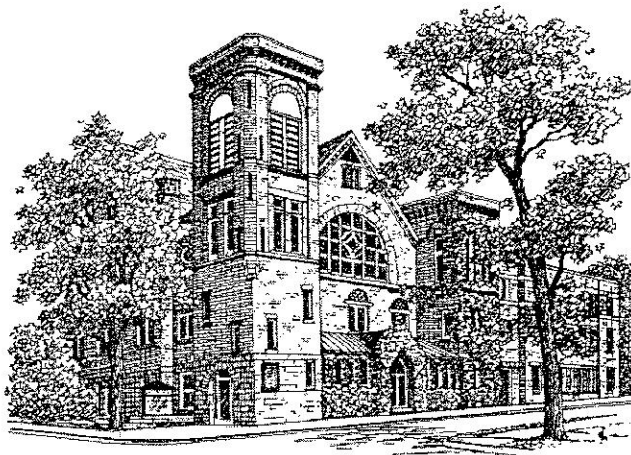


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GRACE NOTES

September 2021 Grace United Methodist Church

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September

OFFICE HOURS

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

Closed for lunch noon to 1:00 PM



United Methodist Church

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 Choir Practice	2	3	4
5 10:00 Worship	6 OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY	7 11:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Super Sr Picnic - Judy Bloom's	8 6:30 Choir Practice	9 7:00 Trustee Meeting	10	11
12 RALLY DAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	13	14	15 GRACE NOTES SUBMISSION DEADLINE 6:30 Choir Practice	16 7:00 Administrative Council	17 4:30 - 6:30 Spaghetti Dinner Drive - thru	18
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	20	21	22 6:30 Choir Practice Autumn begins	23 GRACE NOTES MAILING DAY	24	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	27	28	29 6:30 Choir Practice	30		

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Grace Church family,

It's been a pleasure to be with you these last couple of months! I've enjoyed teaching and getting to know many of you. If we haven't met yet, please feel free to reach out.

As we prepare for autumn ministry here at Grace Church, I invite you to prioritize 3 habits:

- **Worship.** We'll return to 10:45am Sunday worship on September 12. I'd love to see you here in person every week.
- **Grow.** Sunday school kicks off on September 12. There are classes for all ages and each teacher is committed to helping you follow Jesus.
- **Serve.** Find a way to use the gifts God has given you to serve with the love of Jesus. There are a lot of places where you can bless people by serving.

I'm also working on a church-wide event where all of us can participate. Stay tuned!

Before you read on, I'd like you to look at the italicized statement at the top of the page. What do you think? What resonates with you? What makes sense? What would you change?

Let me break it down for us.

Grace Church will partner with God...This is ministry. As the church, we are called to work right alongside the Holy Spirit to accomplish his work. Personally, I think this is an awesome opportunity and gift God gives us.

...in transforming people from unbelievers...Do you remember when you first said, 'Yes!' to Jesus? You said yes to forgiveness, grace, and new life. Jesus forgave your sin and made you a brand-new person. That's justifying grace. God's still doing this, and we get to partner with him to help people meet Jesus right here in Oil City and Venango County.

...into fully devoted disciples of Jesus...Do you know what a disciple is? It's someone who follows Jesus. That's you. Sometimes we think, 'I'm just a church member. Other people are disciples.' Not true! Every follower of Jesus is a disciple. Once you are saved, you become a disciple. A disciple is a student who grows to be like their teacher. All of us who follow Jesus are disciples who can grow to become like him. It's a process.

...to the glory of God. In all things God gets the credit! We do it all for him. I wonder if this statement reflects the original purpose of Grace Church? Does it fill our minds with ideas and make our heart race with promise? I wonder if this is the next right step for all of us at Grace Church. I'd love to hear your response.

Living On Purpose,

Rev. Ron Geisler

SEPTEMBER 2021

WORSHIP SERVICES

9/5 @ 10:00 AM
9/12-9/26 @ 10:45 AM

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Church Office Hours:

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:

graceoilcity.org – or –
streammedia.tv
-Sundays at 10:45AM
-Replay Sundays at 8PM
All weekly services are
available online

rebroadcast and streaming
times start 9/12

*Let's Celebrate, Rally Up Day!!!
Sunday School for Children & Adults
Asbury Hall @ Grace United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 12, 2021 @ 9:30 AM*

Children's Classes:

Nursery: Wendi Ziegler 3 Yrs- 4 Yrs Old

Primary: Kim French K - 1st Grades
Cyndee Clayton 2nd - 4th Grades

Middle School: Kim Scheer 5th - 6th Grades

High School: Sarah McDonald 7th - 12th Grades



Adult's Classes:

Open Door: Penny Lehnortt

Disciples: Barb Hayes
Cindy Fultz

Explorers: Donna Boocks

Net: Interim Teacher
Pastor Ron Geisler

Christian Education committee has been diligently preparing our teachers, classrooms and curriculums for Sunday School 2021-2022. A meeting occurred Monday, August 16th to discuss classroom preparations, Children/Adult curriculums, children's programs including Youth Advisory Board.

