



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 1333 FREEPORT ROAD
 NATRONA HEIGHTS, PA 15065
 Address Service Requested
 DATED MATERIAL

Especially for

Community Events

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

~ **Concordia Health** and Human care is offering a new service – Adult Day service. Montessori based Dementia program. Hours are from 8am – 6pm Monday through Friday. If you have questions about this program contact Stefanie Dietrich @ 724 – 352 – 1571 ext 8271

~**Seeking RN and/or LPN for part time Nurse Manager position at TryLife Center.** Exciting opportunity to support a life-affirming mission and to continue to build community outreach STD program via our new medical mobile unit. Questions or interest? Call Dawn at 412-303-5294.



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Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

July
 2019

NEWS from the Pews

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It's summer! Vacations. Camping. Bonfires. Swimming. **Distractions.** There are a multitude of reasons to miss church over the next few months. Already we have had two Sundays with low attendance. I understand. However, I would like to remind you of two things as you enjoy the season.

First, *"Let us pay careful attention to provoking one another to love and good works, not abandoning the assembling of yourselves together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, much more indeed as you see the Day approaching"* (Hebrews 10:24-25). It is all too easy to overlook going to church while travelling. Worship, though, is our work of service to God. It is our gift of praise and thanksgiving for God's ceaseless care and boundless grace. Can we really justify taking a break from it? Furthermore, God renews and strengthens us for the life of faith through worship, and he gives us our marching orders through the preached Word. There is no break from living as disciples of Jesus Christ. I urge you to find a place to worship wherever you are.

But, second, you who are members have vowed to *"faithfully participate in [Freeport or Grace UMC's] ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness."* In particular, the financial needs of your church do not disappear when you are not present. We live in a consumer culture that teaches us we pay for what we use, so it may seem appropriate to make our offerings where we happen to be worshipping. But your membership vows take precedence. You should make your offering to the church in which you hold membership. Please support your church each Sunday.

Whatever this summer holds in store for you, may you be filled with peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Have fun but be safe.

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Andy

COMMUNION STEWARD

July – Joanne Maeder
August – Susan Parker

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COUNTERS

Date	Volunteer
7/7	Lois Gigler/Susan Parker
7/14	Jamie Tinnemeyer/Schrecengost
7/21	Carolyn Rutkowski/M. Ruediger
7/28	Schrecengost/Walter Rutkowski

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LAY READERS

Date	Volunteer
7/7	Linda Schaefers
7/14	Joanne Maeder
7/21	The Brown Trio
7/28	George Reese

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Acolytes

Date	Volunteer
7/7	Haiden Ball
7/14	Ariel Rhine
7/21	Sadie Brown
7/28	Skylar Brown

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will return in September

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ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS

7/4 Joel Helgert
7/4 Jonathan Szish
7/9 Jennifer Perry
7/15 Judy Pisani
7/15 Joslyn Filo
7/17 Lawrence Susa
7/20 John Baker
7/21 Heidi Grimm
7/27 Walter Rutkowski
7/30 Jeffrey Davis, Jr.
7/31 Rebecca Reese

**If we did not include your birthday or anniversary, it is because we do not have the date on file. If you want your birthday and anniversary published, be sure that the office is informed.

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FINANCE REPORT

Effective		
Starting Balance	\$15,565.07	
	Credit	Debit
General Fund	\$4202.00	\$23.00
Building Fund	\$330.00	\$569.76
Connectional Apportionment	\$85.00	\$708.00
Utility		\$514.25
Parsonage	\$950.00	
Thrift Shop	\$333.43	
Special Offering/Donation		
Other (Bank Fees)		\$40.00
Building Usage	\$500.00	
Pastoral Salary		\$1007.44
Pastor Reimbursement		\$147.56
Salary/Payroll Tax		\$1977.48
Summer Lunch		\$2447.47
Office Expenses		\$190.67
Totals	\$6400.43	\$7625.63
Ending Balance	\$14,339.87	
Designated Funds	\$17,727.97	
Remaining in General Fund	-\$3388.10*	

*The General Fund balance reflects the fact that the church still owes Walter Rutkowski \$4,684.37. The actual balance in the General Fund is \$1,296.27.

GRACE EVENTS

~ **Summer Lunch Program** – Grace began the summer lunch program (June 10th – August 7th). We are in need of volunteers to make the year a success. Please contact the Pastor Raphael if you would like to help. There are jobs for all still levels. Pastor K 281-620-9928 raphael.koikoi@gmail.com

~ **Mission Project for 2019** – Grace is teaming up with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) by collecting change to help the victims of natural disaster with in the US territories. The children of our church will collect change the 2nd Sunday of every month during the worship service. Next collection will be **July 14th**. Grace UMC has set a goal of \$1,000.00. We have collected \$387.16.

~ **Administrative Council Meeting** –Tuesday, July 23, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

~ **Just Lunch** – Monday, July 29, 2019 at 12 p.m. at Eat 'N' Park in Natrona Heights.

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MEMBERS AT HOME

Find time to send a card/letter or visit these members of our church family.

Date	Name and Address
	Vivian Watts 327 Red Pump Road, Bel Aire, MD 21014
7/7	Vie Riemer 522 Cumberland Woods Village Allison Park, PA 15101
7/14	Lucy Croker 598 Parker Road Sarver PA 16055
7/21	Maxine Kish 1330 Twelfth Avenue Natrona Heights PA 15065
	Margaret Jezik 100 Vernon Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15228
	Sherry and Gary Cullen 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068
	William Murdock 214 Vista Drive Apollo, PA 15613
7/7	Lois Gaskell 2503 Buchman Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065
7/21	Deborah Davidowski 1456 Donnellville Road Natrona Heights, PA 15065
7/28	Elizabeth Johns 1514 Neely Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065
7/28	Gay Dequinze 200 Sylvan Drive, Apt. 415 Lower Burrell, PA 15068
	Keith and Norma Henry 207 Norman Drive Lower Burrell, PA 15068
	Lenora Reese 460 Monroe Road Sarver PA 16055
	Betty Jean Gray 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068
7/14	Dorothy Freehling 4511 Bee Street Alexandria, WV 22310
	Pat Nowikowski 1521 Third Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065

