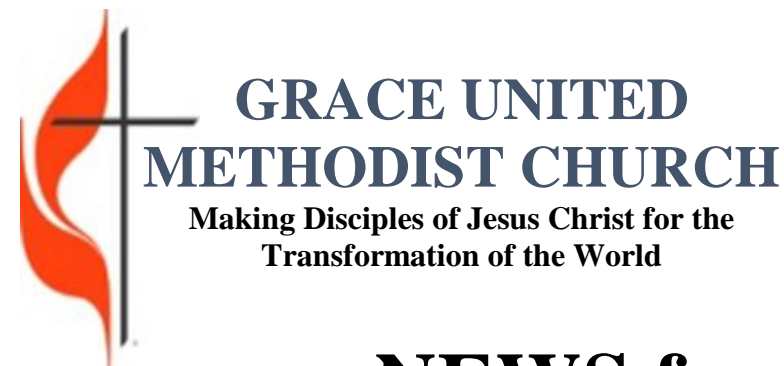


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NEWS from the Pews

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Pastor's Ponderings

Community Events

- **Overcoming - Renewal Retreat @ Jumonville - Finding Freedom in Christ, Learning to Hear God's Voice & Speak His Word For today. Oct 5 – Oct 7, 2018** Do you need healing? Are you longing for a miracle in your life? Are there habits or hindrances that keep you from all the blessings that God has promised? Do you want to enjoy freedom and see others set free? WPA Renewal offers two opportunities to be renewed, & equipped for ministry with Dr. Rob McCorkle. You'll see that Dr. McCorkle has a passion to re-dig the supernatural wells that were established by John Wesley and the early Methodists. He earned his D. Min. degree from United Theological Seminary. Rob is a Nazarene pastor and founder of Fire School Ministries. (www.fireschoolministries.com) and has seen many healings, deliverances and miracles. Learn to hear God's voice and share his heart with others!
- **Young Life** invites you to River Forest Country Club Tuesday, October 16th, at 6:30pm. Come hear more about Young Life and how we are impacting the lives of teens at Highlands High School, Burrell High School, and the rest of the Valley. We hope to fill the room with parents, community members, volunteers, and friends of Young Life... and raise support for the mission. Please RSVP! There will be a silent auction and dinner will be provided! There is no cost for you to attend the evening, thanks to our Table Sponsors. Please be our guest! RSVP to brianmorris654@gmail.com
- **Festival Faith 2018** - October 28th @ 7pm at Center UMC, 1575 Donnelville Road, Natrona Heights, PA 15065. Pastor Raphael Koikoi will be the guest speaker
- **Center United Methodist Church Lasagna Dinner** benefiting AVAC - November 3rd at 5:30pm. Free will offering for dinner and many chances to bid on suction items. If you have question or would like to donate to this event in any way call 724-226-2300 before October 28th.
- **Highland High School musical** is in need of choir members for an ensemble for the musical The Hunchback of Notre Dame. If you are interested in being in the spring musical contact Mr. Michael Zeiler at mzeiler@goldenrams.com by November 21st.
- **Funding Education:** United Methodist students don't have to worry as much about rising federal student loan interest rates. Through its Office of Loans and Scholarships, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) offers them the lowest interest for student loans in the U.S. <https://www.gbhem.org/article/gbhem-offers-united-methodist-students-better-options-funding-education>
- **DID YOU KNOW** that joining Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union is open to any member of the church? Services range from free checking accounts to IRAs to mortgage and car loans, and a whole lot more.
- **Youth Speakers:** Are you a youth who has something amazing to say about your faith? Why not say it from the YOUTH 2019 main stage?! We are now taking applications to fill four open slots for youth speakers at YOUTH 2019. Expenses paid for and a small honorarium for your work. <https://yppm.typeform.com/to/hoWLGy>

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from the guilt and power of sin and opened to us the gates of God's kingdom, and who has called us to join him in the great work of redemption and renewal in this present evil age. I consider it a tremendous privilege to serve among you, as we seek to fulfill our calling. When we become members of a local United Methodist Church, we commit to God and to one another *to share the load*, you might say, in this work, so I think it is appropriate to remind one another from time to time exactly what sharing the load means. This is the vow we take:

I will faithfully participate in this church's ministries by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness.

Prayers: We commit to praying for one another, for the various ministries of the church, for our leaders and pastor(s), for those in need, for the unchurched in our community, etc.

Presence: We commit to being physically present not merely in worship, but at every opportunity (as we are able) to do the work of the church. We will put our faith into action together to accomplish God's purposes.

Gifts: We commit to supporting the local church financially— "to shoulder the burdens and share the risks" with our fellow members (*The Book of Discipline, 2016*). It has become fashionable these days to say gifts include talents and time. May I say it clearly? Wrong. The next part of the vow, the commitment to service, deals with talents and time. When we commit to supporting the local church by our gifts, we are making a financial commitment. The church relies on benevolent giving to engage in the ministry of Jesus Christ, and discipleship requires the discipline of sacrifice and generosity.

Service: We commit not only to being present, but to serving with our fellow members—to employ our time and talents, along with our love and willingness, in the shared ministry of the church.

Witness: We commit to showing others by word, deed, and sign the amazing saving grace of God available in Jesus Christ.

