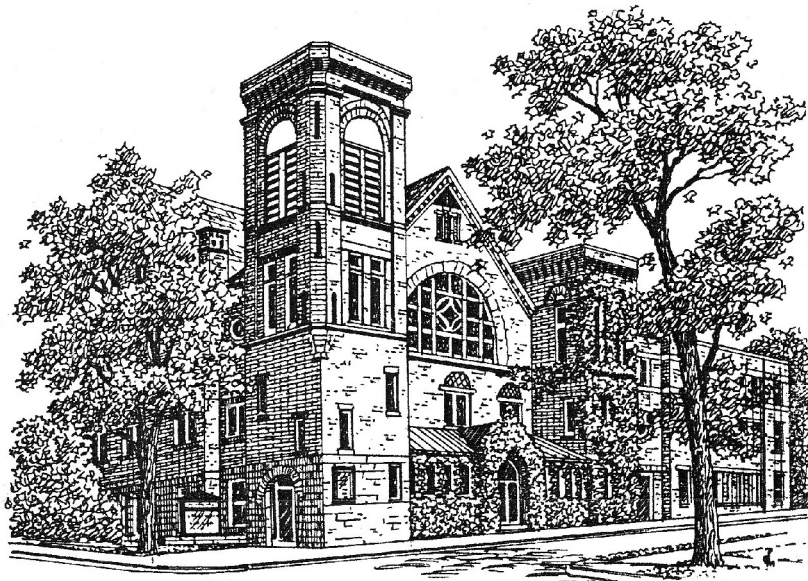


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LET US
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Love
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& *IN truth*
1 JOHN 3:18

October 2020
**Grace United
Methodist Church**

100 Central Avenue, Oil City, PA 16301

Pastor: Rev. Byron K. Myers

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Lunch: Noon-12:30

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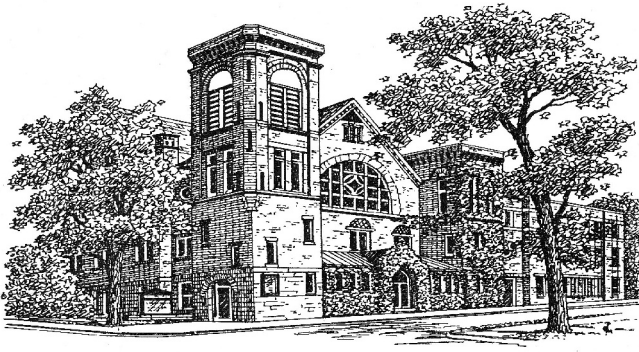
Facebook: Grace United Methodist Church in Oil City

TV Broadcast: Ch 22 Sunday 8:30 & 10:45AM, 8:30PM

Online: Graceoilcity.org Sunday 10:45AM and 8PM

Sunday School 9:30AM (tentative)

Weekly Sunday Service 10:45AM



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Worship With Us!

10:45 Worship Service

See below for
rebroadcast
times.

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Closed noon-12:30

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

The pandemic drags on. We are blessed here in Venango county to have had a very few cases and only one death. But life has been changed dramatically. You are no doubt tired of masks, hand sanitizer and stepping back when talking with a friend on the street. I know I am. We need to continue Covid mitigation practices. They do reduce the spread of infection. And we've seen spikes in infection rates after summer holidays when large numbers gather without masks or distancing.

The pandemic started me thinking about Biblical records of impatience within God's people. I thought of Israel during the Exodus. They ran out of water in the desert, but God provided (Ex. 15:22-27). A little later food began to run short and God miraculously feed them with quail and manna (Ex. 16:1-15).

Day after day manna appeared on the ground each morning. The people simply gathered it up. God provided their daily bread on a daily basis.

But after some time the Israelites began to wish for something more, something different. "O boy, what I wouldn't do for some of the fish we used to eat in Egypt. It was free too, remember? You just pulled it out of the Nile. And the cucumbers! The melons, onions and garlic! But I've lost my appetite: we never see anything but this MANNA. Manna for breakfast, manna for lunch, manna at dinner. Always MANNA! AAAGH!" They started to despise God's provision. (Check it out in Numbers 11:4-6. If I'm lying I'm crying.)

Manna was miracle food, directly from the hand of God. And yet the people of God began to wish for the cucumbers they had eaten while slaves. They would have returned to slavery for an onion rather than eaten manna under God's promise.

I sympathize with their fatigue of a one course diet. I like cucumbers too: but to give up a daily miracle because it had become familiar, to despise the gift of God as if it were not good enough.

One of the great challenges of faith is to recognize God is faithful in every circumstance of life. It is only in times of struggle, that we learn he is always faithful. It is only when we get through to the other side that we recognize he was with us in the valley of the shadow.

