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in*

**Grace United Methodist  
Church  
November 2017 Newsletter**

*Everything*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

**The November 2017 Newsletter of**  
**Grace United Methodist Church**

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# ***Reflections.....***

## ***On the Seasons***

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away. The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall.



When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen.

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said that no, it was covered with green buds and full of promise.



The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen.

The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but only one season in the tree's life. He shared that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are - the pleasure, the joy, and love that come from their life - can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up.

If you give up in the midst of winter, you will miss

fulfillment of your fall. So don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Do not judge life by one difficult season. If you can persevere through the difficult patches, better times are sure to come...

There is a reason that the church year begins with the season of Advent. It is a time both of looking back, and of looking ahead. It is a time of renewed Hope for the future, and a season of new direction and growth.



I am reminded of, and take comfort in, Jesus words: "I will be with you, even to the end." He does not promise that life will be easy, or full of happiness, or filled with reward. Those things, and many others, will come at the end of our journey. So no matter what season you find yourself in – know that it is only a season, and that Christ awaits us with open arms. That's something worth celebrating – wouldn't you agree?

Your Well-Seasoned Pastor,  
Alan



## **Harvest Home Sunday is November 19th.**

We will be collecting canned goods - including vegetables, fruit, beans, and soups; Dry goods - including rice, noodles, pasta, flour, sugar, and Mac & Cheese; Peanut Butter; Jelly; Boxed Cereal; and bottles of juice - apple, cranberry, grape, orange, etc. All food will be distributed through Hearts of Grace to folks and families in need. Please place your items around the altar anytime after Nov. 5th.

ONLY  
**TWO WEEKS**  
AWAY!

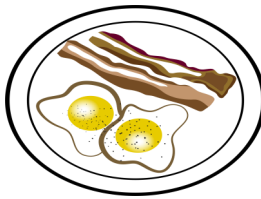


National Collection Week  
is November 13-20!

NOW is the time to pack a shoebox  
gift. See the table in the church  
entrance for supplies and packing  
information.

For More information, or to print a tracking label, go to:  
[www.updates@e.samaritan.org](mailto:www.updates@e.samaritan.org)

**WOF Pumpkin Rolls** ~ Women of Faith are taking orders for Pumpkin Rolls. You can find an order form in the overflow. Money and orders are due by **November 5th**. You can pick the rolls up on Sunday **November 19th**. Please stop by the table in the overflow to order yours or call Yonnie Miller at 717-979-9662.



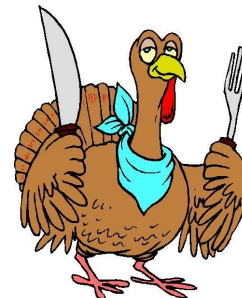
**Women's November Community Prayer Breakfast** ~ Grace UMC will be hosting the **November 7th** Prayer Breakfast at First UMC New Life Center,. The outreach project

will be a monetary collection for Operation Christmas Child. Doors open at 8 a.m. Breakfast begins at 8:45 a.m. The cost is \$8.00. Registration deadline is Friday, November 3. Call First UMC at 717-692-2719 to register. Please join us as we pray for one another and the needs in our community.



**Soup and Sandwich** ~ We will be having a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on **November 12th** following the late worship service. A sign up sheet is in the overflow for soups and desserts. Be sure to stop by and sign up.

**Our Annual Christmas Dinner** is going to be held on **December 10th**. We are looking for volunteers to donate turkeys and also volunteers to prepare the turkeys for the dinner. If you are willing and able to help out in any way please contact Larry Bellis at 717-692-3540





**Prayer Chain** ~ Grace Church has an active prayer chain and is ready to lift up your concerns to the Lord. If you have a need or desire to be a part of the prayer chain please contact Eileen Orr at 717-692-3548, Joann Chubb at 717-362-9757 or Carol Uhler at 717-692-3680



**DECORATING for Christmas** ~ We will be decorating the church on **November 20th** at 4:00 P.M. A light meal will be served at 5:30. Please come and join us for a fun time of fellowship. Even if you can't come for the whole time, we can use your help. There are many different types of jobs that range from sitting to arranging and climbing ladders. It takes about 25 people to complete the decorating in a timely manner. Please sign the sheet in the overflow and also indicate how many people will be attending the meal or call Karen Travitz 717-418-1561

**Volunteers Needed** ~ The Millersburg Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help deliver Meal on Wheels to Millersburg Residents. It would only be once a month., If you would like to volunteer please call Diane Faust at 717-692-



The November Newsletter is sponsored by Connie Bednar to celebrate a very special adoption from November 2008. Congratulations !

**News Alert** - With inclement weather coming we want to remind everyone that our church runs on the same schedule as Millersburg School District. If they are closed or released early, the activities at the church for that day and evening will be cancelled.



**Girl's Day Out Paint Party**  
**Grace United Methodist Church**  
**November 25, 2017**  
**1:00pm-4:00pm**

**Cost is \$15.00 per person.**

Includes: paint, supplies and canvas or wood (your choice) to paint upon.

