

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.

June 9, 2019

GATHERING

Prelude All the Way My Savior Leads Me Mason

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Prayer

O God, you sent the Holy Spirit to enkindle the zeal of Christ's followers waiting in Jerusalem for his promised gift. Pour the same inspiration on your people here assembled, and on the Church of Christ throughout the world. Revive the power of the gospel in our hearts, that it may be to us a sacred trust for the blessing of all creation. Enable your Church to spread the good news of salvation, so that all nations may hear it in their own tongues, and welcome it into their own lives. Protect, encourage, and bless all ministers of the cross, and prosper their words and works, so that Jesus, being lifted up, may draw all people unto him, and the kingdoms of the world may become the kingdom of our Lord and of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384

*Responsive Reading Psalm 104:24-35 #827

*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 Acts 11:1-18

Proclamation of the Word Another "Pentecost"

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart #500
(vs. 1, 2 & 5)

*Prayer

O God, the Holy Spirit, come to us, and among us; come as the wind, and cleanse us; come as the fire, and burn; come as the dew, and refresh; convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives to our great good and to thy greater glory; and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Offering/Offertory Prayer R. Martin

*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 Breathe on Me, Breath of God #420

* Benediction

* Postlude Morning Praise A. Isaac

Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Communion ~ July		Joanne Maeder	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Carolyn Rutkowski Mel Ruediger	Offering Counter	Diane Schrecengost Walter Rutkowski
Lay Reader	Joanne Maeder	Lay Reader	The Brown Trio
Acolytes	Ariel Rhine	Acolytes	Sadie Brown
<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

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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	Change for UMCOR
4th Wednesday (6/10/19)	Grace Council Meeting 6:40 p.m.
Monday	9:30 a.m. Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thrift Shop

“WHO WAS I
... THAT I COULD
HINDER
GOD?”

ACTS 11:17, NRSV

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THE WORD

Acts 11:1-18 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

11 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. **2** So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, **3** saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" **4** Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, **5** "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. **6** As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. **7** I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' **8** But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' **9** But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' **10** This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. **11** At that very moment three men, sent

to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. **12** The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. **13** He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; **14** he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' **15** And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. **16** And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' **17** If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" **18** When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God