

February



Grace United Methodist Church

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Currently Serving you at Grace UMC

Alan Atchison, Pastor

Jane M Hubler, Secretary

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Diana Paul, Choir Director

Charlotte Gingrich, Organist

Nicole Hooper, Childcare Coordinator

Alicia Spicher, Youth Leader



Grace UMC Services

Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Wednesday Evening Meal & Study 5:15 pm - 7pm

For more information or to join a class contact the church office at 717-692-2838



Find your role as part of the body of Christ and invest in others' lives through a Grace Small Group Study, Women of Faith, Youth Group, Hearts of Grace, JFY, FFT or Our Worship Services. We Are Here to help everyone become an outward-focused follower of Jesus.

From the Pastor

I can't begin to tell you how excited I am, as we look toward the coming of Spring. Not that I don't love the winter season, with it's crisp air, and it's beautifully shimmering crystal blanket of snow that covers God's creation. There is nothing that quite compares to a night-time stroll down the snow-covered streets of town as big, fluffy, snowflakes fall around you. If you were not able to experience the snows of January, fear not - I suspect that we have not seen the last of the snow!



In just a few short weeks, we will begin to make our way through the season of Lent - a period of 40 days (not including Sundays) in which we are called to devote ourselves to contemplation and prayer, along with being diligent to openly and graciously share what we have with those less fortunate. Some choose to fast from certain things during this period, (like eating fish on Fridays, or chocolate, or coffee...) in order to more freely enter into a spirit of appreciation for Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

One of the things I am most excited about is the opportunity to host world-renown Christian recording artist Kathy Troccoli for an evening concert on Thursday, March 15th. (continued ---->)

KATHY *KT* TROCCOLI

She has graciously agreed to come and share a night of worship with us, presenting us with an awesome opportunity to share the love of Christ with our surrounding communities.

But we need your help to get the word out. Please consider inviting your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers, etc., and help us to get tickets into the hands of folks who would gladly appreciate them. There is no cost, and tickets are sure to go quickly. Stop by the table in the church entrance, or call Jane in the church office at 717-692-2838, and get ready for an experience you won't forget! That's a promise!

Your Very Excited Pastor,
Pastor Alan

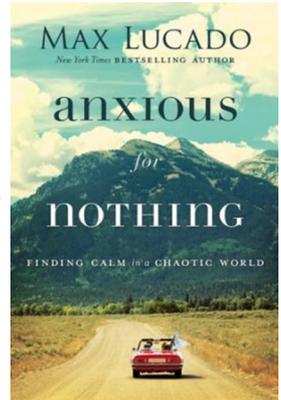
A Bible Study for Women Monday's in March, 6 - 7pm

We will meet in the youth room. We hope you can join us. Please sign up on the sheet by the front entrance.

Please see Michelle Peiffer or Alicia Spicher with any questions

Over the past few decades, studies have shown that Americans are the most anxious people in the world. We take the most medication for it, see doctors to treat it, and spend fortunes trying to relieve it. How have we let our fears get the better of us?

In *Anxious for Nothing*, Max Lucado leads readers to reflect on the promises of Philippians 4:4-8. This passage from Paul's epistle contains an antidote to anxiety that will help you develop a mindset of resilience. Rediscover the power of prayer, and take control of your thoughts. You can rest in "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding."





*A Special Service
of Worship &
Encouragement*

Comfort by
candlelight

An evening with **kathy troccoli**

Thursday, March 15, 2018 • 7 p.m.
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

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*** Tickets are FREE, but required for Admission

Ticket Information 717-692-2838

iTickets-KathyTroccoli

*** A LOVE OFFERING will be taken ***

Grace Easter Eggs

We started rolling those delicious eggs on Monday, January 22nd



We could use your help!

Mondays and Tuesdays : 9:00 am till Noon,
1:00 pm till 4:00 pm,
6:00 pm till 8:30 pm
Wednesdays: 9:00 am until finished.

If you can help in any way, please contact Sandy Romberger (896-7638) or call the Church Office. Also, if you might know of a business that would be willing to sell our eggs, please let Sandy know.

We Need Your Small & Med. Boxes !!!! If you can donate boxes, please deposit them in the egg office beside the kitchen. Thank You !!!

Sweetheart Dinner Sat. Feb. 10th



Grace UMC will be hosting a night out in the Family Life Center. Good Food, Good Fellowship; And LOADS of Fun. Alex Cooke will be entertaining us. Call Mary Buffington (503-7582) or Tina Fetter (395-0498) for more information or for tickets.

