

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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Especially for . . . . .



### Community Events

**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.

**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.



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Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

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### NEWS from the Pews

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. <sup>2</sup> The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. <sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. <sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy <sup>9</sup> at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. (Psalm 98, NRSV)

The Lord is coming! The announcement sounds ominous. Perhaps it calls to mind childhood mischief and the sudden realization that Mom or Dad is coming up the stairs. The Lord is coming to judge the earth. Run! Hide! The psalm writer, however, insists it is a time of joy, a time for praise-filled music, a time even for nature to celebrate. But... the Lord is coming to judge!

How can we rejoice at the advent of judgment? The Hebrew word for "to judge" actually refers to all aspects of governing. We in the United States are trained to think of three distinct branches of government, but historically (and especially in the Ancient Near East) the power to rule rested in an individual. The ruler made the laws. The ruler executed the laws. And the ruler judged according to the laws. Therefore, the psalm-writer is announcing the coming of the Lord to govern (to rule) the earth and to do so with righteousness and equity. It is precisely what Jesus came to do. Christmas is a time for us to rejoice and make a joyful noise and for all nature to join the chorus; for the Lord is coming to rule according to God's standards—that is, Jesus is coming to set up the Kingdom of God on earth!

Advent is the time to gear up for the celebration. Prepare the way of the Lord! And prepare your hearts to rejoice! The Lord is coming!

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Andy

## SERVING THE LORD COMMUNION STEWARD

December ~ Susan Parker  
January 2019 ~ Jamie Tinnemeyer

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### COUNTERS

Date	Volunteer
12/02	C. Rutkowski/M. Ruediger
12/09	D. Ciuchta/ W. Rutkowski
12/16	C. Rutkowski/J. Euler
12/23	S. Herman/ Justin Tinnemeyer
12/24	L. Gigler/S. Parker
12/30	J. Tinnemeyer/Schrecengost

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### LAY READERS

Date	Volunteer
12/02	Rich Caugherty
12/09	George Reese
12/16	Howard Russell
12/23	Linda Schaefers
12/24	Joanne Maeder
12/30	Rich Caugherty

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### Acolytes

Date	Volunteer
12/02	Sadie Brown
12/09	Skylar Brown
12/16	Sierra Brown
12/23	Haiden Ball
12/24	Ariel Rhine
12/30	Sadie Brown

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Volunteer
12/02	No Sunday School
12/09	Linda Schaefers
12/16	Carol Peters
12/23	Jamie Tinnemeyer
12/24	No Sunday School
12/30	No Sunday School

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### ANNIVERSARIES

12/12 – Mr. and Mrs. Craig Cullen  
12/24 – Patricia and Lewis Colin

### BIRTHDAYS

12/4 – Jaclyn Tinnemeyer  
12/5 – Joyce Euler  
12/5 – Edward McNeel  
12/6 – Patricia Nowikowski  
12/13 – Kathleen Susa  
12/15 – Patricia Colin  
12/16 – Melissa Reese  
12/26 – Carolyn Rutkowski  
12/26 – Eileen Mosley

\*\*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.

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### Grace Events

- **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 - \$13.50 each order.**
- **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.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** – Date will be listed in the bulletin
- **Just Lunch** – Will return in January (Look for announcement in the bulletin and on the calendar on line www.gracechurch-today.org)
- **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 Schaefers.

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### MEMBERS AT HOME

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

Date	Name and Address
	<b>Vivian Watts</b> 327 Red Pump Road Bel Aire, MD 21014
12/2	<b>Vie Riemer</b> 522 Cumberland Woods Village Allison Park, PA 15101
12/9	<b>Helen Beers</b> Sugar Creek Rest 120 Lakeside Drive Room 123 Worthington, PA 16262
12/16	<b>Lucy Croker</b> 598 Parker Road Sarver PA 16055
12/23	<b>Maxine Kish</b> 1330 Twelfth Avenue Natrona Heights PA 15065
12/30	<b>Margaret Jezik</b> 100 Vernon Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15228
	<b>Jane Snebold</b> 206 Boardwalk Drive Cranberry Twp. PA 16066
	<b>Sherry and Gary Cullen</b> 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068
	<b>William Murdock</b> 214 Vista Drive Apollo, PA 15613
	<b>Lois Gaskell</b> 2503 Buchman Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065
12/9	<b>Deborah Davidowski</b> 1456 Donnellville Road Natrona Heights, PA 15065
12/16	<b>Elizabeth Johns</b> 1514 Neely Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065
12/23	<b>Gay Dequinze</b> 200 Sylvan Drive, Apt. 415 Lower Burrell, PA 15068
12/30	<b>Keith and Norma Henry</b> 207 Norman Drive Lower Burrell, PA 15068
	<b>Lenora Reese</b> 460 Monroe Road Sarver PA 16055
	<b>Betty Jean Gray</b> 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068
	<b>Dorothy Freehling</b> 1330 Broadview Boulevard, Natrona Heights, PA 15065
	<b>Pat Nowikowski</b> 1521 Third Street, Natrona Heights, PA 15065

### Grace Mission

**December Mission** – We will have the Angel Tree up soon. Please take an angel and purchase gifts for the person listed. All children deserve a beautiful Christmas season.

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## Finance Reports

Starting Balance	<b>\$27,626.17</b>	
	<i>Credit</i>	<i>Debit</i>
General Fund	\$4,019.00	\$595.77
Building Fund	\$2,362.00	\$12,394.99
Connectional Apportionment	\$163.00	\$663.00
Utility	\$85.00	\$922.80
Parsonage Rent	\$950.00	\$229.92
Thrift Shop	\$196.15	
GL Scrip	\$975.00	\$925.50
Thanks Giving Offering	\$630.00	
Other	\$3,520.18	\$3,185.51
Pastoral Salary		\$2,014.88
Pastoral Reimbursement		\$160.77
Other Salary/Payroll Tax		\$2,038.97
Summer Lunch		\$223.00
Office Expenses		
<b>Totals</b>	\$12,900.33	\$23,355.11
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$17,171.39</b>	
<b>Funds that are designated</b>	<b>\$15,638.85</b>	
<b>Remaining in General Fund</b>	<b>\$1,532.54</b>	

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