

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.

January 13, 2019

GATHERING

Prelude My Heart Ever Faithful J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

*Prayer

O God, the Holy Spirit, come to us, and among us; come as the wind, and cleanse us; come as the fire, and burn; come as the dew, and refresh; convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives to our great good and to your greater glory and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #384

*Responsive Reading *Psalms 143 1-10* #856

**Gloria Patri* #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word Acts 18:24-19:7

Proclamation of the Word *Not Quite*

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *Lord I Want to be a Christian* #402

Prayer

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Here is the citadel of all my desiring, where my hopes are born and the deep resolutions of my spirit take wings. In this center, my fears are nourished, and all my hates are nurtured. Here my loves are cherished, and all the deep hungers of my spirit are honored without quivering and without shock. In my heart, above all else, let love and integrity envelope me until my love is perfected and the last vestige of my desiring is no longer in conflict with your Spirit. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Amen.

Offering/Offertory A Holy Offering S. Landon

*Doxology #95

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 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #420

* Benediction

* Postlude Praising the Almighty E. Broughton

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Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Communion ~ February		Walter Rutkowski	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	Carolyn Rutkowski Joyce Euler	Offering Counter	Sue Herman Justin Tinnemeyer
Lay Reader	Howard Russell	Lay Reader	Linda Schaefers
Acolytes	Sierra Brown	Acolytes	Haiden Ball
Sunday School	Linda Schaefers	Sunday School	Carol Peters
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Vivian Watts 327 Red Pump Road Bel Aire, MD 21014			
William Murdock 214 Vista Drive Apollo, PA 15613			

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Church Office Hours Wednesday 9-3pm & Friday 9:12

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

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

Office hours Wednesday 10:30 – 1:00pm

Tuesday 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	
2 nd Sunday	Gift Card Order Day
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3 rd Sunday	Gift Card Distribution (back table)
Monday	9:30 am Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Monday	6:30 pm Book Study
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 pm Thrift Shop



ON HEARING THIS, THEY WERE
BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF
THE LORD JESUS.

ACTS 19:5, NRSV

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Gift Cards –Order your gift cards today, forms are next to the bulletins. Cards will be on back table for pick the next Sunday. All proceeds benefit Grace UMC mission & outreach. Next order will be February 10th.

January 19th at 7pm - Trinity United Methodist Church, 847 Tenth Street, Brackenridge, PA 15014, will host a free, one of a kind; Christ based laser show, provided by **Redeeming Light Ministry's**. Redeeming Light Ministry's laser show will include Christ honoring graphic beam shows to Christian and patriotic music. Refreshments will be offered after the show.

Administrative Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 22nd @ 6:30pm

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THE WORD

Acts 18:24-19:7 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁴ Now there came to Ephesus a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria. He was an eloquent man, well-versed in the scriptures. ²⁵ He had been instructed in the Way of the Lord; and he spoke with burning enthusiasm and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained the Way of God to him more accurately. ²⁷ And when he wished to cross over to Achaia, the believers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. On his arrival he greatly helped those who through grace had become believers, ²⁸ for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the scriptures that the Messiah is Jesus.

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God