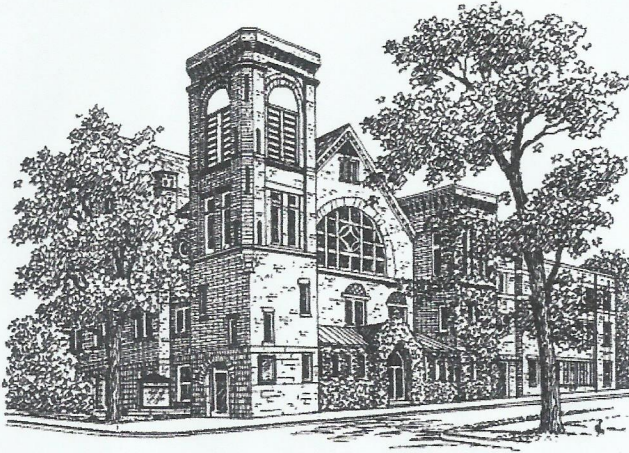


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GRACE NOTES

February 2022

Grace United Methodist Church

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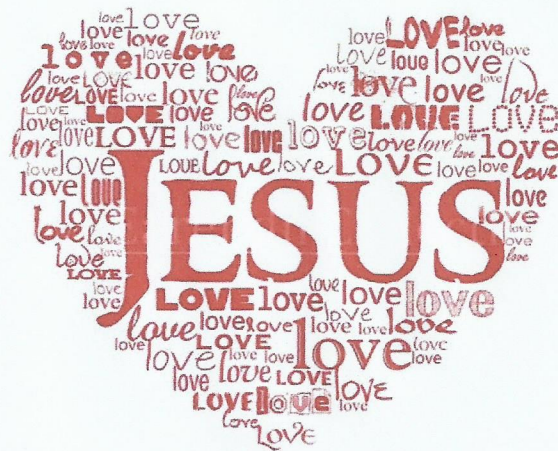
TV Broadcast: Ch 22 Sunday Live 10:45AM,

Rebroadcast 8:30 AM & 8:30PM

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

Sunday School: 9:30AM

Weekly Sunday Worship Service: 10:45AM



February 2022

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

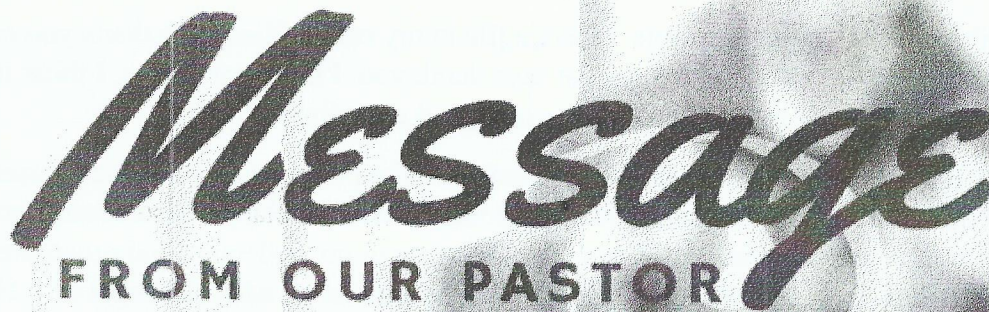


OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Closed for lunch noon - 1:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bonnie Cassatt Emily Davis Jason Galla Vinnie Lehman - 100 Jaclyn Ridgeway Casey Rybak	2 Pauline Benton Ed Rogers	3 Joshua Knight	4 Frank Fultz	5 Jesse Benton III James Cook
6 Lloyd Rodgers	7 Andrew Hale Cindy Lilly Charlie Show	8 Gail Beck Lisa McClain Jay Rider	9 Anne Shiley Renee Stephenson	10 Landon English	11 Marcia Campbell	12 Mitchell Littler
13	14	15 Mary Ann Eckert Tim/Pat Mong Bill/Pat Henderson	16 Vivian Davis Dan Littler Truman Littler	17 Ethan Cochran Lisa Myers	18 Haley Myers Vivian Todd	19 Amy McCarthy Jacob Meals Janice Williams
20 Jo Lauer	21 Steve Sherick	22 Avalynne Sterling Kaela Wheeler	23 Dick Baker Charlene Kerstetter Marcy Ridgeway	24 Danielle Cyphert Nicholas Gadley Chris Guthrie	25 Carly Albrecht Ed Rodgers Jr.	26 Margaret Knighten Owen Mahle Kathy McVeagh Scott Sherick
27 Dave/Lorraine Millin	28 Tom Clark Jeff Forshee Jordan Siler					



