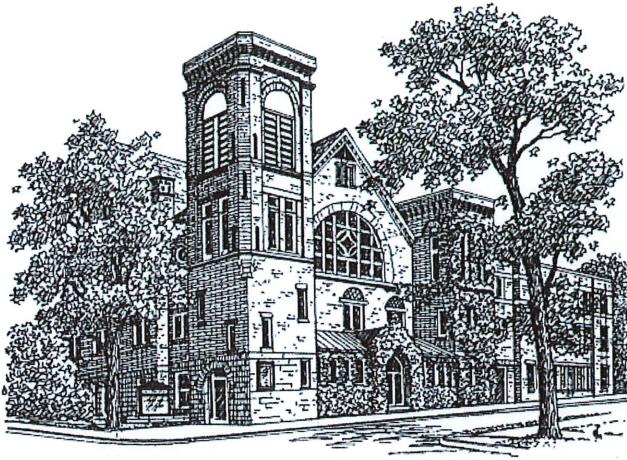


GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
100 CENTRAL AVENUE  
OIL CITY, PA 16301  
(Address Service Requested)

10/22

Non-Profit Org.  
U. S. POSTAGE  
P A I D  
Permit No. 302  
Oil City, PA 16301



# GRACE NOTES

October 2022

## Grace United Methodist Church

100 Central Avenue, Oil City, PA 16301

**Pastor Ron Geisler**

**Phone:** 677-3013 (office) 677-3345 (parsonage)

**Church Office Hours:** M-Thurs 9AM - 2:00PM

**E-Mail:** [church@graceoilcity.org](mailto:church@graceoilcity.org)

**Website:** [www.graceoilcity.org](http://www.graceoilcity.org)

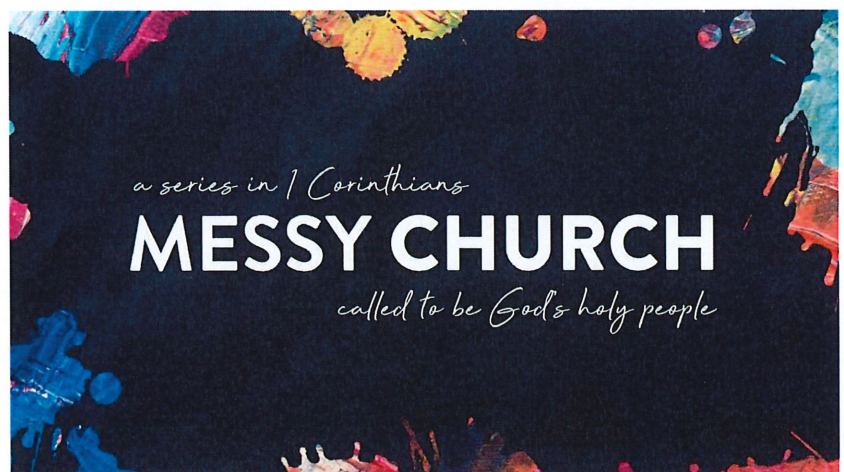
**Facebook:** Grace United Methodist Church in Oil City

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

**Sunday School:** 9:30AM

**Weekly Sunday Worship Service:** 10:45AM

## October Sermon Series



Join us in worship beginning October 2, 2022 @ 10:45am

# October 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 Jim/Amy Middleton Fred/Katherine Truban Herb Anderson Jake Carothers Roy Gray Linda Zamora
2 William/Beth Ann Heller Greg/Linda Hoffman Loraine Puleo	3 Lisa Ristau	4 Tom/Penny Lehnortt Aaron/Sarah Sells Jane Britton Kayle Kish	5 Gisela Campman Joyce Jeppesen	6 John/Leeann McCullough Loretta Beary	7 Mark/Jamie Kirkwood	8 Mike/Colleen Campbell
9 Sean/Brenna Hauck Ken/Galla Vogan	10 Jim Farling/Nora Heber Shannon Wygant	11 Marsha Anderson	12 Mike/Jamie Rybak	13 Ben/Rebecca Campbell Shawn Jones	14 Larry Jr./Tracy Shaffer Marcia Bush Roberta Edwards Betty Kahle	15 R.J. Lehrian Jr. Lee Mehlburger
16 Trish Baker	17 Ed/Maggie Rogers Sarah Sells David Telfer	18 Lucas/Lauren Stoltz	19 Mike Campbell	20 Loren/Amy McCarthy Steve/Kim Scheer Charlie/Amy Show Shirley Baughman Mason Myers	21 Jason/Iodie Taft Richard Byham Jill Harry	22 Chuck Beck Kurt Nagel Cindy Zerbe
23 Chuck & Gail Beck Mark Kulling Gail Mauro Taylor Swiedom	24 John/Karen Greene Katie Monn	25 Jacob Middleton	26 Tom/Anita Eberle Rick Moyer Jr. Alexis Ziegler	27 Emmi Knox Kai Knox	28 Mark/Gail Mauro Dale Bennett John Downing Maggie Rogers	29 Hazel Beck Judy Bloom Deborah Welch
30 Bob/Kate Montgomery Renita Bridge	31 Mark/Hanna Lepley Judith Hards Dave Lauer					

