

Grace Notes

November 2020

Worship With Us!

10:45 Worship Service

See below for rebroadcast times.

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Local Public Access TV: Channel 22 -
-Previous week service broadcast at 8:30AM.
-Current week service at 10:45AM
-Service rebroadcast at 8:30PM each Sunday.

Web Broadcast: graceoilcity.org – or – streammedia.tv
-Sundays at 10:45AM
-Replay Sundays at 8PM
All weekly services are available online



Its November, 2020, and what a year we have had! With a worldwide pandemic, fears of illness and death, political power struggles, racial tensions, it seems there's no peace to be found in our fallen world. I've been thinking about **Thanksgiving** in light of the fires, hurricanes, natural disasters and human brutality of this summer and fall. Do we still have things for which to be **thankful**?

Yes! As Christians we have the Prince of Peace to lean on! We have the steady hand of God ordaining our future. I don't know what tomorrow holds but "I know **WHO** holds tomorrow and I know **WHO** holds my hand." I don't write that casually, because our Lord has never promised nothing bad can happen. Jesus said he would never abandon us (Jn 14:18), but he also said "In this world you will have trouble" (Jn 16:33). So you might be asking, "If Jesus didn't promise safety what should I understand trusting Jesus to mean?"

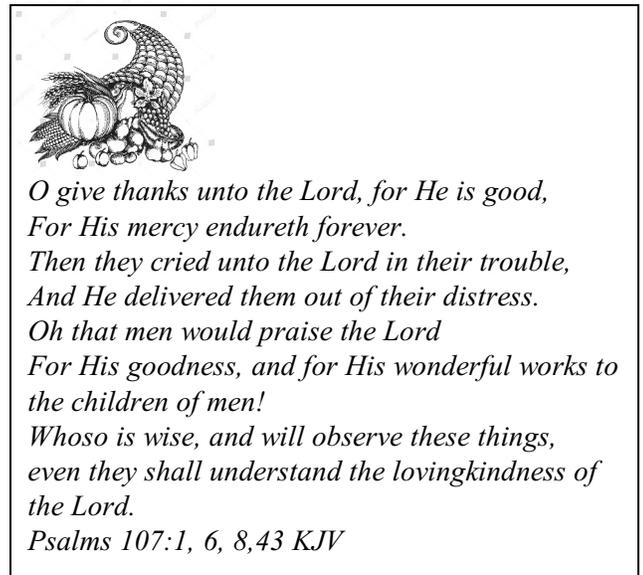
FIRST, our God does deliver his people from danger. Paul wrote in 2 Cor. 1:10 "(God) has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us." Paul personally testified that God had rescued him and his friends from overwhelming danger.

SECOND, remember the promise of rescue from danger is not a promise of the absence of danger. Again Paul wrote, "We do not want you to be uninformed, ... about the hardships we suffered... We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life" (2 Cor. 1:8). Paul, the great apostle of faith, despaired. Paul's faith was exhausted, and his suffering was beyond his ability to endure. Still God was present and God was faithful. "But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God who raises the dead" (2 Cor. 1:9).

The presence of trouble is not the absence of God.
Current sorrow is not a hindrance to future comfort.
Continuing danger is not an obstacle to ultimate deliverance.

Here is our guarantee: "Nothing in all creation... is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Ro. 8;39)." Since we are inseparably in his love **we much for which to be thankful!**

Your Pastor,
Byron Myers



*O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
For His mercy endureth forever.
Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,
And He delivered them out of their distress.
Oh that men would praise the Lord
For His goodness, and for His wonderful works to
the children of men!
Whoso is wise, and will observe these things,
even they shall understand the lovingkindness of
the Lord.
Psalms 107:1, 6, 8,43 KJV*

Parish Register November 2020

The following members of Grace Church have been hospitalized since the previous edition of Grace Notes.

Don Stillings

If you are admitted to UPMC Northwest in Seneca, please remember to tell the admissions staff that you are a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Oil City and you would like pastoral care.

Grace Church has lost a number of church members since the last edition of Grace Notes.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dixie Flinchbaugh who passed away on October 10, 2020. Dixie was a member of Grace United since 1954. She was loved and cherished by many people including, her parents, husband and children. A visitation was held on October 13, 2020 from 11AM-1PM was at the Hile-Best Funeral home. A service in her memory was then held at Grace United Church at 2PM. The family ask that masks be worn to visitation and service.

May the grace of the Lord bring comfort to the family and friends of those we have lost., and those who are not listed.

