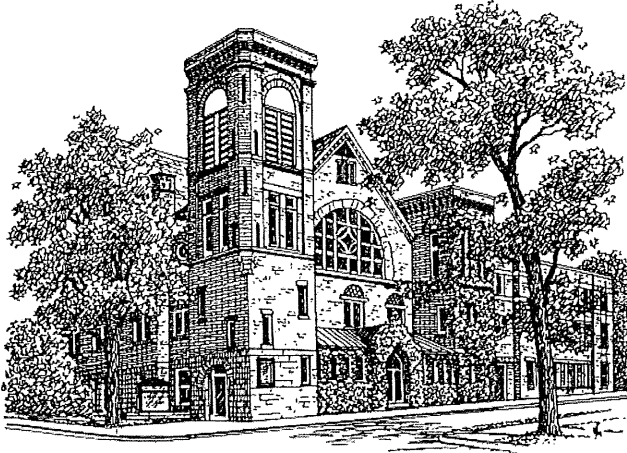


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GRACE NOTES

September 2022

Grace United Methodist Church

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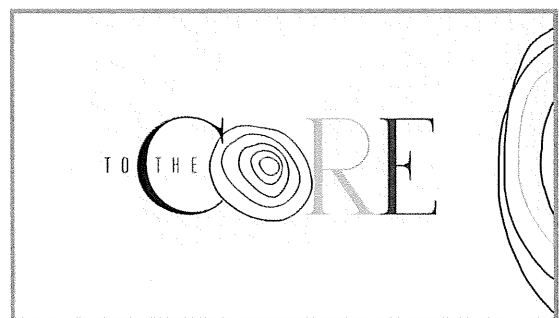
Facebook: Grace United Methodist Church in Oil City

Worship Service Online: <http://www.graceoilcity.org>

Sunday School: 9:30AM starting Sunday September 11, 2022

Weekly Sunday Worship Service: 10:45AM

September Sermon Series



Join us in worship beginning September 11 @ 10:45am

September 2022

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Closed for lunch noon - 1:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bob Taylor Doug/Kim Eberle	2 Charles Benton Dave Morris Zachary Wygant	3 Carla Wheeler Donald/Sandy Hartsell
4	5 Greydon Galla Claire Henderson	6 Jay Warner	7 Roger Baker John Heffern Tyler Lockhart Kelle Warner Jerry Yount	8 Melissa Geisler Dave Hipwell Katherine Truban Mike/Faye McKean	9 Dick/Trish Baker	10 Judy Elwinger Linda Hoffman DeAnna Mahle
11	12 Sheryl Giaccai Gretchen Kenemuth	13 Dave/Kathleen Lauer	14	15	16	17 Brenda chapin Michael Coogan Jerry/Mary Yount
18	19 Phillip Atkins Anita Eberle Patty Jo Gilmore Karen Greene Heidi Siler	20 Jason Campbell Stephen Kelley Charles/Mary Ann Benton Justin/Debbie Woolcock Scott/Crystal Youkers	21 Diane Carroll Tage Mahle Kate Montgomery Louis Stack Jamie White	22 Rob Montgomery Steve S. Rood Ed/Paula Pikna	23 Gene Buchholz Jr. Jim Fink Carter Grandin Elizabeth Stoltz	24 Walter Cook Jr. Norrine Gegogaine Herbert/Sandy Barnes
25	26 Linda Brown	27 Joe Boyer Leeann McCullough Susan Munoz	28 Thomas Berry Ethan Lloyd Carol Shaffer	29 Herb/Marsha Anderson Marcus/Nicole Morris	30 Brooke Blake Laura Saffell Autumn Zook	



Message

FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace Church,

Being a *disciple* and practicing *discipleship* is at the heart of everything we do as a church. The Greek word *disciple* means “student” or “learner.” In the New Testament times, a disciple entered into a master-apprentice relationship with his teacher. A disciple’s hope was to acquire his mentor’s wisdom and skills, and to imitate his life. The leader’s expectation was that, once trained, his disciple would repeat the process.

Jesus began his public ministry by urging people to “repent and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). He then called those who were responsive to his message to become his followers/disciples.

Discipleship (following Jesus) alters every facet of our life; **our beliefs, our nature, and our actions.**

Jesus first band of unlikely disciples spent three years with him. They listened to his authoritative words. They observed his miracles. Jesus invested huge amounts of time in his followers. He trained them and introduced them to a life with God. Slowly but surely, their lives were radically transformed by watching and imitating Jesus.

