

# Grace Reporter

Grace United Methodist Church



**Your Fellowship Committee is hosting a Strawberry Festival!**



Join in the fun on Sunday, June 3 following each of the morning worship services. RSVP via the bulletin response card appreciated but not required. Hope to see you there!

## YOU In Ministry

### **8:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**

#### Communion Servers

June 3	Pete & Jean Belski Rich & Peggy Kowalczk
June 10	Linda Clineman & Barb Bruce Rick & Pam Lofstead
June 17	Kathy Parshall & Sherry Cramer Nancy Blakeway & Gertrude Buckholt
June 24	Kathy Parshall & Sherry Cramer Rich & Peggy Kowalczk

#### Nursery Helpers

June 3	Jacob Ziolecki
June 10	
June 17	Cathie Podroskey
June 24	Kim Miller

### **10:45 Worship Service**

#### Nursery Helpers

June 3	Davis Stepp
June 10	Keren Galis
June 17	Naomi Custer
June 24	Michelle Stepp

Head Usher ~ Rick Dillon

### **FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS**

June 23	Jodie and Sierra Short
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### **IMPORTANT DATES IN JUNE**

June 3	Strawberry Festival
June 4	Staff Parish Relations Committee
June 12	Men of Grace
June 13	Sisters of Grace
June 14	United Methodist Women
June 19	The King's Book Study
June 21	Sew With Grace
June 27	Sisters of Grace



The regular June 7th council meeting  
***has been changed***  
to Thursday, May 31st at 7 pm.

## Vacation Bible School 2018

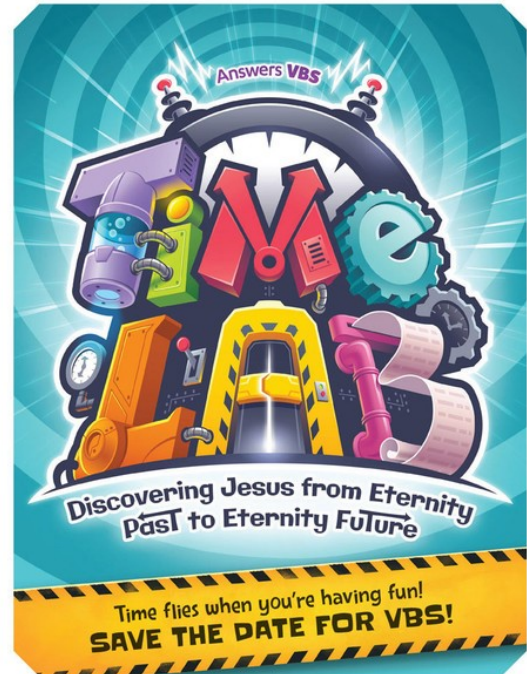
### Mark your calendars and save these dates: July 16-20!

Wouldn't it be amazing to travel back in time and witness epic events in history? Imagine the thrill of meeting great heroes of the faith like Abraham, Moses, or Gideon. Or the fun of experiencing life in ancient cultures like Rome. Or the fascination of watching famous inventors make discoveries that change the world.

### Discovering Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future

Now imagine traveling through time and meeting the most important man ever—a man who was not just a man, but also God. One who turned the world upside-down. One who existed outside of time. We will do just that as we embark on Time Lab. We will use words beginning with “C” to help us remember that Jesus, our forever faithful, love, caring, promise-keeping Lord, has been with us always!

Time will sure fly while we are having fun. So head this way and get ready to launch into hyperdrive as we take off for Time Lab! Let's go!



<b>Who?</b>	Preschoolers (3 years old + potty-trained) through soon-to-be 6th graders
<b>When?</b>	Monday through Friday, July 16-20, 2018 ~ 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
<b>Where?</b>	Grace United Methodist Church, 420 California Drive, Coal Center PA
<b>What?</b>	Experience Jesus through Bible lessons, crafts, snacks, games, science experiments, and music! Children meet in the sanctuary for gathering & closing assemblies, then spend the rest of the day rotating to centers in groups led by adult & youth volunteers
<b>Why?</b>	Because you'll have so much FUN learning about and experiencing God's power with your new friends!