Updating Email Addresses:

We are trying to update our email data and we could use your help. Grace has subscribed to an email service that allows us to send messages to every member. If you have changed your email, or recently began to use email please make sure we have your address. Simply send an email to church@graceoilcity.org. When we receive your email it will include the address you use and we can update our listing. Thank you for your help.



Don't Forget to turn your clocks back Sunday, November 1, 2020.



Mustard Seed Missions-Grace United previously donated 100 children's Bibles. Thank you to all who helped make this happen.



Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner Friday, Nov. 6.
Dinner includes: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Cookies - \$10.00. Take Out Only - Parking Lot Delivery
4:00 - 5:00 Pick up for Ticket Holders

(5:00 - 6:30 PM) Open to All until sold out
 Tickets available in Grace Church office and from mission committee members
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 100 CENTRAL AVE, OIL CITY, PA
Benefits Missions!

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PLEASE NOTE: Because of COVID-related health risks and the lack of current Sunday School classes, Grace will NOT provide our annual Christmas Card Exchange Table this year. We apologize for this omission but we feel it is the safest option given the current situation.

Record of our Faithfulness	2019	2020
Ministry/Operations Offering Received (Oct.)	\$24,314	\$13,214
Ministry/Operations Expenses Paid (Oct.)	\$17,743	\$17,921
Mission Offering Rec. (Oct.)	\$4,146	\$2,093
Mission Expenses Pd (Oct.)	\$2,321	\$2,587

Mission News - Your Grace Church Benevolent Budget at Work Around the World... and Around the Corner



Hope for Hispaniola missionary family Jake and Faye Vincik and their sons Christian and Luke presented a Mission Focus Sunday program on October 11 during Grace Church's worship service. This photo was taken in Asbury Hall at the pizza lunch following worship. Jake and his family have served in the Dominican Republic as full time missionaries for nearly three years. Grace Church has supported Hope for Hispaniola since it was organized by Matt Henderson. Jake updated Grace

Church on how HFH has been able to serve the Dominican poor and the remote Haitian villages during the COVID 19 pandemic. The Vincik family organizes a weekly food ministry, hosts a young adult group in their home, and provides an English speaking worship service opportunity for Dominicans needing to improve their English skills. Jake and family work closely with 8 Dominican pastors and congregations. Jake helps coordinate short term mission trips and facilitates the Children's Center in LaHiguera. **HFH** has recently purchased several acres of land in a beautiful area near Higuey. Plans are being made to build a medical, training, and retreat center on this ground. Fundraising is being initiated and small apartments that will be constructed in this center are being sold to help provide resources for this project.

\$4000 from the 2020 Grace Church budget was designated for **Hope for Hispaniola**. You can learn more about Hope for Hispaniola and Jake Vincik on their website www.hopeforhispaniola.org. You can also subscribe to Jake's newsletter which is published regularly with pictorial updates of current events and ongoing projects.



Quilting for a Mission Anyone interested in quilting or learning to quilt is invited to join a group of **Merry Quilters** who have started to quilt a vintage quilt top in the Lounge. The group is currently meeting on Mondays at 10:00 - noon and 1:00 - 3:00. When finished, this quilt will be a fundraiser for the Grace Church Benevolent Budget, supporting many missionary ministries around our community, country, and world.



On The November Calendar –

11/4	6:30PM Choir Practice
11/6	4PM Drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner
11/9	7PM PPRC Meeting
11/11	6:30PM Choir Practice
11/12	7PM Trustees Meeting
11/18	6:30PM Choir Practice
11/19	7PM Ad Council
11/25	6:30PM Choir Practice
11/26	Thanksgiving - Office Closed



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A percentage of your purchase will be donated to Grace Church at no cost to you.

To set up your page, go to

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Secret Prayer Partner Reveal (Nov. 14th

at 9:30 am) - You don't want to miss out on this special event! Come find out who your secret prayer partner is, and anyone interested in participating for the new year.

This year we're providing all food and beverages; Clark's donuts/muffins, coffee and tea; due to COVID. Please be sure to wear your masks.

Stewardship in November

Throughout November you will have an opportunity to complete and return a stewardship card for 2021. Stewardship cards will be on the Usher table. You can complete one and place it in the offering box, hand to an Usher or drop off to the front office.

Remember that Christians are to be stewards, managing our finances, as well as our abilities and time as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are commanded to be generous. Our church is the central means for us to provide ministry to the other members of our church, of sharing Christ with the community and making new disciples, of caring for the needs of the hungry, the homeless, and the wounded, whether they live in Venango County or around the world.

And our church needs the financial generosity of its members to fulfill these great tasks.

- Please pray about your giving in 2020 in light of your income.
- Give as generously as you can.
- Give in a way that reflects the fact that you are Jesus' follower.

