

Grace United Methodist Church

United Methodist Mission Statement

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

February 17, 2019

GATHERING

Prelude *O Jesus, My Savior* spiritual

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Prayer

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not count the cost; to fight and not heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, except that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #57
(vs. 1-5)

*Responsive Reading Psalm 1 #738

**Gloria Patri* #70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

SPECIAL MUSIC *Little David Play on Your Harp* spiritual

Children's Message

Reading of the Word Jeremiah 17:5-10

Proclamation of the Word Confidence to Act

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *Near to the Heart of God* #472

Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But, Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Offering/Offertory *Kum Ba Yah* arr. P. Nordoff

*Doxology #95

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH

* Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* #545
(vs. 1-3)

* Benediction

* Postlude *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* arr. H. Hopson

Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Communion ~ March		Joanne Maeder	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Schrecengost Walter Rutkowski	Offering Counter	Carolyn Rutkowski Joyce Euler
Lay Reader	Howard Russell	Lay Reader	Linda Schaefers
Acolytes	Sierra Brown	Acolytes	Haiden Ball
Sunday School	Carol Peters	Sunday School	Jamie Tinnemeyer
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Betty Jean Gray 1225 Union Ave, Natrona Heights, PA 15065			
Keith and Norma Henry 207 Norman Drive Lower Burrell, PA 15068			

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1333 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights, PA 15065 / 724-224-7663

Church Office Hours Wednesday 9-3 p.m. & Friday 10:45-1:45 p.m.

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Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Spore, Pastor/814-450-3606/drspore@hotmail.com

Office hours Wednesday 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday floating between both churches and by appointment

Upper Allegheny Valley Director of Ministry & Community Development

Pastor Raphael Koikoi/ 281-620-9928/ emailpastork@gmail.com

Established in 1877

Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the front pew. You are welcome to take a bulletin to work on during worship. Return crayons after worship. Enjoy!

~At Grace~	
2 nd Sunday	Gift Card Order Day
2 nd Sunday	Change for UMCOR
3 rd Sunday	Gift Card Distribution (back table)
4 th Tuesday	Grace Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Monday	9:30 a.m. Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Monday	6:30 p.m. Book Study
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thrift Shop

**THE HEART IS DECEITFUL
ABOVE ALL THINGS,
AND DESPERATELY SICK;**



WHO CAN UNDERSTAND IT?

JEREMIAH 17:9

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Lay Servant Ministry School – Sunday afternoons 2-5 pm, March 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7 @ WPA Conference UM Church Butler District Office 1204 Freedom Road PO Box 5002 Cranberry Twp., Pa 16066 contact Thelma to reserve a spot 724-252-3198

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THE WORD

Jeremiah 17:5-10 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁵ Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God