



Grace Newsletter

Hello 
OCTOBER

2019

The October 2019 Newsletter of Grace United Methodist Church

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Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.

If you haven't already, please stop by the Operation Christmas Child display in the Social Hall and pick up an empty shoebox (or two), along with a packing suggestion list, and shipping labels. Please remember to return your filled shoeboxes on or before Sunday, November 24th.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

will be celebrated on

World Communion Sunday - Oct 6

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

and on

**All Saint's Sunday - Nov. 3 ,
as we come together at 10:30am
for a time of worship, celebration,
and church conferencing.**

Mrs. Janet Rush (near the Mbg High School) is looking for people to help provide her transportation to and from the Sunday Morning 10:30 am services. Please call her at (717) 952-0660 if you can help.

PUMPKIN ROLL

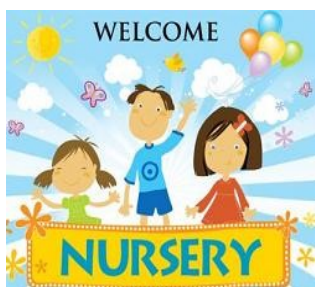


Women of Faith Pumpkin Roll

\$10.00/ whole

\$ 5.00/half

Please see the order sheets in the church entryway, or call Tina Fetter (717) 395-0498 to place an order. Orders will be ready on November 24th.



Loving Nursery Care is provided at each of our services. Our Nursery is located just through the second set of double doors in the educational wing.

Ages 0-4 yrs.

**Our 2019 Charge Conference will be held on
Sunday, Nov. 3rd during our combined
Worship Service at 10:30 AM We will also celebrate
Holy Communion that day, followed by a
Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at 12 Noon.
Please mark your calendar, and plan to attend.**

ALL ABOARD !

Our Annual Fish Fry's are Now Underway. Mark your calendar for Friday, Oct. 4th, Oct. 25th and Nov. 15th. Lots of volunteer help is needed to make our dinners run smoothly. Please contact Karen Lentz at (717) 692-4340 to volunteer your time and to donate pies. All help is appreciated.





Please join us in the Family Life Center on **October 13th** immediately following the 10:30 am Worship Service for a **Soup & Sandwich Luncheon/Chili Contest**

A donation of Soup or Dessert is appreciated.

If you want to enter Chili in the Contest,
Please note that on the sign-up sheet by the
front entrance.



Fall Classes will be held Sundays from 4 - 5:45 pm beginning October 6th, for youth 13 -18, who are ready to grow in their understanding of God's gifts of mercy, grace, forgiveness, and love.

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
Darcy Koppenhaver

Oct. 29 Briea Barcavage
Trina Bellis
Zachary Miller
Doug Savidge

Oct. 30 Anson Osman

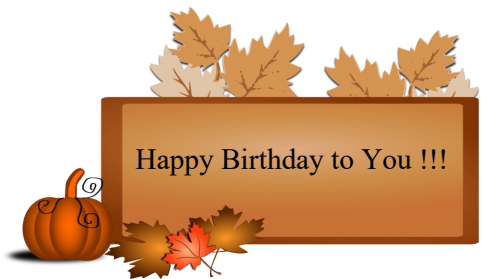
Oct. 31 Larry Bellis
Tom Bowman

80+ Club

Marie Messersmith 10/20

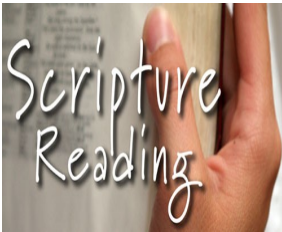
90+ Club

Polly Rubendall 10/01



October Anniversaries

Matt & Amy Reed 10/02
Willard & Judy Stonerod 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



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



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.

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.



Did someone say Christmas?

If you love to sing Christmas Music...

Now is the time to join our

"Christmas Choir"

All voice parts are needed.

*We have lots of fun and enjoy making
Beautiful Music and Special Memories*

This year, we will be presenting

"What a Glorious Night!"

Dec 15th at 10:30 am and 4:00 pm

*Rehearsal will begin on Sunday afternoons
starting Oct 20th from 3:00 to 4:30 in the chapel
and also Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm
for those who like additional practice
or may have to miss a Sunday rehearsal.*

Don't Wait!!

