

Grace United Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER

September 2020

In-Person Worship Services ~

Following Ad Council Approval this week, we will be moving Sunday morning worship services from the outdoor pavilion back into the sanctuary beginning Sept. 6th, barring any additional further restrictions by the Governor or Bishop Jeremiah Park.

Our Sunday morning schedule will look like this:

8:30 - 9:30 am - In-person worship

9:45 - 10:30 am - Virtual worship gathering on Zoom

11:00am - 12:00pm - In-person worship

Both services will follow the same format, and be a mix of contemporary and traditional styles, with everything being projected on the screen. In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, masks are REQUIRED for entry into the building, and while moving about. They may be lowered once you have been seated but must be raised again while singing.

In order to use as much of our sanctuary as possible - Early service seating will be on the **left side** of the church, and late service seating on the **right side**. A receptacle will be provided for your tithes and offerings.

Bible Study / Sunday School -

Plans are in the works to begin a small group in-person study opportunity beginning Sept. 27th from 9:45 until 10:45am in the Family Life Center, in place of our traditional Sunday School classes. Please call the church office to reserve your place.

Those who are currently facing challenges, or are in need of our ongoing prayers:

Brad White - traumatic brain injury from fall - showing small signs of improvement

Albert Mauser - Jim's brother - broken ankle is coming along.

Michael Sharon Weller - on the road to recovering

Jim Coyle - continued recovery from bad fall

Kara Latshaw - pancreatic cancer

Bradley Deitrich - Health and life challenges

Colleen Kerber - young mother battling cancer

Bob Snyder - continuing throat and voice issues, and degenerative disc /back pain

Robin Davis - ongoing intestinal / abdominal issues

Eric Erdman Family - Matthew Stoner Family - Michelle Lahr Family

Cathy Atchison - n-stage kidney disease and other health challenges

George and Sarah McAlanis - ongoing family challenges

Pickle Hepner - ongoing health challenges

Blanche Nice - ongoing health challenges - back at Premier Nursing Care

Janet Zuver – health and life challenges

President Donald Trump - for courage and Godly wisdom to lead our country well.

OCC - Another month has gone by, and we are getting closer to the time when shoe boxes will soon be on their way to underprivileged children all over the world. We have been blessed with many donations already, and the packing has begun. Items we are in need of are as follows:

Small solar-powered calculators, (available at Walmart or dollar stores), socks, underpants, girl's sizes 4 T toddler to 14. Toothbrushes, (you may buy the six packs for a dollar at Walmart or other stores. Combs, brushes, hair ties, headbands, colorful Band-Aids, fingernail clippers, small baby dolls (max length 12 inches), toys, flashlights (with extra batteries). You are not limited to just these items, these are just suggestions. There are bins located both inside and outside the main entrance for you to place your donations in. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this important ministry. **Cathy Atchison**

Hearts of Grace Food Ministry - In celebration of Darlene Bakermans' 5 years in Heaven, the Bakermans family held a fundraiser in her honor. They were able to raise over \$1,200 for the food box and backpack ministries that were a service of love to Darlene. Sarah and her children did some shopping and purchased items the ministries regularly use and donated the balance to be used to purchase even more.

Foodbox update - The next distribution will be August 27th from 5:00 - 5:30pm. We will continue to do curbside distribution for at least 40 families. We could use bottled fruit juice (Weis Market has their brand on sale). Side dishes and brownie and cookie mixes are a big help.

Jiffy Pack update - We have been working with the school to determine how to proceed with getting food to our students. For now, the plan is to be ready to distribute beginning on September 18. We plan to pre-pack on September 8th at 5 pm.

As always, we crave your prayers for both these ministries and truly appreciate all your continued support.

Memorial Service ~ There will be a Memorial Service for John Rauch at the Calvary United Methodist Church 150 Norlo Drive Fayetteville, PA, on September 26 at 1:00 pm. John was the pastor here at Grace Church from 1982-1987. All are welcome to attend.

Fall Fish Fry's -

We are attempting to continue this long-standing tradition by moving to Take-out orders only. Tentative Dates are Oct. 16th, Oct. 30th, and Nov. 13th. More details will be forthcoming. If you would be willing to help in ANY WAY, please contact Karen Lentz.