Message

FROM OUR PASTOR

There are 30 “one another” verses in the Bible’s New Testament: love one another, honor one another, serve one another, spur one another on to good deeds, live in harmony with one another, bear one another’s burdens, submit to one another, pray for one another...

If we are going to be great at anything, let’s be great at loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; love our neighbor as ourselves.

What does that look like? What does that even mean? I think these “one another” verses are a way for us to think about what it means to love one another at Grace Church.

The University of Nebraska did a study on 17,000 families in 27 different countries, and it found that in healthy families, the ratio of positive to negative interaction was 10 to 1. And in some instances, it was 20 to 1. So, for every comment about the meal that you don’t necessarily like or a chore that was left undone or an attitude that needs changing, there were 10 compliments for every one of those negative assessments. I find that fascinating. It doesn’t matter whether it is a church culture or the atmosphere of your family or even a workplace; positivity is so critical and so biblical.

We are not called to tear each other down. We are called to build each other up. Criticism is not a spiritual gift! There are some things we can put into practice that will make a radical difference in the way we encourage and build up.

Catch people doing things right! Most of us are pretty good at catching people doing things wrong. It is so easy to catch people doing things wrong. But catching people doing things right, that takes a little bit of focus and a little bit of effort.

Your focus determines your reality. Focus on some of the positives in other people and your perspective will change. I think the flip side is true as well. I think there are two kinds of people in the world. People that, no matter how good things are, they will find something bad. And those people that no matter how bad things are, they will find something good. I know we have different personalities and some of us have that gift of encouragement. But there is still a baseline of obedience. All of us are called to encourage one another and I think it starts by catching people doing things right.

Break the habit of criticizing and build the habit of complimenting. You’ve got to make it a habit to notice when your spouse or your kids or your colleagues do something that you appreciate.

Then you say thank you. You write a note. I have a file in my office filled with thank you notes. I have the hardest time throwing away a note that says thank you. I hang onto those. I think it was Mark Twain who said, 'I can live two months on one good compliment.'

This is about living our lives in a way that Jesus modeled. The people that were so criticized and ostracized in that culture, people that had probably gone months, maybe years, without someone saying a kind word, an encouraging word, we are talking about tax collectors and prostitutes. The ones that the Pharisees would level their criticism and accusations at, what did Jesus do? He caught them doing things right. So, this prostitute comes and anoints Jesus feet, at a party at a Pharisees house... Jesus said, 'What you've done will be spoken of you forever.' Jesus found something to compliment.

That can make a huge difference and that brings us to number two –**Compliment like crazy!** It must be a genuine compliment, but you need to pay those compliments.

If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all. In other words, don't let words come out of your mouth that are going to turn someone else's stomach. Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.

Let's be very careful about not poisoning other people with our words. Compliment people behind their backs. If you wouldn't say it to their face, don't say it behind their back! I want to be talking behind people's backs all the time complimenting them.

If you have a problem with someone, pray for them. When someone has done something or said something that hurts me, the only thing I know to do to keep my heart in the right place is to pray for them. Somehow, when I begin to pray for them, it changes my heart towards that person.

Look in the mirror first. Let's not criticize in others what we don't like about ourselves. Before you point out the speck in another person's eye, let's pull the plank out of your own eye.

It doesn't take something big; it takes something small. I hope that is an encouragement to you. You don't have to change the world, but you can make a difference in one person's life.