February Birthdays

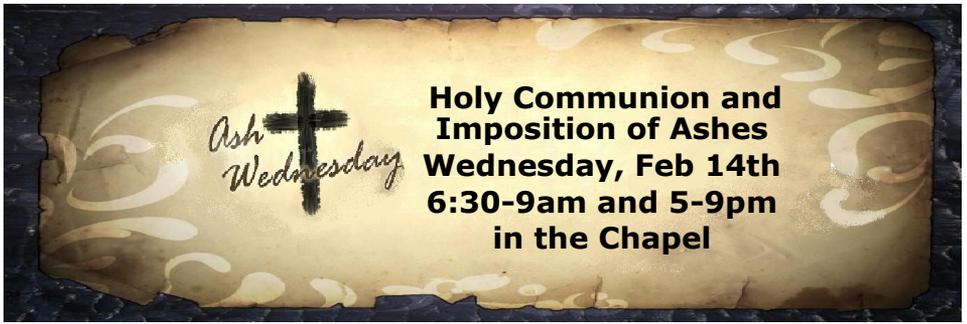
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| Feb. 1 | Kristin Ibberson | Feb. 21 | Sierra Musa |
| Feb. 2 | Katherine Bolig | | Elizabeth VanOlden |
| Feb. 3 | Ryder Shoop | Feb. 22 | Kaitlin Fox |
| | Ava Shoop | | Ashlee Wherry |
| Feb. 5 | Lisa Osman | Feb. 23 | Terry Uhler II |
| Feb. 7 | Darla Heyne | Feb. 24 | Bradley Deitrich |
| Feb. 8 | John Ramberger | Feb. 25 | Jan Brosius |
| Feb. 9 | Cindy Matter | | Dana Hepner |
| | Lucas Schadel | Feb. 26 | Chuck Fultz |
| | Paul Morris Jr. | Feb. 27 | Layla Engle |
| Feb. 10 | Philip Leer | | Brianna Rowe |
| Feb. 11 | Eric Erdman | Feb. 28 | Kay Fralick |
| | Abigail Scheib | | Garrett Rowe |
| Feb. 12 | Bob Tobias | | Remington Shaffer |
| Feb. 14 | Dawn Huntzinger | Feb. 29 | Kyle Long |
| Feb. 15 | Kristen Snyder | | |
| Feb. 16 | Michelle Fulkroad | | |
| | Kristen Snyder | | |
| Feb. 17 | Aidan Herb | | |
| | Barbara Shoop | | |
| Feb. 18 | Margaret Bowman | | |
| Feb. 19 | Dennis Schaffner | | |
| Feb. 20 | Lisa Kissinger | | |
| | Eliska Lower | | |
| | Ryder Tobias | | |

A Special Happy Birthday to :

George Wilt ~ Feb. 21st
100 Years Young



*Todd & Trisha Herb
Rick & Lisa Osman
Ken & Kendra Rudisill
Terry & Carol Uhler*



Hearts of Grace Food Boxes

We continue to be blessed by what is happening within this ministry. We are averaging 40 boxes each month to families within our community. The winter season can be difficult with the added cost of heating. Your support of food donations is helping families in so many ways. God is opening doors for us to serve Him in this ministry. By working together, Grace Church is making a difference in the lives of our church and community.

Suggestions:

Dessert items

Canned soup, fruit and vegetables

Pasta and Pasta Sauces

Cereal and Oatmeal

Fruit Juices and Hot Chocolate

Potato Dishes (scalloped, au gratin, mashed, etc.)

Your financial donations will be used to purchase fresh meats, cheeses and vegetables & fruit. Mark your envelope Hearts of Grace. A red grocery cart is placed in the Social Hall to collect your donations. Please continue to pray for this growing ministry.

Our Next Distribution is February 22, 2018

Packing starts at 5:00pm and distribution is from 6 – 6:30pm

Opportunities to Volunteer

Work Day at Mission Central

Feb. 3, 2018 - with GUMC Youth

Other Upcoming Dates

May 19, 2018

Aug 18, 2018

Oct 27, 2018 - 5K Run at Mission Central



Sunday, February 4th

Let's remember to support this annual food drive by **wearing your favorite team jersey**, and bringing a canned good and a dollar to Sunday Morning worship to help stock our Hearts of Grace food pantry. Also, make plans to stay and enjoy soup and a sandwich at the fellowship luncheon following worship.



Operation Christmas Child

Why we do what we do!!!

Wherever possible, after the shoeboxes are distributed, *"The Greatest Journey"* is offered. This is 12 dynamic Bible lessons written in the child's own language and presented by Samaritan's Purse through the local church where the shoeboxes were handed out. Over 14 million children have enrolled in *"The Greatest Journey"*, with many of them boldly telling their family and friends about the Savior. Following is an account of one of those children who enrolled in this course.

