

GRACE NOTES



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Dear Friends in Christ,

How are things with your soul? That age old question came from John Wesley the founder of the Methodist Church in the 18th Century. Discontent and frustration can strive to overwhelm us to the point of exasperation. Maybe we need a different perspective on life. I find that when I feel the strain of life closing in on me I need someone to give a different view of things. Below is a story I found that I think you will enjoy.

"A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups... And then you began eyeing each other's cups. Now consider this: Life is the coffee; the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of Life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us."

"God brews the coffee, not the cups.... Enjoy your coffee! "The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything."

"Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God. You are the miracle, my friend, your life either shines a light - or casts a shadow. Live Simply, Love Generously, Care Deeply, Speak Kindly and Leave the Rest to God."

During this spring season, go out on the patio and have some coffee, your favorite cup may be a old cup with a chip or two in it, but it is your cup and you enjoy it, don't let appearances stop you from having a full and happy life. The only person that is stopping you from happiness and fulfillment is you. Seek the will of God, live in his love and do the best you can for God, yourself, and your family.

Blessings,

Doug

Christian Education at Grace

“The Church does not *have* an education ministry, it *is* an education ministry.”

Sunday Morning Adult Study Groups

These study groups are a wonderful way to dig deeper into God's Word and offer opportunities to make lasting relationships with the members of the class and a deeper relationship with the Lord. Visitors are always welcome to join in anytime.

Young Adult - Meets in Room 12 - Currently studying *Finding God's Will* a video study by Andy Stanley. Facilitated by Duane and Jeanette Snell and Eileen Orr

The Life Ministries Group - Meets in Room 14 - Currently studying the Book of Romans. Facilitated by Ron “Pickle” Hepner

Sr. Adult Friendship Class- Meets in the Chapel – They are currently studying *The Uniform Series of Adult Bible Studies*. They are studying the books of Chronicles, Daniel, Nehemiah, Ezra and Haggai. Facilitated by Bob Douty, John Troutman and Ina Schoffstall

Studies begin at 9:00am. Watch the bulletin for future studies being offered.

NEW STUDY TO START!!! This study will be offered during the 10:30 Worship hour and facilitated by John Orr. This class will begin by studying John 3:16 by Max Lucado. Watch for sign up to begin soon.

In the Children and Youth Department

Classes are available for infant through Senior High School. All classes are staffed with facilitators that are *Safe Sanctuary* approved for the safety and well-being of our young people. All adult leaders and helpers in this department have completed the necessary requirements to satisfy our Safe Sanctuary policy. They have completed a PA State Police background check, a Child Abuse check and they have been trained on the procedures needed to comply with the policy.

Sunday school classes begin at 9:00am. Nurseries are available during both services for infants through 3 years old. Children's church is offered during the 10:30 service for children 4 years old through 2nd grade. Children are dismissed from the service after the children's message with their teacher.



Vacation Bible School

VBS begins Sunday June 15 and ends June 19. This year's theme is *SonWorld Adventure Park*. Planning has begun, watch for areas that you may be able to help with! The biggest thing needed right now is support through prayers. Please begin now to pray for this ministry, the children that will be attending and their families, and all the many volunteers that will be needed.

Upcoming Ministry Possibilities

We have been searching for ways to meet the needs of our congregation. To meet these needs, people to help with the planning and facilitating these events are needed. If you feel led to work in one of these areas or have an idea for something different contact Becky Witmer at 692-1586 or beckywitmer@epix.net