Children's' Chapel formally Preschool Room will be the meeting place for Children's Church & Children's Choir to begin Sunday, September 12, 2021.



Worship Teaching Series

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God loves the Church!

2000 years ago, the Holy Spirit created the church as his family. You've been adopted by God and invited to participate with him in seeing his Kingdom come on earth. But you don't do this by yourself. God, the Holy Spirit lives in you and empowers you for life and ministry.

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PARISH REGISTER SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Barb Hayes, Doug Weber, Marge Moyer

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.



Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Beverly Goss who passed away on July 2, 2021, after a period of declining health. Beverly joined Grace Church on March 23, 1951. She sang in the sanctuary choir and served as bell choir director for a period of time.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept 1

Bob Taylor
Doug/Kim Eberle

Sept 2

Charles Benton
Dave Morris
James Teifer
Zachary Wygant

Sept 3

Carla Wheeler

Sept 5

Greydon Galla
Claire Henderson

Sept 6

Jay Warner

Sept 7

Roger Baker
John Heffern
Tyler Lockhart
Kelle Warner
Jerry Yount

Sept 8

Melissa Geisler
Dave Hipwell
Katherine Truban

Sept 9

Dick/Trish Baker

Sept 10

Judy Elwinger
Linda Hoffman
Deanna Mahle

Sept 11

Charlie Motter

Sept 12

Sheryl Giaccai
Gretchen Kenemuth

Sept 15

Rob Montgomery

Steve S. Rood

Sept 16

Gene Buchholz Jr.

Jim Fink

Carter Grandin

Elizabeth Stoltz

Sept 17

Michael Coogan

Jerry/Mary Yount

Sept 18

Sydney O'Neil
Dennis/Kelly Alcorn

Sept 19

Phillip Atkins
Anita Eberle
Patty Jo Gilmore

Karen Greene

Heidi Siler

Sept 20

Jason Campbell
Stephen Kelley
Justin/Debbie Woolcock
Scott/Crystal Youkers

Sept 21

Diane Carroll
Tage Mahle
Kate Montgomery

Louis Stack

Jamie White

Sept 22

Nicole Goughler

Rhonda Morris

Sept 23

Ron Black

Mary Link

Sept 24

Jeff Bickel
Walter Cook Jr.
Norrine Gegogine

Sept 25

Colby Rybak
Hope Winger

Sept 26

Linda Brown
Jim Guyton

Sept 27

Joe Boyer
Leeann McCullough
Susan Munoz

Sept 28

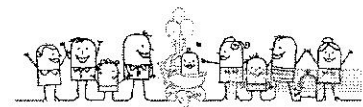
Thomas Berry
Ethan Lloyd
Carol Shaffer

Sept 29

Herb/Marsha Anderson

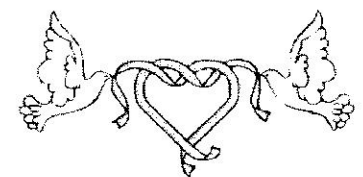
Sept 30

Brooke Blake
Laura Saffell
Autumn Zook



BIRTHS

Violet Marie Hasbrouck arrived August 17th. Proud great-grandparents are Bob and Lynne Delaney.



Congratulations to Danielle Marie Guyton and Bailey John Cyphert who were married on August 28, 2021. Parents are Jim and Judy Guyton and Troy and Jenny Cyphert.

September 2021 Servants

Counting Team: Kim Eberle, Kim French, Don & Sandy Hartsell, June Reisinger, Peg Shuffstall

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

Sept 5 - DeAnna Mahle, John Mahle/Tom Eberle

Sept 12 - Wesley Scheer, Charlie Motter/Frank Fultz

Sept 19 - Brea Fennick, Trish Baker/Jon Sterling

Sept 26 - Rob Ziegler, Steve Scheer/Ian Sterling

Worship Leaders:

Sept 5 - Penny Lehnortt

Sept 12 - Judy Hards

Sept 19 - Cyndee Clayton

Sept 26 - Cyndee Clayton

SUPER SENIOR PICNIC

Tuesday Sept 7 at 3:30

P.M.

We will be meeting at church to carpool to Judy Bloom's house. Anyone needing direction or a

ride, please contact Judy Hards 814-676-2512 or Donna Boocks 814-676-4423. Meat, rolls and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a well-filled dish to share. RSVP by September 5th.

Any senior 55 years of older is welcome to attend any of the Super Senior gatherings. We will be happy to have you join us. Our next outing is at Farmer's Inn on Wednesday October 6th. More info to follow.

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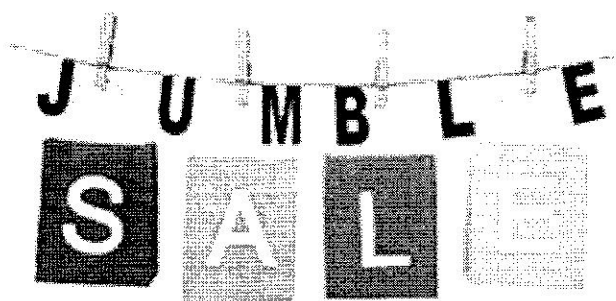
Seniors



Backpack Event Report

On Thursday, August 19th, the Evangelism and Hospitality Committee sponsored a backpack event. **Thank you** to everyone that helped by donating school supplies and serving at the event!