In recent months, our financial support has been somewhat lackluster. I call upon all our members to increase or restore the financial support to which each of you committed upon joining the church. Just as many hands make light work, so many givers reduce the financial burden. Remember, our responsibilities to the local church do not disappear when we cannot attend worship. If you are absent for some reason, please make up your weekly offering upon your return. We do live in a consumer society, so it becomes easy to think our tithes and offerings are like paying for services. (If we don't take advantage of the service, maybe we don't need to pay.) But church membership is not about a consumer transaction. **Our shared work requires consistent and dedicated gifts by all our members**, even as it requires consistent and dedicated prayers, presence, service, and witness.

Grace and Peace,
Dr. Andy

SERVING THE LORD

LAY READERS

Date	Volunteer
10/7	Joanne Maeder
10/14	Rich Caugherty
10/21	In Need
10/28	George Reese

COUNTERS

Date	Volunteer
10/7	Lois Gigler Susan Parker
10/14	Jamie Tinnemeyer Diane Schrecengost
10/21	Carolyn Rutkowski Melvin Ruediger
10/28	David Ciuchta Walter Rutkowski

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Volunteer
10/7	No Sunday School
10/14	Linda Schaefer
10/21	Carol Peters
10/28	Jamie Tinnemeyer

Acolytes

Date	Volunteer
10/7	Sierra Brown
10/14	Haiden Ball
10/21	Ariel Rhine
10/28	Sadie Brown

COMMUNION STEWARD

October ~ Walter Rutkowski
November ~ Joanne Maeder

ANNIVERSARIES

Susan and Joe Herman October 15, 2005

BIRTHDAYS

10/3 - Aaron Anderson
10/5 - Barbara Penn
10/7 - Keith Henry
10/10 - Glenn Kohlhepp
10/18 - Cameron Szish
10/21 - Katelyn King
10/22 - Lawrea Honnef
10/23 - Lenora Reese
10/25 - Linda Prager
10/26 - Kiersten Cogley
10/27 - Jordan Perry
10/31 - Jamie Tinnemeyer

**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.

Grace Mission

Foster Love Project Mission - we will collect and build Placement bags for Foster Love Project. **A complete Foster Love Project bag contains (new items only, tags left on):** Duffle bag or large backpack (or zippered diaper bag for infants), 2 pairs of pajamas (one summer, one winter), Socks, A small blanket, Stuffed animal (or small pillow for teen bags), Book, Toothbrush & toothpaste (fluoride free for under 5), Puff & body wash (please place in Ziploc) **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!

Grace Events

- **Administrative Council Meeting** - Tuesday, October 23rd @ 6:30pm
- **Just Lunch**- October 29th at King's Family Restaurant at noon. Our friends from Freeport UMC will be joining us.
- **Charge Conference @ Freeport UMC Chapel - October 29th 6:15pm All leaders meeting with District Superintendent followed by the charge**

conference which all are invited and encouraged to attend at 7:00pm.

- **AUTO GIVE** - This is away you can assure your donations to the church are received even when you are not able to attend service. If you have questions or would like to set up auto give see Grace UMC chair of Finance, Linda Schaefer.
- **Change for UMCOR will be collected on October 14th. Our goal is to collect \$1000.00. We are on our way but need your support for this mission project.**

Stepping up

Below you will see level givers. Try to strive to make one step up in the next quarter.

# of givers	Amount given
1	\$5,000.00 and up
4	\$2,500.00-\$4,999.00
11	\$1,000.00-\$2,499.00
9	\$500.00-\$999.00
13	\$100.00-\$499.00
6	\$5.00-\$99.00
46	\$0.00

Finance Reports

As of the end of September 2018

Starting Balance	\$22,258.20	
	<i>Credit</i>	<i>Debit</i>
General Fund	\$4,123.00	
Building Fund	\$412.00	\$661.44
Connectional Apportionment	\$208.00	\$708.00
Utility	\$85.00	\$431.36
Parsonage Rent	\$950.00	\$329.73
Thrift Shop	\$182.75	
GL Scrip	\$1,355.00	\$1,513.93
Other	\$3,185.51	
Pastoral Salary		\$2,014.88
Pastoral Reimbursement		\$111.11
Other Salary/Payroll Tax		\$1791.37
Summer Lunch		\$125.00
Office Expenses		\$368.24
Totals	\$10,501.26	\$8,055.06
Ending Balance	\$24,704.40	

MEMBERS AT HOME

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

Name and Address
Frank Williams (need new address) 546 Parker Road, Sarver, PA 16055
Vivian Watts 327 Red Pump Road Bel Aire, MD 21014
Vie Riemer 522 Cumberland Woods Village Allison Park, PA 15101
10/7 Helen Beers Sugar Creek Rest 120 Lakeside Drive Room 123 Worthington, PA 16262
10/14 Lucy Croker 598 Parker Road Sarver PA 16055
10/21 Maxine Kish 1330 Twelfth Avenue Natrona Heights PA 15065
10/28 Margaret Jezik 100 Vernon Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15228
Jane Snebold 206 Boardwalk Drive Cranberry Twp. PA 16066
Sherry and Gary Cullen 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068
William Murdock 214 Vista Drive Apollo, PA 15613
Lois Gaskell 2503 Buchman Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065
Joyce Euler 1011 Montana Avenue Natrona Heights, PA 15065
10/7 Deborah Davidowski 1456 Donnellville Road Natrona Heights, PA 15065
10/14 Elizabeth Johns 1514 Neely Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065
10/21 Gay Dequinze 200 Sylvan Drive, Apt. 415 Lower Burrell, PA 15068
10/28 Keith and Norma Henry 207 Norman Drive Lower Burrell, PA 15068
Kate Milles 1434 Third Street Natrona Heights PA 15065
Lenora Reese 460 Monroe Road Sarver PA 16055