After his death and his resurrection, and just before returning to heaven, Jesus called his followers together and commissioned them to help others learn to follow, too:

“All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20).

This autumn at Grace Church we want to be intentional about following Jesus. You’ll find a pamphlet in this newsletter, as well as other places, detailing what I’m calling *The University of the Holy Spirit*. The step-by-step process moves each of us into a greater and fruitful experience of discipleship. I hope you’ll find a way to prioritize your involvement.

A disciple is a person who follows Jesus – to know Jesus and his teaching; to grow more like Jesus; and to go for Jesus, serving others and making new disciples.

Pastor Row

GRACE CHURCH SEPTEMBER SOAP READINGS

Using the SOAP method of Bible reading can keep us on the disciple's pathway. You're invited and encouraged to use the following Bible passages each day of the month. Here's a quick reminder of SOAP.

S – Scripture. Use the ones listed on the calendar.

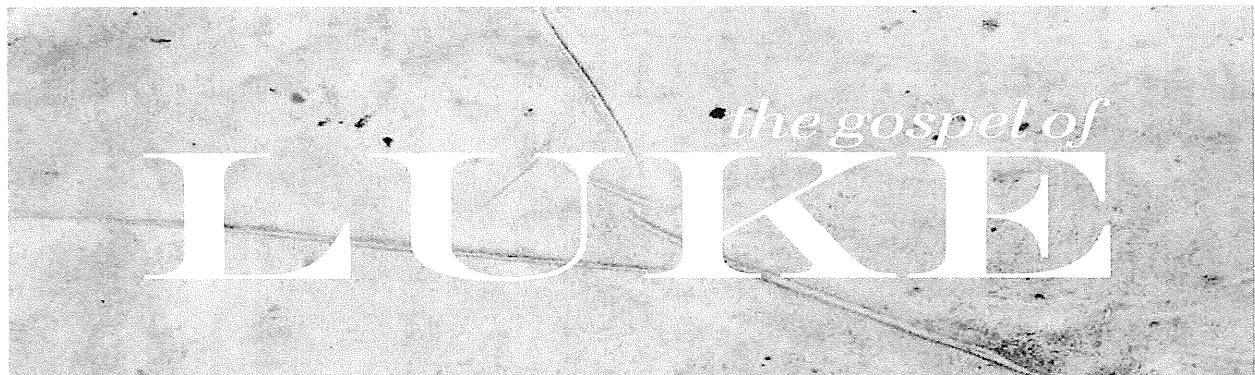
O – Observation. What is God speaking through these verses? What do these verses mean?
What do you observe in your reading? Jot these observations in a journal or notebook.

A – Application. How does what you read apply to your life, right now? What is God saying to you? What principles can you apply to your life today?

P - Prayer. Close the time in prayerful conversation with God. Thank him for what you learned and for how this applies to you right now.

During September, Grace Church will read through the gospel of Luke. This gospel is one of the synoptic gospels meaning that it shares similarities with Matthew and Mark. Luke, the author of this letter, was an educated man in the first century – he was a physician. After his conversion to follow Jesus, he aligned with the Apostle Paul in the mission to the Gentiles. Luke's focus as he writes a biography of Jesus is to show that the Jesus is for the whole world. As you work through this gospel pay attention to the ways in which Luke communicates that the salvation Jesus brings is for all people in all times.

September 1	Luke 1:1-10	September 16	Luke 4:38-44
September 2	Luke 1:11-25	September 17	Luke 5:1-11
September 3	Luke 1:26-38	September 18	Luke 5:12-16
September 4	Luke 1:39-56	September 19	Luke 5:17-26
September 5	Luke 1:57-80	September 20	Luke 5:27-39
September 6	Luke 2:1-21	September 21	Luke 6:1-11
September 7	Luke 2:22-40	September 22	Luke 6:12-26
September 8	Luke 2:41-52	September 23	Luke 6:27-36
September 9	Luke 3:1-6	September 24	Luke 6:37-42
September 10	Luke 3:7-20	September 25	Luke 6:43-49
September 11	Luke 3:21-38	September 26	Luke 7:1-10
September 12	Luke 4:1-13	September 27	Luke 7:11-17
September 13	Luke 4:14-21	September 28	Luke 7:18-23
September 14	Luke 4:22-30	September 29	Luke 7:24-35
September 15	Luke 4:31-37	September 30	Luke 7:36-50



PARISH REGISTER September 2022



The following members of Grace Church have been hospitalized since the previous edition of Grace Notes: Pat Black and DeAnna Mahle

Please keep these members in prayer: The families of Tom Bish and Faye Noyes. Tom passed away on August 8th and had been a member of Grace Church since December 15, 1985. Faye passed away on August 13th and had been a member of Grace Church since October 30, 1977.

