



May  
2019

Grace UMC  
Newsletter

## Currently Serving you at Grace UMC

Alan Atchison, Pastor  
Jane M Hubler, Secretary  
Alicia Spicher, Youth Leader  
Nicole Hooper, Childcare Coordinator  
Diana Paul, Choir Director  
Charlotte Gingrich, Organist  
James Carvell, Building Maintenance  
Pat Guarneri, Custodian

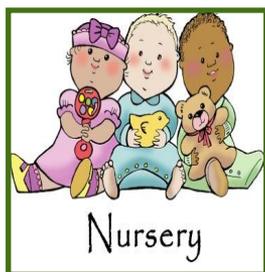
### Grace UMC Services

Sunday Worship ~ 8:30 & 10:30 am

Sunday School ~ 9:30 am

Weekday Evening Studies ~ 6:00- 7:30pm

Please call the church office @ 717-692-2838 for information



### Nursery Volunteers Needed

Jesus called them to him, saying,  
"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." (Luke 18:16)

8:30 am

10:30 am

May 5, 2017	Nicole Hooper	Shannon Vallier
May 12, 2017	Nicole Hooper	Nicole Hooper
May 19, 2017	Kristen Snyder	Kelsey Dewees
May 27, 2017	Nicole Hooper	Nicole Hooper

Please call Nicole Hooper (717-692-2995) if you would be willing to help care for children in the nursery once every few months during worship times.



## The Value of Life

Having just celebrated together the joy of Easter morning, and the promise that the discovery of the empty tomb holds for those who would accept God's free gift of Salvation, I have spent much time

these last few weeks contemplating the value of life.

As human beings, we tend to cling to life as we would a precious gem, or a priceless treasure. And yet, Jesus willingly laid down his earthly life, in order to gain something much more precious - eternal life with His heavenly father. And not just for Himself, but for ALL who are willing to put their **trust** in Him as their Savior.

I must say that it was an incredible act of faith - **trusting** that God was in control in the darkest hours of His earthly life. But Jesus did just that, and He calls us to do the same - even when life is hard, or it doesn't seem to make sense, or is incredibly scary.

**Trust** seems to be something that many of us - even those who follow Jesus - have a tendency to struggle with at some point or another in life.

As we once again prepare to hand out empty baby bottles on Mother's Day, I ask that you would **trust** in the process - that each day, as you add coins to the bottle, take a moment and thank God for the lifeblood that courses through your veins. Give God thanks that your mother **trusted** God enough to give you the opportunity to taste life in the days that God has appointed for you. I also would ask you to prayerfully join us, as we work together with Lifeline Pregnancy Center, to offer that same opportunity to ALL babies everywhere.

Your life-loving pastor,  
Alan



May 5, 2019 Youth Trip to the Senators Game, City Island, Harrisburg- Leaving the church at 11:30, following worship

May 12, 2019 Youth Group 6-8pm - normal youth

May 19, 2019 Youth Group 6-8pm - normal youth

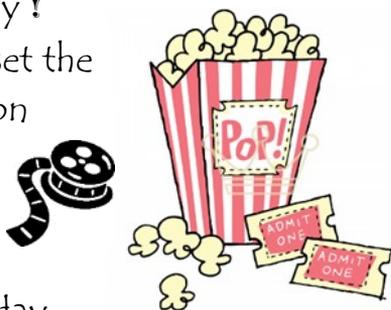
May 26, 2019 Youth Group 6-8pm - normal youth



## **Annual Outdoor Spring Clean-Up**

Each Monday evening through May 20th we will be gathering to help spruce-up the exterior of Grace church, and to care for some of the “stuff” that has accumulated. All hands are welcome - including yours ! Please bring your work gloves, and join us for a little “earthly” fun, beginning at **6pm each night.**

The GUMC Youth are selling TVP Colonnade Coupon Books for \$15.00. The books are full of savings from "buy one get one free tickets" to "half off all concessions purchased". Check it out today ! This is a fundraiser to help offset the cost of our 2019 Youth Mission Trip coming up in June.



Coupon Books will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings at the table in the Overflow, or by calling the church office at 717-692-2838. Thank you all for your continued support of our youth!



Don't forget to thank God for answered prayers !

## Graduates Sunday

We will be honoring our High School and College graduates on **Sun., June 2nd.**



If you know of someone who will be graduating from either H.S. or College, please submit their names to the church office (717-692-2838 ) or [gracembgoffice@gmail.com](mailto:gracembgoffice@gmail.com).