1. Family Events
2. Couple's Events
3. Children's Events

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <p>April 2008</p>  | <p>1 God, I want to come alive with the joy of Easter each day. Matthew 28:8</p> | <p>2 God, support my effort to live a life in the example of Jesus. 1 John 1:7</p> | <p>3 God, we are grateful for Jesus becoming one of us and giving his life for us on the cross. John 3:15</p> | <p>4 God, with all the noise and busyness in my life, grant me an opportunity to be still and know that you are God. Psalm 46:10</p> | <p>5 God, grant me the grace to understand the lessons you gave us through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. 1 Peter 2:21</p> | <p>6 God, on Good Friday, especially, I grieve for the sins that led your son to the cross. 1 Timothy 1:15</p> |
| <p>7 God, thank you for the promise of a new life and for providing us new beginnings. 2 Corinthians 5:17</p> | <p>8 God, I am thankful to be an Easter person. I celebrate all the hope that comes with your resurrection. Matthew 28:6</p> | <p>9 God, help me to recognize new opportunities to come alive. Habakkuk 3:18</p> | <p>10 God, on rainy days, remind me that Jesus is with me, that he is not in the grave, but alive. John 3:16</p> | <p>11 God, the greatest gift in my life has been to know you. I hope to share this gift with others. Philippians 3:8</p> | <p>12 God, every day is my chance to live life to the fullest. Psalm 118:24</p> | <p>13 God, thank you for offering us new life. Enable me to recognize opportunities to grow. Psalm 71:20</p> |
| <p>14 God, refresh my spirit so that my life will serve you and those persons around me. Romans 15:32</p> | <p>15 God, let me be a means for others to get to know you, that they might have a new life through you. 2 Corinthians 3:6</p> | <p>16 God, guide me and give me the courage to live out my faith. Romans 8:11</p> | <p>17 God, I know that it is my choice and my privilege to live life fully each day. James 1:2-3</p> | <p>18 God, show me how I can be of service to someone whose life is troubled. Psalm 32:8</p> | <p>19 God, give me the wisdom and insight to recognize my calling in life. Philippians 1:9</p> | <p>20 God, I will not live my life like someone afraid of dying. I have the hope of eternal life. John 11:25</p> |
| <p>21 God, thank you for the gift of children. They are the ultimate example of new life. Mark 10:15-16</p> | <p>22 God, your unconditional love is the perfect model for how to love the people in my life. Titus 3:4-6</p> | <p>23 God, the flowers and new growth of this season are a reminder to me to keep growing. John 15:8</p> | <p>24 God, help me meet new people, try new things, and experience a full life. 2 Peter 1:5-7</p> | <p>25 God, there is no better time than spring to remember that it is your light that gives life to the world. John 1:4</p> | <p>26 God, help my church be a place in which people find opportunities for a fresh start. 2 Peter 1:3</p> | <p>27 God, when I struggle with my own failings in life, remind me that I am your child. 2 Corinthians 5:17</p> |
| <p>28 God, to follow the example of Jesus is to truly live. Deuteronomy 30:16</p> | <p>29 God, it was you made me. May my life be a reflection of you. 1 Corinthians 15:10</p> | <p>30 God, remind me that I will never be too old to enthusiastically embrace life. Job 12:12-13</p> |  <p><i>Come Alive!</i> Grace United Methodist Church Take it to the Cross!</p> | | | |

A Challenge from the Take it to the Cross Ministry Team: Have you read the Bible from cover to cover? Have you been overwhelmed by the thought of it but you would really like to give it a try? Here is an easy to follow 90-day schedule. Give it a try – you will be blessed.

The Bible in 90 Days - Reading Schedule

Read the Bible cover to cover by investing as little as 30 minutes a day.

In 90 days (two “grace days” are included) you’ll see the big picture of God’s great story unfold before you.

Log onto <http://90daybible.haventoday.org/> for more information.

