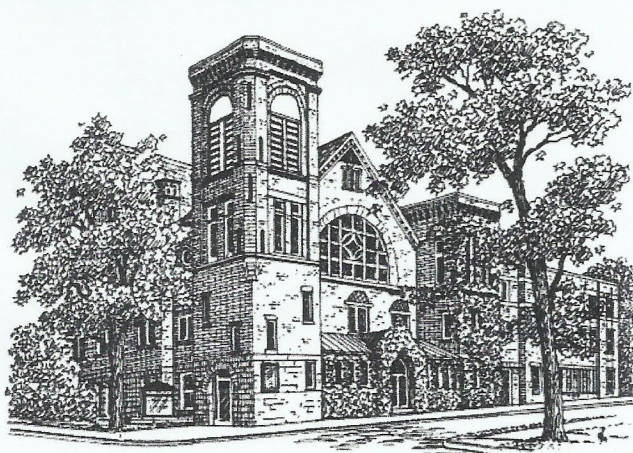


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# GRACE NOTES

June 2022

## Grace United Methodist Church

100 Central Avenue, Oil City, PA 16301

**Pastor Ron Geisler**

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**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

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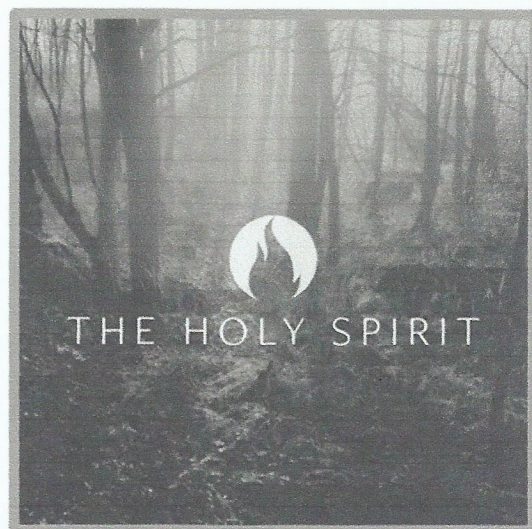
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**Worship Service Online:** <http://www.graceoilcity.org>

**SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday School:** will reconvene in the Fall, Sunday September 11, 2022

**Weekly Sunday Worship Service:** 10:00AM



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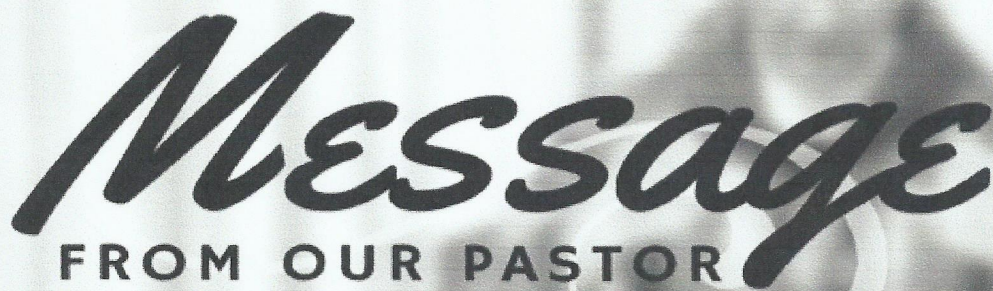
## BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



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 Ellie Heffernan Kerry Hepler	2 Jerry McElhatten Gwendolyn Myers	3 John/Sue Downing Sandra Tenney	4 Rita Hale Beth Rood
5 Dan Tharp	6 Alaina English Mark Motter	7 Dan/Linda Wrihen Betsy Peters	8 Jon Sterling	9 Charles/Amber Guyton/Baran David Kulling Cory Vogan	10 Paul Brown	11 Scott/Kate Shaffer Jim Borchert Suzie Herrera
12	13 Chloe Grandin	14 Brad/Julie Arnink Dan/Julie Berryman Sally Bowser Jim Puleo	15 Jim/Cathy Fink Larry Shaffer Sr.	16	17 Kim French	18 Bob/Ginny Taylor Tina Goeparth
19 John/DeAnna Mahle Travis Pearsall	20 Jay Bickel Lee Green Wendy Meltring	21 Chris/Kerry Hepler Dylan Higfield	22 David/Gail Kulling David/Deborah Moore Bill/Vivian Todd	23 Kallie Smith	24 Jim/Bev Borchert	25 Shane/Jenny Wheeler
26 Brad/Allison Deeter	27 Mike/Amy Higfield James Fultz Tim Karns Rebecca Oakill Nancy Simpson Corey White Kalyne Ziegler	28 Jeff/Cindy Forshee Caroline Smith Phyllis Welner Jane Whaley	29 Sydney Lambertson Steve Scheer	30 Nancy Novicki Zachary Webber		