**Anyone who completes the early ONLINE registration  
will be entered into a drawing for free VBS t-shirt!**

Can you lend a helping hand the week of VBS? Help make a memorable week for our children! Adults and youth entering 7th through 12th grades are encouraged to help. Circle “V” on the Welcome Card.

Need additional information? Contact Andrea Erbrecht: 724-288-6220 or [erbrechts@gmail.com](mailto:erbrechts@gmail.com)

## Sharing Our Thankfulness



Dear Care Team,

Bucky and I want to thank you for the beautiful Easter Lily, cross and card. He was really happy to receive it.

Thank you all, Bucky and Trudy Buckholt

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Dear Care Team,

I would like to thank you for the Journeying Through Grief books. I have just received the second book. I cannot tell you how much they have helped me. I cry as I read them,

but that's okay. I cry often anyway and these, when reading, are comfort tears. I so appreciate you thinking of me and ask that you continue to keep my family in your prayers. Looking forward to book #3.

Penny Smith

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Dear Care Team,

I want to thank you all for the beautiful flowers. You are so good to think of me. I just can't get around like I used. I thank Jean & Pete for bringing it and visiting with me. The lily has been blooming beautiful. You are thoughtful. God bless you all. I miss church but I think of you all—all the time.

God bless you all, (Peggy) Helen Morris

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Dear Church Friends,

A sincere thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, prepared food, the UMW preparing and serving the luncheon, memorial gifts and pastor visits in the loss of my husband, Bucky. It was all so appreciated and will be remembered for a long time.

Thanks to all. Sincerely, Trudy, Cindy and Chris

grateful  
thankful  
blessed

## Exploring God's World with Ross Golden

### Yellow- Bellied Sapsucker

Have you ever seen trees with a line of small holes bored in the bark? This is the work of the yellow- bellied sapsucker. This bird is a woodpecker, about seven to eight inches in length. It has a red crest on its head and a yellow belly with the female colors being muted. When the sapsucker bores a line of holes in a tree, they are setting a trap. When the sap oozes out of the tree it attracts insects, which then get stuck in the sap. The bird comes back later and eats the insects, quite an ingenious trap. But this can be problematic for the tree.

The tree now has an open wound that can allow diseases and insects to enter. Another problem can also arise. If the sapsucker bores too many holes, it can girdle the tree. Girdling occurs when the outer and inner bark of an area are destroyed or damaged, the area above the girdle will die. The entire trunk can be girdled and this will kill the tree. In our area the red maple is the tree that is most often killed by the sapsucker. In many areas the sapsucker is considered a pest.

Most woodpeckers attack trees only after the tree has an insect problem but the sapsucker can be the problem leading to insects. Despite being a pest yellow- bellied sapsucker is protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, making it illegal to kill or possess without a permit. These birds migrate south for the winter and return for nesting and breeding. Males and females build the nest in tree cavities and mate for life.

**Genesis 1:20** *And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens."*

Ross Golden



## Military Prayer List

**Anderson, Gavin ~**

United States Army National Guard

**Bissiere, Barry ~** United States Air

National Guard (recently deployed to Kuwait)

