Grace United Methodist Church

welcomes you to worship

Pastor: Ken Custer ~ 724-330-5503; kscuster@zoominternet.net

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Sound: Luke Lenkey, Marc, Maria & Anthony Giorgi (8:30); Jay Richardson (10:45)

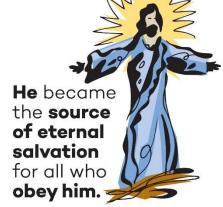
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Church Phone (724) 330-5350 **Church Website:** www.gracecoalcenter.org



April 8, 2018

Sunday, April 8	8:30 am	Early Worship
, ,	9:45 am	Kit & Caboodle Small Group (all welcome!) Clover Hill
	9:45 am	Coffee Fellowship, <i>Café</i>
	10:45 am	Mid-Morning Worship
Monday, April 9	6:00 pm	Christian Ed Center Board of Directors Mtg, New Kirk
Tuesday, April 10	II:00 am	Young at Heart, Fellowship Hall
	5:35 pm	Soccer Shots
	7:00 pm	4H Club, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Men of Grace, Clover Hill
Wednesday, April II	5:30 pm	Youth, Youth Room
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Choir, Wesley Room
Thursday, April 12	I:00 pm	UMW, New Kirk – Program by City Mission
Saturday, April 14	9:00 am	Highway Cleanup
	5:14 pm	Saturday Worship



HEBREWS 5:9, NIV

New to Grace? To enhance your worship experience:

- If possible, please turn off all cell phones. Thank you!
- Hearing assistance units are available from the ushers. You'll hear everything!
- A professionally staffed Nursery is available, located out the left, front door of the sanctuary and at the end of the hall on the right. (For children not yet in Kindergarten.)
- Activity pages and toys are available in the Library for children to use. Parents, please return the toys to the shelf when worship is over.



I WILL WORK FOR MY CHURCH AS I AM ASKED AND AS I AM ABLE:

Today, April 8th:

8:30 Service

Nursery Helper: Kim Miller

Communion Stewards: Rick & Pam Lofstead and Pete & Jean Belski

10:45 Service

Head Usher: Wyatt Diethorn Nursery Helper: Naomi Custer

Jr. Church Leaders ~ Combined Groups: Pam Kibler and Kelly Kibler

Next Sunday, April 15th:

8:30 Service

Nursery Helper: Don Spindler

Communion Stewards: Sean & Kim Miller and Nancy Blakeway & Joyce Cherok

10:45 Service

Head Usher: Wyatt Diethorn Nursery Helper: Michelle Stepp

Jr. Church Leaders ~ Combined Groups: Don & Ginny Spindler

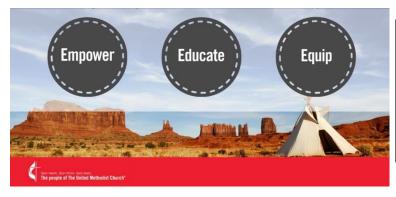
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Position Opening: Director, Christian Education Center

Job Summary: Grace UMC of Coal Center seeks an experienced leader to partner with the Board of Directors, GUMC Christian Education Center, the Lead Pastor of the church, the SPR Committee, volunteers of Children's Ministries, lay leaders and the congregation, to faithfully execute the responsibilities of the position of Director of Christian Education. The successful candidate will provide leadership for Children's Ministries of the church, including coordinating with volunteers of the church currently engaged in the established Children's Ministries of church. Complete position posting can be found at our website. **Application deadline extended to: April 14, 2018**.



Help keep the roads leading to Grace Church litter free! Saturday, **April 14**, beginning at 9 am, join Rob Boothe in the parking lot before heading out to pick up the litter along the roadways. If you can help out, circle **A** on your Welcome Card. *Thank you!*



United Methodist
Special Sunday
Native American Ministries

April 15

Celebrating Native American Sunday reminds United Methodists of the contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The special offering benefits Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the United States and provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans. It helps to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to authentically worship and serve Jesus as only they can in their communities. A special offering will be taken next Sunday.



Grace Church will once again be a collection site for the Conference's annual shoe drive. These used, donated shoes have generated nearly \$14,000 to support The Erie United Methodist Alliance and All God's Children Ministries. Additionally, people in developing countries receive the shoes to help them establish micro enterprises providing them with the means to support their families and offer shoes to their neighbors at affordable prices. Collection will run through the end of May.

Since we have participated in this mission for several years, you may have already cleaned out your closets of unwanted shoes. Take a few minutes to reach out to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers...consider placing a collection box at your work site/business....hosting a yard sale, consider donating any "leftover" shoes.