Free Gift Wrapping while you paint.

Childcare will be available for a donation.

Snacks & hot cocoa will be available for a donation.

This will be a GUMC Youth ran event and the painting will  
be led by our very own up and coming Artist  
Delaney Bellis.

Come join us to get into the Holiday spirit as we fellowship  
together with hot cocoa and snacks, painting and cheer.  
Let us wrap help you get ahead this Christmas season by  
wrapping your gifts too!

To register, you can obtain a form at:  
[www.gracemillersburg.org](http://www.gracemillersburg.org)  
or call Alicia Spicher at 717 648-9306 also

**Registration Forms are in the overflow area**



HELP WANTED! We need you to be a part of our Sunday morning, Dec. 24th, Christmas pageant . This year's drama uses many different persons - some with speaking parts, and some without. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the entryway, or call Tina Fetter ( 395-0498) for information.



**November 1, 2017, Jr High 6-7:30, Sr High 7-8:30** - Jr/ Sr High Youth Group with lesson, games and fellowship.

**November 8, 2017, Jr High 6-7:30, Sr High 7-8:30** - Jr/ Sr High Youth Group with lesson, games and fellowship.

**November 15, 2017, 6:00pm-8:00pm** – Combined JR/SR high youth group. We will be packing shoeboxes and helping to box, count and sort boxes, too, for Operation Christmas Child.

**November 22, 2017 3:00pm-8:00pm** – Service project to the Ronald McDonald house in Hershey. We will prepare a meal for and visit with the residents of the Ronald McDonald house. I can only take 6 youth for this project, so first sign-up; first go along basis will apply. If there is additional interest in others attending, I will get another date together to accommodate those youth. Sign-up sheet on board. No normal youth group this night.

**November 29, 6:00-8:00pm** – Combined JR/SR high youth group. Lesson, games and fellowship. This will be a “night of games”.

### **November Birthdays**

|         |  |         |   |
|---------|--|---------|---|
| Nov. 1  | Jane Hubler<br>Janyce Van Sickle   | Nov. 18 | Rick Miller<br>Ethan Prouse<br>Tim Travitz                    |
| Nov. 2  | Faith Zehring  | Nov. 20 | Ken Rudisill  |
| Nov. 3  | Logan Brosius  |         |   |
| Nov. 4  | Makayla Haines<br>Scott Hill<br>Rachel Kessler<br>Mitchell Phillips      | Nov. 22 | Tammy Schade  |
|         |  | Nov. 23 | Diane Tobias<br>Alex Uhler<br>Carole Fetterhoff<br>Rick Osman |
| Nov. 6  | Jason Dreibelbis<br>Keira Fulkroad                                       | Nov. 24 | Melissa Green<br>James Mauser<br>Nicole Witmer                |
| Nov. 7  | Roger Carl   |         |   |
| Nov. 10 | Jill Davis<br>Scott Myers  | Nov. 26 | Patricia Hoffman  |
| Nov. 11 | Jacob DeWees<br>Jamie Paul   | Nov. 28 | Trish Herb<br>Kirby Tobias<br>Patricia Wiebner<br>Ricky Mull  |
| Nov. 12 | Christopher Teats  |         |   |
| Nov. 13 | Thomas DeWees<br>Tim Ellenberger<br>Courtney Peiffer<br>Isabella Petroff | Nov. 30 | Kamryn Long<br>Dawn Leer                                      |
| Nov. 14 | Scott Hill II  |         |   |
| Nov. 15 | Hayden Bellis<br>Kami Nestler  |         |   |
| Nov. 16 | JoAnn Reed   |         |   |
| Nov. 17 | Brantley Null  |         |   |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR  
80 Plus Members:**

Joanne Chubb 11/17  
Truman Troutman 11/21



Dear Friends,

A special Thank You for all of the gifts and cards received during Pastor Appreciation Month. It is our Joy to be among you as fellow laborers committed to making a difference in our communities.

Pastor Alan & Cathy Atchison



***“Welcome To  
Our World“***

***This year’s Christmas Cantata***  
*will be presented on*  
*Sunday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>*  
*at 10:30am and 4:00pm*

***For more information or  
Questions, contact  
Diana Paul @717-329-5329***



## **CHILDCARE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

### **8:30 am Infant/Toddler**

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| Nov. 5  | Jayne Harman  |
| Nov. 12 | Nicole Hooper |
| Nov. 19 | Nicole Hooper |
| Nov. 26 | Nicole Hooper |

### **10:30 Infant/Toddler**

|         |                               |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| Nov. 5  | Nicole Hooper                 |
| Nov. 12 | Nicole Hooper/Kristen Snyder  |
| Nov. 19 | Nicole Hooper/Shannon Vallier |
| Nov. 26 | Tracy Barcavage               |



## **Chicken Pot Pie All You Can Eat**

Friday, November 11, 2017  
4:00 - 7:00 pm

Grace UMC Family Life Center  
Benefits the Millersburg Pool

Adults - \$10.00

Children 5 to 10 - \$5.00

**Questions? Call Kathy Weiss @ 717-395-7971**

Choice of chow chow, red beets, pepper slaw, hot lettuce or  
applesauce and roll, dessert and drink

Take Out Available



**Go into  
all the world...**

## **Mission Update for November**

### **Shut-In Visitation Schedule**

Please see the sign-up sheet in the overflow to volunteer to visit shut-in's at the Manor and Polk facilities. We are looking for compassionate people who will give a little time each week to brighten the day of one of our friends.

