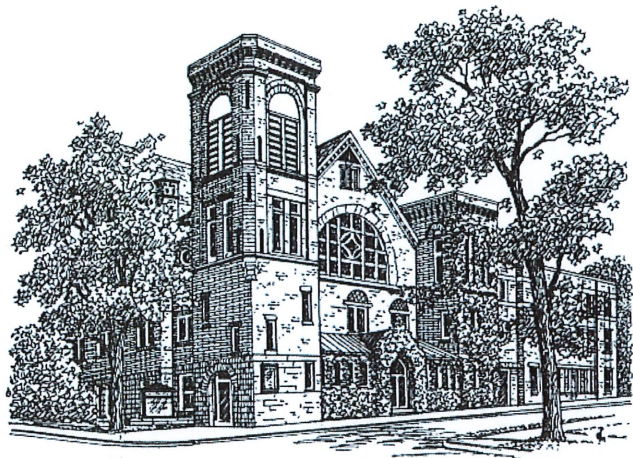


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GRACE NOTES

November 2022

Grace United Methodist Church

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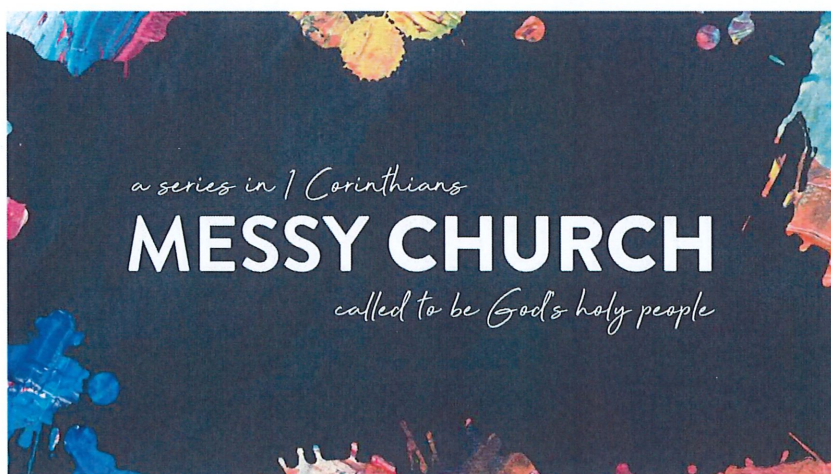
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Worship Service Online: <http://www.graceoilcity.org>

Sunday School: 9:30AM

Weekly Sunday Worship Service: 10:45AM

November Sermon Series



Join us @ 10:45am in our walk through 1Corinthians

November 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 Stephen/Cindy Kelley	2 Mike McKean Jill Montgomery	3 Ceci/Bonnie Cassatt Adam Mahle	4 Megan Hale Robert Stark	5	
6 Melissa Hayes-Gehrke Janille Lamberton	7	8 Christine Forbes Robert J Reed Jr. Bonnie rider Earl Stark Jr.	9 Mark/Rita Hale Michelle Mehlburger	10 Richard/Georgia Strawbridge Kathleen Lauer	11	12 Isabell Sorkin
13	14 Amy Show Madeline Smith Ruth Woolcock	15 Rachel Deeter Joan Hull Matt Updegraff	16 Rhonda Montgomery	17 Mary Ann Garaven Butch Huey Jr. Ben Middleton	18	19 Joe/Edna Boyer Larry/Marilyn Kirkwood
20 Dennis Alcorn Amy Dykins Cathy Fink	21 Don/Joan Hull Sandy Barnes	22 Kelly Alcorn Russell Gadley	23 Patty Shiley	24 Stanley Erwin John Vandenberg	25	26 Jerry Brosius Hillary Howard
27 Eugene/Kathryn Flockerzi Max Carothers Matthew Erion Karee Heffernan Adria Sterling	28 Donna Books Alana Montgomery Amy Ziegler	29 Joyce Fleeger	30 Pamela Berlin			



Message

FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace Church,

Being a *disciple* of Jesus and practicing *discipleship* is at the heart of everything we do as a church. As a disciple of Jesus, we must consider the *uniqueness of Jesus*.

In all the history of the world there has never been anyone like Jesus. He, and his life were so extraordinary and impacted the world so strongly, that time itself changed! Our calendar is based on when he was born. What was so radical about Jesus? It was the radical message of the gospel.

Over the centuries, the gospel of Jesus has spread throughout the world. Billions of people have called themselves “Christians,” naming themselves for Jesus, the Christ. They do so to show their devotion and because they want to imitate and follow him, to be Christ-like.

