



Hello October

2018

**GRACE UMC
NEWSLETTER**

The October 2018 Newsletter of Grace United Methodist Church

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

will be celebrated on

World Communion Sunday

October 7th

at the 8:30am and 10:30am services

The season of Fall, particularly the month of October, is one of my favorite times of the year. Not only does it bring back fond memories of my own childhood, it also brings remembrances of all the fall adventures that transpired as Cathy and I worked together to raise our own kids.

PASTORS



CORNER

I can recall the awe displayed on the faces of our children, as we tramped through the fall woods, in search of different types and colors of leaves for an elementary school project, and the



sheer ecstasy of giggles and shouts as we raked leaves into a pile and then proceeded to jump in, roll around, and then scatter them to the wind. There was the agony of anxiously waiting until the pumpkin vines had withered and turned brown before harvesting the orange globes that

had been growing oh-so-slowly, just waiting to become porch decorations and jack-o-lanterns, with their smiling faces lighting up the night.

But perhaps the thing that I enjoy the most is the diversity of color. The landscape is magically transformed by warm, vibrant, extraordinarily rich, and energetic splashes of amazing color - even if only for a short while.

It is, for me, a living, breathing picture of God's Kingdom on earth, resembling a multi-dimensional tapestry made up of the many different races, tribes, and nations of peoples, each with their own unique blend of traditions,

customs, and patterns of worship, and each one radiating the many colors of God's grace and love in their own unique way.

As a part of the body of Christ, ***we are each charged with helping others experience the wonder and warmth of God's Love.*** That is our mission. But because we are also human, we're not always openly warm, or vibrant, or inviting - myself included. While we may ***feel*** like we are warm, vibrant, and inviting, what people perceive as they look at our actions and our reactions may be very different.

Have you ever noticed that on a cloudy day, even the most brilliant reds and yellows, oranges and greens, and even browns can appear to look dull and drab?



It's not until the sun comes out and highlights their natural colors that they seem to come to life and exude a warmth and a brilliance that has the power to take your breath away. And as that happens, the normal is suddenly and magically transformed into the extraordinary.

The same is true for each of us. As we try to maneuver through life on our own power, we don't always shine the brightest. It is not until we allow the light of God's Word to illuminate our lives, and begin to direct our thoughts and our actions - including the words that we speak to each other - that we begin to truly reflect the

goodness of God's grace and love. And the more we are able to enter into that space - **to abide in God's love and grace** - the more our colors will shine.

What people see when they look at us - how they see our "true" colors reflected - really **does** matter! Jesus told his disciples, "**You** are the light of the world. Let **your** light so shine before others, that they might see your acts of love and mercy, and give praise to your Father in heaven."

Imagine how our world would be changed... NO - how our community would be changed... EVEN BETTER YET - how our church would be changed.... AND how our own lives would be changed.... if **we allowed ourselves** to continually abide in Christ, so that the **many colors** of **His light** could shine through our everyday lives, spreading the very vibrancy and warmth and excitement that will most-assuredly draw others toward a life-changing relationship with Jesus, our Lord !!!

It **can** happen - **if** we are willing to commit to abiding in HIS presence - each and every day. Here's looking forward to a Fall season of growing disciples together !

Your colorful pastor,
Alan

Our 2018 Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, Nov. 4th , immediately following the noon fellowship meal.

Please mark your calendar, and plan to attend.

ALL ABOARD !

Our Annual Fish Fry's are Now Underway. Mark your calendar for Friday, Oct. 12, and Nov. 9th.

Lots of volunteer help is needed to make our dinners run smoothly.

Please contact Karen Lentz at (717) 692-4340 to volunteer your time.



You are invited to join us
for this year's
"Christmas Choir"
presentation of
"All Year Long"

Practices begin on Sunday, Oct 28th
from 4:00 to 5:30 in the chapel and
also Wednesday nights at 7:00 for
those who like additional practice.

Sign Up Today, Don't Wait . .

**For more information, or to
sign up, contact Diana Paul
@717-329-5329**



From the Staff/Parish Committee

October is Pastor Appreciation month. It is a time when we, as a church body, need to reflect on the expectations and demands that we place on our pastor. Serving a congregation as a pastor is a unique and special calling from God.