"In the African country of Malawi, a 12-year-old boy named Yankho was asked to speak at his graduation from *The Greatest Journey*. He preached so powerfully that 200 men, women and children in the audience prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We want to raise up a generation of believers like Yankho, whose hearts are on fire and have a burden for sharing the Gospel with those who need it most."

It started with one shoebox in the hands of a 12 year old boy.



February 2, 2018 6:00pm-8:00pm – Youth Dodgeball Tourney, \$1-2 recommended donation to participate is appreciated.

February 7, 2018, Jr High 6-7:30, Sr High 7-8:30 - Jr/Sr High Youth Group with lesson, games and fellowship.

February 9, 2018 6:00pm-8:00pm – Youth Dodgeball Tourney, \$1-2 recommended donation to participate is appreciated.

February 14, 2018, Jr High 6-7:30, Sr. High 7-8:30 - Jr/Sr. High Youth Group with lesson, games and fellowship.

February 16, 2018 6:00pm-8:00pm – Youth Dodgeball Tourney, \$1-2 recommended donation to participate is appreciated.

February 21, 2018, Jr High 6-7:30, Sr High 7-8:30 - Jr/Sr. High Youth Group with lesson, games and fellowship.

February 23, 2018 6:00pm-8:00pm – Youth Dodgeball Tourney, \$1-2 recommended donation to participate is appreciated.

February 28, 2018, 6:00-8:00pm - Combined JR/SR high youth group. Lesson, games and fellowship. Weather permitting, we may go sledding. More information will follow closer to the date.



Confirmation Classes will be held on **Sunday afternoons, from 3-5pm** beginning March 4th, for those youth in 8th - 12th grade, in preparation for joining the church on May 20th, Pentecost Sunday.

Please talk to Pastor Alan concerning this most important step of faith.



Youth Dodgeball Tournament Friday nights in February from 6-8pm!

For ages 11-18

Everyone welcome, please spread the word throughout the community! This will be a youth-sponsored event. There will be a recommended donation of \$2.00 per person each night. The proceeds will go towards the youth fund to allow for us to continue our service projects and mission trips. It is our hope that we will be able to reach others in our community and encourage them to learn more about Jesus.

We will also be offering a couple different adult led classes for the parents to attend while their youth participate. Childcare will be provided for younger family members.

Contact Alicia Spicher for more
information 717-648-9306

February Nursery Volunteers

Date	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
February 4	Nicole Hooper	Nicole Hooper
February 11	Jane Harman	Sarah McAlanis/ Shannon Vallier
February 18	Nicole Hooper	Nicole Hooper
February 25	Nicole Hooper	Tracy Barcavage

MISSIONS UPDATE for FEBRUARY 2018

The McCurdy School, located in Espanola, New Mexico, is our February Designated Mission Project. They will receive a gift of \$350.00. Here is a little of what they offer:

The McCurdy Mission

McCurdy Ministries extends God's love, grace and help to children, youth and families in Española through quality educational and life enrichment programs which instill hope and allow them to live into the future God has for them.

As a faith-based organization, we live out our calling to serve the children, youth, and families of the Española Valley by building lasting partnerships with those we serve and engaging them in the support of our mission. We offer opportunities for volunteers to live out their God-given call to service by serving others. We offer counseling, technology training, early childhood education, performing and visual arts, Christian studies and other co-curricular and extra-curricular activities designed to enhance and strengthen character, mind, body, and spirit.

We offer a Christian-centered environment where each child and young person can experience care, respect, and encouragement, in order to learn and grow socially, physically, academically, and spiritually. Our focus is serving students and families of McCurdy Charter School and the Española Valley.

McCurdy Ministry Board

Blanket Sunday Update

The Missions committee would like to thank everyone who contributed gifts towards the purchase of blankets.

Thanks to you, our January 14th blanket drive raised a total of **\$855.00** ! Those funds have been forwarded to Church World Services to be used to purchase blankets.



Next Missions meeting is MARCH 22, 2018 @ 6:30 pm.



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Registration begins at 7:00pm
Live Music and lots of fun!

Kids Fun Run Begins at 8:00pm
(Please bring a box of cereal to donate
to Hearts of Grace in lieu of a fee for the kids run.)



**Proceeds benefit the GUMC Youth Mission Trip
and Hearts of Grace Food Bank**

*“You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light.” ~ Psalm 18:28*

Please check out our Facebook page or visit
www.gracemillersburg.org for more info
and to print a registration form.