Let's not worry about what we can't do and let's do what we can.

Encourage one another daily!

Don't let a day go by that you don't pay a genuine compliment, that you don't encourage someone in your life. If you get in the habit of doing that, it will change their life and it will change your life.

Live On.Purpose,

Pastor Ron

February Sermon Series

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PARISH REGISTER February 2022



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

Bev Borchert

If you are admitted to UPMC Northwest in Seneca, please remember to tell the admissions staff that you are a member of Grace UM Church in Oil City.

Please keep these members in prayer: Amy Ziegler and family as her nephew, Nathan Weaver, passed away; Bob and Lynne Delaney whose grandson, Ethan Hasbrouck, was deployed January 11th.

The following members have passed away since the previous edition of Grace Notes.

Pastor Pete Knight passed away on 12/28/2021. He had faithfully served as Associate Pastor for Grace Church from 1/1/2005 to 3/30/2016. Also, Wes Lauer passed away 1/4/2022. He was a member of Grace Church since Feb. 26, 1956.

Our February Servants

Worship Leaders

Feb 6 – Cyndee Clayton
Feb 13 – Penny Lehnortt
Feb 20 – Cyndee Clayton
Feb 27 – Penny Lehnortt

Coffee Bar

Feb 6 – Open Door Class
Feb 13 – Disciple's Class
Feb 20 – The Net Class
Feb 27 – Beth Rood & Rhonda Morris

Counting Team

Jim & Bev Borchert, Kim & Steve Scheer

Ushering Team

Captain – Lynne Delaney, Rina Anderson, Cyndee Clayton, Kim French, June Reisinger

TV Ministry

Directors: Brad Arnink, Dick Baker, Bill Lamberton, Ian Scheer

Graphics: Rodney Campbell Jr., John McCullough

Camera Operators/Audio

Feb 6 – Steve Scheer, Jerica Hepler/Jon Sterling
Feb 13 – Rob Ziegler, Jim Carner/Ian Sterling
Feb 20 – Bill Lamberton, Wesley Scheer/Tom Eberle
Feb 27 – Paul Myers, Charlie Motter/Jim Whaley

Children's Chapel

Feb 6 & 20 – Heather Motter, Cyndee Clayton
Feb 13 & 27 – Chris Salvo

Record of our Faithfulness	2020	2021
52 Weeks	Dec	Dec
Avg Sunday School Attendance	CLOSED COVID	43 (3 Sundays)
Average Worship Attendance	CLOSED COVID	83
Ministry/Operations Offering received	\$20,494	\$17,155
Ministry/Operations Expenses paid	\$17,560	\$16,436
Mission Offering received	\$5,130	\$6,053
Mission Expenses paid	\$2,587	\$9,842

Reminder the ramp door will be locked each Sunday at 10:55am (10 minutes after the start of worship) The phone number is posted at the entrance that you can call in case you arrive late.

GRACE CHURCH CONTACTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICES

10:45 AM

Contact Us

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Website: www.graceoilcity.org

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.

Feb 6 – Communion Sunday

Feb 13 – Youth Luncheon (after worship)

Feb 10 – Trustee Meeting 7pm

Feb 16 – Deadline for March Grace Notes articles

Feb 17 – Ad Council Training – Simple Church 7pm

Feb 23 – Grace Notes Mailing Day

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Mon-Thurs 9-2:00

Closed noon-1:00

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:

www.graceoilcity.org – or –
streammedia.tv

-Sundays at 10:45AM

-Replay Sundays at 8PM

All weekly services are
available online at:

<https://www.graceoilcity.org/worship-service-recordings.html>

Are you being called to serve?

Has the Lord been nudging you to serve in some way in the church? Being a Worship Leader or a member of a Counting Team are areas that need servants.

Worship Leaders lead the congregation in part of the worship services, i.e. the Call to Worship and Congregational Prayer which are both provided in the worship bulletin for you. Contact Penny Lehnortt at plehnortt@gmail.com or call her at 814-678-5214 if you would like to serve in this way.