When we think of a pastor's role and responsibilities, we may think of the weekly sermon, hospital visits, and someone to call on in times of crisis. But do we think of the countless other duties that a pastor performs? Do we think of church administration, conference responsibilities, spiritual and educational outreach, preparation of bulletins and newsletters, youth activities, participation in the many church committees, staff oversight, and the list could go on and on.

Pastor appreciation is something that we must be intentional in doing. A kind and uplifting comment or a simple note of thanks can go a long way in encouraging our pastor. Knowing that you are loved and that your work is appreciated always makes the tasks more bearable.

Take time this month to show your appreciation, and more importantly, lift our pastor up in your prayers.

500 People in Dona Ana will soon have water, thanks to Grace UMC's generous donations!

To our dearest Brother's and Sisters in Christ at Grace UMC, Millersburg, Pa.



Nearly a year has passed since we received your generous donation to help rebuild the water plant that serves the families in the village of Dona Ana. We are happy to report that the rebuilding project began at the end of August and is continuing at this moment. The roof is being poured today (Sept. 14th). Ten days will be allowed for the cement to dry then the interior finishing work can begin. The building should be completed by the middle of October.



The installation of the water purification system will follow immediately. The re-start of the water plant should occur by the end of October, bringing clean, safe, drinking water to the people of the community once again.

Thank You for Restoring Clean Water to Dona Ana!
You have Blessed This Community!



We are Project # 3021988

Water@Work Ministry, Inc.,

P.O. Box 923053,

Peachtree Corners, GA 30010.

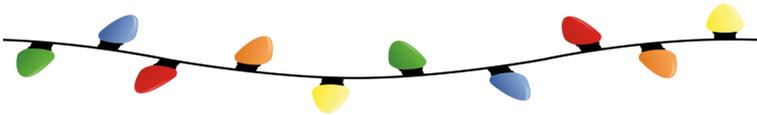
Power Up!, our latest campaign has just begun. To learn about it, click on this link <https://power-up.www.verydayhero.com/us/water-work-team>.

It is time for
Operation Christmas Child

Don't wait until the last minute, start to work on filling your shoeboxes now. This year, we will offer to you an opportunity to purchase what we are calling a 'Basic Box' for \$10. This 'Basic Box' contains many of the common items included in a shoebox: toothbrush, soap, coloring book, crayons, a small toy, t-shirt, flip-flops, bandana, a cloth backpack, socks, and more.

What's missing from the 'Basic Box' is the "*Wow*" items. "*Wow*" items are those things that you prayerfully purchase to make the shoebox special. God already knows the needs of the child that your shoebox will go to. Ask God what to purchase and see where He leads you.

Our hope in providing the 'Basics' is that you will be able to afford to do an extra box or two or provide a nicer "*Wow*" item. Remember that every shoebox introduces a child to Jesus and lets them know someone loves and cares about them.



Women of Faith

PUMPKIN ROLL

\$ 10.00 / whole

\$ 5.50 / half

Please see the order sheets in the church entryway, or call Tina Fetter @ 717-395-0498 to order yours today.

Orders will be ready for pick-up on Nov. 16th



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 1 Julie Ellis
Ed Miller

Oct. 2 Troy Rowe
Andy Schade
Ruth Wilt

Oct. 3 Danielle Sass
Taryn Wherry

Oct. 4 Connie Bednar
Robin Rowe

Oct. 6 Emily Lepone

Oct. 7 Cody Hepner
Olivia Erdman

Oct. 8 Courtney Langhans
Shauna Buchmoyer
Carter Bower

Oct. 9 Todd Herb
Heidi Mantzouranis
Kendra Rudisill

Oct. 10 Skyler Fultz
James Reed

Oct. 11 Linda Leshko

Oct. 13 Alexander Frederick

Oct. 15 Ryan Shoop
Kaitlin Gordon

Oct. 17 Terry Kerwin
Bobbie Prouse

Oct. 19 Jim Coyle
Emily Ellis
Vicki Forney

Oct. 20 Tom DeWees
Summer Oxenrider
Cindy Teats
Jeff Wiebner
Lindsay Hepner
Dawn Erdman