This word, “gospel,” simply means good news. The good news is immediately associated with the person of Jesus. The gospel is the ancient promises of God realized in the person of Jesus. *Jesus is the gospel*. He embodies the good news of God. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus made the way for us to have a relationship with God and experience his love forever.

The Apostle Paul in Romans 1:16 reminds us of a powerful truth when he wrote, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...” Here’s a helpful breakdown to see the power of the gospel.

The gospel is about **GOD**.
The gospel is about **OURSELVES**.
The gospel is about a **SAVIOR**.
The gospel is **POWERFUL**.
The gospel must be **EMBRACED**.
The gospel is **LIFE-ALTERING**.

Pastor Ron

GRACE CHURCH NOVEMBER 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?

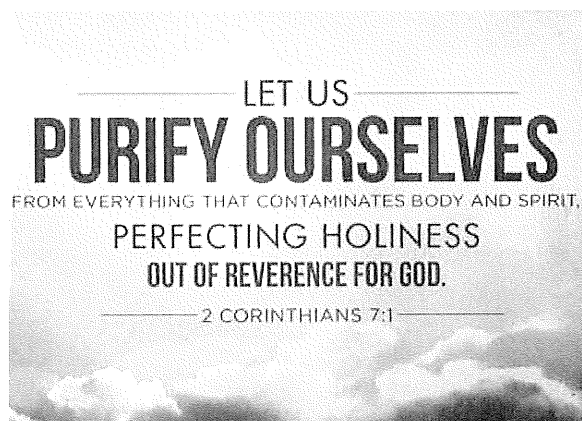
What do you observe in your reading? Jot these observations in a journal or notebook.

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?

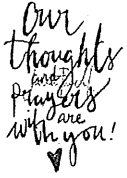
P - Prayer. Close the time in prayerful conversation with God. Thank him for what you learned and for how this applies to you right now.

During November, Grace Church will complete the read-through of the epistles of 1&2 Corinthians. Our reading will help us make sense of these letters and connect what we learn here to the Sunday teaching.

November 1	1Corinthians 15:20-28	November 16	2Corinthians 4:1-12
November 2	1Corinthians 15:29-34	November 17	2Corinthians 5:1-10
November 3	1Corinthians 15:35-41	November 18	2Corinthians 5:11-15
November 4	1Corinthians 15:42-49	November 19	2Corinthians 5:16-6:2
November 5	1Corinthians 15:50-58	November 20	2Corinthians 6:14-7:1
November 6	1Corinthians 16:1-4	November 21	2Corinthians 8:1-9
November 7	1Corinthians 16:5-24	November 22	2Corinthians 8:10-15
November 8	2Corinthians 1:1-7	November 23	2Corinthians 8:16-24
November 9	2Corinthians 1:8-11	November 24	2Corinthians 9:1-5
November 10	2Corinthians 1:12-17	November 25	2Corinthians 9:6-15
November 11	2Corinthians 1:18-24	November 26	2Corinthians 10:1-11
November 12	2Corinthians 2:1-11	November 27	2Corinthians 10:12-18
November 13	2Corinthians 2:12-17	November 28	2Corinthians 11:1-15
November 14	2Corinthians 3:1-6	November 29	2Corinthians 12:1-10
November 15	2Corinthians 3:7-18	November 30	2Corinthians 12:11-21



PARISH REGISTER November 2022



The following members of Grace Church were hospitalized since the previous edition of Grace Notes: MJ Eckert was hospitalized with pneumonia and Barb Hayes had a heart catheterization.

Keep the family of **Lavinia "Vinnie" Lehman** in prayer. Vinnie passed away on October 10th and had been a member of Grace Church since October 5, 1958. She turned 100 years old on February 1!

Please keep these members in prayer: Timothy Mong, who is experiencing some major medical problems and will need a heart catheterization once his other medical issues are under control; Chris, Maria and Madison Salvo in the passing of their father/grandfather, Tim Haslett; Jim and Bev Borchert's son, Kevin, and his health concerns; Dan and Linda Wrhen on their move to Florida; and Sandy Wenner for healing after knee replacement.