A member of a Counting Team helps with counting the offering envelopes each Sunday for a month three (3) times a year. Contact the church office for info on serving on a Counting Team. Email Eva at secretary@graceoilcity.org or call 814-677-3013.

GRACE CHURCH MINISTRIES

Missions

A Dominican Mission trip report

I, (Jerry Brosius) and my granddaughter, (Mazie Mellring) recently returned from a trip to the Dominican Republic. We left on January 15 for a short-term mission with twenty-five other Western Pa. Christians from the Pittsburgh area and spent a week in the region of Altigracia near the city of Higüey. It was a great time filled with adventure, fellowship, and Christian evangelism.

Jake Vincik and his family have been serving in Higüey for 2 years now as fulltime missionaries. They work for a mission outreach organization called Hope for Hispaniola. Grace church has been sponsoring Jake and his family. Mazie and I can report to you they are doing well. I would like to summarize some of the efforts Jake is involved in.



The first year or two of a fulltime missionary's time is primarily spent learning the language, getting familiar with the culture, and making connections with community leaders and pastors. Hope for Hispaniola, (HFH), has a children's preschool in the Haiti village which Jake oversees and has begun the construction of a Christian center just outside of Higüey. Their vision for the center is primarily to provide living accommodations for groups, (like the one Mazie and I were part of), that work with the local Christian churches in the area to spread the Good News of the saving grace of Christ. Groups come to the center to serve the people and work on building construction projects, hold children bible schools and hope to create evangelism opportunities. HFH has also constructed a building to serve as a medical center. It's an exciting effort to bring hope to a country that is poor and struggles to provide the basic needs for its' people. Check out HFH's website for more info <https://www.hopeforhispaniola.org/>.

If you are interested in this type of Christian service, let the mission committee know. We can assure you will find adventure and spiritual growth that will change your life. The folks that are part of this mission and those that go on trips are great Christians and will become lifetime friends.

Jake and Faye send their regards and thank us all for our financial support.

PS - The weather the entire time was sunny with temps between 65 and 85. Much better than Florida. Just saying.

Youth Ministry

The Youth will be providing us lunch after our worship service on 2/13. They will be serving breakfast casseroles: sausage gravy & biscuits, French toast casserole and egg casserole. This is a fund-raiser, so donations are appreciated but not necessary. The recipient of the funds is yet TBD.

Need a List of Members in Nursing Homes?

If you would like the addresses of our members who are in nursing homes or private homes but are not able to be with us in person, there is a list available. We are sure they would appreciate hearing from us or receiving a card occasionally. Lists will be available at the usher stands on Sunday mornings or contact the church office and a list can be sent to you.

GRACE CHURCH FEBRUARY 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.

To begin the new year, we will be reading through the Gospel of Mark. Our SOAP devotionals will correspond to Pastor Ron's new sermon series, "Jesus: Plain and Simple."

February 1	Mark 10:13-16	February 15	Mark 12:38-40
February 2	Mark 10:17-31	February 16	Mark 12:41-44
February 3	Mark 10:32-34	February 17	Mark 13:1-8
February 4	Mark 10:35-45	February 18	Mark 13:9-19
February 5	Mark 10:46-52	February 19	Mark 13:20-27
February 6	Mark 11:1-11	February 20	Mark 13:28-31
February 7	Mark 11:12-18	February 21	Mark 13:32-37
February 8	Mark 11:19-26	February 22	Mark 14:1-11
February 9	Mark 11:27-33	February 23	Mark 14:12-26
February 10	Mark 12:1-12	February 24	Mark 14:27-31
February 11	Mark 12:13-17	February 25	Mark 14:32-42
February 12	Mark 12:18-27	February 26	Mark 14:43-52
February 13	Mark 12:28-34	February 27	Mark 14:53-65
February 14	Mark 12:35-37	February 28	Mark 14:66-72

FEBRUARY 6, 2022 – 10:45AM
WORSHIP/COMMUNION SUNDAY

