

Grace United Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER

October 2020

Worship Services ~

Our current Sunday morning schedule is as follows:

- 8:30 - 9:30 am - In-person contemporary worship
- 9:45 - 10:30 am - Virtual worship gathering on Zoom
- 9:45 - 10:45 am - Combined Adult Sunday School in Social Hall
Jr. / Sr. High Youth Study in Youth Room
- 11:00am - 12:00pm - In-person traditional worship

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 is provided in the overflow area for your tithes and offerings.

World Communion Sunday - We will be celebrating Holy Communion together during **all services** on October 4th. A sealed communion pack containing a wafer and a juice cup will be available for in-person worship services, or feel free to bring your own bread/juice from home. If you are worshipping via Zoom or the Internet, please have bread and juice available to use during the service.

Bible Study / Sunday School - An in-person study opportunity entitled "Think Like Jesus", written by Randy Frazee, is being offered from 9:45 until 10:45am, with adults gathering in the Social Hall, and Youth in the Youth Room.

Fall Fish Fry's - We are having our long-standing tradition by moving to Take-out orders only. 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.

Food for Thought will be meeting Thursday, Oct. 8th at 6:45 p.m., in the pavilion, weather permitting, or in the social hall. The group is doing a study on the Book of Psalms.

Hearts of Grace Food Ministry - Food box update: The next distribution will be October 22nd from 5 - 5:30pm. We will continue to do curbside distribution for at least 40 families. We could use canned vegetables and fruit, bottled fruit juice. Condiments like ketchup and mustard and side dishes, brownie and cookie mixes are a big help. **NOTE: We NO LONGER need egg cartons as our supplier has changed. Thank you to all that have been collecting cartons for us.**

Jiffy Pack update - The first distribution was delivered to the schools on September 18. The next packing will be on October 5th at 4 pm. As always, we crave your prayers for both these ministries and truly appreciate all your continued support.

Take it To The Cross Ministry - During these difficult times, we have seen our requests to join the daily email devotion list grow. The ministry offers daily emails that reflect on the Pastor's messages and offers opportunities to pray with and for our church family. If you would like to receive emails, contact the church office with your email address or send an email to Becky Witmer at bgwitmer@comcast.net.

Thank You ~ We would like to take this opportunity to thank Nancy Travitz who recently retired from Money Counting. Nancy has served this church for 28 years as a money counter. Thank you for your dedicated service to Grace UMC.

Operation Christmas Child NEWS - We are once again gearing up for another year of Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collections. You will find empty shoe boxes in the entry-way, and in the overflow area to take and fill this year. Inside each box is packing information, including both a girl and a boy label. Please tape the correct label to the top of the box, and be sure to mark an [x] on the age group that you packed. Finally, wrap one rubber band ***around each end of the box***. You can return your boxes anytime up to November 22nd. We will then pray over all of the boxes that Sunday, and send them off to the Operation Christmas Child warehouse to be shipped out to children around the world who need to hear about the love of Jesus.

Each child that receives a box will also receive a book called "The Greatest Journey". They are then invited to a 6-week program to learn all about Jesus, and his love for them. Many children and their families have come to know Jesus through this program.

A red tub is in the entryway by the office, and a blue tub is on the bench out front if you would simply like to contribute items for the boxes. We will continue to pack boxes until November 19th. Thank you for your support of this important mission to children.

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

Marsha Troutman - Diagnosed with ALS

Angela Seebaugh - breast cancer

Ashley Rothermel - upcoming Gallbladder surgery

Dana Foltz - brain tumor and other issues

Pickle Hepner – under hospice care

Pat Nissel - Ongoing health challenges and an upcoming biopsy

Jim Coyle - shoulder injury, upcoming tests

Nancy Coyle - Back pain, ongoing tests

Jim Hockenstein - colon cancer

Colleen Messersmith - throat surgery complications

Baby Simon - multiple heart problems

Dharlis Kauffman - Brain tumor, and other growths

Marsha Michael - cancer and Kidney disease

Larry Paul - awaiting a lung transplant

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

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

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

Cathy Atchison - kidney disease and other health challenges

Blanche Nice - ongoing health challenges

Janet Zuver – health and life challenges

Janet Rush - spinal tumor

The Peg Straw family

The Barry Hostetler family

Kara Latshaw's Family

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

Congratulations to :

Tom and Kelsey DeWees on the birth on their second child...

Tim and Karen Travitz on the birth of a new granddaughter...

Tom and Debb Bowman on the birth of their first grandson...

Ken and Kendra Rudisill on the birth of their new granddaughter...

Kim and Tim Martz on the birth of a new grandson...

Scott and Angali Tobias, who are expecting an addition to their family...

Becky and Brian Hoch who are expecting another addition to their family...

If you have praises, prayer requests, announcements or items of interest to share in the November Newsletter, please get them to Jane in the church office before Oct. 26th.