| Day | Start | End | Day | Start | End |
|-----|--------------------|--------------------|-----|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Genesis 1:1 | Genesis 16:16 | 46 | Proverbs 7:1 | Proverbs 20:21 |
| 2 | Genesis 17:1 | Genesis 28:19 | 47 | Proverbs 20:22 | Ecclesiastes 2:26 |
| 3 | Genesis 28:20 | Genesis 40:11 | 48 | Ecclesiastes 3:1 | Song of Songs 8:14 |
| 4 | Genesis 40:12 | Genesis 50:26 | 49 | Isaiah 1:1 | Isaiah 13:22 |
| 5 | Exodus 1:1 | Exodus 15:18 | 50 | Isaiah 14:1 | Isaiah 28:29 |
| 6 | Exodus 15:19 | Exodus 28:43 | 51 | Isaiah 29:1 | Isaiah 41:18 |
| 7 | Exodus 29:1 | Exodus 40:38 | 52 | Isaiah 41:19 | Isaiah 52:12 |
| 8 | Leviticus 1:1 | Leviticus 14:32 | 53 | Isaiah 52:13 | Isaiah 66:18 |
| 9 | Leviticus 14:33 | Leviticus 26:26 | 54 | Isaiah 66:19 | Jeremiah 10:13 |
| 10 | Leviticus 26:27 | Numbers 8:14 | 55 | Jeremiah 10:14 | Jeremiah 23:8 |
| 11 | Numbers 8:15 | Numbers 21:7 | 56 | Jeremiah 23:9 | Jeremiah 33:22 |
| 12 | Numbers 21:8 | Numbers 32:19 | 57 | Jeremiah 33:23 | Jeremiah 47:7 |
| 13 | Numbers 32:20 | Deuteronomy 7:26 | 58 | Jeremiah 48:1 | Lamentations 1:22 |
| 14 | Deuteronomy 8:1 | Deuteronomy 23:11 | 59 | Lamentations 2:1 | Ezekiel 12:20 |
| 15 | Deuteronomy 23:12 | Deuteronomy 34:12 | 60 | Ezekiel 12:21 | Ezekiel 23:39 |
| 16 | Joshua 1:1 | Joshua 14:15 | 61 | Ezekiel 23:40 | Ezekiel 35:15 |
| 17 | Joshua 15:1 | Judges 3:27 | 62 | Ezekiel 36:1 | Ezekiel 47:12 |
| 18 | Judges 3:28 | Judges 15:12 | 63 | Ezekiel 47:13 | Daniel 8:27 |
| 19 | Judges 15:13 | 1 Samuel 2:29 | 64 | Daniel 9:1 | Hosea 13:6 |
| 20 | 1 Samuel 2:30 | 1 Samuel 15:35 | 65 | Hosea 13:7 | Amos 9:10 |
| 21 | 1 Samuel 16:1 | 1 Samuel 28:19 | 66 | Amos 9:11 | Nahum 3:19 |
| 22 | 1 Samuel 28:20 | 2 Samuel 12:10 | 67 | Habakkuk 1:1 | Zechariah 10:12 |
| 23 | 2 Samuel 12:11 | 2 Samuel 22:18 | 68 | Zechariah 11:1 | Matthew 4:25 |
| 24 | 2 Samuel 22:19 | 1 Kings 7:37 | 69 | Matthew 5:1 | Matthew 15:39 |
| 25 | 1 Kings 7:38 | 1 Kings 16:20 | 70 | Matthew 16:1 | Matthew 26:56 |
| 26 | 1 Kings 16:21 | 2 Kings 4:37 | 71 | Matthew 26:57 | Mark 9:13 |
| 27 | 2 Kings 4:38 | 2 Kings 15:26 | 72 | Mark 9:14 | Luke 1:80 |
| 28 | 2 Kings 15:27 | 2 Kings 25:30 | 73 | Luke 2:1 | Luke 9:62 |
| 29 | 1 Chronicles 1:1 | 1 Chronicles 9:44 | 74 | Luke 10:1 | Luke 20:19 |
| 30 | 1 Chronicles 10:1 | 1 Chronicles 23:32 | 75 | Luke 20:20 | John 5:47 |
| 31 | 1 Chronicles 24:1 | 2 Chronicles 7:10 | 76 | John 6:1 | John 15:17 |
| 32 | 2 Chronicles 7:11 | 2 Chronicles 23:15 | 77 | John 15:18 | Acts 6:7 |
| 33 | 2 Chronicles 23:16 | 2 Chronicles 35:15 | 78 | Acts 6:8 | Acts 16:37 |
| 34 | 2 Chronicles 35:16 | Ezra 10:44 | 79 | Acts 16:38 | Acts 28:16 |
| 35 | Nehemiah 1:1 | Nehemiah 13:14 | 80 | Acts 28:17 | Romans 14:23 |
| 36 | Nehemiah 13:15 | Job 7:21 | 81 | Romans 15:1 | 1 Corinthians 14:40 |
| 37 | Job 8:1 | Job 24:25 | 82 | 1 Corinthians 15:1 | Galatians 3:25 |
| 38 | Job 25:1 | Job 41:34 | 83 | Galatians 3:26 | Colossians 4:18 |
| 39 | Job 42:1 | Psalms 24:10 | 84 | 1 Thessalonians 1:1 | Philemon 25 |
| 40 | Psalms 25:1 | Psalms 45:14 | 85 | Hebrews 1:1 | James 3:12 |
| 41 | Psalms 45:15 | Psalms 69:21 | 86 | James 3:13 | 3 John 14 |
| 42 | Psalms 69:22 | Psalms 89:13 | 87 | Jude 1 | Revelation 17:18 |
| 43 | Psalms 89:14 | Psalms 108:13 | 88 | Revelation 18:1 | Revelation 22:21 |
| 44 | Psalms 109:1 | Psalms 134:3 | 89 | Grace Day | Grace Day |
| 45 | Psalms 135:1 | Proverbs 6:35 | 90 | Grace Day | Grace Day |