# Message

## FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace Church,

Being a *disciple* and practicing *discipleship* is at the heart of everything we do as a church. Last month I shared this helpful definition of what it means to be a disciple:

*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.*

With the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2, and because of the faithfulness of these disciples, the gospel of Jesus spread like wildfire. The church of Jesus expanded from Jerusalem, into Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). The story continues all the way up to the present day. We get to join in the great mission of calling on people everywhere to repent, believe in the gospel, and follow Jesus by faith.

As we consider what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, let me offer these 5 traits.

1. **Trust.** Disciples believe in the gospel and, by faith, follow the Son of God. Faith is about trust. Disciples take God at his word.
2. **Love.** Disciples live in healthy community with the people of God.
3. **Learning.** Disciples are shaped and guided by the Word of God. Disciples of Jesus study and embrace the teachings of Jesus. We acquire God's truth and take it to heart in order to experience life change.
4. **Life Change.** Disciples are yielded to and transformed by the Spirit of God. The character of Jesus is formed in us.
5. **Service.** Disciples are devoted to and engaged in the mission of God. Disciples serve like Jesus.

How well are you growing in these five traits? Which area is weak? Which is healthy? Don't be afraid to assess your walk with Jesus (by the help of the Holy Spirit). Your next faithful step will become obvious to you.

Pastor Ron



## GRACE CHURCH OCTOBER 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.

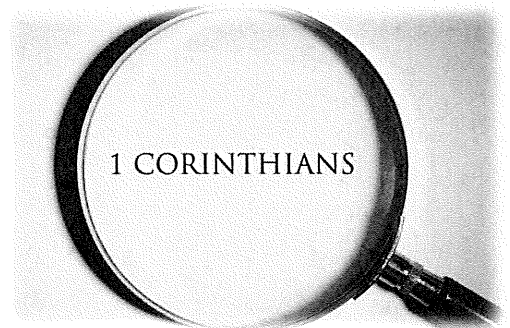
**A** – Application. How does what you read apply to your life, right now? What is God saying to you? What principles can you apply to your life today?

**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.

---

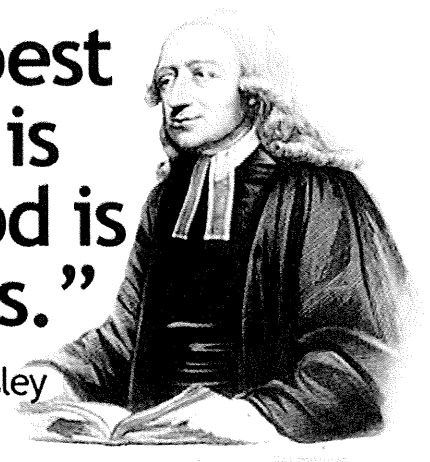
During October and November, Grace Church will read through the epistles of 1&2 Corinthians. Our reading will help us make sense of these letters and connect what we learn here to the Sunday teaching.

October 1	1Corinthians 1:1-9
October 2	1Corinthians 1:10-17
October 3	1Corinthians 1:18-25
October 4	1Corinthians 1:26-2:5
October 5	1Corinthians 2:6-16
October 6	1Corinthians 3:1-9
October 7	1Corinthians 3:10-23
October 8	1Corinthians 4:1-13
October 9	1Corinthians 4:14-21
October 10	1Corinthians 5:1-13
October 11	1Corinthians 6:1-11
October 12	1Corinthians 6:12-20
October 13	1Corinthians 7:1-9
October 14	1Corinthians 7:10-16
October 15	1Corinthians 7:17-24
October 16	1Corinthians 7:25-40
October 17	1Corinthians 8:1-13
October 18	1Corinthians 9:1-18
October 19	1Corinthians 9:19-27
October 20	1Corinthians 10:1-13
October 21	1Corinthians 10:14-11:1
October 22	1Corinthians 11:2-16
October 23	1Corinthians 11:17-34
October 24	1Corinthians 12:1-11
October 25	1Corinthians 12:12-31
October 26	1Corinthians 13:1-13
October 27	1Corinthians 14:1-12
October 28	1Corinthians 14:13-25
October 29	1Corinthians 14:26-40
October 30	1Corinthians 15:1-11
October 31	1Corinthians 15:12-19