Our November Servants

Counting Team

Rina Anderson, Rhonda Cubbon, Carla Wheeler, Amy Ziegler, Rob Ziegler

Ushering Team

Captain – John Mahle, Brad Arnink, Blaine Beers, Ron Black, Jim Borchert

TV Ministry

Director/Graphics/Audio/PowerPoint

Nov 6 – Brad Arnink/Ian Scheer/Ian Sterling/Wesley Scheer
 Nov 13 – John McCullough/Rodney Campbell/Wesley Scheer/Brea Fennick
 Nov 20 – Ian Scheer/John McCullough/Tom Eberle/Leeann McCullough
 Nov 27 – Bill Lamberton/Rodney Campbell/Jim Whaley/Wesley Scheer

Greeters

Captain – Eva Palmer
 Nov 6 – Don & Sandy Hartsell, Brenda Chapin, Eva Palmer
 Nov 13 – Judy Cochran, Ruth Woolcock, Brenda Chapin, Amy Ziegler
 Nov 20 – Don & Sandy Hartsell, Brenda Chapin, Amy Ziegler
 Nov 27 – Jerry & Lea Brosius, Donna Books, Amy Ziegler

Coffee Bar

Nov 6 – Open Door Class
 Nov 13 – Disciples Class
 Nov 20 – The Net Class
 Nov 27 – Youth Group

Record of our Faithfulness	2021	2022
	September	September
Avg Sunday School Attendance	42	39
Average Worship Attendance	89	71
Ministry/Operations Offering received	\$11,184	\$10,557
Ministry/Operations Expenses paid	\$13,965	\$13,530
Mission Offering received	\$3,861	\$3,097
Mission Expenses paid	\$1,843	\$1,708

Thank you for your generosity!

Your routine giving supports the ministry of Grace Church.

We encourage your online giving on our website:

graceoilcity.org/giving

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.

Nov 1, 8 & 15 – *Invitation* Bible Study, Tues @ 2pm, Lynne Delaney's home, 1363 Riverside Dr OC

Nov 2, 9 & 16 – Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30-8pm

Nov 5 – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to benefit Hope for Hispaniola, 5-6:30, Christ UMC, Franklin

Nov 6 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov 6 – All Saints Celebration of Names

Nov 8 – Election Day – Office Closed

Nov 10 – Trustee Meeting, 7pm

Nov 11 – Veterans Day

Nov 12 – Secret Prayer Partner Reveal, 9:30am

Nov 13 – *My Next Step* Session, after worship

Nov 17 – Admin Council Meeting, 7pm

Nov 20 – County-wide Thanksgiving Service, 6pm
 Victory Heights UB Church, 5978 US-322

Nov 21 – Grace Notes Articles Deadline

Nov 27 – First Sunday in Advent

Nov 29 – Grace Notes Mailing Day

GRACE CHURCH CONTACTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 AM

PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

10:45 AM

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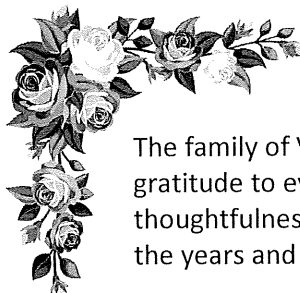
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Web Live Broadcast:

www.graceoilcity.org

-Sundays at 10:45AM



With Gratitude

The family of Vinnie Lehman would like to express their gratitude to everyone who shared their friendship, thoughtfulness, prayers, and love for their mother over the years and during their time of grief in her loss.

THANK YOU to our Grace Church Youth for donating their proceeds of \$257 from their luncheon on Oct 23rd. They requested the funds be designated to Ministry/Operations to help with church expenses.

ADVENT is quickly coming! You may know that the season of Advent includes the four Sundays before Christmas and act as a time of preparation. Yes, we are preparing for the coming of Christmas celebrations, but we are also preparing for the second coming of Christ. Advent includes rich moments of worship and celebration. We light one Advent candle each week and it becomes a symbol of some aspect of waiting and preparing.

Please accept this invitation to participate in lighting one of our Advent candles. **We're looking for individuals, friends, and families to participate in this aspect of worship.**

Please contact Pastor Ron or the church office if you'd like to participate. The Sundays of Advent include **November 26, December 4, December 11, and December 18.**



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
to benefit Hope for Hispaniola

Nov 4th 5 – 6:30

Christ UM Church, 1135 Buffalo St in Franklin, parking in rear

Grace Church members Rina Anderson and Frank and Cindy Fultz will be joining Sandi and Bill Young from Nicklin UM Church and Bill and Lynn Black from Christ UM Church for a mission trip to the Dominican Republic on November 12 -19. Funds raised are to buy linens and also to support the center's building expense.

Team members are not asking for support of their trip expenses, only for funds for the building project and hurricane assistance.

