

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 24, 2019

GATHERING

Prelude Variations on "Lord, Speak to Me" arr. E. Broughton

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Prayer

O God, who prepared for those who love you blessings that pass our understanding, pour into our hearts such love for you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises which exceed all we can desire. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #140

*Word of Wisdom James 3:13-18

**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.

Special Music solo Susan Parker

PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word Luke 6:27-38

Proclamation of the Word Great Expectations

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *Jesu, Jesu* #432

Confession

O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: We gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering/Offertory Aria R. Lau

*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 *Let there be Peace on Earth* #431

* Benediction

* Postlude Chorale L. Boellman

Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Communion ~ March		Joanne Maeder	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Carolyn Rutkowski Joyce Euler	Offering Counter	Sue Herman Justin Tinnemeyer
Lay Reader	Linda Schaefer	Lay Reader	Joanne Maeder
Acolytes	Haiden Ball	Acolytes	Ariel Rhine
Sunday School	Jamie Tinnemeyer	Sunday School	No Sunday School
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Margaret Jezik 100 Vernon Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15228			
Pat Nowikowski 1521 Third Street, Natrona Heights, PA 15065			

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

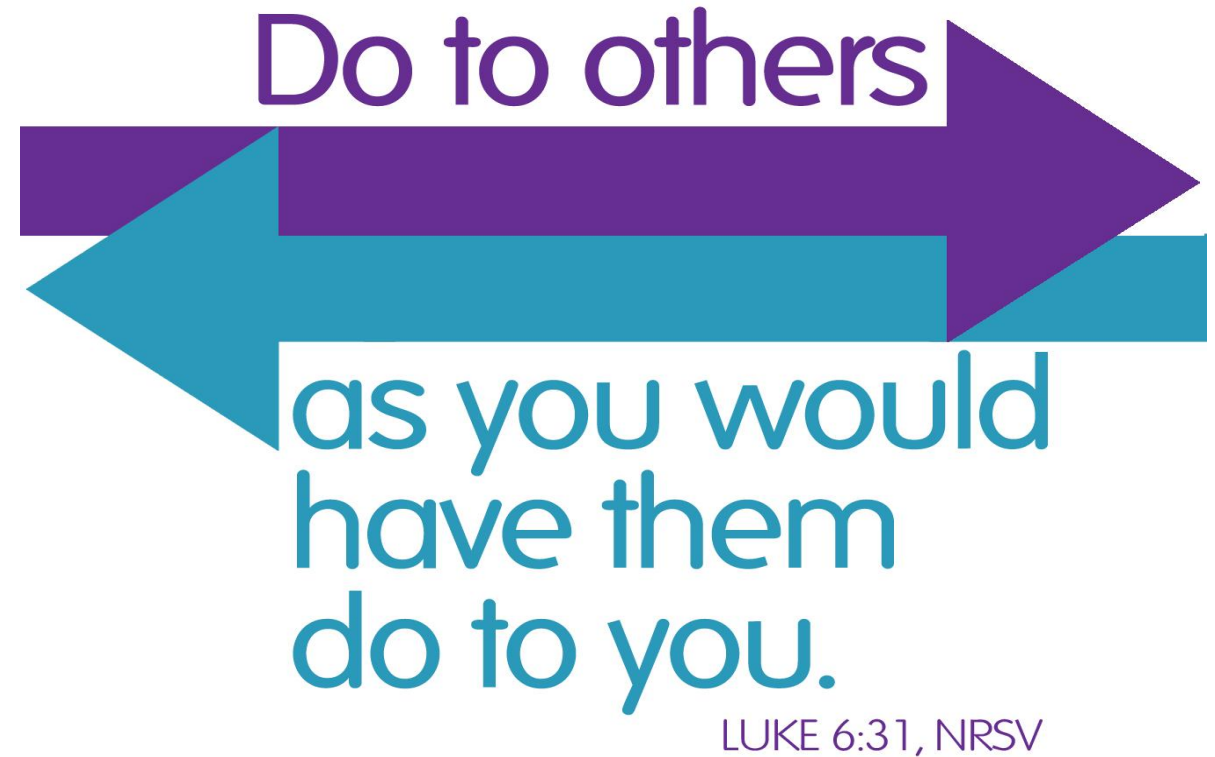
Upper Allegheny Valley Director of Ministry & Community Development

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
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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



LUKE 6:31, NRSV

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Easter Egg Hunt - Grace UMC will be providing eggs and candy for the Natrona Comes Together Easter Egg Hunt. Please donate plastic eggs, candy, or cash/gift card for the purchase of these items. Lets make this event a success for the community. The hunt will be April 13th.

Documentary Premiere: Thursday, March 14th @ 8:00PM WQED is proud to announce production of a new documentary and multimedia initiative that explores one of America's most treasured biking destinations. Consisting of two connecting trails, the C&O Canal Towpath and the Great Allegheny Passage, cyclists from all over the world are enjoying 335 uninterrupted miles of breathtaking scenery and fascinating history. The UMC team that biked to DC is featured in this documentary. **Pastor Raphael has an interview in this documentary.**

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Lay Servant Ministry School – Sunday afternoons 2-5 pm, March 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7 @ WPAUM Church Butler District Office 1204 Freedom Road P. O. Box 5002 Cranberry Twp., Pa 16066 RSVP to Thelma 724-252-3198

If you know of a family in need **Building Blocks – Every Block Matters** will provide taxed items for the in need on the **3rd Saturday from 11-1 pm at the Knights of Columbus, 28 Garfield Street, Natrona, PA 15065**

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THE WORD

Luke 6:27-38 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be

forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God