Sign up today and get your **Choral book**,
Listening CD and practice **schedule**.

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



MISSION UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER

Our Monthly Home Mission Project for October is Mission Central . They will receive a \$350 donation .

Mission Central is the mission warehouse affiliate of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. Their goal is made up of 3 key components: Disaster Response, Mission Outreach and Mission Education. Mission Central has been there to assist people around the world, and as a member of the UMCOR Relief Supply Network they have been able to provide aid for people affected by every major weather event since their beginning in 2002. Locally they have teamed with ministry partners such as Bethesda Mission, New Digs, Computer Ministry and Project C.U.R.E., providing relief and assistance right here in Central Pennsylvania and the surrounding regions. Mission Central truly is a place that connects God's resources with human need.

Our next scheduled trip to Mission Central to volunteer is December 7th. Meet at the Church at 8:00 am.

Harvest Home Sunday has been set for **November 24th**. Please bring your donated food items to adorn the altar, which will then be used to feed the less fortunate persons in our community.

Christmas ~ This year again the we will be placing Christmas card collection bags in the fellowship hall, there will be a bag labeled for each of our members that reside in a Nursing home. We will place some Christmas cards on the table that you may sign and place in the bags or you may purchase your own. The bags will be available Sunday November 24th and will remain on the table until Sunday December 22nd. Cards will be distributed to the residents on Christmas day.

Next Missions meeting November 18, 2019 6:30 PM.



October 4, 2019 Fish Fry 4-8pm - youth and adult help needed as server, wait staff, bussers sign up sheet will be passed around for job sign ups.

October 6, 2019 Youth Group 6-8pm - normal youth night

October 12, 2019 Brad Kintzer Family Breakfast Fundraiser 7-9am - youth help needed Friday night prior to set up tables and also the morning of the breakfast, both for serving and clean up. Brad attends Grace Church and his children are active in our youth group. He was in the hospital for an extended period of time and has had a long recovery period that is still ongoing. The hope is to raise money to help offset the expenses that his insurance did not cover. More details coming soon. A sign up sheet will be passed around for sign up at youth group.

October 13, 2019 Youth Group 6-8pm - normal youth night

October 20, 2019 Youth Group 6-8pm - normal youth night

October 25, 2019 Fish Fry 4-8pm - youth and adult help needed as server, wait staff, bussers sign up sheet will be passed around for job sign ups

October 27, 2019 Youth Annual Knoebels Outing 11am-6pm We will have pizza at the church prior to departure and return for parent pick up at 6pm. Cost per youth is \$10

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK
NOV. 18—25



PACK A SHOEBOX!



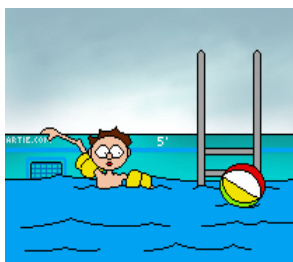
Women's Community Prayer Breakfasts

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 1, 2019 . 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.

Millersburg Pool Association All You Can Eat Chicken Pot Pie Supper November 2, 2019



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

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

Our Church Stewardship for August 2019

INCOME	August	Year-to-Date
Tithes and Offerings	21,283.00	202,614.37
Missions/Faith Promise	1,950.00	18,008.11
Misc. Income/Donations	294.27	45,650.09
Other Income	1,425.00	34,851.31
TOTAL INCOME	24,952.27	301,123.88

Notes: YTD income includes \$ 30,000.00 from the Wilt Estate,
and proceeds from the Easter Egg Sales

EXPENSES	August	Year-to-Date
Budgeted Expenses	30,691.65	227,745.86
Missions/Designated Funds	2,680.00	38,436.39
Major Bld/Capital Expense	0.00	96,454.93
TOTAL EXPENSES	33,371.65	362,637.18
Shortfall / Excess	-8,419.38	-61,513.30

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 2019			
Date	8:30 Worship	Sunday School	10:30 Worship
8/06	Outdoor Worship at the MYO park - 31		
8/13	55	32	52
8/20	56	31	59
8/27	60	51	67