**“The best  
of all is  
that God is  
with us.”**

John Wesley





# PARISH REGISTER October 2022



The following members of Grace Church have been hospitalized since the previous edition of Grace Notes: Jan Angove, Dan Wrhen, and Phil Womer

**Please keep these members in prayer:** Keep the families of Kay Ensle and Virginia Bonecutter in your prayers. Kay passed away on 9/3 and had been a member of Grace Church since 11/7/99. Virginia passed away on 9/22 and had been attending Grace over the past couple years. Also, for the Butchart family in the loss of their mother/grandmother, Trudy Morley.

## Our October Servants

**Worship Leaders** - TBD

### Counting Team

Jim & Bev Borchert; Steve & Kim Scheer

### Ushering Team

Captain – Jim Carner, Paul Myers, Steve Scheer, Ian Scheer, Bill Lamberton, Tom Peebles

### TV Ministry

#### Director/Graphics/Audio/PowerPoint

Oct 2 – Bill Lamberton/Rodney Campbell/Ian Sterling/Brea Fennick

Oct 9 – Ian Scheer/John McCullough/Wesley Scheer/Leeann McCullough

Oct 16 – John McCullough/Rodney Campbell/Tom Eberle/Wesley Scheer

Oct 23 – Brad Arnink/John McCullough/Jim Whaley/Charlie Motter

Oct 30 – Bill Lamberton/Rodney Campbell/Jon Sterling/Wesley Scheer

### Greeters

Captain – Lynne Delaney

(Greeters were still being assigned at time of publication – if you would like to be a greeter, contact Lynne Delaney @ 814-657-0929. Being a greeter just takes a welcoming smile!)

### Coffee Bar

Oct 2 – Open Door Class

Oct 9 – Disciples Class

Oct 16 – The Net Class

Oct 23 – Youth Group

Oct 30 - TBD

Record of our Faithfulness	2021	2022
	August	August
Avg Sunday School Attendance	Summer schedule	Summer schedule
Average Worship Attendance	89	72
Ministry/Operations Offering received	\$25,768	\$16,413
Ministry/Operations Expenses paid	\$18,885	\$20,190
Mission Offering received	\$5,194	\$4,446
Mission Expenses paid	\$1,743	\$1,709

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](https://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.

**Oct 4, 11, 18, 25** – *Invitation* Bible Study, every Tues @ 2pm, Lynne Delaney's home, 1363 Riverside Dr OC

**Oct 5, 12, 26** – Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30-8pm

**Oct 6** – Nominations/Leadership Dev., 11am

**Oct 9** – *My Next Step* Session, after worship

**Oct 9** – Mission Committee Meeting, after worship

**Oct 13** – Admin Council Meeting, 7pm

**Oct 17** – Grace Notes Articles Deadline

**Oct 21** – Missions Spaghetti Dinner, watch for details

**Oct 24** – Church Conference @ Calvary UMC, Fellowship @ 6:30, Conference @ 7pm

**Oct 26** – Grace Notes Mailing Day

**Oct 29** – Ed & Della Rodgers Memorial Service, 2:30pm, All are welcome

# GRACE CHURCH CONTACTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 AM

## PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

10:45 AM

### Contact Us

Email:

[church@graceoilcity.org](mailto:church@graceoilcity.org)

Eva Palmer:

[secretary@graceoilcity.org](mailto:secretary@graceoilcity.org)

Leeann McCullough:

[financialsec@graceoilcity.org](mailto:financialsec@graceoilcity.org)

Pastor Ron Geisler:

[rgeisler@graceoilcity.org](mailto:rgeisler@graceoilcity.org)

### Phone:

814-677-3013

814-677-3345 Parsonage

Website: [www.graceoilcity.org](http://www.graceoilcity.org)



Grace United Methodist Church in Oil City

### Church Office Hours:

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](http://www.graceoilcity.org)

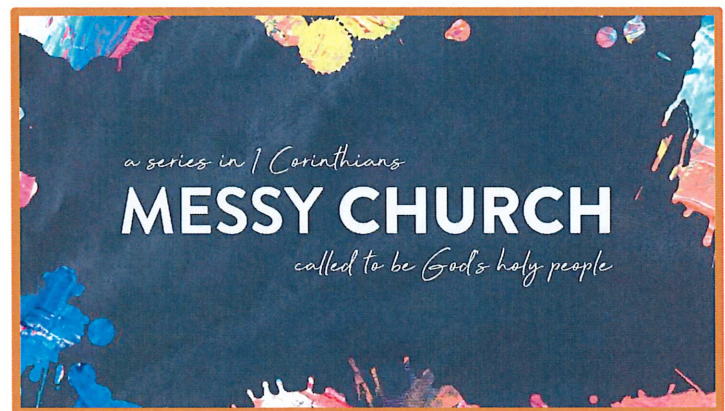
-Sundays at 10:45AM

## Memorial Service for Ed & Della Rodgers

10/29 @ 2:30pm

Ed and Della Rodgers' daughter, Vicki Nicastro, would like to extend an invitation to everyone to the Memorial Service set for October 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in celebration of the lives her parents. There will be a reception afterwards in Asbury Hall.

