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August  
 2019

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

## NEWS from the Pews

Especially for . . . . .

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### 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Have you ever stopped to consider what a privilege it is to be a Christian? We should stand in awe just knowing God loves us. How much more awed ought we to be knowing God sent Christ to provide the way of salvation?

*And can it be that I should gain  
 An interest in the Savior's blood?  
 Died he for me? who caused his pain!  
 For me? who him to death pursued?  
 Amazing love! How can it be  
 that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*  
 —Charles Wesley, 1739

Even more, God is building us into a temple, a personal dwelling for himself, both as the church and as individuals! God chooses to live in us.

But the privilege is greater still. God invites us to participate with him in a grand renewal project. We, the Body of Christ, are called to offer salvation to the rest of the world, to seek peace and justice in the world, and to prepare for the full redemption and transformation of the world. God trusts us and relies on us to do our part. What if we are reluctant? What if we refuse? *Whom shall I send?*

Grace and Peace,  
*Dr. Andy*

**COMMUNION STEWARD**

August – Susan Parker

September – Jamie Tinnemeyer

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**COUNTERS**

Date	Volunteer
8/4	Carolyn Rutkowski/Joyce Euler
8/11	D. Schrecengost/Justin Tinnemeyer
8/18	Lois Gigler/Susan Parker
8/25	Jamie Tinnemeyer/D. Schrecengost

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**LAY READERS**

Date	Volunteer
8/4	Howard Russell
8/11	Linda Schaefer
8/18	Joanne Maeder
8/25	The Brown Trio

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**Acolytes**

Date	Volunteer
8/4	Sierra Brown
8/11	Haiden Ball
8/18	Ariel Rhine
8/25	Sadie Brown

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Will return in September**

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

Andrew & Sandra Capo 8/8

Rev. Howard & Katheleen Russell 8/20

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**BIRTHDAYS**

- 8/2 Thomas Yarris
- 8/10 Marilyn Francis
- 8/12 Lois Gaskell
- 8/14 Susan Parker
- 8/16 Sandra Vogel
- 8/24 Laken Robshaw
- 8/28 Ethan Grimm

\*\*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	\$14,339.87	
	Credit	Debit
General Fund	\$5930.00	190.00
Building Fund	495.00	
Connectional Apportionment	165.00	500.00
Utility		379.70
Parsonage	950.00	
Thrift Shop	351.80	
Missions, Undesignated	85.00	
Other (Bank Fees)		52.00
Building Usage	950.00	
Pastoral Salary		2014.88
Pastor Reimbursement		74.73
Salary/Payroll Tax		2100.09
Bike-A-Thon	165.00	
Office Expenses		165.00
Miscellaneous	420.00	125.00
Mission Partners	58.20	
<b>Totals</b>	10232.10	5601.40
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$18,970.57	
<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$15,310.24</b>	
<b>Remaining in General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 3,660.33</b>	

\*The General Fund balance reflects the fact that the church still owes Walter Rutkowski \$4,684.37. The balance in the General Fund, including this debt, is - \$1,024.04.

**GRACE EVENTS**

~ **Summer Lunch Program** – Grace began the summer lunch program (June 10<sup>th</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>). 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month during the worship service. Next collection will be August 11<sup>th</sup>. Grace UMC has set a goal of \$1,000.00. We have collected \$515.24.

~ **Leechburg First United Methodist Church** has invited our church to join them at their annual Church Picnic to be held Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at noon. The location will be the Gilpin-Leechburg Park located in Gilpin Township, Pavilion #3. The picnic is totally POTLUCK! Bring a casserole, crockpot, or roaster to share with everyone. Mealtime is set for 12:30 p.m. There will be games and a live auction.

~**STILL TIME** to show your support for Pastor Raphael and his wife as they participate in the Campership Bike-a-Thon later this summer. Envelopes on the basket in the narthex. All proceeds to benefit the Bishop’s youth camping initiative. Checks payable to Grace Church.

~**Administrative Council Meeting** – Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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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
8/25	<b>Vivian Watts</b> 327 Red Pump Road Bel Aire, MD 21014
	<b>Vie Riemer</b> 522 Cumberland Woods Village Allison Park, PA 15101
	<b>Lucy Croker</b> 598 Parker Road Sarver PA 16055
	<b>Maxine Kish</b> 1330 Twelfth Avenue Natrona Heights PA 15065
8/11	<b>Margaret Jezik</b> 100 Vernon Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15228
8/18	<b>Sherry and Gary Cullen</b> 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068
8/25	<b>William Murdock</b> 214 Vista Drive Apollo, PA 15613
	<b>Lois Gaskell</b> 2503 Buchman Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065
	<b>Deborah Davidowski</b> 1456 Donnellville Road Natrona Heights, PA 15065
	<b>Elizabeth Johns</b> 1514 Neely Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065
	<b>Gay Dequinze</b> 200 Sylvan Drive, Apt. 415 Lower Burrell, PA 15068
8/4	<b>Keith and Norma Henry</b> 207 Norman Drive Lower Burrell, PA 15068
8/18	<b>Lenora Reese</b> 460 Monroe Road Sarver PA 16055
8/4	<b>Betty Jean Gray</b> 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068
8/11	<b>Pat Nowikowski</b> 1521 Third Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065