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The Mission Commission met on March 11th and discussed and acted on the following:

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| A. China Outreach Ministries | \$200.00 |
| Staff Conference Training 2008 | |
| B. Women of Faith GUM | \$300.00 |
| C. Upper Dauphin Human Services | \$700.00 |
| D. Visiting Nurse Association | \$300.00 |
| E. Brad Kessler Family | \$300.00 |
| F. Armstrong Valley Christian | \$250.00 |
| Supai, Arizona Mission Trip, Vacation Bible School for Indian Children | |

A thank-you letter received from Daystar Center for Spiritual Recovery:

Dear Grace UMC Members:

We here at Daystar would like to thank you for the kind donations totaling \$1000.00 in 2007. These donations were put to good use here at Daystar.

It is the thoughtfulness of people like you that enables our clients to continue to learn how to lead a productive life when they return to society. We at Daystar are daily seeing progress in the lives of our clients because of the kind things that you continue to do.

Again, I thank you and wish you a happy and prosperous year.

*Sincerely,
Richard Ryan, Director*

Next Mission Meeting is May 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

MISSIONS CHAIRPERSON,
John Ramberger

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! There will be a VBS planning meeting on March 31. Come see what is in store for this year. Lots of help will be needed!

Deadline for ALL egg money is Thursday, April 10. Please be respectful of this date so we can finalize our records.

Egg Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 11th. Anyone who has helped with the egg project in anyway is invited to attend this dinner: **Please sign up in the office no later than Tuesday, April 1.** The Women of Faith will be providing a turkey dinner with all the trimming! Any questions please contact Sue Rubendall or Nancy Travitz.

Support Fund for the Kessler family ~ Grace Church has established a fund to help support the Brad Kessler family. Anyone who would like to make a contribution toward this fund should write a check payable to Grace UMC Brad Kessler Fund and put it in your church envelope or drop it off in the office. If you have any questions you may contact Pastor Doug Compton at 692-1584 or the church office at 692-2838.

Summer Camp sign up has begun. Go to cpcumcamps.org for all the details. When you complete your registration give the information Becky Witmer for processing. The church will pay ½ the cost of attending the camp of your choice. If you would like to make a donation to help a camper attend this year, see Karen Lentz for details. Many in our congregation have been VERY blessed through this program.

Sew for Peace ~ We are starting up again! This time we are sewing long pants and short sleeve shirts in sizes 2, 4, and 6 for the victims of the tornados in the West. If you would like to start a sewing group please call Nancy Coyle at 692-2056 or ask for a kit to take home.