# Message

## FROM OUR PASTOR

I am convinced there is a desperate need in the church for the Holy Spirit of God to be given room to have his way!

One of the things we need to examine is how we think about and relate to the Holy Spirit. When Jesus was telling his disciples about his upcoming death, he encouraged them that “another Advocate” was coming (John 14:16). In fact, Jesus says that it is to their advantage that he is going away so that the Holy Spirit can come. After his resurrection, Jesus tells his disciples to wait in Jerusalem where they will receive the Holy Spirit. Then, in Acts 2, this is fulfilled as the power of Holy Spirit is unleashed upon the newly birthed church.

So, what does the Holy Spirit have to do with the church, today? EVERYTHING! He is so important that we will be spending the month of June studying him during Sunday worship and in a Wednesday Bible study. Let me help us prepare by sharing what it means for us to believe in the Holy Spirit and live in his presence.

**The Holy Spirit gives the Church authority.** He is not merely an invisible force. The Holy Spirit is the authoritative, empowering presence of the Living God. You see, the Gospel doesn't stop at the cross or even with the resurrection of Jesus. The Gospel continues to unfold in the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. With his presence and power, the Holy Spirit enables the church to witness to our faith.

**The Holy Spirit empowers the Church for our mission.** In Acts 1, Jesus prepares his followers for the coming of the Holy Spirit. He reminds them to stay in Jerusalem until they have been “baptized with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:5). This baptism will empower the Church for mission and ministry. Do you know that almost one billion people across the globe have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ? The Spirit still calls us into global mission and ministry.

**The Holy Spirit shows the New Creation.** The ministry of the church is to reflect the ministry of Jesus. The Holy Spirit shows us the future reality of God's Kingdom breaking into our circumstances. When the Holy Spirit comes, people are healed, reconciled, delivered, given hope, convicted of sin, and brought closer to Jesus.

Let's pray, especially this month, that we are filled even more with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Ron



## GRACE CHURCH JUNE 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

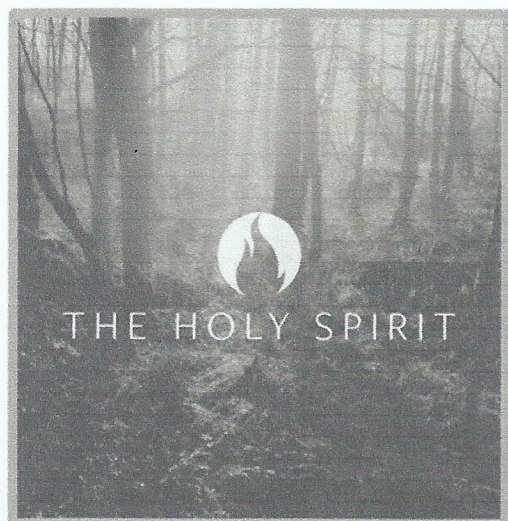
**O** – Observation. What is God speaking through these verses? What do these verses mean?  
What do you observe in your reading? Jot these observations in a journal or notebook.

**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 June, we will read through Scripture about the person and work of the Holy Spirit. The third person of the Trinity has a specific role to play in the life of a Jesus follower.