## Sermon Series starting in October



In this sermon series Pastor Ron will walk us through the book of 1 Corinthians. This significant letter was written by the Apostle Paul in 55 AD. A few years earlier he had founded this church in the Greek city of Corinth. After leaving the church, the apostle Paul heard some disturbing reports about the Corinthian church. They were full of pride and were excusing sexual immorality. Spiritual gifts were being used improperly, and there was a rampant misunderstanding of key Christian doctrines. The apostle Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthians to restore the Corinthian church to its foundation—Jesus Christ.

Many of the challenges and questions the Corinthian church was dealing with are still present in the church today. Churches today still struggle with divisions, immorality, and with the use of spiritual gifts. The letter of 1 Corinthians very well could have been written to the church today and we would do well to listen to its words and apply them to ourselves. 1 Corinthians brings our focus back to where it should be—on Jesus. Genuine Christian love is the answer to many problems (chapter 13). A proper understanding of the resurrection of Christ, as revealed in chapter 15, is the cure for what divides and defeats us.

**Join us in worship beginning October 2, 2022 @ 10:45am.**



# GRACE CHURCH MINISTRIES

## Missions

### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Something new! The mission committee has decided to try a mission effort that is focused on the Christmas celebration and welcomes the efforts of every member of our Grace Church family.



**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes** was started in 1993 by Franklin Graham, the president of the Samaritan's Purse organization. It was created "to touch the lives of children and families around the world, bringing hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ in the form of a simple gift". The first year they distributed 28,000 shoe boxes. Since then, more than 198 million children in 170 countries and territories have received a shoe box. More than 14.9 million children have made the decision to accept Jesus as their Savior.

Shoe boxes are ready to fill and located in the Sunday School hallway, along with a display of sample items to put in the boxes. To be part of this mission and fill your own box, we have copies of helpful suggestion lists for you to take. The lists are posted on the mission bulletin board near the display. You can use the list to purchase items and place them in the collection box. If you are not able to do the shopping and wish to make a donation, we will be glad to shop for you! If you are crafty, you may want to craft items. These are greatly appreciated. It is suggested to include a note and maybe a picture in each box. Please consider writing a short note. The note will be translated into the child's language.

Call Lea Brosius at (814) 676-0375 with questions. For more information, go to [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ)



### Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

To raise funds to mail the Christmas boxes, the mission committee will be having a spaghetti dinner on **October 21st**. That means we will be selling tickets!

### Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference

It might surprise you to find out the mission budget for Grace includes support for the Native Americans in Oklahoma. The Methodist church has sent missionaries to Oklahoma as far back as the 1800s. Approximately half of Oklahoma was set aside for some 40 different Native American tribes. The numerous Methodist churches within the reservation jurisdiction have been organized into their own Methodist conference. The poverty and issues with drugs have created a community that is in need of support. Grace has allotted \$1,000 per year to help send the message of Christ to this forgotten group of Americans. This is a great place to be part of serving in a mission field within the United States. Something to pray about.



## Super Seniors



Tickets are available for the Erie Philharmonic Concert on Oct 16th at 4:00 PM at Trinity UM Church. The tickets are \$5 each. Contact Rhonda Morris at 814-677-4706 for tickets or more information.

# GRACE CHURCH MINISTRIES

## TV Ministry

We continue to apologize for issues related to StreamTV and Comcast Channel 22. There are still problems getting the TV Station up and running. StreamTV is working on the issues related to their new studio. Please continue to watch or rewatch our Worship Services on our website at <https://www.graceoilcity.org/worship-service-recordings.html>.

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](mailto:john_mccullough@windstream.net).

## Mission Trip to serve with Hope for Hispaniola



**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.

They will be working with **full time missionaries Jake and Faye Vincik with Hope for Hispaniola**. 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 are in need of 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 expense. Team members are not asking for support of their trip expenses, only for funds for the building project and hurricane assistance.

Please consider attending our 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.



Jake & Faye Vincik, missionaries with Hope for Hispaniola