Hershey Park tickets ~ Grace Church will once again be selling Hershey Park tickets. You won't get them any cheaper! **\$26.50 adult** (ages 9-54), **\$23.00 child** (ages 3-8), **\$23.00 senior** (age 55-69), **\$18.95 senior plus** (age 70+). **Money is due at time of order, please drop orders off at the church office. DO NOT PUT ORDER OR MONEY IN YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPE.**

Roast Beef Dinner ~ The youth of Grace Church are sponsoring a family-style Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, April 5th, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adult and take-outs, and \$7 for a child age 5-11. Purchase tickets from Brad Hatter (692-1585) or the church office (692-2838) by Sunday, March 30. Pre-purchased ticket would be greatly appreciated but walk-ins are welcome.

Food Pantry Update ~ A total of 124 items were collected and given to a local church food pantry. That is a great start for our first month. This month, let's all try to bring just one item each on Sundays and see what we can get our total up to for next month. You can be a blessing to a hungry family in our own community. Thank you for your continued support.

9:00 NURSERY

April 6 Danielle Sass/ ?
April 13 Danielle Sass/ ?
April 20 Danielle Sass/ ?
April 27 Danielle Sass/ ?

BULLETIN SPONSORS \$15.00

April 6 Clair & Rachel Fulkrod
April 13 OPEN
April 20 OPEN
April 27 OPEN

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

April 6 Tammy Schade/Brenda Fultz
April 13 Kori Bell/Ashlee Wherry
April 20 Lisa Smith/Marika Bordner
April 27 Tammy Knauber/Laura Ferree

10:30 NURSERY

April 6 Danielle Sass/ ?
April 13 Danielle Sass/ ?
April 20 Danielle Sass/ ?
April 27 Danielle Sass/ ?

ALTAR FLOWER - \$29.00

April 6 Lehman family
April 13 Clair & Rachel Fulkrod
April 20 OPEN
April 27 OPEN

SCRIPTURE READERS

April 6 Holly Kerwin
April 13 OPEN
April 20 OPEN
April 27 OPEN

TODDLER NURSERY

April 6 ?
April 13 ?
April 20 ?
April 27 ?

9:00 GREETERS

April 6 OPEN
April 13 OPEN
April 20 OPEN
April 27 OPEN

10:30 GREETERS

April 6 Mildred Fulkroad
April 13 OPEN
April 20 OPEN
April 27 OPEN

ACOLYTES

April 6 Allison Schade
April 13 Erik Shoop
April 20 Morgan Paul
April 27 Calen Reigner

Fellowship Hour

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR
FELLOWSHIP HOUR

| APRIL BIRTHDAYS | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|---|---|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | 1 Amelia Orr Caroline Orr | 2 | 3 | 4 Paul Lehman Mya Tobias Ruby Tobias | 5 Kori Bell Michelle Lahr Rachel Portzline Jarrett Reigner Coleman Wiebner |
| 6 Tina Fetter Cayden Warfield | 7 John Haines III Jordan Mallon | 8 Doug Weiss | 9 Zachary Wilt | 10 Dorothy Troutman | 11 Andrew Bolig Ryan Davis Colby Schaffner | 12 Jake Mallon |
| 13 Mildred Broscius | 14 | 15 Kelly Aucker Josephine Erdman Taylor Fite Tyler Hesem Dean Reigner | 16 Colleen Loncar | 17 | 18 Bennett Bingaman Linda Danner John Green Kristi Herb Carl Nice Jamie Serafin | 19 |
| 20 Dave Troutman | 21 | 22 Tatum Rothermel | 23 Tava Warfield | 24 Rozella Silks | 25 Diane Nestler Sierra Troutman | 26 Lee Phillips |
| 27 Kelly McMullen | 28 John Schoffstall | 29 Ryley Albright | 30 Kelsie Davis Camden Koppenhaver | | | |

Happy Birthday to our 80 Plus Club Members!!

Paul (Red) Lehman

Ruby Tobias

Dorothy Troutman

Josephine Erdman

Mildred Broscius



Kids Clothing and Equipment Sale

Turn your gently used childrens items into profits and get great deals!