Oct. 21 Daniel Crabb

Oct. 22 Joanne Wilt

Oct. 25 Ron Hepner

Oct. 26 Mark Dreher
Riley Shaffer

Oct. 27 Phyllis Warfel

Oct. 28 Mason Engle
DarcyKoppenhaver

Oct. 29 Briea Barcavage
Trina Bellis
Zachary Miller
Doug Savidge

Oct. 30 Anson Osman

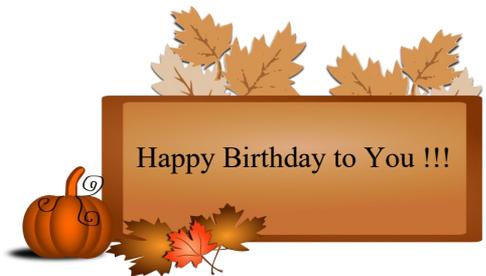
Oct. 31 Larry Bellis
Tom Bowman

80+ Club

Marie Messersmith 10/20

90+ Club

Polly Rubendall 10/01



October Anniversaries

Matt & Amy Reed 10/02
Willard & Judy Stoneroad 10/04
Doug & Kathy Weiss 10/06
Paul & Joanne Chubb 10/06
Ron & Jane Hepner 10/06
Brad & Brenda Kessler 10/08
Kirby & Jan Brosius 10/10
Ron & Tracy Barcavage 10/16
Jeremy & Angela Hosterman 10/16
Don & Peg Lebo 10/26



Please join us in the Family Life Center on **October 14th** immediately following the 10:30 am Worship Service for a Soup & Sandwich Luncheon.

**A donation of Soup or Dessert is appreciated.
Please sign up on the sheet by the front entrance.**

CHONDA PIERCE **LAUGHING IN THE DARK**

Wednesday evenings
6:00-7:15pm
Beginning October 10th

A Bible Study on the Book of Job

Sign up on the table in the Church entryway

A promotional banner for a Bible study. On the left, a photo of Chonda Pierce, a blonde woman in a black top, smiling and holding a vintage microphone. The background is a collage of people laughing. The text is in white and light blue on a dark blue background.



10 LITTLE CHRISTIANS

- 10** Little Christians standing in line...
1 disliked the preacher, then there were 9
- 9** little Christians stayed up very late...
1 overslept Sunday, then there were 8
- 8** little Christians on their way to Heaven...
1 took the low road and then there were 7
- 7** little Christians chirping like chicks...
1 disliked music, then there were 6
- 6** little Christians seemed very much alive...
but one lost his interest then there was 5
- 5** little Christians pulling for Heaven's Shore...
but one stopped to rest, then there were 4
- 4** little Christians, each busy as a bee...
but one got his feelings hurt, then there were 3
- 3** little Christians knew not what to do...
1 joined the sporty crowd, then there were 2
- 2** little Christians, our rhyme is nearly done...
differed with each other, then there was 1
- 1** little Christian can't do much - 'tis true...
but invited a friend to Bible study -- then there were 2
- 2** earnest Christians, each won one more...
that doubled the number, then there were 4
- 4** sincere Christians worked early and late...
Each won another, then there were 8
- 8** splendid Christians - if they doubled as before....
In only seven Sundays, we'd have **1,024** !

Now, in this little jingle, there is a lesson true...
We can choose to be a wrecking ball, or the building crew.

- Author Unknown

A blue rectangular banner with a white cross at the top center. Below the cross, the text "JOIN US FOR A CHURCH WIDE MEETING" is written in white, with "CHURCH WIDE MEETING" in a larger, bold font. The text is framed by white lines that form a simple roof shape.

JOIN US FOR A
**CHURCH WIDE
MEETING**

on Monday, October 15 – 6:30 pm

Please plan to be a part of this important follow –up !!!

On June 26th, we had an awesome meeting where 42 members and friends of Grace Church gathered to envision a new chapter in the life of our church. From those who attended, we compiled a list of positive statements and suggestions that related to many different aspects of our church ministry, fellowship, and outreach.

A 'Growing in Grace' committee was established to oversee and plan actions needed to implement the suggestions that were made. Many times good suggestions have a way of being forgotten and not implemented. This committee has shown a great desire to not let that happen.

On October 15 at 6:30pm, a second meeting will be held with a similar format. The committee will review your suggestions, present what has been accomplished, and what is also being planned. You will be given the opportunity to provide input as to whether the suggestion is being adequately addressed and on target.

