



**April 2024 Newsletter**  
**Grace United Methodist Church**  
**Millersburg, PA**

## Currently Serving you at Grace UMC

Alan Atchison, Pastor

Jane M Hubler, Secretary

Tracy Wertz, Youth Leader

Bobbi Jo Riden, Childcare Coordinator

Diana Paul, Choir Director

Charlotte Gingrich, Organist

James Carvell, Building Maintenance

Pat Guarneri, Custodian

Tracy Barcavage, Lifesavers

Tina Fetter, Grace Kids

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## Grace UMC Services

Sunday Morning Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

For more information please contact:

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Pastor Alan at 570-847-2939

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## Mission News

### **Our April Mission Grant Recipient is: Endless Mountains Mission Center**

Endless Mountains Mission Center, located in Bradford County, is a non-profit Christian organization that seeks to provide temporary housing to the homeless in one of their three temporary housing units. They also aid with utility assistance, rent assistance, emergency food and referrals to other agencies. More important though, is their continual work to instill hope where little or none exists. They rely on donations from surrounding churches and organizations to spread hope and help to as many as possible. We at Grace UMC are proud to help sponsor their work. They will receive \$400.00.

Reminder that we will be begin our outdoor spring cleanup starting on **Monday, April 15th** beginning at 6:00 pm. We will work every Monday night until May 20th. Wear your work clothes and comfy shoes! You can help any amount of time even if it's only an hour. We will wrap things up each night at dark.

**Our agenda consists of:**

**Weeding**

**Trimming**

**Bark mulch spreading**

**General outdoor maintenance**



Hope to see Everyone there . . . . .



# Lifesavers SPRING RETREAT



✓ **WHEN:** April 5, 6, 7

✓ **WHERE:** Ingelby Camp (Woodward, PA)



**THEME:**  
**RELATIONSHIPS**  
**ACCORDING TO PIXAR**



**WITH SPECIAL GUESTS JARED & KATIE WEHRY**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT TRACY BARCAVAGE :**  
**717-433-8089**



Back to the

80s

# TRIVIA NIGHT

A RETRO PARTY EXPERIENCE



SATURDAY  
**APRIL 20**

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM  
FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

**GRACE UMC**

982 MEDICAL RD.  
MILLERSBURG

GATHER A TEAM OF 6  
WEAR YOUR BEST 80'S ATTIRE  
THE 80'S ARE BACK, BABY!

A collage of various LEGO bricks in yellow, red, and blue, scattered around the text. A red LEGO minifigure is visible in the bottom left corner.

# LEGO NIGHT

APRIL 26 | 6PM-8PM

Think Outside the Block!

Young architects and engineers of all ages  
are invited to join us for LEGO building  
fun! We supply the LEGOs and you supply  
the imagination. All are welcome!

\*Pizza  
will be  
provided\*

Grace United Methodist Church  
982 Medical Rd. Millersburg

Contact Diane White with any questions  
(717) 319-6590

# SUMMER LIFESAVERS



**SERVING**



**TRIPS**



**BIBLE STUDY**

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

## Weekly Day Trips

June 5th **week 1**

School's Out Celebration  
Roller Skating (PM event)

June 12th **week 2**

Guppy Gulch  
Water Inflatable Park

July 10th **week 3**

Camp Hebron

July 17th **week 4**

DelGrossos Water Park

July 24th **week 5**

Urban Air

*At this time, trips are tentative and subject to change. There are alternatives for rainy days.*

Grades

**3rd & Up**

Cost

**\$50**



Grace UMC

982 Medical Rd.  
Millersburg, PA 17061

**Registration:  
Coming Soon**

**For More Information, Contact**

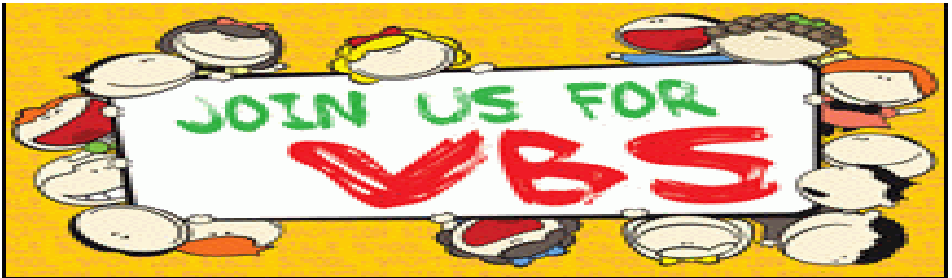
Tracy @ 717-433-8089  
Beth @ 717 - 433-3791  
Lacey @ 717-571-4088



*Just for You*

Monday, April 1 at 3pm will once again find us packing JFY bags in the lobby of the Family Life Center. We continue to hover at the 85 children

per week mark. As always, this ministry would never be possible without your help. If you are free and can give up an hour or more, please join us in helping feed these children. Thank you all for the hands that pack, the hearts that donate and the minds that pray. With thanks in Christ, -Debb Bowman



VBS is Scheduled for  
July 8, 9, 10 & 11 2024  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

God Didn't Add Another Day  
To Your Life Because You  
Needed It.

