

Grace UMC Newsletter
November 2021

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The November 2021 Newsletter of **Grace United Methodist Church**

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**Will be celebrated
on November 7th
at both of our
Worship Services .**



Reflections

from the Pastor's Desk

As I sit looking out across fields, I am reminded about the difference a few weeks can make. It seems like it was just yesterday that my ears were greeted by the sound of the locusts as they emerged from their 17-yr. slumber to paint the landscape with their sweet symphony, and the smell of summer peaches ripening on the windowsill - waiting to be put up for winter.

Late Fall is a season in which the abundance of what God has provided is harvested, and the beauty of His creation is manifested in the breathtaking colors of the leaves. It is the time when fullness of life gives way to the shortening of days, and the grip of frost.

I'm reminded of the passage in the third chapter of Ecclesiastes, that says: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven - a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to work and a time to rest. "

I was reminded of that as I travelled along the river road this week on my many trips to and from the hospital. How easy it is to allow the busyness of life to crowd out our times of rest. We fill our days with lists of chores, errands, and things to get accomplished before the weather turns cold. And although God **daily** provides us with reminders of the importance of rest and reflection,

setting aside time to reflect on God and God's goodness is usually not high on our agendas.

The writer of Ecclesiastes goes on to remind us that ,
"I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live - that everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil - this is the gift of God."

I encourage you to take some time to walk in the woods, to get out in God's creation - without your devices. Reflect on the harvest of bounty in your life. And wherever it is that you find yourself on the road of life - whether in good times, or not - remember the difference a few short weeks can make.

Your Reflecting Pastor, Alan

Mark your calendars !!!

Our final Fish Fry of the season
will be **Friday, Nov. 12th**
from 4 - it's gone.



*Please let Karen Lentz know @ (717) 692- 4340 if you are
able to help in any way, or to provide pie for dessert.*

Thank you for your support of this annual fundraiser.

Scripture Readers ~ Are you interested in reading scripture during the 10:30 service? If so, please contact **Debb Bowman** at **(717) 877-5761** to have your name added to the list. The hope is to have all the changes in place by the end of November, so please talk to her by then. Thank you all for your generous support of this ministry.



WOF Pumpkin Rolls ~ Women of Faith are taking orders for Pumpkin Rolls. You can find an order form by the front entrance. Money and orders are due by November 7th., Pick up for rolls is Sunday, **Nov. 21**. Please stop by the table today or call the church office at 717-692-2838.

Harvest Home Sunday is November 21st.



We will be collecting canned goods (vegetables, fruit, beans, and soups) ; Dry goods (noodles, rice, pasta, flour, sugar, and Mac & Cheese) ; Peanut Butter; Jelly; Boxed Cereal; and bottles of juice (apple, cranberry, grape, orange, etc). All food will be distributed through Hearts of Grace to folks and families in need. Please place your items around the altar anytime after Monday, **Nov. 8th**.



November 7th ~ Youth Group 6-8pm.

Shoebox packing

November 14th ~ Youth Group 6-8 pm.

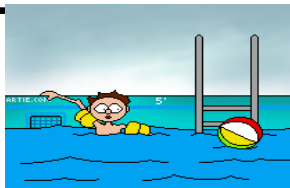
Alicia Farewell

November 21st ~ Youth Group 6-8pm

Dodgeball

November 28th ~ Youth Group 6-8pm

Youth Room Decorating



**Millersburg Pool Association
All You Can Eat
Chicken Pot Pie Supper**

November 6, 2021

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**At the Grace United Methodist Church Family Life Center
Adults ~ \$10.00 Children 5-10 ~ \$5.00 Kids 4 and Under- Free
For questions or more info, call Kathy Weiss (717-395-7971)**

Hearts of Grace is a food-based ministry feeding individuals in our community. Through our congregational donations we are able to feed 40 to 50 households once a month. Monetary donations are used to purchase fresh meat, milk, eggs and cheese. Canned and dry items are used from the grocery carts placed throughout our church. We also purchase items from the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank to supplement our dry goods donations. With the Holidays soon approaching we are seeking the following items:



Frozen Turkeys – 10 to 12 pound size for Thanksgiving
Gravy – Turkey or Chicken in cans, jars or dry mixes
Boxed stuffing mixes – Turkey or Chicken flavored
Instant potatoes, Cranberry sauce, Dessert items such as cake mixes and icing, brownie mixes and cookie mix

**If you need to reach out to our ministry please
contact John Ramberger, Diane Nestler, Janine
Boyer, Debb Bowman, Carol and Terry Uhler,
Karen Travitz, Mark Dreher or Beth Spicher.**

**Thanksgiving distribution is November 18, 2021. Turkeys
should be dropped off at church by November 12, 2021.**

JFY PACKING



We are up and running for the 2021-2022 school year.

I want to thank all of you who have helped either by

donating food or money, packing, or prayers. I am so grateful to everyone who has a heart for this ministry.

We were also blessed with a wonderful donation to the program from the missions committee at Hebron United Methodist Church. They were also planning on spreading the word to invite members to help pack.

We continue to pack on the first Monday of every month. We start setting up a 3:00 and pack as soon as the set-up is complete. It is a very simple process and there is usually laughter to go along with the work. Feel free to bring along a friend. If you can't be there to pack, I would ask that you consider donating through your church envelope.

In the month of October, we packed for 41 kiddos from K-12. This number usually increases as the year progresses. As always, your prayers for the program and the kids we reach are welcome. Thank you and God Bless.

The next JFY packing date is November 1, 2021

-Debb Bowman



It's Shoebox Time !!!