June 1	John 14:1-4	June 16	1Corinthians 6:18-20
June 2	John 14:5-14	June 17	1Corinthians 12:1-7
June 3	John 14:15-21	June 18	1Corinthians 12:8-14
June 4	John 14:23-27	June 19	1Corinthians 12:15-26
June 5	John 14:28-31	June 20	1Corinthians 12:27-31
June 6	John 15:1-8	June 21	Galatians 5:13-18
June 7	John 15:9-17	June 22	Galatians 5:19-21
June 8	John 15:18-25	June 23	Galatians 5:22-26
June 9	John 15:26-16:11	June 24	Matthew 3:11-4:1
June 10	John 16:12-15	June 25	Luke 4:14-19
June 11	Acts 1:1-8	June 26	Titus 3:1-7
June 12	Acts 2:1-12	June 27	Galatians 4:5-7
June 13	1Corinthians 2:1-5	June 28	Romans 8:1-2
June 14	1Corinthians 2:6-10	June 29	Matthew 28:18-20
June 15	1Corinthians 2:11-16	June 30	John 20:19-23



**We talk about the Trinity as one God revealed in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**But for some, the Holy Spirit is the forgotten God. We know more about God the Father, and God the Son. Yet, it is through the Holy Spirit we experience God in the present. The Holy Spirit is essential to living the God life, now.**

**During the month of June, we'll be diving into Scripture to discover more of the Holy Spirit and how he brings you and me a FULL life.**

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# PARISH REGISTER June 2022



The following members of Grace Church have been hospitalized since the previous edition of Grace Notes: Tom Bish, Trish Baker, Marcus Morris

**Please keep these members in prayer:** Please be in prayer for the families of Sandy Knight, Ed Rodgers Jr. & William Conn. Sandy passed away on April 29th and had been a member since March 2008. Ed passed away on May 1st; he joined Grace Church in May 1955. Bill passed away on May 5th; he had been a member since June 2003. Pray for Jan Angove and her on-going back pain.

## Our June Servants

### Worship Leaders

June 5 – TBD  
June 12 – TBD  
June 19 – TBD  
June 26 – Lynne Delaney

### Counting Team

Jim & Bev Borchert, Steve & Kim Scheer

### Ushering Team

Captain – Tom Eberle, Frank Fultz, Jim Puleo, Bruce Siler, Paul Siler, Rob Ziegler

### TV Ministry

Directors: Brad Arnink, Dick Baker, Bill Lamberton, Ian Scheer  
Graphics: Rodney Campbell Jr., John McCullough

### Sound Board Operator

June 5 – Ian Sterling  
June 12 – Jim Whaley  
June 19 – Jon Sterling  
June 26 – Ian Sterling

### Greeters

Captain – Rhonda Morris  
June 5 & 12 – Larry & Diane Andres  
June 19 – Darrell & Gayle Smith  
June 26 – Don & Sandy Hartsell

### Children's Chapel

June 5 & 19 – Heather Motter, Cyndee Clayton  
June 12 & 26 – Chris Salvo

### Coffee Bar

TBD

Record of our Faithfulness	2021	2022
	Apr	Apr
Avg Sunday School Attendance	CLOSED COVID	39
Average Worship Attendance	81	73
Ministry/Operations Offering received	\$44,319	\$17,128
Ministry/Operations Expenses paid	\$18,534	\$18,519
Mission Offering received	\$18,872	\$4,590
Mission Expenses paid	\$9,843	\$1,708

## Our 2022 Graduates

**Kelsey Ziegler** is a 2022 College Graduate and is the daughter of Bryan and Wendi Ziegler. She graduated Clarion University of Pennsylvania on May 7th, Summa Cum Laude, with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education with a concentration in Social Studies, a minor in History, and a Paralegal Certificate. Right now she is using her Paralegal Certificate and working at a local law firm as a paralegal. Kelsey plans on staying in the area and looking for a job in the education field.

**Madison Salvo** is a 2022 High School graduate and is the daughter of Chris Salvo and Scott & DeAnn Salvo. She has two siblings - Maria and Serafina Salvo. Her school honors include the Principle's List, Honor Roll, and Perfect attendance. Additional school activities include Track and Field, Cross Country, President of Student Council, Secretary of National Honor Society, Blue Hole Club, Envirothon, Junior and Senior Exec and Chem Club. In her free time she enjoys running, being outside, being with friends and family. After graduation she plans on attending the University of Pittsburgh for Chemical Engineering.





