



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1333 FREEPORT ROAD
NATRONA HEIGHTS, PA 15065
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DATED MATERIAL

Especially for

Community Events

~ If you know of a family in need **Building Blocks – Every Block Matters** will provide taxed items for families in need on the **3rd Saturday of every month from 11-1 pm at the Knights of Columbus, 28 Garfield Street, Natrona, PA 15065**

~ **7th annual Faith Night with the Pirates** – Saturday, June 22nd @ 4:05pm. **Secure your Group Now and Receive: Lowest Group Prices for the 2019 Season Right Now!** Go to pirates.com/faith or call Chad Glover @412-325-4756

~ **9th annual Idlewild and Soak Zone Church Picnic**, June 1st and/or June 2nd, tickets are \$22.50 – gives access to the park and pavilion. Call 724-238-6784 or go to idlewild.com/groups.

~ **Concordia Health** and Human care is offering a new service – Adult Day service. Montessori based Dementia program. Hours are from 8am – 6pm Monday through Friday. If you have questions about this program contact Stefanie Dietrich @ 724 – 352 – 1571 ext 8271

~ **Good Friday Service** – April 19th 12pm – 3pm @ Trinity United Methodist Church, Brackenridge. Theme is “the Seven Words of the Cross”

~ **National Day of Prayer** – May 2 7pm @ Center United Methodist Church



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Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

April
2019

NEWS from the Pews

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I’m listening to Nichole C. Mullen’s *Redeemer* right now. “I know my Redeemer lives! I know my Redeemer lives! Let all creation testify, let this life within me cry: I know my Redeemer lives!” These words drawn from the book of Job send chills up and down my spine—partly, of course, because Nichole Mullen’s voice can lift a person right out of his or her seat, but also because they announce with tremendous power the great defeat of Sin and Death effected on the first Easter.

Job speaks these words in the midst of grief and frustration. He has lost most of his family along with his possessions, and he is seated among his well-meaning friends lamenting his situation. One by one the friends speak, each modeling for us exactly what *not* to say to a grieving person. Job responds to Bildad insisting still more on his innocence before God and asserting boldly that his situation is totally undeserved. Then almost out of the blue, he utters those powerful words, “I know that my Redeemer lives,” and he is certain God will vindicate him in the end. Even as he struggles with the painful question of why God allows bad things to happen to good people, Job believes God is faithful.

When we read Job’s words in light of Jesus’ resurrection, we find ultimate assurance of God’s faithfulness. No matter what we face God has demonstrated his utter commitment to us who trust in his Son. We have *proof* of his faithfulness. God will vindicate each of us in the end, regardless of the pains and fears we must endure in life. Easter proclaims our Redeemer lives. Let this life with each of us cry: “I know my Redeemer lives!”

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Andy

COMMUNION STEWARD

April – Susan Parker
 May – Jamie Tinnemeyer

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COUNTERS

Date	Volunteer
4/7	Sue Herman/ Justin Tinnemeyer
4/14	Lois Gigler/Susan Parker
4/21	Jamie Tinnemeyer/Diane Schrecengost
4/28	Carolyn Rutkowski/Mel Ruediger

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LAY READERS

Date	Volunteer
4/7	Rich Caugherty
4/14	George Reese
4/21	Howard Russell
4/28	Linda Schaefers

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Acolytes

Date	Volunteer
4/7	Sadie Brown
4/14	Skylar Brown
4/21	Sierra Brown
4/28	Haiden Ball

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Volunteer
4/7	No Sunday School
4/14	Linda Schaefers
4/21	Carol Peters
4/28	Jamie Tinnemeyer

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BIRTHDAYS

4/4 Betty Jean Gray
 4/5 Bradley Susa
 4/12 Norma Henry
 4/13 David Ludwig
 4/14 Justin Tinnemeyer
 4/17 Susan Herman
 4/30 Louis Pisani

**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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ANNIVERSARIES

None

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FINANCE REPORT

Effective 03/22/2018

Starting Balance	\$15,972.35	
	Credit	Debit
General Fund	\$5,197.00	\$159.68
Building Fund	\$292.00	\$796.14
Connectional Apportionment	\$233.00	\$793.00
Utility	\$240.00	\$2,063.64
Parsonage		\$189.92
Thrift Shop	\$369.00	
GL Scrip	\$400.00	\$549.25
Special Offering	\$200.00	
Other	\$384.50	
Building Usage	\$500.00	
Pastoral Salary		\$2,014.88
Pastor Reimbursement		\$126.70
Salary/Payroll Tax		\$1,895.82
Summer Lunch		
Office Expenses		\$203.45
Totals	\$7,815.50	\$8,792.48
Ending Balance	\$14,995.37	
Funds that are designated	\$14,485.24	
Remaining in General Fund	\$510.13	

GRACE EVENTS

~ **Mission Project for 2019** – Grace is teaming up with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) by collecting change to help the victims of in Puerto Rico. The children of our church will collect change the 2nd Sunday of every month during the worship service. Grace UMC has set a goal of \$1,000.00.

~ **Grace and Freeport UMC will visit the Mission Barn in New Castle on April 9th from 11 -3pm.** We will tour the facility and volunteer on projects that are available that day. There will be things for all persons no matter their ability. Please plan to make the trip to see what the UMC church is doing for communities around the world. **Contact Dr. Andy (drspore@hotmail.com or 814-450-3606) for more details and to confirm you are able to attend.**

~ **We will take a donation for Highlands Area Meals on Wheels.** Please put any donation for this special project in the white and blue special offering envelopes and mark Highlands MOW or put in the memo Highland MOW. Thank you in advance.

~ **Easter Hand Bell Choir performance will be April 21st** - Practice will be 8:45 am on April 7th and 14th and 8:30 am on the 21st.

~ **Grace United Methodist Church would like to try a new mission project for the month of May.** We would like to distribute food to the community by helping with the **Produce for People** community outreach. If you are willing to help with this service project please let Susan Parker, Walter Rutkowski or Dr. Andy know you are willing. We have chosen Tuesday, May 14th at Our Lady of Most Blessed Sacrament from 4-7:30pm.

~ **Administrative Council Meeting** – April 23, 2019 at 6:30pm

~ **Just Lunch** – Monday, April 29th @ 12, Falsetti's Villa Restaurant 1563 Ford City Rd, Kittanning, PA 16201
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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
	Vivian Watts 327 Red Pump Road Bel Aire, MD 21014
	Vie Riemer 522 Cumberland Woods Village Allison Park, PA 15101
	Lucy Croker 598 Parker Road Sarver PA 16055
	Maxine Kish 1330 Twelfth Avenue Natrona Heights PA 15065
4/21	Margaret Jezik 100 Vernon Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15228
4/28	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
	Deborah Davidowski 1456 Donnellville Road Natrona Heights, PA 15065
4/7	Elizabeth Johns 1514 Neely Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065
4/7	Gay Dequinze 200 Sylvan Drive, Apt. 415 Lower Burrell, PA 15068
4/14	Keith and Norma Henry 207 Norman Drive Lower Burrell, PA 15068
4/28	Lenora Reese 460 Monroe Road Sarver PA 16055
	Betty Jean Gray 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068
4/14	Dorothy Freehling 1330 Broadview Boulevard Natrona Heights, PA 15065
4/21	Pat Nowikowski 1521 Third Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065