Children were invited to attend through local agencies to receive the backpacks. Besides the backpack filled with supplies, the children played games to win tickets so they could "shop" for more supplies that were available. Hot dogs and cold drinks were served. Parents and children were very appreciative of having the opportunity to be a part of this Outreach event.



The **Jumble Sale** was very successful.

Thank you too all those who gave their time and energy to help make the sale so successful!

The proceeds from the Jumble Sale and Bake Sale was over **\$3700.**

The mission for the sale was to replace the flooring in the secretarial suite in the church.

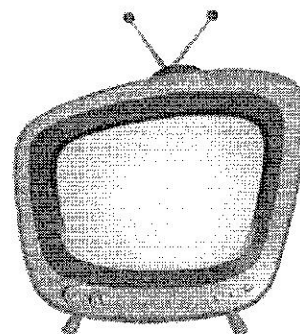
Those local missions that we were able to assist with our goods that did not sell:

- Precious Paws: the shoes-boots went to them, they send the shoes abroad to help 3rd world countries and recoup money for their pet organization.
- Oil city Library and Franklin Library: the books that did not sell went to these organizations for their respective local book sales.
- Venango County Humane Society: blankets/towels were taken there for the pets.
- Hope 21: appropriate jeans, shirts, shorts, undergarments and jewelry were donated to them.
- Local Amish school accepted the children's chairs.
- Local mission accepted the car seat and highchair that by law we are unable to sell, due to dates and liability.

Charitable Deeds took most of the remaining goods.

Belle Lettres Club accepted some goods for their sale in September.

Please join us in thanking Jim and Nancy Whaley for their wonderful years of service to **TV Ministry**. John McCullough will be chairing the group now that they have stepped down from the committee. The TV Ministry Committee is beginning to develop a plan for upgrading our broadcast equipment in the very near future. If you been touched by our broadcast presence, please consider a donation designated to TV Ministry.



Here is an example of how someone that recently passed away was touched by our TV Ministry. This gentleman, who was not a member of Grace Church, was not religious and lived far from Oil City. However, in the last year of his life, he began watching our services online every Sunday. He would even listen to and sing along with the hymns.

We would love to hear your stories of how you or people you know have been touched by our TV Ministry. Or, if you have suggestions or recommendations on how to improve our ministry, please call the church at (814) 677-3013 or email us at church@graceoilcity.org.

Mission Minutes September 2021

Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

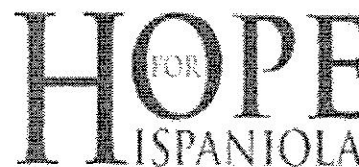
The mission committee is having a spaghetti dinner on Friday, September 17. The spaghetti dinner will be a carry-out affair where the meal comprised of spaghetti with meatballs, bread, a garden salad with dressing and a couple of cookies. We will bring the meal or meals to you in a bag in the parking lot for \$10 per meal. We will be selling tickets prior to the event. Please help us by supporting this dinner and spread the news that this dinner features the BEST spaghetti in the county.

Andrew and Karen Bush

Andrew and Amy have a mission effort in Israel providing the message of hope through Jesus Christ to the Palestinians. They have been separated from their home in East Jerusalem for some time now due to military actions and governmental restrictions concerning Covid-19. I can report to you, they are back in Israel. Andrew delivered a sermon to his home church, (the East Jerusalem International church), and participating in meetings with the Council of Palestinian Evangelical Pastors. Karen has jumped into her duties writing devotions for the Bethlehem Bible College and one-on-one counselling. Praise God for paving the way to return the Bushes to the mission field.

Jake and Faye Vincik

Jake and his family are serving in the Dominican Republic as missionaries under an organization called "Hope for Hispaniola". Last November HFH began the construction of a medical and missions center. This center is comprised of a building with 15 apartment units to house work teams and volunteer medical professionals. This new center will provide a gathering and temporary living space for work and medical and dental teams as they go into the surrounding communities with a message of Christian love. Jake and Faye are a young and energetic couple that God has given us the opportunity to support. They have established roots and will serve the Dominican people for years to come. Check out their internet site at, (www.hopeforhispaniola.com).



The Lord's Pantry

The Grace church family has supported the Oil City Salvation Army for decades. Beyond the financial support we also have collect items for The Lord's Pantry. This opportunity exists in the form of a tote bin in the Sunday School hallway. The mission committee encourages you to make a habit of bringing non-perishable food items, as well as non-food items such as soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, etc. to the Sunday service one or two weeks a month and drop it in the bin.



Please continue to support this Grace Church mission and help us restock the Lord's Pantry boxes. These donations are given directly to our local Salvation Army. With the recent increase in grocery prices, donations currently are in greater need.

Ron Black, Jim Borchert and Kim Scheer have stepped forward to tag-team delivering the donations to the Salvation Army. THANK YOU