Pack a shoebox. Change A Life.



Another year of shoebox collection is drawing to a close, but you still have time to get your boxes in !

We will take time to pray over and bless the boxes during worship on November 21st before packing the trailer. Thank you to everyone who contributed filled boxes, items for the boxes, and donations for shipping costs. May God will bless these boxes and deliver them to the children who need them this year.

Lisa VanOlden and Cathy Atchison,
packing coordinators

National Collection Week is November 15-22nd

During the week of November 15 - 22nd, Grace UMC will serve as an OCC Shoebox Drop-Off location for individuals and other area churches. During this week we will receive and place in shipping cartons between 1,500 and 2,000 shoeboxes. Each shoebox is an opportunity to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What a missionary outreach this is!

But we need help to accomplish our work. Will you please consider volunteering for one or more of the 2 hour shifts listed below. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby.

Monday, November 15th - 1:00-3:00 pm
Tuesday, November 16th - 9:00-11:00 am
Wednesday, November 17th - 6:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, November 18th - 11:00-1:00 pm
Friday, November 19th - 6:00-8:00 pm
Saturday, November 20th - 8:30-10:30 am
Sunday, November 21st - 12 Noon - 2:00 pm

Note: This is the last year that I wish to act as the Drop-Off Coordinator. If someone would please assume this position that would be helpful. Please talk with me.

John Orr, Drop-Off Coordinator

Pastor's Appreciation Sunday

Soup and Sandwich

We will be having a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Sunday, **November 7th** following the late worship service to express our appreciation to **both Pastor Alan** for his leadership, and **to Alicia Spicher** for her 5 years of Youth Group Leadership.

A sign up sheet is in the overflow for soups and desserts. Be sure to stop by, sign up, and join us for this special Sunday luncheon.



Decorating for Christmas



We will be decorating the church on **Monday, Nov. 22 at 4:00pm.**

A light meal will be served at **5:30**. Please come and join us for a fun time of fellowship. Even if you can't come for the whole time, we can use your help. There are many different types of jobs that range from sitting to arranging and climbing ladders. It takes about 25 people to complete the decorating in a timely manner.

Please sign the sheet in the front entrance, or call Karen Travitz at 717-418-1561 to volunteer.

November Birthdays

Nov. 1 Jane Hubler
Nov. 2 Faith Zehring
Nov. 3 Logan Brosius
Nov. 4 Makayla Haines
Scott Hill
Rachel Kessler
Mitchell Phillips
Nov. 6 Jason Dreibelbis
Keira Fulkroad
Nov. 7 Roger Carl
Nov. 10 Jill Davis
Scott Myers
Nov. 11 Jacob DeWees
Jamie Paul
Nov. 12 Chris Teats
Nov. 13 Thomas DeWees
Courtney Peiffer
Isabella Petroff
Nov. 14 Scott Hill II
Nov. 15 Hayden Bellis
Kami Nestler
Nov. 18 Rick Miller
Ethan Prouse
Tim Travitz
Nov. 19 Brian Hoch
Nov. 20 Ken Rudisill
Nov. 22 Tammy Schade
Nov. 23 Diane Tobias
Alex Uhler
Carole Fetterhoff
Rick Osman

Nov. 24 Melissa Green
James Mauser
Nicole Witmer
Nov. 26 Patricia Hoffman
Nov. 28 Trish Herb
Kirby Tobias
Patricia Wiebner
Nov. 30 Kamryn Long
Dawn Leer

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR
80 Plus Members:**

***Janyce Van Sickle
11/01
Joanne Chubb 11/17***



Happy Anniversary

11-1 Scott & Cindy Teats
11-1 Eric & Tiffany Fite
11-6 Jim & Pat Hoffman
11-17 Morgan & Christopher Hooper
11-20 James & Nancy Coyle
11-21 John & Heidi Mantzouranis
11-21 Jason & Laura Dreibelbis
11-27 Albert & Lisa Van Olden
11-30 Larry & Deanna Bellis



Food for Thought Bible Study

will be held on Thursday,

November 11th at 7:00 pm at

Diane Nestler's home. If you would like to join us please call Holly Kerwin at 717-877-6883. Everyone is welcome.



Our Annual Christmas Dinner

will be held on **December 12th**, following a **Combined service at 10:30am**. Brad & Mary Barrows

will minister through music and word.

We are looking for volunteers to donate turkeys and also volunteers to prepare them for the dinner. If you are willing to help out, please contact **Larry Bellis at 717-692-3540**.





Christmas Collection List for the Residents at Northern Dauphin Nursing & Rehabilitation

1) Books

Regular and large print
Puzzle/Word Search Large Print
Coloring Books

2). Art Supplies

Color Pencils
Crayons
Markers-Washable
Paper-Construction-Drawing Paper

3) Stuffed Animals

4) Blankets

5) Things that can be used for Bingo game prizes

Men & Women's Body Wash
Deodorant/Lotion—Men's and Women's
Playing Cards
Individual Snacks
Small Cosmetic bags
Lipstick/Nail Polish

6) Board Games - Puzzles, cards

7) Sock with grippers

**Please deposit your items in the Collection Boxes
in the church entry way beginning late November.**

Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Last Day to order is November 28th

\$10.00 each

Check One

White ☐

Red ☐

Pink ☐

Ice Punch ☐

Total \$ _____

Your Name

Check One

In Memory of ☐

In Honor of ☐

A Gift to Missions In Lieu of a Poinsettia
Deadline to give to Missions is December 12th



In Lieu of a Poinsettia

My Gift is

\$ _____

Your Name

In Memory of ☐ In Honor of ☐