Sometimes the life of faith requires stick-to-itiveness. We have to be patient in the present because God has good things for us in the future, if we believe.

So don't give up! Hang in there and you will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Pastor Byron†

Parish Register October 2020

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

Claire Henderson , John Mahle , Richard Moyer and Jan Womer

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.

Rev. Jack Friggle passed away on Sept. 10, 2020. The family will wait until er Covid is over and schedule a memorial service. Please keep Sandy and all their kids in prayer.

Betty Lou Gordon passed away on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020. Betty was a member of Grace Church since 1939. She was loved and respected by all who came into contact with her. She was preceded in death by her husband Eugene N. Gordon.

Della Rodgers passed away on Tuesday July 28, 2020. She was a member of Grace for 65 years, joining in May 1955. She had been an active member of Grace. A private service for immediate family was held on Sunday August 2 with Pastor Myers officiating. A celebration of life memorial service will be held at Grace at a future date. Contributions in Della's memory may be made to Grace Church's TV Ministry program. Our prayers continue to be with Della's family and loved ones as they mourn her loss.

Philip Anderson passed away on July 20, 2020. Phil was a member of Grace Church from 1956 through 1977. He had restored his membership in 1995. He was dedicated to missions, with the Hope for Hispanola mission in the Dominican Republic especially touching his heart. Funeral services for Phil will be held at a future date. Memorial contributions can be made to Grace UMC or the Venango County Humane Society. Our prayers are with Phil's wife, Rina and with all of Phil's family during this difficult time of loss.

If you would like a copy of Our Daily Bread or The Upper Room, please call the church office to make arrangements for pick-up or mailing. 677-3013

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If anyone would like to receive boxed giving envelopes please let Shena or Leeann know by October 9th. They will arrive by late November.

Record of our Faithfulness	2019	2020
Ministry/Operations Offering Received (Aug.)	\$14,775	\$8,162
Ministry/Operations Expenses Paid (Aug.	\$21,847	\$17,921
Mission Offering Rec. (Aug.)	\$4,750	\$2,093
Mission Expenses Pd (Aug.)	\$2,321	\$2,587

May the grace of the Lord bring comfort to the family and friends of those we have lost.



On The October Calendar –

10/1	11AM OCM Meeting
10/4	10:45Am Rev. Jodie Smith-Preaching
10/4	Noon Church Conference
10/4	12PM Youth Group
10/7	6:30PM Choir Practice
10/7	7PM trustees Meeting
10/11	12PM Youth Group
10/12	Columbus Day - Office Closed
10/14	6:30PM Choir Practice
10/18	12PM Youth Group
10/19	Last day to Register to Vote
10/20	7PM Finance Meeting
10/21	6:30PM Choir Practice
10/25	Noon Youth Group/Corn Maze
10/27	Last Day to apply for Absentee Bullet



Venango County Children and Youth Services is sponsoring a drive to supply winter hats, gloves, scarves and boots to school age children and youth. This effort is intended to

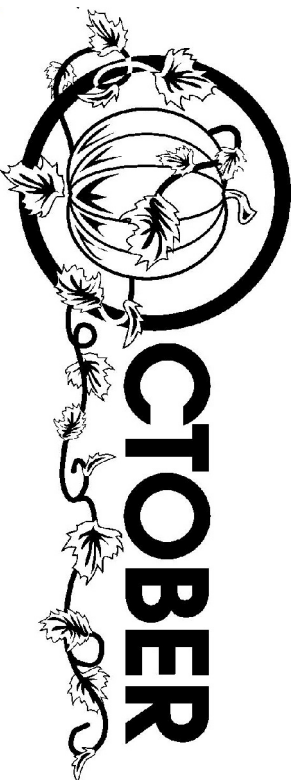
augment the Oil City Fire Department coat drive with other winter items that kids may need. Details are being developed but you can plan now to participate. Donated items must be NEW, or a cash donation can be made. So set aside a little cash over the next few weeks and be ready when we announce the official beginning of the drive. Thank you in advance.

Penny Lehnortt announced her pending retirement. Effective December 1st Penny will lay down her custodial duties after nearly 26 years at Grace. During all that time she has worked diligently to maintain a comfortable, clean and safe place for worship, growth and service. She served as liaison between the Trustees and contractors. In addition, she has gone beyond the job description to assist in many areas of church life. While Penny is retiring as our custodian she will continue to be active in our congregation. Please pass your best wishes for a long, happy, healthy and blessed retirement to Penny when you see her.



The Youth Group will resume their meetings effective **October 4, 2020**. The meeting will be after the worship service, lunch will be provided.

