



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1333 FREEPORT ROAD
NATRONA HEIGHTS, PA 15065
Address Service Requested
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**

~ **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.

~ **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

~ **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

~**Seeking RN and/or LPN for part time Nurse Manager position at TryLife Center.** Exciting opportunity to support a life-affirming mission and to continue to build community outreach STD program via our new medical mobile unit. Questions or interest? Call Dawn at 412-303-5294.



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METHODIST CHURCH

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

June
2019

NEWS from the Pews

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Since the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church meets each year in June, let me say a few words about the characteristic Wesleyan concept of conferencing. John Wesley identified five principle *means of grace*—that is, disciplines through which we open ourselves to the workings of God in our lives: prayer (both public and private), searching the scriptures (in worship, in groups, and in personal devotions), celebrating Holy Communion, fasting or abstinence, and *holy conferencing*. He expected all Methodists to practice these disciplines.

Holy conferencing, in the broadest sense, refers to any gathering of Christians for the purpose of glorifying God, including weekly worship services, small group meetings, Just Lunch, and friends gathering to talk and pray. However, we Wesleyans also speak of conferencing in an organizational sense. A *church conference*, for example, is made up of the professing members of a local church. If you are a member of Grace UMC or Freeport UMC, you belong to the church conference of your church, a meeting of which takes place each year in the fall. The *annual conference* is made up of clergy, along with representative laity who are elected for one year. My membership, then, is in the annual conference; it is my church. In United Methodism, we also have district and jurisdictional conferences and a General Conference. Each body has responsibilities that involve decision and policy making for its arena of ministry. The General Conference establishes our denominational law book, called *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*.

The annual conference, though, is considered the basic unit of United Methodism. The Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference provides missional direction to our region and deploys clergy to ensure our missional objectives are served by each missionary outpost (each local church). Each June we gather for several days of worship, celebration, and decision making under the leadership of our resident bishop. Some years our work has significant effects on local congregations; some years not so much. This year our most important duty is to elect lay persons and clergy persons to represent us at the 2020 General Conference.

I invite you to pray for Annual Conference 2019. Pray for spiritual nourishment for all its members. Pray for our bishop. Pray that God may speak to and through us, and that we may follow God's will. To that end, pray that each member may deny self and seek only God's direction.

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Andy

COMMUNION STEWARD

June - Walter Rutkowski

July - Joanne Maeder

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COUNTERS

Date	Volunteer
6/2	Jamie Tinnemeyer/Schrecengost
6/9	Carolyn Rutkowski/M. Ruediger
6/16	Schrecengost/ Walter Rutkowski
6/23	Carolyn Rutkowski/Joyce Euler
6/30	Sue Herman/ Justin Tinnemeyer

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LAY READERS

Date	Volunteer
6/2	Linda Schaefers
6/9	Joanne Maeder
6/16	In Need
6/23	George Reese
6/30	Howard Russell

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Acolytes

Date	Volunteer
6/2	Haiden Ball
6/9	Ariel Rhine
6/16	Sadie Brown
6/23	Skylar Brown
6/30	Sierra Brown

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will return in September

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ANNIVERSARIES

6/12/1965 Rev. Glenn and Janet Kohlhepp

6/15/1968 Lawrence and Kathleen Susa

6/29/2013 Dawn and Brian Scanga

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BIRTHDAYS

6/11 Peggy Helgert

6/13 Barbara Rodham

6/17 Mark McCorkle

6/17 Jaden Robshaw

6/19 Donna Gibson

6/20 Benjamin Szish

6/29 Ross Grimm

**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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FINANCE REPORT

Effective 05/24/2018

Starting Balance	\$15,246.50	
	Credit	Debit
General Fund	\$3,359.60	\$379.84
Building Fund	\$297.00	\$168.00
Connectional Apportionment	\$208.00	\$683.00
Utility	\$145.00	\$804.99
Parsonage	\$950.00	\$189.92
Thrift Shop	\$241.35	\$300.00
Special Offering/Donation		\$128.50
Other	\$26.00	
Building Usage	\$400.00	
Pastoral Salary		\$2,014.88
Pastor Reimbursement		\$142.99
Salary/Payroll Tax		\$446.26
Summer Lunch		
Office Expenses		\$50.00
Totals	\$5,626.95	\$5,308.38
Ending Balance	\$15,565.07	
Designated Funds	\$16,196.69	
Remaining in General Fund	-\$631.62	

GRACE EVENTS

~ **Summer Lunch Program** – Grace will begin the summer lunch program (June 10th – August 7th). We are in need of volunteers to make the year a success. Please contact the Pastor Raphael if you would like to help. There are jobs for all still levels. Pastor K 281-620-9928 raphael.koikoi@gmail.com

~ **Mission Project for 2019** – Grace is teaming up with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) by collecting change to help the victims of natural disaster with in the US territories. 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 we have collected \$249.78.

~ **Administrative Council Meeting** – June 25, 2019 at 6:30pm

~ **Just Lunch** – Monday, June 24th @ 12pm at Lilly's River Forrest, River Forest Country Freeport.

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THANK YOU

With a heavy heart I will be resigning from my positions at Grace United Methodist Church.

Grace has been a blessing to me and my family as I transitioned back into the work force. You all have become a pivotal part of my family. Through the years working here I have learned a lot about myself and was able to grow into a better Christian, mother and wife.

My last day will be, Friday, June 7, 2019

Again, thank you so much for trusting and allowing me to be in your family at Grace United Methodist Church. I will miss you all greatly.

~With Blessings,
Erin Roos –Admin. Assistant

MEMBERS AT HOME

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

Date	Name and Address
6/30	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
6/16	Margaret Jezik 100 Vernon Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15228
6/23	Sherry and Gary Cullen 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068
6/30	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
6/2	Elizabeth Johns 1514 Neely Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065
6/2	Gay Dequinze 200 Sylvan Drive, Apt. 415 Lower Burrell, PA 15068
6/9	Keith and Norma Henry 207 Norman Drive Lower Burrell, PA 15068
6/23	Lenora Reese 460 Monroe Road Sarver PA 16055
6/9	Betty Jean Gray 139 Clarendon Avenue Lower Burrell PA 15068
	Dorothy Freehling 1330 Broadview Boulevard Natrona Heights, PA 15065
6/16	Pat Nowikowski 1521 Third Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065