There will also be an opportunity to offer new suggestions, just remember they must be positive in nature and focused on looking toward a brighter future.

Everyone - whether a member or friend of Grace Church - is invited and encouraged to attend. Let's make the 42 grow to 84 or more!!! We will be looking for you.





Mission Update for October 2018

Our Monthly Home Mission Project for October is Samaritan's Purse, who will receive a \$350.00 donation to be used for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

Christmas In July Update: At our most recent Missions meeting the committee decided to add \$55.00 more dollars to your generous \$295.00 that was given and forwarded a total of \$350.00 to Mission Central.

You are invited to join our next Missions Committee meeting held on **November 29th at 6:30 pm.**

Please don't forget our shut-in members. A listing of our Senior Members and Friends at Premier at Susquehanna is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Are you interested in reading scripture during the 10:30 service? If so, please let me know and get your name added to the list. The more people we can get, the fewer times you will have to read a year. If you are already a scripture reader, you don't need to do anything more. Your name will be kept on the list. If you no longer want to read, just let me know and your name will be removed. I want to have all the changes in place by the end of November, so please talk to me by then. Thank you all for your generous support of this ministry. -Debb Bowman 717-877-5761

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP



October 7, 2018 ~ JR High 6-7:30pm; Sr High 6:30-8pm - normal youth night

October 14, 2018 ~ JR High 6-7:30pm; Sr High 6:30-8pm - normal youth night

October 21, 2018 ~ JR High 6-7:30pm; Sr High 6:30-8pm - normal youth night

October 26, 2018 ~ 5:00pm-11:30pm Annual Knoebels Night. Cost per youth is \$10. Lock-In at the Church until morning.

October 28, 2018 ~ Combined Youth 6-7:30pm



CHILD CARE

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

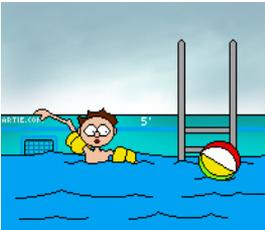
Oct. 07	Nicole Hooper
Oct. 14	Nicole Hooper
Oct. 21	Nicole Hooper
Oct. 28	Nicole Hooper

10:30 AM

Nicole Hooper
Shannon Vallier/Nicole Hooper
Kristen Snyder/Nicole Hooper
Tracy Barcavage/Nicole Hooper

**Please call Nicole Hooper if you can help
in the nursery. 717-805-2860**

Millersburg Pool Association Ham Loaf Dinner October 20, 2018



**4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Grace United Methodist Church
Family Life Center**

**Adults ~ \$10.00
Children 5-10 ~ \$5.00
Children 4 and Under Free**

Meal includes : Ham Loaf, scalloped potatoes, choice of green beans or corn, roll, dessert and drink. Take out is available and pre-ordering is preferred by calling Kathy Weiss at 717-395-7971.

*All proceeds from the meal will be used for the
Splash Pad !!!*

Women's Community Prayer Breakfasts

The monthly **Community Women's Prayer Breakfasts** are usually held the first Tuesday of the month, April through December, at First United Methodist Church's New Life Center, 346 Center Street, Millersburg. Area churches take turns presenting the programs each month.

The next breakfast is October 2, 2018 . Free Grace BIC Church, Millersburg, will host. A voluntary collection will be gathered to benefit Isaiah 61 Ministries.

Doors open at 8 a.m., and breakfast begins at 8:45 a.m.. The cost is \$8. Registration deadline is the Friday before the breakfast. Call the church at 717-692-2719 to reserve your spot.

Please join us as we pray for one another, and the needs in our community.



Thank You!

We thank you again for your great generosity in helping to provide for the physical and emotional needs of women in our area through our Pack-n-Pray program. May God Bless your continuing ministry.

Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center

A heartfelt Thank You for the visits, the wonderful gifts, and the prayer shawl delivered by your healing prayer team. I am so grateful for the beautiful evening of comfort and companionship you shared with me.

God Bless you all ! Jan Zuver

We live in a troubled world and dealing day to day with such struggles can be difficult - But we need to remind ourselves that we were given a higher calling by our Lord. We need to be part of the solution, to pray earnestly for others, and to love those who don't love us at all. These are not just my ideas - they belong to Jesus. So, surrender your struggles to the Lord, and He will bring Peace to your heart.