Approximately \$10 is raised for each bag of 25 pairs of shoes. The goal is to collect at least 50,000 pounds of shoes (2000 garbage bags full!). Repurposing shoes also keeps them out of landfills.

Shoes should be in useable condition.



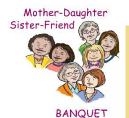
The Penny Pail Mission Project for March and April will support the Kairos Prison Ministry.



Registration is open for Summer Camp. A few brochures are on the table in the Narthex or can be accessed at: wpaumc.org/camping. Don't forget, Grace Church will pay 50% of each actively attending child/youth's tuition up to \$200. There are also camperships available, if needed.



UMW ladies will meet on Thursday, April 12 at 1:00 pm in the New Kirk Room. The program will be Sarah of the City Mission. Ladies, join us!



The annual UMW Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Banquet will take place on Thursday, May 10, 6:15 in the Grace Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be provided by ventriloquist, Dennis Bowman. Reservation forms will be available soon!



April



- 14 Lauren Fleming, Anthony Haschets, Brandi Marshall, Mary Anne McCracken
- 15 Gertrude Buckholt

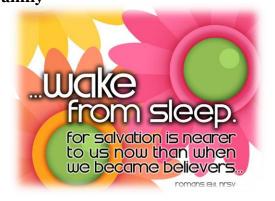
Today's Altar Flowers



In Loving Memory of Tora Boozer by Dolores Deems & Family



April Paper Towels



Couples' Retreat





At Grace



Couples ~ join Kit & Karen Carson for a special time of reconnecting with your spouse! Kit & Karen are hosting a day and half retreat in-house at Grace on Friday evening, April 20 and Saturday, April 21. The event is based on Mark Gungor's "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" DVD series. Mark is one of the most sought-after international speakers on marriage and family. His candid and comedic approach uses unforgettable illustrations and the power of laughter to teach proven principles that are guaranteed to strengthen any marriage; his take on marriage issues is refreshingly free of both churchy and psychological lingo. "Our secular culture over-romanticizes marriage and our Christian culture over-spiritualizes it. The reality is that relationships between men and women are very down to earth," Mark comments. "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage® is about helping couples get it right, get along, have fun, and achieve a successful marriage."

Why a "laughter" approach? For one simple reason: to overcome the male objection to a seminar. Let's be honest, a marriage seminar isn't the first thing a guy thinks of when he thinks of "a fun way to spend the weekend." We get that...Familiar with the fact that women are usually much more open to discussing marital problems than their spouses, Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage is designed with an element of humor that appeals to couples, but is especially well-received by men.

More info to follow – if you're interested in attending, please circle "C" on your Welcome Card.



FELLOWSHIP HALL USE ON SATURDAYS - with the introduction of Saturday Evening Worship (5:14 pm), please be aware that any future use of the Fellowship Hall on Saturdays must be concluded by 4:00 pm.



Homebound Member of the Week

Jacques Marier Havencrest, Rm 60 1277 Country Club Road Monongahela, PA 15063



Stop in the cafe today at 9:45 am for a quick cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and fellowship



Keep up with what's going on at Grace - pick up a copy of the latest approved Council minutes and the Grace Reporter from the Narthex. Sermon CDs can be found on the Welcome Desk.

HOME: Debra Husarchik, Donna Mudry, Sam Levy,

Charles Buckholt, Olga Smith, Evelyn Belovich, Betty Moore,

Dolores Beatty

PC FACILITIES: Jacques Marier (Havencrest, Rm 60, 1277 Country Club Road, Monongahela, 15063); Rose Leyda (Flos' PCH II, PO Box 83, Elco 15434); Olive Krimm (Thorpe's PC Home, 400 4th St., North Charleroi, 15022); Mon Valley Care Center (200 Stoops Dr, Monongahela 15063): Ruth Frederick (Rm. 149); Wanda Deems (Rm. 354); Naomi Hurley, (Southminster Place, 880 S. Main St., Washington, 15301)

MILITARY: Barry Bissiere (Air National Guard - recently deployed to Kuwait), Luke Seder (Air National Guard), (Gavin Anderson (National Guard), Jacob & Kayla (Wadsworth) Lee (Navy), Chris Levy (Air Force), Clayton & Hannah (Smitley) Oveson (Air Force), David & Cheyenne Rager (Air Force), Christopher Wright (Army)







Provide a note of encouragement to a woman undergoing treatment for breast cancer. You will find slips of colored paper in the basket on the table in the Narthex. Notes can be left in the basket.