

# 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 30, 2019**

## GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Opening Prayer

**Beckoning God, as you moved in the lives of Elijah and Elisha, move in our lives, inviting us to journey to unknown territory, to listen for your voice, and to speak our prophetic word in a world that does not want to hear.**

**Empowered by your spirit, grant us the courage we need, to journey, trust, listen, speak, and accept your commission to be your faithful servant people. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise *I have decided to follow Jesus* #2129

\*Responsive Reading #798

\*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. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Proclamation of the Word

## RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayers

Hymn of Response #2124

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version #881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology #95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* 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 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #396

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Helping Us			
<b>Head Usher</b>		Thomas Yarris	
<b>Organist</b>		Kathy Russell	
<b>Communion ~ July</b>		Joanne Maeder	
<b>Today</b>		<b>Next week</b>	
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Sue Herman Justin Tinnemeyer	<b>Offering Counters</b>	Lois Gigler Susan Parker
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Howard Russell	<b>Lay Reader</b>	Linda Schaefer
<b>Acolyte</b>	Sierra Brown	<b>Acolyte</b>	Haiden Ball
<i><b>In our hearts this week:</b></i>			
<b>Vivian Watts, 327 Red Pump Road, Bel Aire, MD 21014</b>			
<b>William Murdock, 214 Vista Drive, Apollo, PA 15613</b>			

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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**Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Spore, Pastor / 814-450-3606 / [drspore@hotmail.com](mailto:drspore@hotmail.com)**  
**Office hours: Wednesday 10:30 a.m. - 1 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](mailto: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 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Change for UMCOR
Monday	9:30 a.m. Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Wednesday	1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Shop



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