**Lee, Jacob and Kayla (Wadsworth) ~**

United States Navy

**Levy, Chris ~** United States Air Force

**Oveson, Clayton and Hannah (Smitley) ~**

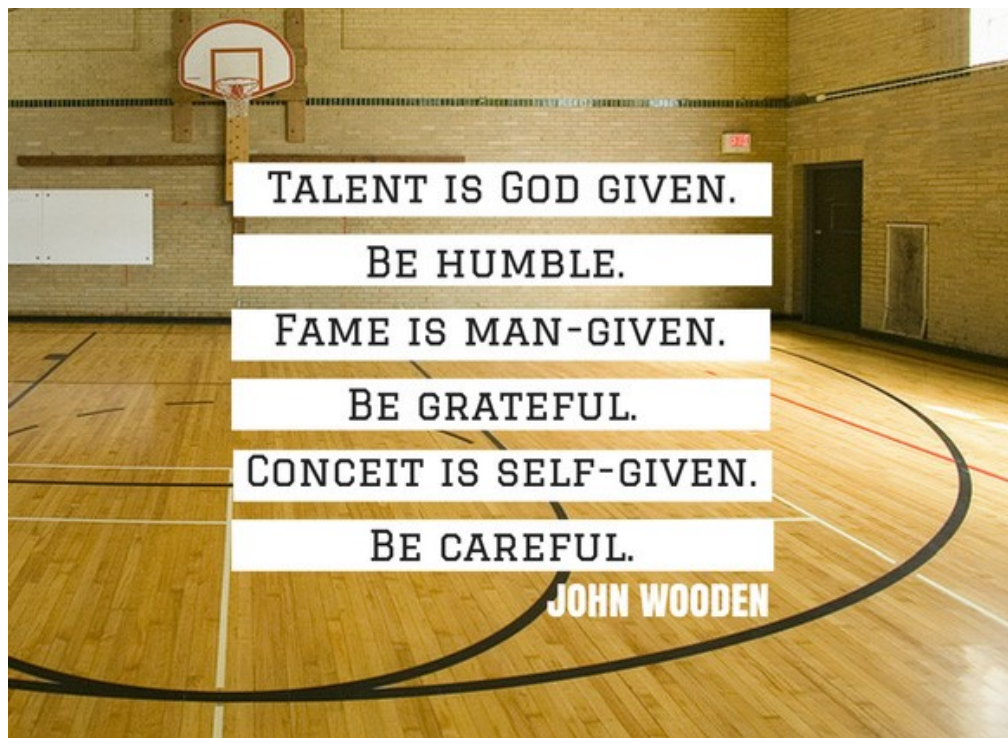
United States Air Force

**Rager, David and Cheyenne ~**

United States Air Force

**Seder, Luke ~** United States Air National Guard

**Wonsettler, Christopher J. and Lauren ~** United States Air Force



## Greater Washington County Food Bank: Coal Center Pantry

In the month of April, we had a total of ten volunteers working a total of 31 hours. There were 81 recipients from 30 households who received food. 22 of those households receive SNAP and 21 are legally disabled.



Greater Washington County  
**FOOD BANK**

Our next delivery date is Friday, May 25, with the distribution day on Saturday, May 26.

Thank you all for donating the suggested item each month and for volunteering to help with the distribution. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for the remainder of this year as well as 2019. For August, we only have one person who has signed to volunteer. Won't you consider helping?

Blessings to all,

Sherry Cramer, Coal Center Pantry Coordinator

**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS**  
**FOR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER**

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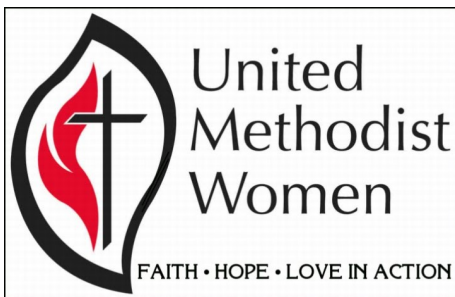
**June suggested  
items: Ketchup  
and Mustard**

## Grace Family Matters



Your Care Team sent six get well cards and two sympathy cards from the Welcome Desk during the Month of April.

We are planning to send cards during the summer season to our homebound members.



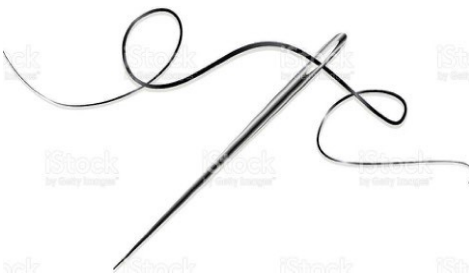
The Mother-Daughter-Sister-Friend Banquet on May 10 went well. There were 53 in attendance. Dennis Bowman and his puppets provided the program for the evening. Everyone had a good time.



The next meeting of the United Methodist Women will be June 14, 2018, at 1PM in the Newkirk Room. All women of the church are invited to attend. Hostesses for the month of June are Carol Bobby and Judy Parks.

