)

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.

SUPPER CLUB COME JOIN US!

Saturday, September 14, 6:00 pm
Cracker Barrel
Horseheads, NY
Please call Pat Edger
for a reservation at 607-368-2726.



CALLING ALL YOUTH TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children and youth will start on Sunday, September 22, and will continue to meet every Sunday 10:45-11:30.

Youth Group - TBA
Adult Sunday School - TBA

For more information, contact
Sandy Tubbs or Meri Terwilliger

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help out on Sunday mornings for such ministries as ushering, liturgists, greeters. If you would like to help usher, please contact Rusty Dye.

Individuals or families are encouraged for this ministry. If you would like to be a liturgist, contact Kathy Scudder in the church office. If greeting people at the beginning of worship is more to your liking, you can sign up on the signup sheet that can be found in the church.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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.*

Applications available in the church office.



Come Celebrate with Us

At the Corning Grace

United Methodist Church

191 Bridge Street, Corning, NY

Tuesday, September 10th at 5:00 P.M.



***All Military Veterans, Active Duty Military, Retired and Active Duty
Police Officers, Firefighters, and EMS personnel and families,
Enjoy a wonderful dinner and a great time together.
Please call 607-936-6145 to RSVP or 607-220-7873 for details***

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Floyd Marley
Ian Loomis
Kristyn Sorber
- 3 - Donald Mortimer
- 4 - Joyce Hallenbeck Mitchell
- 7 - Peter Johnson
Natosha White
- 9 - Kathy Vine Marcucci
- 13 - Gary Fisher
Matthew Stevens
- 15 - Alan Sorber
- 16 - Tom Taylor
Lisa Stevens Edminster
- 17 - Matthew Kuhner
- 29 - David Vine
Gene Smith
Trish Harriger
- 30 - Melody Smith Altamura



OUR CHURCH SCHOOLERS

- 6 - Isaac Kram
- 7 - Will Sorber

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Bob & Michelle Harpster
Graham & Jacqueline Barnes
- 10 - Charles & Jackie Grinnell
- 12 - Dennis & Marilyn O'Connell
- 14 - Chris & Cathy Fortier
- 21 - Michael & Ginny Smith
- 29 - Peter & Donna Kuhner

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your cards and kind words on the passing of my sister, Carol Bofinger.
Nell Mortimer

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 September the date will be the 29th. Bring a dish to pass and your own table setting. All are welcome!

ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

Donating the Sunday altar flowers or Sunday bulletins is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. Below are the dates that are open. If you would like to donate either the flowers or the bulletins (or both!) let Kathy in the church office know.

Flowers

Sept. 1, 8, 22, 29
Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27
Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
Dec. 1, 8, 15, 29

Bulletins

Sept. 1, 8
Oct. 13, 20
Nov. 3, 24
Dec. 1, 8, 22, 29

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Sam & Laura Dickerman Kram. Sam & Laura welcomed their new son, Cody Allen, on July 30. Cody joins brother Isaac at home. Proud grandparents are Gary & Cynthia Dickerman and great grandma, Sally Hovey.



CORRECTION

Jeff & Maryann Smith's new granddaughter's name is Elle Iris (not Ella as reported last month).

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The church newsletter isn't just for committee news - it's for news about you!! If you would like to share information with the rest of the Grace Church family - be it a special birthday, anniversary, a promotion or retirement, a birth or a wedding, a homerun or being in the school play - let Kathy in the church office know. Deadlines for articles is the Monday before the last Sunday of the month. We want to share in your joy!!

FAITH IN ACTION

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 sanctuary. *In September we will highlight tuna fish.*

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 make a monetary donation, the amount of food that can be purchased by The Food Bank of the Southern Tier increases dramatically. Please make your checks out to Grace UMC, with "back pack program" on the memo line. Last year Grace was very generous in donating to this program.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

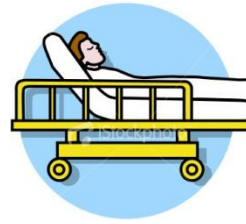
Beginning in August, Grace Church will provide an emergency food pantry for those who find themselves in situations where they have no food and are not able to get to our local food pantries. The items for this pantry will be on a shelving unit in the nursery, with guidelines as to how much food is to be given to each individual/family. A sign-up 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.



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).

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 UMC in your estate plans. Contact the Church Office for the Grace Church tax ID for you to share with your attorney.

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 August are: John O'Connell in memory of **John & Eloise O'Connell**.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2019



*Please note that there are many areas in need of volunteers - fellowship especially.
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
9/1	1. Margaret Barber 2. Linda Sutton 3. Mary Molewski	David Patterson	Pat Edger	Dan Towns & Gail McIntyre	1. Dan Towns 2. Rusty Dye 3. Marvin Lee		
9/8	1. 2. 3.	Vida Johnson	BettyLou Taynton Rick Bostwick		1. Gary Fisher 2. Rusty Dye 3. Rick Bostwick		
9/15	1. Barb Coles 2. BettyLou Taynton 3. Rick Bostwick	Ted Tubbs			1. Jeff Smith 2. Rusty Dye 3. Pat Osborn	Helen Mattison	Helen Mattison
9/22	1. 2. 3.	Nancy VanEtten			1. Pat Edger 2. Gail McIntyre 3. Rusty Dye		
9/29	1. 2. 3.	Dan Towns	Birthday Brunch		1. Jeff Smith 2. Rick Bostwick 3. Rusty Dye		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
1 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR	2 Office Closed  12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	3 9:30 UMW Exec., L 10:00 Circles, L 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Church Council Lounge	4 12:00 AA, 201 **Bell & Choir Rehearsals - TBA Please watch bulletins for information.	5 9:00 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201	6 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	7 12:00 AA, 201
8 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR	9 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	10 12:00 AA, 201 3:30 Worship & Music, L 5:00 Hero's Celebration Dinner, DR 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S	11 11:30 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Boy Scouts, RH	12 12:00 AA, 201 4:00 Trustees, L	13 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	14 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Supper Club, Cracker Barrel
15 Can & Quarter 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR	16 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:30 Boy Scout Leaders, 201	17 9:30 Membership Care, L 12:00 AA, 201 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S Newsletter Deadline	18 9:00 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Boy Scout Open House, RH/DR	19 12:00 AA, 201 .	20 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	21 12:00 AA, 201
22 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:45 Sunday School	23 12:00 AA, 201 4:30 Finance, L 5:30 Missions, L 6:00 NA, DR	24 9:00 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S	25 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Boy Scouts, DR/RH	26 12:00 AA, 201	27 12:00 AA, 201 4:00 Rehearsal, S Gouker/Burlingame 6:00 NA, DR	28 3:00 Wedding, S Gouker/Burlingame
29 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Birthday Brunch, DR 10:45 Sunday School	30 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR					ABBREVIATIONS K = Kitchen L = Lounge S = Sanctuary BC = Bethany Chapel DR = Dining Room RH = Reed Hall



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