Rodney Campbell Sr. has been transferred to Oakwood Heights, 10 VoTech Dr, Rm 213, OC if you would like to send him a card.

Please share in the joy of Kim Barszcz in her marriage to Jarrod Bridge on August 13th.

Our September Servants

Worship Leaders - TBD

Counting Team

Kim Eberle, Kim French, Don & Sandy Hartsell, June Reisinger

Ushering Team

Captain – Patty Shiley, Deb Butchart, Judy Guyton, Sandy Hartsell, Dorie Kurzenberger, Penny Lehnortt, Penny Weichel, Sarah McDonald

TV Ministry

Director/Graphics/Audio/PowerPoint

Sept 4 – Bill Lamberton/Rodney Campbell/ Wesley Scheer/Leeann McCullough

Sept 11 – Brad Arnink/John McCullough/Tom Eberle/Wesley Scheer

Sept 18 – John McCullough/Rodney Campbell/Jim Whaley/Charlie Motter

Sept 25 – Ian Scheer/John McCullough/Jon Sterling/Wesley Scheer

Greeters

Captain – Leeann McCullough

Sept 4 – Jerry & Lea Brosius, John McCullough

Sept 11 – Tom & Penny Lehnortt, Carla Wheeler

Sept 18 – Tom & Penny Lehnortt, Leeann McCullough, Donna Books

Sept 25 – Tom & Anita Eberle, Leeann McCullough, Donna Books

Children's Chapel

Sept 18 – Cyndee Clayton

Sept 11 & 25 – Chris Salvo

Coffee Bar

Sept 4 – Open Door Class

Sept 11 – Disciples Class

Sept 18 – The Net Class

Sept 25 - TBD

Record of our Faithfulness	2021	2022
	July	July
Avg Sunday School Attendance	Summer schedule	Summer schedule
Average Worship Attendance	88	73
Ministry/Operations Offering received	\$13,749	\$17,681
Ministry/Operations Expenses paid	\$14,779	\$14,724
Mission Offering received	\$5,840	\$3,295
Mission Expenses paid	\$9,186	\$0

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Your routine giving supports the ministry of Grace Church.

We encourage your online giving on our website:
graceoilcity.org/giving

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE?

How about:
Greeter
Usher
Worship Leader
Care Team
Praise Team

Contact the Church Office and let us know!

GRACE CHURCH CONTACTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM
PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 AM

FALL SCHEDULE
RESUMES SEPT 11th!

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Mon-Thurs 9-2:00

Closed noon-1:00

Local Public Access TV: Channel 22 -

Our TV Ministry Committee and StreamTV send sincere apologies for the delay in returning our live broadcast to local Comcast Channel 22. Issues between StreamTV and Comcast due to a cut fiber optic cable have delayed return of their video feed to the TV channel.

Meanwhile, services are always available via our website at <https://www.graceoilcity.org/worship-service-recordings.html>

Web Live Broadcast:

www.graceoilcity.org

-Sundays at 10:45AM

On the Church Calendar:

Continue to check the weekly bulletins, our website and Facebook pages for calendar updates. Meetings are always being added throughout the month.

Enclosed brochure has the details of upcoming Discipleship & Bible Study Classes.

Sept 6, 13, 20, 27 – *Invitation* Bible Study, every Tues @ 2pm, Lynne Delaney's home, 1363 Riverside Dr OC

Sept 8 – Trustee Meeting, 7pm

Sept 11 – *My Next Step* Session, after worship

Sept 11 – Bell Rehearsal, after worship

Sept 15 – Admin Council Meeting, 7pm

Sept 19 – Grace Notes Articles Deadline

Sept 21 & 28 – Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30-8pm

Sept 25 – *Following Jesus* Class, 4-5pm

Sept 27 – Grace Notes Mailing Day

Youth Group Resuming for the Fall

On September 11th, Youth Group will resume for lunch & a lesson after the worship service.

