

# 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.*

**October 28, 2018**

## GATHERING

Prelude                      Prelude on "Sacrifice and Thanksgiving"                      Th. Dubois

Welcome and Announcements

\*Opening Prayer

**Lord God, Your instruction is my continual delight; I turn to it for counsel. Your instruction is wonderful: therefore, I gladly keep it. Your word is revealed, and all is light: it gives understanding even to the untaught. I was cut to the quick when I saw traitors who had no regard for the word. See how I love Your precepts! Gladly I heed Your instruction and love it dearly. Let Your praise pour from lips, and let the music of Your promises be on my tongue. Let me live to praise You. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise                      *I Love To Tell the Story*                      #156

## PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word                      Matthew 24:3-14

Proclamation of the Word                      "A Testimony to All Nations"

## RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns

Hymn of Response                      *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*                      #569

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering/Offertory                      A Quiet Thought                      A. James

\*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                      *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*                      #57

\* Benediction

\* Postlude                      Song of Praise                      R. Hughes

**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			
<b>Head Usher</b>		Thomas Yarris	
<b>Organist</b>		Kathy Russell	
<b>Communion ~ October</b>		Walter Rutkowski	
Today		Next week	
<b>Offering Counter</b>	David Ciuchta Walter Rutkowski	<b>Offering Counter</b>	Helen Shumaker Joyce Euler
<b>Lay Reader</b>	George Reese	<b>Lay Reader</b>	Howard Russell
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sadie Brown	<b>Acolytes</b>	Skylar Brown
<b>Sunday School</b>	Jamie Tinnemeyer	<b>Sunday School</b>	No Sunday School
<b><i>In our hearts this week:</i></b>			
<b>Margaret Jezik</b> 100 Vernon Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15228			
<b>Keith and Norma Henry</b> 207 Norman Drive Lower Burrell, PA 15068			

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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

# Matthew 24:3-14



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Charge Conference @ Freeport UMC Chapel – October 29<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm for all leaders with Eric Park, D.S. of Butler and all are invited and encouraged to attend at 7:00pm.**

**Gift Cards –Pick up your gift card today! Next order will be November 4th. Christmas gift giving is right around the corner. We will place orders every week of November for the upcoming holiday season. All proceeds benefit Grace UMC mission & outreach.**

**ALL SAINTS' DAY** will be observed at Grace Church next Sunday, Nov. 4, with the dedication of engraved Tree of Life leaves to memorialize those members and friends who have passed away during the year. They are: Dorothy M. McGrath, Jean M. Rowe, Marilyn A. Stanley, and Jay A. Wessel. Such recognition is reserved for those whose life of faith exemplified strong commitment to the membership vows of the church, namely as pertaining to their giving of prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

**Foster Love Project** – We've completed 5 back packs and collected numerous loose items to fill bags. Please see Joanne Maeder or Pastor Koikoi to find out what else is needed to complete bags. This mission will run December 10<sup>th</sup> and then a representative will present them to the Foster Love representative. Thank you for all you hard work and generosity to make this a success.

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**Center United Methodist Church Lasagna Dinner** benefiting AVAC - November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Just Lunch** – Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 12 pm at Bird Dogs in Natrona Heights. Our friends from Freeport UMC will be joining us.

**Administrative Council Meeting** – Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

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## THE WORD

Matthew 24:3-14 English Standard Version (ESV)

<sup>3</sup>As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. <sup>5</sup>For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. <sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup>All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

<sup>9</sup>"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. <sup>10</sup>And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup>And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. <sup>12</sup>And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow

cold. <sup>13</sup>But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Thanks be to God**