# GRACE CHURCH CONTACTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

WORSHIP SERVICES  
10:00 AM

**WORSHIP TIME CHANGE FOR  
SUMMER**

**BEGINS 6/5/22 – 9/4/22**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
WORSHIP 10am-11am**

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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 -

-Previous week service broadcast at 8:30AM

-Current week service at 10:00AM

-Service rebroadcast at 8:30PM each Sunday

### Web Broadcast:

[www.graceoilcity.org](http://www.graceoilcity.org) – or –  
[streammedia.tv](http://streammedia.tv)

-Sundays at 10:00AM

-Replay Sundays at 8PM

All weekly services are  
available online at:

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

## 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.

**June 1** – Staff Meeting, 11am

**June 5** – Membership/Partnership, Communion and  
Graduation Sunday

**June 5** – Mission Meeting, after worship

**June 7** – Care Team Meeting, 11am

**June 7, 14, 21, 28** – Bible Study

@ Lynne Delaney's, 11am

**June 8, 15, 22, 29** – Bible Study

in Grace Hall, 6:30-8pm

**June 9** – Nominations/Leadership Dev. Meeting, 11am

**June 9** – Trustees Meeting, 7pm

**June 19** – HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**June 23** – Grace Notes Articles Deadline

**June 29** – Grace Notes Mailing Day

## Continue on Your Path of Discipleship During the Summer!!

Two small groups are being offered this summer, one in the  
morning and one in the evening.

**FULL – THE HOLY SPIRIT**, Wednesdays 6:30-8pm June 8<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Ron is offering a weekly teaching event based on his June  
sermon series called "Full." Each week we'll focus on a

fundamental principle about the person and work of the Holy  
Spirit. Attend Sunday worship and then join us in Grace Hall on

Wednesday nights from 6:30pm 8pm. Register your attendance by  
calling or emailing the church office.

**THE PARABLES OF JESUS**, Tuesdays 11am beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>

Lynne Delaney will lead a weekly small group study based on the

book "The Parables of Jesus" by James Montgomery Boice. The  
group will meet at Lynne's home, 1363 Riverside Dr. in Oil City.

Please sign up with the church office so we can order the book for  
you. Contact Lynne with any questions 814-657-0929.

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CHANNEL 22 FOR "A FEW WEEKS." THEY ARE MOVING  
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OUR WEBSITE AND YOUTUBE.



# GRACE CHURCH MINISTRIES

## Missions

As submitted by Jerry Brosius, Missions Committee Chairperson

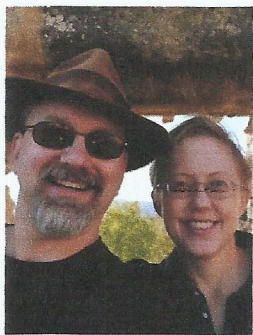


### The Life Center

My body-My choice; That seems to be the abortion rights battle cry that is being sounded around the country and sometimes around the world. That certainly is true but isn't it bigger than that? Grace has chosen the "encourage life" side of this issue and we are standing with the Franklin Life Center. Although it may seem we ourselves may have major differences on this topic, we agree more than you might think. Let's look at some points of agreement. Almost all of us agree that abortion beyond 6 months of the pregnancy is wrong. Almost all of us agree that a baby is a soul and a gift from God and this soul should be considered in any abortion decision. A final important point is the decision to abort should only be seriously considered if continuing the pregnancy will endanger the life of the mother and the decision needs to be supported by a doctor.

If you insist on forcing a new life on a mother, you better be ready to address some other serious questions such as - How will the mother support this new life? Does the mother have the knowledge to raise a child? Will this have a drastic negative result on the mother's life? The Venango County Christian community can and should address these important concerns.

The Franklin Life Center offers the support, knowledge and a message of Christ as the giver of life. The Life Center needs our full support as this topic becomes front page in the media. Please pray about giving generously to the center during this time and if you are led, donate your time to helping the Life staff. In every crisis, God gives us an opportunity to serve.