He Added It Because  
Someone Needed You.





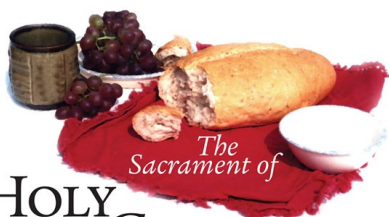
# **YOUTH GROUP**

**April 07, 2023 - 6-7:30 Regular Youth Group**

**April 12, 2023 - Retreat to Wesley Forest  
Weikert, PA**

**April 21, 2023 - 6-7:30 Battle Ball Teams**

**April 26, 2023 - 6-7:30 pm Youth Lock In**



**HOLY  
COMMUNION**

**WILL BE  
CELEBRATED ON  
SUNDAY,  
APRIL 14TH**



**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY  
IS THIS MONTH.**

This Special Sunday Offering on **April 14th** empowers Native American pastors, congregations, and Seminary students all over America to make a difference in the lives of our Native People. Please be sure to mark your donation. Thank You for giving .



April 1	Amelia Orr	April 16	Devyn Kintzer
	Caroline Orr	April 18	Bennett Bingaman
April 4	Mya Tobias		Linda Danner
	Debbie Himmelreich		John Green
April 5	Kori Belline	April 19	Ronald Brooks
April 6	Tina Fetter	April 20	David Troutman
	Cayden Warfield	April 22	Alenandra Martin
April 7	Austin Davis	April 23	Tava Warfield
	John Haines III	April 25	Diane Nestler
	Jordan Mallon		Sierra Troutman
April 8	Doug Weiss	April 26	Judy Snyder
April 9	Zachary Wilt	April 28	Jaxon LaSure
April 10	Dorothy Troutman		John Schoffstall
April 11	Andrew Bolig	April 29	Caleb Gordan
	Ryan Davis		Jennifer Leshko
	Colby Schaffner		Albert Vanolden
April 12	Jake Mallon	April 30	Kelsie Davis
April 14	Haley Hubler		Keaton Leshko
	Hannah Hubler		
	Jim Carvell		
April 15	Taylor Fite		

### **80+ Club**

April 04 -Don Lebo  
April 11 - Mary Lebo



Apr 3	Tim & Kim Martz	Apr 24	Dennis & Darlene Schaffner
Apr 6	Clair & Rachel Fulkrod	Apr 26	Ryan & Shanna Tobias
Apr 9	Scott & Tanya Myers	Apr 30	Steve & Linda Douty
Apr 19	Tom & Joyce DeWees		

## Hearts of Grace

Psalm 112:9 NLT

**They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor.**

Hearts of Grace is thankful for your continued support of our ministry. We are presently helping 50 families with a monthly food box. We have a tremendously devoted group of individuals whose passion is feeding people who are in need of additional food support.

Please contact any committee member if you know of someone who needs help feeding their family and we will see that they receive a box.

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

We graciously appreciate your continued support of our food ministry. Next distribution date is:

**Thursday April 25, 2024**

**4:30 to 5:30 PM**





We have available older heavy 5Ft. Round Tables. If you are interested please contact Larry Bellis at 717-982-4265

**Attention** - If you or your group are the last one in the church, please make sure to turn off all lights and lock the church doors. Thanks You



**GRACE UMC**  
**Community Service Day**  
**Saturday, April 27th**  
**Millersburg Riverfront Park Area**

We will meet at 1:00 pm at the MYO Park pavilions to do our part to help beautify our community and the beautiful world that God has given us.  
No time commitment required - stay and help for a little, or as long as you like.

For more information, please see Alex Martin or Bobbie Jo Riden, or call or text (717)877-9652

**SUPPORT EARTH DAY**  
**2024**





*You're invited!*

# **TO A LADIES' NIGHT OUT**

**In Celebration of All  
Mothers and Daughters**

**Grace UMC Family Life Center  
Friday, May 10th**

**Doors Open at 5:30 pm  
Dinner Served at 6:15 pm**

**Cost: \$1.00 + A Generous Donation  
to Benefit the Millersburg  
Pregnancy Care Center**

**Donations Collected at the Door**

**Sign-up in the church entranceway or call  
the church office at (717) 692-2838**

## Lifesavers & Grace Kids:

Lifesavers and Grace Kids will continue through April with meals at 6PM. The Wednesday night meals will stop beginning in May and not resume again until September.

