

PARISH NOTES



We extend our sympathy to the loved ones of Buddy Birgel on his passing on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

February's Communion offering will benefit **The Kane District Ramps Ministry**. Please use the special Communion envelope in your monthly packet or a pew pocket envelope.

Staff Appreciation Day! We are celebrating Staff Appreciation Day today, Sunday, February 11th! When you see one of our staff on this day, or anytime this month, please take the opportunity to voice your appreciation toward these incredible people! We would like to congratulate and acknowledge all of you for your commitment and your unique skills and abilities. Our church is grateful and supportive of you for bringing your best to work every single day! We extend a warm hearted "thank you" to the following people: Mary Quiggle-Pickering, Office Manager; Meghan Brooker, Office Administrator; Cindy Price, Director of Congregational Care; Floyd Moore, Director of Grace Choir; Debbie Airgood, Organist/Accompanist; Nicki Egger, Director of Youth and Family Ministries; Amanda Slattery, Director of Children's Ministries; Dave Moore, Audio and Video Equipment Technician; Trish Gentilman, Director of Promise Preschool; Jen Lynds Co-Teacher of Promise Preschool; Mike Roney, Building Maintenance Supervisor; Tristan Johnson, Security/Set-up Custodian; Shirley Shafer, Housekeeping Custodian; Anna Peterson, Nursery Worker; Melissa Zaffino, Nursery Worker

Promise Preschool Registration is now open! A completed registration form and **\$20 non-refundable registration fee** is required to hold a spot for your child for the 2024-2025 school year. Additional forms can be found on the Grace Church website, picked up in the church office or by calling (814) 723-8011 during school hours and we can mail one to you. Questions? Send us an e-mail or find us on Facebook!

Mrs. Gentilman & Mrs. Lynds promisepreschool@myyahoo.com

2024 Grace UMC Confirmation Course will be held at Olmstead Manor on March 23rd 9a-4p and March 24th 11a-4p. Confirmation will be May 19th. Students in 8th -12th grade are eligible to attend. Contact Nicki Egger with questions nicki@graceumcwarren.com



Items for the **March** newsletter need to be delivered to Mary in the office mary@graceumcwarren.com by **Friday, February 16**. Thank you!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 11

8:30/9:30/11:00 a – Worship
9:30 a – Agape Sunday School, Eaton Parlor
9:45 a – Children's Sunday School
1:00 p – Girl Scouts, Winger Parlor
6:00 p – Community Worship at The Crossing

MONDAY, February 12

5:15 p – Christian Yoga
5:30 p – *Nurture*, Eaton Parlor

TUESDAY, February 13

9:00 a – Pickleball
12:15 p – Christian Yoga
6:00 p – Pickleball
6:00 p – *Property Trustees*, Library
7:00 p – Prayer Gathering, Eaton Parlor

WEDNESDAY, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

7:00 a – Men's Breakfast
5:15 p – Christian Yoga
6:00 p – Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
6:30 p – Choir
6:30 p – CREW (Youth Group), Gilfillan Room
7:30 p – Madrigals

THURSDAY, February 15

9:00 a – Pickleball
6:00 p – Disciple IV, Eaton Parlor

FRIDAY, February 16

11:15 a – Fitness Class
12:15 p – Christian Yoga

SATURDAY, February 17

9:00 a – Praise Team
10:00 a – Extreme Yoga
3:30 p – Higginbotham/Gym Reserved



The Grace Church Food Pantry is in need of **canned meat** at this time. Thank you to all who contribute!

Covered by Grace gave out **586 items** in January! The lines will come down at the end of this month, but donations can be made all year long in the gray tote across from Pastor Bill's office.

LAST WEEK'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (in person)	TOTAL
8:30 – 23 9:30 – 80 11:00 – 84	187
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (online)	TOTAL
9:30 – 66 11:00 – 66	132
TITHES & OFFERINGS	\$9,551.39

DECEMBER'S BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

TOTAL INCOME	\$38,646.57
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$32,104.13
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$6,542.44

The Agape Class will begin a new study on either February 25 or March 3. We'll let you know the specific date as soon as possible. However, at this time we need to know how many books to order. It is titled Colossians and Philemon by Martha Reapsome. Some of you may already have a copy of this book and started the study several years ago just as the lockdown was announced. We plan to start at the beginning of the study and finish this time. If you still have your book, dig it out and join us. If you have no book but want to study these books of the Bible, let Lois Strycula or Meghan Brooker in the church office know. For Lois: 814-728-8675 or lois.strycula@gmail.com For Meghan: 814-723-9440 or meghan@graceumcwarren.com Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in Winger Parlor.

Thank you does not seem like enough but THANK YOU to the staff for the beautiful flowers sent for Beverly's visitation and funeral, to Jan Moore and her many willing and loving people that helped in any way at the luncheon, and to her beloved Grace Choir. Mother would be so proud! Thank you also to anyone that has graciously sent memorials in her memory to the music fund or any organization. Last but not least, to Pastor Bill for his kindness shown during these hard times and for being part of officiating the funeral. Bev was always so proud to say she was a member of GUMC and the love you have all shared and shown is beyond a blessing. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Dane and Becky Petersen, Kara and Jeff Winiarz, and Beth and David MacPherson

Welcome

February 11, 2024

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH
AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

It is our desire and goal for you to know Christ and to make Him known as part of this worship experience. If you are looking for a church home, please consider us.

Members, Guests, and Visitors:

Please fill out a **YELLOW CARD** including any prayer requests or comments on the back. *If you wish your prayer request to be confidential, please indicate that on the card.*

PLEASE NOTE: Handicapped seating for those in wheelchairs and their families is available in the sanctuary – just in front of the sound booth.

DVDs of each Sunday's service are available. Call the church office.

LARGE-PRINT HYMNALS are available on the literature tables for your use each week.

WATCH Sunday's services live at 9:30 and 11 am on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/GraceLiveWarren or our Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/embracegrace

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known!

Our Core Values

Extravagant Generosity

We give joyfully of our time, talent, and treasure.

Authentic Engagement

We want to shine the light of God's love in our whole community.

Transformational Discipleship

We seek God's will and God's way for our lives.

Extraordinary Grace

We are all sinners seeking God's grace together.

Word-Centered Mission

We believe the Word of God provides the foundation for all that we do.