# Happy Birthday

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|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|
| May 1  | Mary Buffington | May 14 | Kevin Hepner          |
| May 2  | Wanda Brooks    |        | Emily Miller          |
| May 3  | Gary Ibberson   |        | Taylor Musa           |
|        | John Rubendall  | May 15 | Sandra Bell           |
| May 4  | Stan Leshko     |        | Diana Paul            |
|        | Beth Spicher    | May 17 | Karen Uhler           |
| May 5  | Elizabeth Houck | May 19 | Michael Sharon Weller |
|        | Tanya Myers     | May 20 | Morgan Hooper         |
|        | Pam Strauser    |        | Eileen Orr            |
|        | Dustin Warfield | May 21 | Doug Orr              |
| May 7  | Allison Schade  | May 22 | Barb Zapotok          |
|        | Cody Shomper    | May 23 | Veronica Davis        |
| May 8  | Sandy Romberger | May 24 | Kerry Forney          |
|        | Becky Hoch      |        | Greg Shertzer         |
| May 9  | Layla Weiss     |        | Pam Troutman          |
| May 10 | Tina Billow     | May 26 | Emily Schade          |
|        | Steve Magyar    | May 28 | Jaden Green           |
|        | Calen Reigner   | May 29 | Johanna Snyder        |
| May 11 | Crystal Dreher  |        | Diane White           |
| May 12 | Tom Billow      | May 31 | Marcie Sabolsky       |
|        | John Mangle     |        |                       |
|        | Morgan Paul     |        |                       |
| May 13 | Carissa Shaffer |        |                       |

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## Our 80+ Club

May 23 Jim Turnbaugh



Jarred & Stephenie Shoop 5/01  
Doug & Sue Rubendall 5/02  
Phil & Dawn Leer 5/03  
John & Lynn Mangle 5/04  
Doug & Sandy Snyder 5/10  
Tom & Debb Bowman 5/14  
Keith & Linda Danner 5/14  
Katie & Jarred Wehry 5/19  
Kevin & Bobbie Prouse 5/20  
Jim & Pam Mauser 5/23  
Russ & Kathy Boyer 5/26  
Jim & Susan Turnbaugh 5/31

## SUMMER FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

### **-Family Friendly Fridays at the Pavilion -**

Come enjoy a light supper outside ( weather permitting, ) and then move inside for a family friendly movie for teens and adults, with a separate movie suitable for preschool and elementary children.

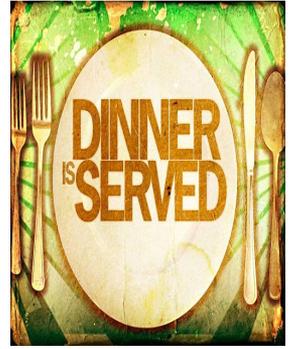
5 - 6:30pm ~ Dinner    6:45 - 9pm ~ Movie

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH

FRIDAY, JULY 19TH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH

## 2018 EGG PROJECT DINNER



There will be an appreciation Dinner for all who helped with this year's Egg Project on Friday evening, **May 10th**, beginning at 6pm.

Please RSVP to Sandy Romberger (717) 439-3644 or sign-up on the sheet by the front entrance.

## THANK YOU !!!!

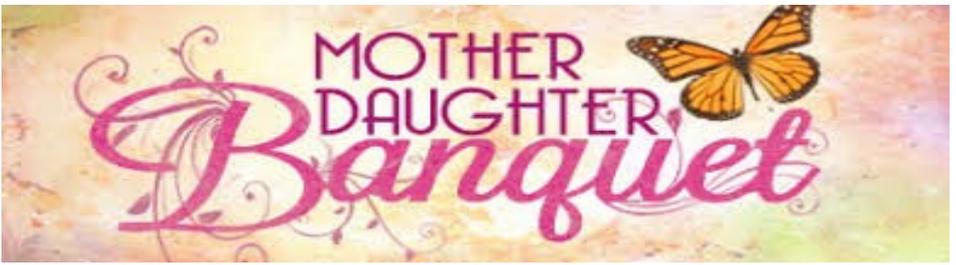
Because of your great generosity, we collected **\$1305.11** during our Church World Service Blanket Drive. That translates to **130** blankets !

## Women's Prayer Breakfast



will be held Tuesday, May 7th at First UMC Church New Life Center.

May's Local Mission project is the Relay for Life. Any and all donations will be gratefully received. Breakfast is \$8.00. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. Please make your reservations to First UMC Church Office @ 717-692-2719 .