A tenth of income, called a tithe, is the Biblical blueprint for giving. If you plan to give at that level, you may need to adjust your spending in other areas, but that is not a bad thing. It is a disciple thing.

Be part of the stewardship effort. Complete your family's stewardship card and return it in November. Your giving will be a blessing to others and to you all year long.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Steve/Cindy Kelley Pat/Tonya Meals	2 Mike McKean Jill Montgomery	3 Cecil/Bonnie Cassatt	4 Megan Hale Robert Stark
5 Adam Mahle	6	7 Wes Lauer	8 Christine Forbes Bonnie Rider Robert Reed, Jr. Earl Stark, Jr.	9 Michelle Mehlburger Mark/Rita Hale	10 Kathy Lauer Dick/Marge Moyer Dick/Georgia Strawbridge	11
12 Isabell Sorkin	13	14 Amy Mitcham Ruth Woolcock	15 Joan Hull Matt Updegraff	16 Rhonda Montgomery Joe Brogan IV	17 Ben Middleton Butch Huey Mary Ann Garaven	18 Gwen Berry Fred Moffett Bob Montgomery
19 Joe/Edna Boyer Larry/Marilyn Kirkwood	20 Dennis Alcorn Amy Dykins	21 Sandra Barnes Don/Joan Hull	22 Kelly Alcorn Russell Gadley	23 Patty Shiley	24 Stanley Erwin John Vandenberg Will Wise	25 Vic/Sally Bowser Tom/Beth Simpson
26 Jerry Brosius Hillary Howard	27 Max Carothers Matt Erion Karee Heffernan Gene/Kathy Flockerzi	28 Aldana Montgomery Donna Boocks Betty Stempin Amy Ziegler	29 Joyce Fleeger	30 Pam Berlin		

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Steve/Cindy Kelley
Pat/Tonya Meals
- 2 Mike McKean
Jill Montgomery
- 3 Cecil/Bonnie Cassatt
- 4 Megan Hale
Robert Stark
- 5 **Adam Mahle**
- 7 Wes Lauer
- 8 Christine Forbes
Robert Reed, Jr.
Bonnie Rider
Earl Stark, Jr.
- 9 Michelle Mehlburger
Mark/Rita Hale
- 10 Kathy Lauer
Dick/Marge Moyer
Dick/Georgia
Strawbridge
- 12 **Isabell Sorkin**
- 14 Amy Mitcham
Ruth Woolcock
- 15 **Rachel Deeter**
Joan Hull
Matt Updegraff
- 16 Joe Brogan IV
Rhonda Montgomery
- 17 Mary Ann Garaven
Butch Huey
Ben Middleton
- 18 Gwen Berry
Fred Moffett
Bob Montgomery
- 19 Joe/Edna Boyer
Larry/Marilyn
Kirkwood
- 20 Dennis Alcorn
Amy Dykins
Cathy Fink
- 21 Sandra Barnes
Don/Joan Hull
- 22 Kelly Alcorn
Russell Gadley

- 23 Patty Shiley
- 24 Stanley Erwin
John Vandenberg
Will Wise
- 25 Vic/Sally Bowser
Tom/Beth Simpson
- 26 Jerry Brosius
Hillary Howard
- 27 **Max Carothers**
Matt Erion
Karee Heffernan
Gene/Kathy Flockerzi
- 28 **Alana Montgomery**
Donna Boocks
Betty Stempin
Amy Ziegler
- 29 Joyce Fleeger
- 30 Pam Berlin

OUR NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS - None

WORSHIP LEADERS - None at this time

COUNTING TEAM Rina Anderson/Captain, Rhonda Cubbon, Scott Ridgway, Penny Weichel, Carla Wheeler, Amy Ziegler, Rob Ziegler

USHERING TEAM Captain - Patty Shiley, Deborah Butchart, Judy Guyton, Sandy Hartsell, Dorie Kurzenberger, Holly Rodgers, Penny Weichel, Sarah McDonald

TV MINISTRY: Directors: Brad Arnink, Dick Baker
Graphics: Rodney Campbell, Jr., John McCullough

CAMERA OPERATORS / AUDIO

Nov 1 Carson Fennick, Hope Winger / Lloyd Rodgers

Nov 8 Scott Ridgeway, Ian Scheer / Jim Whaley

Nov 15 Jim Carner, Trish Baker / Jon Sterling

Nov 22 DeAnna Mahle, John Mahle / Ian Sterling

Nov 29 Paul Myers, Chuck Beck / Tom Eberle

NURSERY / CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL-

Not Available