All proceeds from the sale benefit local childrens ministries.

**Special deals for
volunteers!**

When: *Saturday, April 19
8 AM to 1 PM*

Where: *Grace United Methodist
Church, 982 Medical Road,
Millersburg
Near Frederick Health Center*

*Featuring spring and summer clothing
and accessories, bedding, equipment
(strollers, cribs, etc.), toys/DVDs/
books, outdoor items and much more for
ages 0-12.*

Consignors MUST pre-register!!!

**To consign, volunteer, or for more information,
contact Jen:** (570)758-5854 or djorr@tds.net

Directions from South: Route 322W to Route 147N, follow to Millersburg, turn right onto Route 209, then left onto Route 25 at Troutman's Auto Sales. Continue for 1/2 mile; watch for signs on left at Lebo Lane.

Directions from North: Route 147S to Millersburg, turn left onto Route 209, then left onto Route 25 at Troutman's Auto Sales. Continue for 1/2 mile; watch for signs on left at Lebo Lane.

PREACH ★ snack ★

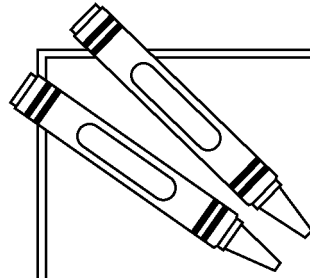
No matter our age, we all have opportunities to “preach” by how we live. And everyone can tell about God and his love. Use this activity to raise money for your church’s mission efforts.

What you need:

- Large bowl
- Quart- or snack-size zippered baggies
- Snacks that spell PREACH
Suggestions include:
P = Pretzels
R = Raisins
E = Extra (add extra of your favorite snack)
A = Almonds
C = Chex cereal
H = Honey Nut Cheerios
- 8.5" x 5.5" paper (one sheet for each bag made)
- Crayons or markers
- Stapler
- Stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all your “PREACH” ingredients in a bowl.
2. Fill baggies with the snacks.
3. Fold your paper in half. On one side, write the ingredient acrostic and a Bible verse. For example: “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation” (Mark 16:15, NIV).
4. On the other side, write a thank you to the snack’s purchaser and mention which activity it’s supporting.
5. Staple the paper to the baggie.
6. Decorate baggies with stickers.
7. With adult help, price the baggies and decide when and how to sell them. Afterward, deliver earnings to the appropriate people.



Just for KIDS

★ EXTRA! EXTRA! ★ READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Many people read their local newspapers, but Jesus says we should read and share God’s Word daily! Below, hidden among the words READ YOUR BIBLE, is a message from Jesus recorded in Mark 1:15, NIV. Circle those words and write them on the lines below. (For extra fun, count how many times the word “Bible” appears in the article!)

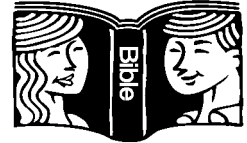
LOCAL EDITION

BIBLE TIMES

TODAY

GOOD NEWS!

READ YOUR BIBLE THE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE TIME HAS READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE COME READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE THE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE KINGDOM READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE OF READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE GOD READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE IS READ YOUR BIBLE NEAR READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE REPENT READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE AND READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE BELIEVE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE THE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE GOOD READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE NEWS READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE.



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MARK 1:15, NIV

Answers:
“The time has come ... The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”
Bible: 48 times

April

In the month of April, there are two major events going on, the first of which is Acquire the Fire. We will be leaving Grace Church on Friday April 18th at 12 noon and we will return on Sunday April 20th at approximately 2pm. The cost is \$80 and we have 30 tickets for the event.

The second major event taking place is our annual roast beef dinner which will be held on Saturday April 5th from 4-7pm. Cost is \$10 for adults and takeouts, \$7 for children 5-11 and under 5 free.

