

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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METHODIST CHURCH  
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the World

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## NEWS from the Pews September 2018

### Pastor's Ponderings

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Several weeks ago, I was asked what my vision was for our two churches. I did not have an answer at that time, having been among you only about two weeks. I have spent the intervening time listening and observing, and I am prepared now to offer the vision I have for the immediate future of this charge. It will certainly be tweaked as we move forward, but it is solid enough to provide a framework for planning.

The churches have similar strengths and weaknesses, so this vision will guide my work in both. First, my own sense of call can be stated in three words: Developing Dynamic Disciples. This phrase has guided my ministry for nearly twenty-five years, and it fits well the circumstances at Grace and Freeport churches. Second, then, we will focus on *recovering a strong sense of our fundamental purpose*, to make disciples of Jesus Christ, and *reshaping our ministries to fulfill that task*. Of particular concern is the making of **new** disciples, a problem plaguing all but a very few United Methodist churches. We typically do a good job of focusing on nurturing and caring for members, but we somehow fail to translate that work into introducing new persons to Jesus Christ (making new disciples).

Sheep beget new sheep. Disciples of Jesus Christ beget new disciples of Jesus Christ. We see this very clearly in the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament. People come to Christ, experience his grace, and lead others to do the same. Something is askew in our ministry if disciples in our churches are not begetting new disciples of Jesus Christ. It is an undeniable and unavoidable fact. No excuse can mitigate the gravity of this truth. Jesus gave clear instructions to his followers (disciples): "Go and make disciples of all nations.." (Matthew 28:19, NRSV). "Make disciples." If the church is not making disciples, it is not fulfilling the command of the one it claims as its head.

I envision a leaders retreat in the near future to develop a strategy for living into this vision. Please pray for inspiration from the Holy Spirit and encouragement for the journey before us.

Grace and Peace,  
Dr. Andy

# SERVING THE LORD

## LAY READERS

Date	Volunteer
9/2	Rich Caugherty
9/9	In Need
9/16	George Reese
9/23	Howard Russell
9/30	Linda Schaefer

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## COUNTERS

Date	Volunteer
9/2	J. Tinnemeyer/Schrecengost
9/9	C. Rutkowski/M. Ruediger
9/16	D. Ciuchta/ W. Rutkowski
9/23	H. Shumaker/J. Euler
9/30	S. Herman/ Justin Tinnemeyer

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Volunteer
9/2	Not Needed
9/9	Jamie Tinnemeyer
9/16	Linda Schaefer
9/23	In need
9/30	Jamie Tinnemeyer

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## Acolytes SCHOOL

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

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## COMMUNION STEWARD

September ~ Jamie Tinnemeyer

October ~ Walter Rutkowski

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## ANNIVERSARIES

None

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## BIRTHDAYS

9/5 – Helen Boyer  
 9/8 – Melvin Ruediger  
 9/19 – Kate Milles  
 9/21 – Jeffery Tinnemeyer  
 9/25 – Chris Cogley  
 9/25 – Jillian Perry

\*\*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

- **Just Lunch-** September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Anchor Inn at noon. Our friends from Freeport UMC will be joining us.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** – Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

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## Grace Mission

**September Mission** - we will collect and build Placement bags for Foster Love Project. **A complete Foster Love Project bag contains (new items only, tags left on):** Duffle bag or large backpack (or zippered diaper bag for infants), 2 pairs of pajamas (one summer, one winter), Socks, A small blanket, Stuffed animal (or small pillow for teen bags), Book, Toothbrush & toothpaste (flouride free for under 5), Puff & body wash (please place in ziplock) **Optional additions:** formula/bottle, pacifier, wipes, diapers, socks/underwear, hats/mittens, nightlight/flashlight, journal, coloring book/crayons, comb/brush, teens: deodorant, lotion, feminine products. Please be sure all items in your bag correspond with the same age/gender. Teen pj's = teen book, newborn pj's = same size diapers, boy pj's = boy blanket, ect. Because of the magnitude of donations, they only accept complete bags, but you are encouraged to pair up with a friend if needed to complete a bag! **This mission will run September – November. If you have questions contact the church office or go to Foster Love Project website <http://www.fosterloveproject.org/>**

Change for UMCOR will be collected on September 9<sup>th</sup> which will help in Puerto Rico

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## Community Events

- **September 9 at 3 PM – Rev. Eric S Park, Installation Service, Chippewa UMC**
- **Kids Meal Network Volunteer Celebration** – September 19 at 6:30pm. Pittsburgh Presbytery 901 Allegheny Ave, Pittsburgh 15233. RSVP by September 12<sup>th</sup>
- **September 15, 22 and 29 – Lay Servant Ministry School at the Conference Center. RSVP 7242400**
- **Walk for Hunger** – Sponsored by AVAC September 30 at 1:30. Registration will be at 1pm in Heights Plaza near Wendy's. See bulletin board for more details and sponsorship information.
- **UPCOMING EVENT: Tarentum – Brackenridge Holiday Parade** – November 17 Line up under Tarentum Bridge at 12pm start at 1pm

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## Finance Reports

*As of the end of August 2018*

Starting Balance	\$29,563.60	
	<i>Credit</i>	<i>Debit</i>
General Fund	\$4,571.00	
Building Fund	\$387.00	
Connectional Apportionment	\$183.00	\$728.00
Utility	\$85.00	\$480.42
Parsonage Rent	\$950.00	
Memorial	\$25.00	
Thrift Shop	\$209.35	
GL Scrip	\$1,215.00	\$1,079.87
Other	\$40.00	
Pastoral Salary		\$2,014.88
Pastoral Reimbursement		\$154.69
Other Salary/Payroll Tax		\$5228.84
Sanctuary Expenses		\$464.75
Parsonage Expenses		\$2672.40
Summer Lunch		\$1,702.72
Office Expenses		\$444.18
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$22,258.20</b>	
<b>Payroll error of \$3,185.51 corrected in September</b>		

## MEMBERS AT HOME

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

Name and Address
<b>Frank William (need new address)</b> 546 Parker Road, Sarver, PA 16055
<b>Vivian Watts</b> 327 Red Pump Road Bel Aire, MD 21014
<b>Vie Riemer</b> 522 Cumberland Woods Village Allison Park, PA 15101
<b>Helen Beers</b> Sugar Creek Rest 120 Lakeside Drive Room 123 Worthington, PA 16262
<b>Lucy Croker</b> 598 Parker Road Sarver PA 16055
<b>Maxine Kish</b> 1330 Twelfth Avenue Natrona Heights PA 15065
<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 Gaskel</b> 2503 Buchman Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065
<b>Joyce Euler</b> 1011 Montana Avenue Natrona Heights, PA 15065
<b>Deborah Davidowski</b> 1456 Donnellville Road Natrona Heights, PA 15065
<b>Elizabeth Johns</b> 1514 Neely Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065
<b>Gay Dequinze</b> 200 Sylvan Drive, Apt. 415 Lower Burrell, PA 15068
<b>Keith and Norma Henry</b> 207 Norman Drive Lower Burrell, PA 15068
<b>Kate Milles</b> 1434 Third Street Natrona Heights PA 15065
<b>Lenora Reese</b> 460 Monroe Road Sarver PA 16055

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