The Youth Group will be going to the **Coolsprings Corn Maze on October 25, 2020**. Departure will be after the worship service, lunch will be provided.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Herb Anderson Ashley Bacher Jake Carothers Roy Gray Linda Zamora Jim/Amy Middleton Fred/Kathy Truban	2 Loraine Puleo Bill/Beth Ann Heller Greg/Linda Hoffman	3 Lisa Ristau	4 Jane Britton Kayle Kish Tom/Penny Lehnortt Aaron/Sarah Sells	5 Brendan Zerbe Gisela Campman Joyce Jeppesen	6 Loretta Beary John/Leeann McCullough	7 Mark/Jamie Kirkwood
8	9 Sean/Brenna Hauck Ken/Galla Vogan	10 Shannon Wygant	11 Marsha Anderson Beverly Goss	12 Mike/Jamie Rybak	13 Shawn Jones Ben/Becky Campbell	14 Marcia Bush Robertta Edwards Betty Kahle Larry/Tracy Shaffer
15 R. J. Lehrian, Jr. Lee Mehlburger	16 Trish Baker	17 Sarah Sells Dave Teifer Ed/Maggie Rogers	18 Lucas/Lauren Stoltz	19	20 Shirley Baughman Mason Myers Steve/Kim Scheer Lauren/Amy McCarthy	21 Richard Byham Jill Harry Jason/Jodie Taft
22 Chuck Beck Curt Nagel Cindy Zerbe	23 Mark Kulling Gail Mauro Taylor Swiedom Chuck/Gail Beck	24 Katie Momm John/Karen Greene	25 Jacob Middleton Todd/Jill Harry	26 Rick Moyer Alexis Ziegler Tom/Anita Eberle	27 Emni Knox Kai Knox	28 Dale Bennett John Downing Maggie Rogers Mark/Gail Mauro
29 Hazel Beck Deborah Welch	30 Renita Bridge Bob/Kate Montgomery	31 Judy Hards Dave Lauer Mark/Hanna Lepley				

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Herb Anderson
Ashley Bacher
Jake Carothers
Roy Gray
Linda Zamora
Jim/Amy Middleton
Fred/Kathy Truban
2 Loraine Puleo
Bill/Beth Ann Heller
Greg/Linda Hoffman
3 Lisa Ristau
4 Jane Britton
Kayle Kish
Tom/Penny Lehnortt
Aaron/Sarah Sells
5 Gisela Campman
Joyce Jeppesen
6 Loretta Beary
John/Leeann
McCullough
7 Mark/Jamie
Kirkwood
9 Sean/Brenna Hauck
Ken/Galla Vogan
10 Shannon Wygant
11 Marsha Anderson
Beverly Goss
12 Mike/Jamie Rybak
13 Shawn Jones
Ben/Becky Campbell
14 Marcia Bush
Roberta Edwards
Betty Kahle
Larry/Tracy Shaffer
15 R. J. Lehrian, Jr.
Lee Mehlburger
16 Trish Baker
17 Sarah Sells
Dave Teifer
Ed/Maggie Rogers
18 Lucas/Lauren Stoltz

20 Shirley Baughman
Mason Myers
Steve/Kim Scheer
Lauren/Amy McCarthy
21 Richard Byham
Jill Harry
Jason/Jodie Taft
22 Chuck Beck
Curt Nagel
Cindy Zerbe
23 Mark Kulling
Gail Mauro
Taylor Swiedom
Chuck/Gail Beck
24 Katie Monn
John/Karen Greene
25 Jacob Middleton
Todd/Jill Harry
26 Rick Moyer
Alexis Ziegler
Tom/Anita Eberle
27 Emmi Knox
Kai Knox
28 Dale Bennett
John Downing
Maggie Rogers
Mark/Gail Mauro
29 Hazel Beck
Judy Bloom
Deborah Welch
30 Renita Bridge
Bob/Kate Montgomery
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October Meetings:
Sun. 10/4-12PM Church
Thurs. 10/8-7 PM Trustees
Tues. 10/13-2PM Missions
Tues. 10/20-7PM Finance
Mon. 10/26-4:30PM
Worship

OUR OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS - None

WORSHIP LEADERS - None at this time

COUNTING TEAM Steve Scheer/Captain, Jim and
Bev Borchert, Kay Ensle, Kim Scheer

USHERING TEAM Captain - Lynne Delaney, Rina
Anderson, Donna Boocks, Cyndee Clayton, Kim
French, Marilyn Kirkwood

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

CAMERA OPERATORS / AUDIO

Oct 4 Bill Lamberton, Chuck Beck / Jon Sterling
Oct 11 Paul Myers, Jim Carner / Ian Sterling
Oct 18 John Mahle, FeAnna Mahle / Tom Eberle
Oct 25 Charlie Motter, Ian Scheer / Frank Fultz

NURSERY / CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL-
Not Available