**A Special Banquet honoring ALL Mother's and Daughters will be held on Thursday, May 9th beginning at 6:00 pm.**

**Please plan on joining us in our Family Life Center for a meal prepared and served by the men of our church.**

**You may sign up on the sheets provided in the church entryway, or call the church office at 717-692-2838**



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

**Saturday, May 18, 2019  
4:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Hosted by 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**

# Operation Christmas Child News

by Cathy Atchison



This month I would like to share a few simple ways that you can get your children and grandchildren involved with Operation Christmas Child. Children are never too young to begin to learn about the importance of giving to others, nor are they ever too young to participate.

-First, they can color a picture on the inside of the Operation Christmas Child box before you fold it up. The children receiving the box will be excited when they open up the lid and see the beautiful pictures.

-Second, you can take your child to the store with you to pick out items to put in the boxes. Pretty pencils and small notebooks, a stuffed animal, a coloring book - whatever you can think of that will fit in the box.

-Third, include a picture of your child in the box and your name and address. Some children are able to write back to you.

-Fourth, track your box. You can follow where your box goes to see what country it ends up in. This past year, the boxes we packed at Grace UMC ended up in the Ukraine and in Honduras.

For the month of May, we will be collecting small toys, such as balls, dinosaurs, dolls, jump ropes, stickers, small instruments, etc. Please feel free to be creative in your selections.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 717-692-2896. Happy Packing!



**Our May Mission Grant Recipient:  
Highland Park**

Highland Park Camp meeting Inc. is a non-profit Christian organization dedicated to spreading the Word of the Gospel through yearly camp meetings since 1893.

They are dependent solely on contributions throughout the year and during camp meeting from supporters.

In 1936 They began holding a Youth Camp concurrently with our camp meeting which serves young men and women between the ages of 12 and 18. The program for Youth Camp includes spiritual enrichment, fellowship with Christians of many denominations, physical activity, and recreation through sports and structured activities.

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**Shut-In Visitation Schedule ~**

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

**Mission Central volunteer dates.**

Dates are Saturday mornings leaving the church parking lot at 8:00 am. Volunteer at the Warehouse from 9:00 am. To 12 noon.

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Aug 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**

We are also going to try something new this year and add a visit to Mission Central on a weekday.

Same departure and volunteer time as Saturdays.

**Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Next Missions meeting scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm.**



Throw on your camera, strap in, and buckle your seatbelt for **Amazing Encounters with Jesus**.

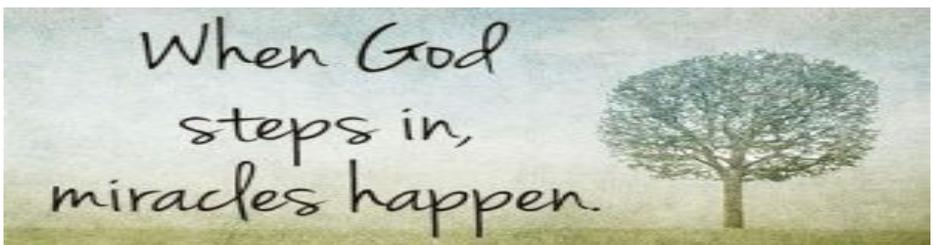
VBS 2019 takes us on a wild adventure — with elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles.

As we seek out exotic animals, we will also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture.

Kids will go from bewildered to believing, as they experience life "In The Wild" at VBS.

July 15-18th, 2019 6-8 pm

Contact Diane White @ 717-692-0301 for more information or to sign up to help.





## Youth Weis Gift Card Fundraiser

For the past several decades Grace Church has sold Weis gift cards to our members and a portion of those cards purchased (5%) has gone to the GUMC youth.

“We are so thankful for our congregation’s generosity, and will be helping to run this program as it continues. We will be treating this as an ongoing fundraiser and are excited to be a part of it. We are excited to see what God has in store for us and what we can do for His glory with the money we continue to raise. We are so grateful for everyone who has supported this ministry and hope you will continue.”

-Alicia Spicher,  
on behalf of the GUMC Youth

Weis Gift Cards will be available for purchase from the Youth in the Narthex before and after Sunday morning services. If you would like to purchase other days please contact Alicia Spicher @ 717-648-9603.

***“Commit to the LORD whatever you do,  
and he will establish your plans.”  
- Proverbs 16:3 -***

### **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES**

are available at the sound booth on Sunday mornings for those that could benefit from them.