GRACE CHURCH MINISTRIES

Missions

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Drive

What started as, "Hey this sounds like a cool thing to try" is now "This is really taking off!" The Grace Church family has always been a giving group, and the Franklin Graham Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box gift drive is a way to harness this energy. We are reaching out in Christian love to children around the globe. Our initial goal was 50 boxes (we purchased 100). We are well above the 50 number as we come to the end of the gift collection phase which was October 30th. Sunday, November 6th, after the church service, is when we will be assembling boxes with the miscellaneous gifts donated. Everyone is welcome to help out! The boxes will be taken to a collection site the week of November 14th.

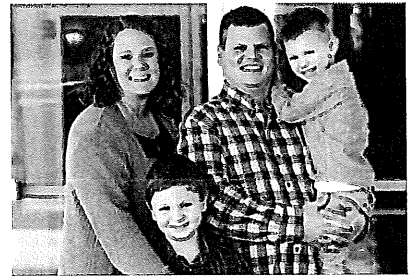


We hope everyone who spent their time and money to support this effort have truly enjoyed themselves. Looks like serving others in this unique way is on for next year!

Thank you to our Grace Church family!

Jake and Faye Vincik

Frank and Cindy Fultz, along with Rina Anderson, will be joining Sandi and Bill Young from Nicklin UM Church and Bill and Lynn Black from Christ UM Church for a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Jake and Faye have visited Grace Church and are supported by our mission budget.



The team will be doing painting and other jobs at the building site of the new medical and mission team center. Jake has reported that Hurricane Fiona has done damage to their area and folks need linens and clothing. The team is planning a spaghetti dinner at Christ UM Church on Friday, November 4 to raise funds to buy linens and also to support the center's building expenses. Team members are not asking for support of their trip expenses, only for funds for the building project and hurricane assistance. Please consider attending the spaghetti dinner or donating money for the mission project. Donations may be made to Grace UM Church designated for the mission trip or given directly to a team member.

The Mission Committee voted at our last meeting to approve \$1,000 from the mission budget to be delivered by Frank and Cindy to Jake. This donation will go toward the construction project to be spent as they see fit.

Thank you, Grace Church family, for your generous donations to our mission program which is why we are able to support Jake and his family in this growing mission.

God is so Good!

Super Seniors

Come join us for the **Super Senior Hosted Christmas party**. Everyone is invited! It will be on **Tuesday, December 6th, at 12pm**. For reservations call Carla Wheeler at 814-677-8865 or Judy Hards at 814-671-0101 **no later than Tuesday, November 29th**. Any reservation that can't be honored, must be cancelled by that date also.

Lunch will be a catered buffet – stuffed chicken breast, swiss steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, glazed carrots, salad, rolls, and dessert! Please bring a wrapped gift (no name) that equals \$5.

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The TV Ministry Committee would like to have your feedback on the online and in-house services. If you would like to comment on how the video services look in the sanctuary or online, please share your thoughts with the TV Ministry Chairperson, John McCullough, via email at john_mccullough@windstream.net.

The Merry Quilters

The Merry Quilters have finished hand quilting a second vintage quilt. This beautiful heirloom is blue and cream and has a traditional Chimney Sweep block design. The quilt top was first owned by Marie Stephens and possibly hand-pieced by someone in Marie's family. Our best guess is that it was pieced in the 1920's or 30's although the Chimney Sweep pattern was popular in the late 1800's. Marie Stephens's niece, Amy Ziegler, donated it.

The quilt will be on display in the Sunday School hallway and bidding will be open until the Victorian Bazaar on December 3, 2022. The bidding sheet will be in the hallway. The proceeds from this quilt sale will benefit the mission budget of Grace UM Church. Please spread the word to all who love quilts, especially vintage quilts. Please consider making a bid on this lovely quilt.



Pictured are some of the Merry Quilters

Thank you to all the many quilters who added stitches to this quilt!
Cindy Fultz for the Merry Quilters

Secret Prayer Partner Reveal Nov 12th @ 9:30am

Secret Prayer Partners will meet in Grace Hall to reveal who they have been praying for this past year. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.

If you would like to join this group, you are welcome to come to this event or contact Judy Hards at 814-676-2512 or 814-671-0101.



Victorian Christmas Bazaar Too - Saturday, December 3

Breakfast served from 8:00am – 10:00am, Shop with vendors 9:00am – 4:00pm
Victorian Breakfast Menu: French Toast or Cheese and Egg Casserole, Assorted Sweet Breads, Fruit, and Coffee or Tea – Donation: \$5 Breakfast to benefit Grace UM Missions.