We will be using a lesson book called "**Somethin's Cookin'**" **Recipes for Faith.**

There are a lot of activities & lessons the youth will enjoy.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Come and Join In

If you have always wanted to join the bell choir, now is the time!!

Next rehearsal will be September 11th after worship



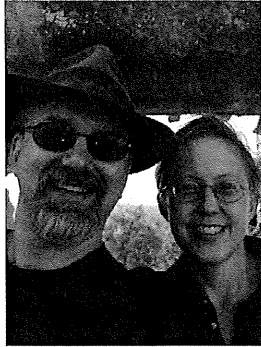
And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13



GRACE CHURCH MINISTRIES

Missions



Andrew and Amy Funka

The Funkas are the young couple serving in the Check republic through Alongside ministries. As in many European countries, learning the English language is a special interest of their youth. Andrew and Amy spent a couple of weeks this summer with a group called Scripture Union English camps. The camp theme was "Searching for God." This is a great method of introducing young people to Christ and presents this mission couple with a special problem of finding churches for new converts that will help them grow spiritually after they leave camp and return to their homes.

Amy, who is teaching math at the new Christian school established last year, "the Wholehearted school," reports the school was able to secure another room to expand the school which is much needed. This has been a prayer concern of the school board for some time. The school continues to grow as the school's leaders focus on issues that come up which are common with this type of new institution.

The Funkas are requesting we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and an end to the war.

Harvest USA



I wanted to spend some time discussing a mission we at Grace, tend to ignore but have supported for many years with a yearly donation of \$300. When you first hear the name of Harvest USA you automatically think of a mission to provide food to a group in a particular area. Harvest USA has a branch office in Pittsburgh, so your mind goes to a need in perhaps the intercity. Not so, Harvest USA is a mission that originated in 1983 in Philadelphia to the growing number of those trapped in sex related sin and started by Christians at the beginning of the AIDs epidemic. This mission speaks to both those caught in the numerous sex sin addictions that range from pornography to the practice of homosexuality. It provides reference materials to those needing guidance as they deal with their personal addiction or called to minister to those trying to escape this addiction. They have developed numerous videos and resources that address biblical sexuality to individuals and churches which are available at no cost on their internet site, (harvestusa.org).



Short term mission trips

Just another reminder that the mission committee is eager to help anyone in the church family financially with fund raising for a short-term mission trip. Don't be shy about asking for help. These trips typically take months of planning so if you feel led to try a mission adventure this coming winter, now is a good time to get involved with a group.

Pray about it!

GRACE CHURCH MINISTRIES

A message from our Director of Worship

Allen Frederick

A reminder for all of us that God is watching and is inspecting the fruit we produce and what we are doing with the gifts He has given us.



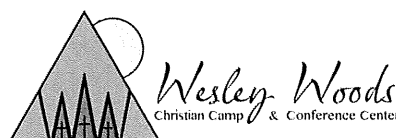
Outreach Event

Community Block Party

Was a HUGE success! THANK YOU to EVERYONE that spent the evening getting to know OUR NEIGHBORS, who baked cookies, who donated prizes, who worked the games, activities, and food booths, and who helped with planning, setup, and cleanup.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

21st Annual Golf Scramble



On September 10, 2022, Wesley Woods will be having their 21st Annual Golf Scramble at Riverside Golf Course in Cambridge Springs, PA. Dust off your clubs, gather a team, and hit the links for a day of golf! Your fee includes:

- 18 holes of golf on a great course with cart
- Registration @ 8am, shotgun start @ 9am.
- \$70 per person/ \$280 per foursome. (You can pay ahead or at the event).
- Riverside Golf Course, 24537 Route 19, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403

All proceeds benefit the ministry of Wesley Woods and sending kids to camp! Register with Matt Judd either by phone (724-316-2631) or email pastor@glenwoodumc.org.

Giving Envelopes – New Format

For next year, our giving envelopes will come in a monthly series in addition to the weekly series. Based on your past giving will determine which type of box of giving envelopes you will receive, monthly or weekly.

Please contact the church secretary in the next couple weeks if you need to be added to the list to receive a box of envelopes or if you wish to be taken off the list. Thank you.

Sunday School Classes Resume

Sept 11th @ 9:30am

Below is a list of classes available and the teachers:

Kim French K-4 grades

Kim Scheer 5-6 grades

Sarah McDonald 7-12 grades

Adult Classes:

Open Door Penny Lehnortt

Explorers Donna Boocks

Disciples Class Members

Net Pastor Ron Geisler