

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.

March 31, 2019

GATHERING

Prelude *Be Not Afraid* arr. D. E. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

*Greeting

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,
That he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

*Hymn of Praise *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #127

*Responsive Reading *Psalms 11* #832

**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

Children's Message

Reading of the Word *Philippians 1:12-26*

Proclamation of the Word *Failed Purposes*

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *God Will Take Care of You* #130

Prayer for Lent

O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory Solo Susan Parker

*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 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* #133

* Benediction

* Postlude *Trumpet Tune in D Major* J. McCrory

Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Communion ~ April		Susan Parker	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Carolyn Rutkowski Joyce Euler	Offering Counter	Sue Herman Justin Tinnemeyer
Lay Reader	Joanne Maeder	Lay Reader	Rich Caugherty
Acolytes	Ariel Rhine	Acolytes	Sadie Brown
Sunday School	No Sunday School	Sunday School	No Sunday School
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Maxine Kish 1330 Twelfth Avenue Natrona Heights PA 15065			
Deborah Davidowski 1456 Donnellville Road Natrona Heights, PA 15065			

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.

graceumchurch@hotmail.com / <https://gracechurch-today.org>

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

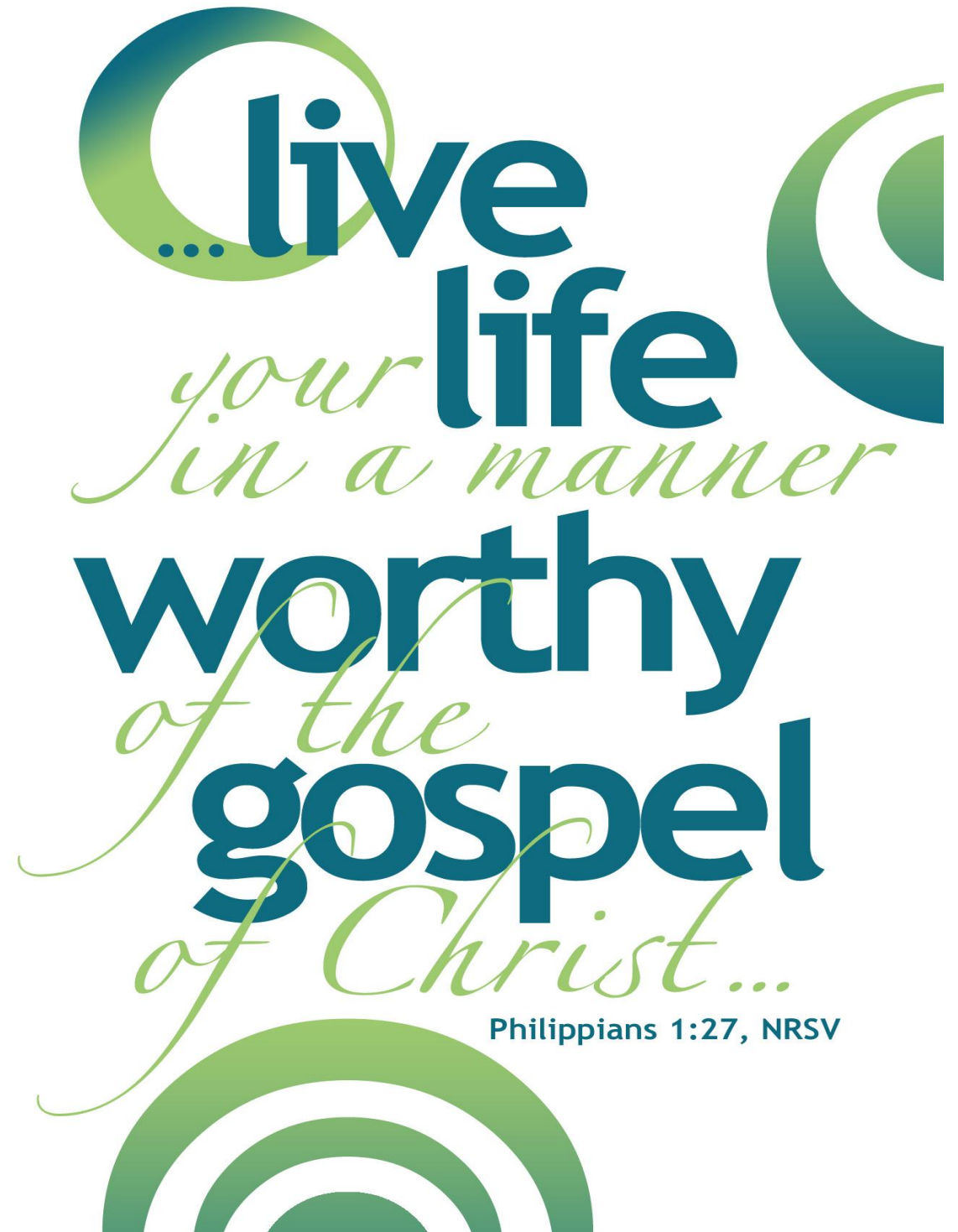
Upper Allegheny Valley Director of Ministry & Community Development

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	Change for UMCOR
4th Tuesday (4/23/19)	Grace Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Monday	9:30 a.m. Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thrift Shop



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE WORD

Philippians 1:12-26 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹² I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; ¹⁴ and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

¹⁵ Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. ¹⁶ These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷ the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ It is my

eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God