### **Upcoming trip scheduled to Mission Central**

We will be heading to Mission Central on Sat. , Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>  
This trip is open to all who would like to participate.

### **Nov 19, 2017 Harvest Home Sunday**

You are invited to bring food items to be displayed at the Altar ,  
and later distributed by Hearts of Grace in the monthly food  
boxes to the needy in our community.

### **Our Local Giving Focus for November is :**

Grace UMC's Community Needs Fund.

**Next Missions meeting January 11, 2018 @ 6:30 pm.**



## PROPOSED MISSION GOALS FOR 2018

Our Goal for 2018 is to increase our benevolent giving to ***AT LEAST 10%*** of our church budget.

We will continue to encourage **your participation** in missions and outreach through our Faith Promise Giving, with any commitment shortfall being met through our General Fund.

1. We are committed to paying our UM Shares of Ministry in Full for 2018, of which the Benevolence portion is \$10,753.00, or \$ 896.08 / month.

The Benevolence portion supports the ministries of the Susquehanna Conference, both home and abroad, including United Methodist Missionaries serving through the General Board of Global Ministries; Africa University; the United Methodist Home for Children in Mechanicsburg, PA; Iglesias Stevens Emmanuel Church, Harrisburg; The Neighborhood Center, Harrisburg; and Harrisburg Uptown United Methodist Ministries.

2. We also envision support for the following ministries:

Global Ministry and Outreach:

\$1,500 - Sylvia Webb, Indian Mobile Mission, Arizona

\$1,500 - Jennifer Cook, Missionary in Honduras

\$1,200 - John and Rachael Biddle, CRu

\$1,000 - Don and Chrissy Chubb, Ethnos 360

\$1,000 - Rev. Glen Osborn China Outreach Min.

\$ 600 - Phoebe Hoyle, China Outreach Ministries,

Local Ministry and Outreach:

\$ 1,000 - Pat Nissel - Harrisburg Street Ministry



3. We have committed our continuing support of each of the monthly mission projects:

Jan - \$ 350 - Bethesda Mission, Harrisburg  
Feb - \$ 350 - McCurdy School, Espanola, New Mex  
Mar - \$ 350 - Red Bird Mission, Kentucky  
Apr - \$ 350 - Endless Mountains Mission Center  
May - \$ 350 - Mission Central  
Jun - \$ 350 - Camp Smiles at Grace, Upper Dauphin  
July – \$ 350 - Enright’s Pastor School and Day Care,  
Aug – \$ 350 - Lifeline Pregnancy Center  
Sep – \$ 350 - Operation Christmas Child  
Oct – \$ 350 - Operation Christmas Child  
Nov – \$ 350 - Grace Church Community Needs Funds  
Dec – \$ 350 - United Methodist Children's Home

4. We are committed to continue to support various agencies and services, including:

- a. The United Methodist Retirement Community at Riverwoods in Lewisburg with gifts of toiletries;
- b. The United Methodist Children’s Home in Mechanicsburg with donations;
- c. Mission Central with our volunteer labor and donations;
- d. Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center with donations and baby care items;
- e. Operation Christmas Child with shoeboxes and donations;
- f. Church World Services with warm blankets through our Blanket Drive Sunday.

5. We are committed to providing food and services for those in our community thru:

- a. The Hearts of Grace monthly food distribution
- b. The JFY Backpack Program
- c. The Community Needs Fund.

6. We will continue to encourage our children, youth, and adults to live a life grounded in mission, by:

- a. seeking to provide opportunities for our Grace Action Team to participate in “hands on” mission work locally;
- b. suggesting correspondence (Christmas cards, notes, letters, etc.) with our missionary representatives.
- c. providing opportunities to give to “special collections” throughout the year.

## **7th ANNUAL GRACE UMC INDOOR YARD SALE**



**Friday, January 19, 2018**

**8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, January 20, 2018**

**8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Set-up will be Thursday, Jan. 18th. There is no fee for tables, but 10% of all sales is to be donated to Grace UMC to help cover the expenses of the event.**

**Please call Linda Leshko at 717-364-9009 to reserve your spot.**

**We almost had a full house last year. Don't wait...it will be here before you know it!**

**Poinsettia Order for 2017**  
**Last Day to order is November 26th**  
**\$8.50**

Check One

Burgundy ☐

Red ☐

Pink ☐

White ☐

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Memory of ☐ Honor of ☐

**Gift to Missions In Lieu  
 Of A Poinsettia**

Deadline to give to Missions is December 10



My Gift is

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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