### We had a visit by the Funkas

Andrew and Amy met a group of us for lunch at the Hoss's restaurant on April 21. We had a chance to grill them on a variety of subjects. What we learned was this couple continues to be productive serving the Czech people with energy and enthusiasm. Need a reason to visit eastern Europe? Andrew can get you involved in a summer camping program that includes using you as an English instructor or in current efforts to aid the Ukrainian refugees. Andrew was pushing a cruise up the Vitava river with a stop-over visit with him and Amy at Prague. Any takers? This couple has amazing Christian contacts that allow them to be effective missionaries.

All missionaries need to return to the states periodically to spend time with their families and reinforce the ties with their financial support partners. The Covid pandemic has delayed this trip for Andrew and Amy for a couple of years, so they were on a tight schedule. They traveled to spend some time with Amy's family at Fort Wayne, Indiana, flew to Alongside Ministries headquarters in the state of Washington in mid-May, and should be back in the Czech at this time.

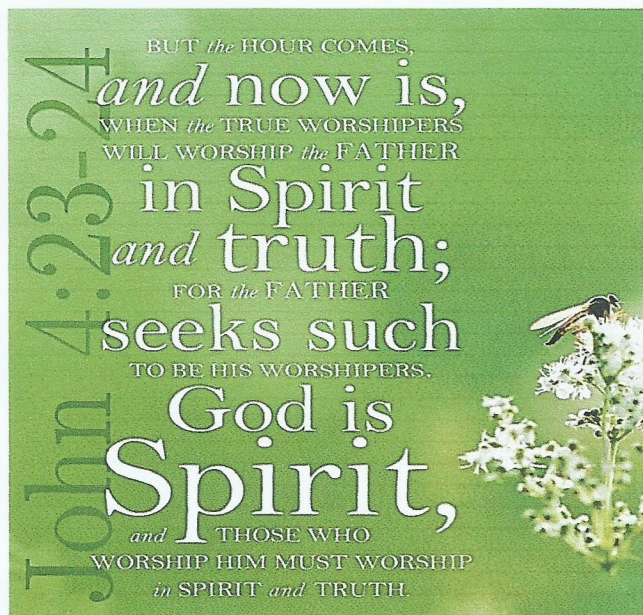
## TV Ministry

On Friday, May 13, members of the TV Ministry Team took two pickup loads of old equipment to the Oil City recycling day. Special thanks to Bill Lamberton for organizing the recycling event.

StreamTV will be offline for a couple weeks, as they move their studio to a new location. As a result, there will be no live broadcast on Comcast Channel 22 until the move is complete. We will continue to share our services live on our website and YouTube.



## GRACE CHURCH MINISTRIES



### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP

## What it means to worship the Lord in Spirit and truth

God is searching for a people who will worship Him in Spirit and truth. In other words, with integrity and honest intentions, and with the Word of God in their hearts. Worship is not a spectator sport; it is full-contact, totally immersive and participatory.

### 4 Ways to Worship God in Spirit and Truth

Worshipping God in spirit and truth means worshipping Him the way we love Him . . . with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

**1. Worship God with all your heart** = adoring Him with your emotions.

I will be filled with joy because of You. I will sing praises to Your name, O Most High. Psalm 9:2

**2. Worship God with your soul** – is like breathing, it is all-encompassing and only made possible by God's Spirit living with us.

And because we are His children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Galatians 4:6

**3. Worship God with your mind** = using knowledge and truth from God's Word to honor and adore Him. Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31–32

**4. Worship God with your strength** = intentional all-in acts of adoration.

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22–23

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Galatians 5:25

**This is the kind of worshippers God wants us to be. Are you in agreement?**



Here is your opportunity to suggest the songs we sing during our Summer worship services! Let Eva, Ron or Allen know of your choices and we will do our best to include them in upcoming services!

**You decide what songs we sing this Summer!**

**PICK YOUR FAVORITE**  
Summertime Hymn  
or worship song



### Prayer Team Ministry

A prayer vigil is being set for the times our Western PA Annual Conference is scheduled for plenary and legislative sessions.

The times will be:

Thurs. June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Fri. June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8:00am – 5:00pm

Please sign up for a ½ hour time slot with the church office If you can be a part of this. The church will be open during those times or you can pray at home.

To find out more about what legislation is before our Annual Conference, go online to:

[www.wpaumc.org](http://www.wpaumc.org) and select Annual Conference in the right sidebar.