

Grace United Methodist Church

September 2, 2018

GATHERING

Prelude *Here I Am, Lord* arr. D. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Prayer

O Lord Our God, how great you are! You allow us to produce food from the earth – wine to make us glad, olive oil as lotion for our skin, and bread to give us strength. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise *Alleluia, Alleluia* #162

PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word Acts 16:11-15

Proclamation of the Word *Converting a Believer*

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *Spirit Song* #347

Invitation to the Table

Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess the we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Offering/Offertory *Be Near Me Still* arr. C. Nordman

*Doxology #95

The Great 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

GOING FORTH

* Hymn *Nothing But the Blood* #362

* Benediction

* Postlude *With Praise* F. Ritter

Be Our Guest! If you are joining us for the first time or another visit, we welcome you! Let us know how we can make your worship experience more enjoyable. We're glad you are here!

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!

Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Communion ~ September		Jaime Tinnemeyer	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Jamie Tinnemeyer Diane Schrecengost	Offering Counter	C. Rutkowski M. Ruediger
Lay Reader	Rich Caugherty	Lay Reader	In Need
Acolytes	Sierra Brown	Acolytes	Haiden Ball
Sunday School	No Class	Sunday School	Jamie Tinnemeyer
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Jane Snebold 206 Boardwalk Drive Cranberry Twp. PA 16066			
Kate Milles 1434 Third Street Natrona Heights PA 15065			

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Wednesday floating between both churches and by appointment

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Established in 1877

Church Office Hours Tuesday 9-12pm and Wednesday 9-3pm

United Methodist Mission Statement

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

This week at Grace United Methodist Church	
Monday	9:30 am Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 pm Thrift Shop

“If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.”

Acts 16:15, NRSV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gift Card Fundraiser –Place your gift cards today. They are great for birthday presents, holiday shopping, house repairs, vacations, grocery shopping and night out. Proceeds benefit Grace UMC.

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Optional additions: formula/bottle, pacifier, wipes, diapers, socks/underwear, hats/mittens, nightlight/flashlight, journal, coloring book/crayons, comb/brush, teens: deodorant, lotion, feminine products.

*Please be sure all items in your bag correspond with the same age/gender. Teen pj's = teen book, newborn pj's = same size diapers, boy pj's = boy blanket, ect. Because of the magnitude of donations, they only accept complete bags, but you are encouraged to pair up with a friend if needed to complete a bag! **This mission will run from September – November. If you have questions you can contact the church office or go to Foster Love Project website <http://www.fosterloveproject.org/>***

September 9 at 3 PM – Rev. Eric S Park, Installation Service, Chippewa UMC

Kids Meal Network Volunteer Celebration – September 19 at 6:30pm. Pittsburgh Presbytery 901 Allegheny Ave, Pittsburgh 15233. RSVP by September 12th

September 15, 22 and 29 – Lay Servant Ministry School at the Conference Center. RSVP 7242400

Just Lunch- September 24th at the Anchor Inn at noon. Our friends from Freeport UMC will be joining us.

Administrative Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 25th @ 6:30pm

Walk for Hunger – Sponsored by AVAC September 30 at 1:30. Registration will be at 1pm in Heights Plaza near Wendy's. See bulletin board for more details and sponsorship information.

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THE WORD

Acts 16:11-15 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God