

# 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.*

## September 30, 2018

### GATHERING

Prelude                                      Raise the Song on High                                      S. Scott

Welcome and Announcements

\*Opening Prayer

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

\*Hymn of Praise                                      *Forth In the Name of the Lord*                                      #438

### PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word                                      Exodus 17:8-14

Proclamation of the Word                                      "Assisted Living"

### RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns

Recognition and Blessing of Summer Kids' Program Volunteers

Hymn of Response

*Here I Am, Lord*

#593

Affirmation/Prayer

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; open my ears that I may hear their cries; open my heart so that they need not be without succor; let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. And so open my eyes and my ears that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee. **Amen.**

Offering/Offertory

O Spirit of the Living God

H. Hile

\*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

*The Summons*

#2130  
see insert

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

Postlude in D

J. Rinck

**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 ~ October		Walter Rutkowski	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Sue Herman Justin Tinnemeyer	Offering Counter	Lois Gigler Susan Parker
Lay Reader	Linda Schaefers	Lay Reader	Joanne Maeder
Acolytes	Skylar Brown	Acolytes	Sierra Brown
Sunday School	Jamie Tinnemeyer	Sunday School	No Sunday School
<b>In our hearts this week:</b>			
Vie Riemer 522 Cumberland Woods Village Allison Park, PA 15101			
Joyce Euler 1011 Montana Avenue Natrona Heights, PA 15065			

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1333 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights, PA 15065 / 724-224-7663

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

graceumchurch@hotmail.com / https://gracechurch-today.org

Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Spore, Pastor/814-450-3606/drspore@hotmail.com

Office hours Tuesday 10:30 – 1:00pm

Wednesday 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

This week at Grace United Methodist Church	
1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Gift Card Order Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Gift Card Distribution (back table)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Change for UMCOR
Monday	9:30 am Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Monday	6:30 pm Book Study
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 pm Thrift Shop



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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, etc. 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/>**

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## THE WORD

Exodus 17:8-14 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Amalek Attacks Israel and Is Defeated

<sup>8</sup> Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. <sup>9</sup> Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men for us and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." <sup>10</sup> So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup> Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. <sup>12</sup> But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. <sup>13</sup> And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword. <sup>14</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this as a reminder in a book and recite it in the hearing of Joshua: I will

utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven."

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Thanks be to God**

### Grace Volunteers

Lora Venturella  
Regina Venturella  
Alisha Webb  
Alexis Camp  
Diane Schrecengost  
Donna Gibson  
Walter Rutkowski  
Susan Parker  
Joyce Euler  
Carol Peters  
Amanda Liles  
Logan Valvo Thomas  
Linda Prager  
Howard Russell  
Holly Burd

**SPARK 2019** will be January 11-13, 2019 at the Sheraton Station Square. This retreat is for youth in 6th – 12th grades. DJ: Big Al. Speaker: Duffy Robbins. Details to be announced at a later date.

**Orientation to Ministry** - January 5, 2019 at Charter Oak UMC. Are you feeling a call to ministry? If you are, and just not sure what that means, then come to the next Orientation to Ministry. This discernment process will help to answer all of those questions. Registration will open online soon. Contact the Rev. Janet Lord at [jflord425@aol.com](mailto:jflord425@aol.com)