

# 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.*

**November 4, 2018**

**All Saints Day**

## GATHERING

Prelude                      The King of Love My Shepherd Is                      C. Becket      Psalm 23

Welcome and Announcements

\*Greeting

**God invites everyone who thirsts to come to the waters, everyone who has no money to come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. The Lord of hosts has prepared for us a feast, a banquet purchased at the cost of his Son.**

\*Hymn of Praise                      *Forward Through the Ages*                      #555

## PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word                      Revelation 21:1-8

Proclamation of the Word                      *What's New*

## RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response                      *Shall We Gather at the River*                      #723

A Time of Remembrance

Invitation to the Table

Confession and Pardon

**Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But, Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Offering/Offertory                      Anthem                      Grace Choir

\*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                      *Marching to Zion*                      #733

\* Benediction

\* Postlude                      Hymn of Thanks                      C. Mallard

**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 ~ November</b>		Joanne Maeder	
Today		Next week	
<b>Offering Counter</b>	Helen Shumaker Carolyn Rutkowski	<b>Offering Counter</b>	Sue Herman Justin Tinnemeyer
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Howard Russell	<b>Lay Reader</b>	Linda Schaefer
<b>Acolytes</b>	Skylar Brown	<b>Acolytes</b>	Sierra Brown
<b>Sunday School</b>	No Sunday School	<b>Sunday School</b>	Jamie Tinnemeyer
<b><i>In our hearts this week:</i></b>			
<b>Jane Snebold</b> 206 Boardwalk Drive Cranberry Twp. PA 16066			
<b>Kate Milles</b> 1434 Third Street Natrona Heights PA 15065			

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**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

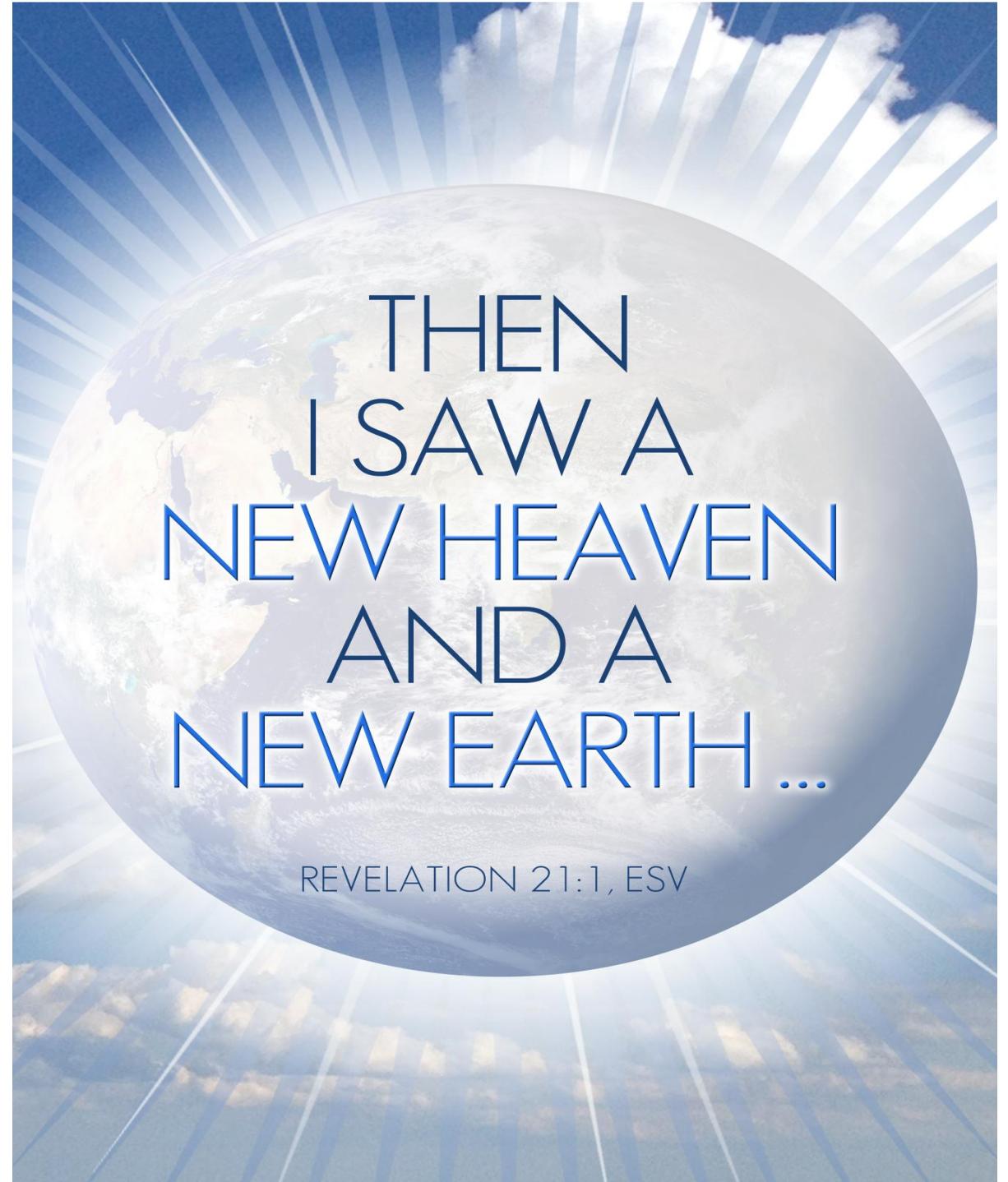
**Wednesday floating between both churches and by appointment**

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	
Every Sunday in November	Gift Card Order Day
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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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Grace UMC annual Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive is underway. We will deliver all collected food to the food bank before the thanksgiving holiday so we provide in need families of community with the foods needed for a delicious dinner. Please support this mission by donating non-perishable foods to the church.**

**Gift Cards** –Place your gift card order today! Next order will be November 11<sup>th</sup>. 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. **This fundraiser is in jeopardy of ending. We have lost a large contributor of this fundraiser. It will continue through the holidays when the council will make a decision on its future profitability. The shipping for the cards is between \$8.50 and \$13.50 each order.**

**Bell Choir** to perform for Thanksgiving. Practice will be 11/4, 11/11 at 8:45 a.m. and 11/18 at 8:30 a.m. Performance on November 18th.

**The Finance Committee** is looking to draw up the weekly Counter Schedule for 2019. We would greatly appreciate volunteers to work with a partner to count the offerings. The schedule will likely be once every 5 or 6 weeks. Please contact Linda Schaefers (724.295.9652 or linda1950@hotmail.com) with your willingness to serve in his capacity.

**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.

**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

**Allegheny Valley Hospital** launched an electronic health record that impacts our current process of obtaining lists of your congregation members who are patients. Please advise the church if you or your family or friends are in the hospital.

**Highland High School musical** needs 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 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

## THE WORD

Revelation 21:1-8 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### The New Heaven and the New Earth

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home<sup>[a]</sup> of God is among mortals.

He will dwell<sup>[b]</sup> with them;

they will be his peoples,<sup>[c]</sup>

and God himself will be with them;<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. <sup>8</sup>But as for the cowardly, the faithless,<sup>[e]</sup> the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Thanks be to God**