Plans will be made for the annual picnic to be held at Mary Jane Qualk's home on July 12, 2018.

## *Sew With Grace*



*"But to each one of us grace has been give as Christ apportioned it"*  
Ephesians 4:7

Sew with Grace is an ongoing project for the *Dress a Girl International*. We meet on the third Thursday of each month, 10AM-2PM, for sewing fellowship and lunch. People are asked to bring a sewing machine if they have one and their personal sewing supplies. Fabric and embellishments are provided. Even if you don't know how to sew, please come for the fellowship. We will find something for you to do or teach you how to cut fabric and sew. **Sew with Grace will break for the summer and resume in the fall.** Watch this space and the Sunday bulletin for the next date to Sew with Grace!

Members of Sew with Grace have been invited to learn how to make **Britches for Boys** at the First United Methodist Church of Monongahela on May 26, 2018 from 10AM-2PM. Anyone who is interested take your sewing machine, scissors, pins and a lunch. Fabric will be provided.

Jean Belski

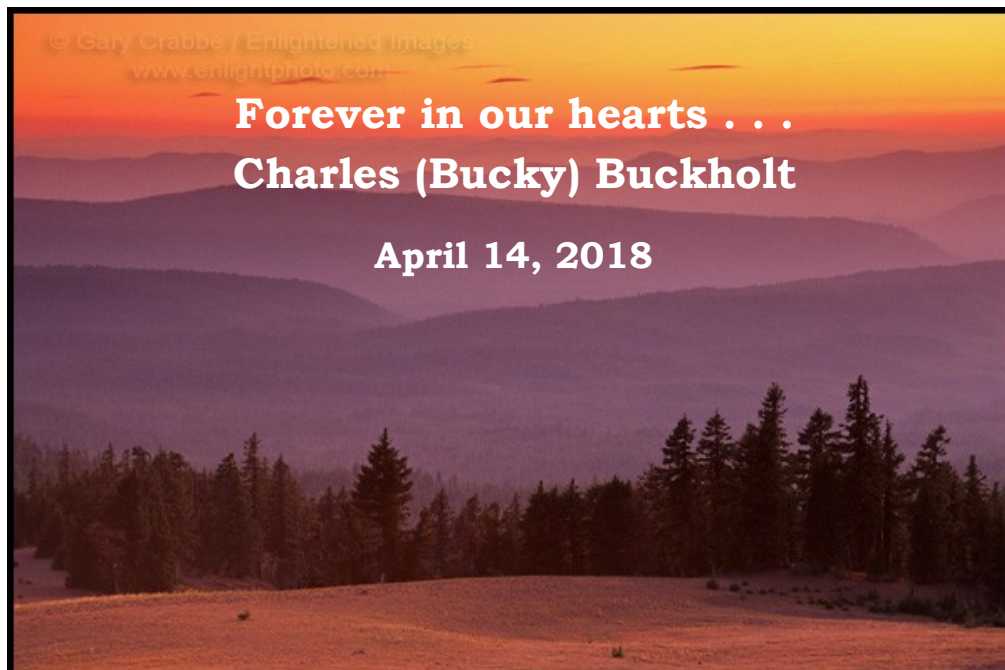
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Troy Harry Galis was born on April 13, 2018. Troy is baby number three for Robby and Keren (Hall) Galis. He joins sister, Bayla, and brother, Leo, at home.

May God bless you, Troy, with a long and healthy life.

*Kristen Emelia Diethorn  
and  
Eric David Louttit  
United in marriage on  
Waiala Beach, Oahu, Hawaii  
on May 10, 2018*



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**pray** hard..  
be **HONEST**  
& **sincere**..

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# Grace United Methodist Church

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### WORSHIP

#### Sunday Morning

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

#### Saturday Evening

5:14 p.m.

*For information on our worship services,  
please contact Chris at 724.330.5350 or go to  
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### **Wednesday Nights at Grace!**

Our mid-week fellowship and education  
opportunity!

5:30 p.m. ~ 7:30 p.m.

Watch for details on the next session  
of Wednesday Nights at Grace  
beginning this fall!