## Coming Up:

Grace Kids will once again host a Cake Wheel at the Cherry Blossom Festival this year (May 4)! Come out and support this great program! The Community Outreach committee will host a Breakfast Sandwich and Loaded Nachos stand at the Cherry Blossom Festival . They will also have a Bracelet making station for community kids as well as hand out sunglasses to community kids!

## Christian Ed:

The current Bible study will end on April 4. This will end Wednesday night Bible studies until September. The next Thursday night Bible Study will be "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" The start date will be announced soon!

## Community Outreach Committee:

Our next Community Youth Night will be Friday, April 19. The night will begin with community middle school-aged students from 5-7 PM (tentative) and community high school students from 7PM-9:30PM. Help is needed during both of these events. We had a great turnout at the 1st high school night in March, so we encourage church members to come out and help at these events!

For more information see Tracy Barcavage (High School event) or Tracy Wertz (Middle School event). ALL participants must have a Signed permission slip on file.



I would like to encourage you to begin praying now for a clear sense of God's direction for our delegates as the 2024 General Conference is convened in North Carolina the last two weeks of April.

As you are probably well-aware, there are a number of major decisions that need to be discussed and voted upon as we consider the future track of the United Methodist Church. Those decision will likely spark protests, debate, and legal challenges that will also need to be dealt with as we move forward.

Wherever you personally fall on the spectrum of priestly ordination of LGBTQ+ persons, and on the issue of the celebration of same-gender weddings in the buildings of our churches - please remember to allow God's grace to color your conversations, and that His WORD promises us that He, and He alone, will be the one to judge the nations and the peoples of the world.

Our job, as followers of Jesus, is to love people where they are, and share the hope that we have in Jesus - that they might come to accept His saving grace for themselves.

The Word of God also promises that one day, every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess, that Jesus Christ **IS** Lord over all - to the glory of God the Father.

But until that day comes, may we do our best to walk with Jesus, and to be counted among His disciples.

Pastor Alan

## **Easter Reflections**

*from the Pastor's Desk*



*In my dining room, perched on a shelf on the baker's rack that resides there, sits a half-full ( or half-empty, if you so choose) bag of Jelly Belly Beans.*

*The beans that reside within its' sealed pouch are filled with juicy goodness in just about any flavor imaginable to man - from green apple, to juicy pear, to sizzling cinnamon. They hold the promise a delectable, mouth-watering experience in each bean. By combining a number of beans at once, you can experience the taste of a fresh-out-of-the-oven blueberry muffin, a cherry turnover, or lemon meringue pie - at least, that's what the bag promises. They are the surviving remnants of a Christmas Celebration weekend - only because my youngest daughter saw fit to seek to limit the amount her children could consume.*

*I will tell you that normally, those remaining little treasures would have migrated into my office, and gleefully been consumed over the next number of days. But this past year has brought about a lot of changes in my life, and I have chosen to leave the small, clear glass jar that sits prominently on my desk, empty.*

*It serves as a simple reminder that I have the power to make choices. I have the power to choose how much sugar I put in a body that no longer has the ability to process sugar in a way that is beneficial to me. I have the power to choose the things I will fill my life with - things that serve my own wants and my desires - or things that will further God's kingdom desires. I have the power to choose to be an encourager of people, or just another voice in the crowd - happy to condemn, attack, and discourage.*



*Easter is a reminder for us that people can be ugly. Sometimes, even those you thought were your friends can turn on you, and toss you to the wolves. Jesus experienced the terrible betrayal of his companion, and his friend, Judas Iscariot. And even though he knew it was coming - I am sure that the sting wasn't any less painful.*

*Maybe you've experienced that in your own life, and know first-hand what that feels like. It's a pain that you don't soon, if ever, forget..*

*But Easter is also a reminder that good **always** overcomes evil - that love **always** triumphs over hate. **ALWAYS.***

*You have a choice. No matter how good, or how difficult life is for you right now - you have a choice. And those choices have lasting impact. One simple choice can change your life forever.*

*Jesus made the choice to endure the terrible suffering of the cross - that you might have a chance at a better life. He chose the nails, so that you might be able to choose life over death.*



*This Easter, I encourage you to choose the juicy goodness that God offers. Choose the promise of a delectable, mouth-watering experience with Him - one that will change your life forever.*

*Your Glee-filled Pastor,  
Alan*

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