Happy Birthday

4/5: Rachel Portzline
4/12: Allison Horchler
4/16: Christian Wenner

Upcoming Events

4/5: Roast Beef Dinner 4-7pm
4/12: Homeless ministry
4/15: Neighborhood Center
4/18-20: Acquire the Fire
4/25: Shane Claiborne event at Camp Hill UMC

Prayer Request

As the weather gets nicer and the end of the school year draws near, I would like us to take time to remember our student drivers. It seems that every year around this time there is an accident that involves one of the students. Please pray for their safety.



During a youth group car wash, a teenager drove up in his dented, old automobile.

"Welcome!" said another boy. "But I have to tell you that while we can wash your car, we can't iron out the wrinkles."

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|
|  | | <p>1</p> <p>7:00 Grief Support Group mtg.</p> | <p>2</p> <p>7:00 Youth Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 Praise Team</p> <p>7:00 "He Chose The Nails" Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 Choir</p> | <p>3</p> <p>7:00 Volleyball</p> <p>7:00 Volunteer Home Care</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Family Life Ctr. and Social Hall reserved</p> | <p>5</p> <p>4:00 – 7:00 pm Roast Beef Dinner in the Family Life Ctr.</p> |
| | <p>6</p> <p><i>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</i></p> <p>Cherub Choir</p> <p>1:00 Family Life Ctr. is reserved</p> <p>2:00 Jr. High Bible Study</p> <p>3:00 Social Hall is reserved</p> <p>5:00 J.A.M.</p> | <p>7</p> <p>7:00 "Take It To The Cross" mtg.</p> | <p>8</p> <p>6:30 Staff Parish Relations Cmt. mtg.</p> <p>7:00 Building Cmt. mtg.</p> | <p>9</p> <p>7:00 Youth Fellowship <i>Stromboli Orders Begin</i></p> <p>7:00 Praise Team</p> <p>7:00 "He Chose The Nails" Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 Choir</p> | <p>10</p> <p>9:30 Senior Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 Volleyball</p> <p>7:00 Soccer mtg.</p> | <p>11</p> <p>6:30 pm Egg Appreciation Dinner in the social hall</p> |
| <p>13</p> <p>2:00 – 7:00 pm. Girls Scouts in the Social Hall</p> <p>5:00 J.A.M.</p> | <p>14</p> <p>7:00 Egg Task Force mtg.</p> | <p>15</p> <p>5:15 Youth going to the Neighborhood Center</p> <p>6:45 Trustees mtg.</p> <p>7:00 Grief Support Group mtg.</p> | <p>16</p> <p>7:00 Youth Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 Praise Team</p> <p>7:00 "He Chose The Nails" Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 Choir</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Social Hall is reserved</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Social Hall and Family Life Ctr. is reserved</p> <p>Youth going to Acquire the Fire in Baltimore</p> | <p>19</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Kids Clothing and Equipment Sale in the Family Life Ctr</p> <p>Youth at Acquire the Fire in Baltimore</p> |
| <p>20</p> <p>Family Life Ctr. is reserved</p> <p>2:00 Jr. High Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 J.A.M.</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Family Life Ctr. is reserved</p> <p>7:00 Ad Council mtg.</p> | <p>23</p> <p>7:00 Youth Fellowship <i>Stromboli orders are due today</i></p> <p>7:00 Praise Team</p> <p>7:00 "He Chose The Nails" Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 Choir</p> | <p>24</p> <p>9:30 Senior Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 Volleyball (Last night)</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Youth going to hear Shane Claiborne at Camp Hill UMC</p> | <p>26</p> |
| <p>27</p> <p><i>YOUTH SUNDAY</i></p> <p>5:00 J.A.M.</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p>7:00 Youth Fellowship <i>Stromboli orders are being delivered</i></p> <p>7:00 Praise Team</p> <p>7:00 "He Chose The Nails" Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 Choir</p> | | | |

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*Our purpose at Grace United Methodist Church
is to glorify God by providing a Christ-centered,
Spirit-led ministry that:*

- Embraces the Word of God.
- Empowers through prayer and worship.
- Engages the Holy Spirit within us.
- Encourages through fellowship.
- Equips for His service.
- Extends into the community.

