



Amazing Grace

*Monthly Newsletter
Grace United Methodist Church
October 2021*

Dear Members and Friends of Grace Church,

It never ceases to amaze me all the technological changes in my lifetime. I remember during high school reading a book by Alvin Toffler entitled "Future Shock." It talked about the increasing onslaught of technology and the benefits and blessing that this movement would bring. In short, we would be blessed with an almost unlimited amount innovation that would virtually change how we would live our lives. However, there would accompany this change a growing sense of depersonalization as we would increasingly rely on technology rather than each other.

In many ways, these predictions have come true. For those of us who have lived for more than a couple of decades, it is amazing how our life has changed. We can't imagine living without our cell phones. We use the computer virtually on a daily basis. Maps have almost become things of the past. The list goes on and on...

Probably the one greatest change in our lives, arguably, has been the creation of the internet. It has become the greatest tool of work, of communication, and even of leisure. Yet while this change has brought great benefit, just as Toffler predicted...it has brought cost. Cyber-bullying is one of the greatest threats, particularly for our young people. Cons and scams have stolen billions of dollars in our nation. Plus, to be honest, the internet has given us an excuse to pull away from people and isolate ourselves even more.

This month, our sermon series is focused on Prayer. We will discover that God's Word teaches about the amazing potential for prayer in our lives. However, one of the greatest gifts of prayer is the genuine desire to connect not only with God but also with people at the most real part of their lives. When we pray it is often for humanity at its worst, hurting the most, and far from the false images that many try to portray on the Internet. When we pray, it is for real answers in real times.

I leave you with this verse which at the end of the day says it all....

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

In Christ, Pastor Charlie

MONTHLY SCRIPTURES

October 3

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Psalm 26 or Psalm 25
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 10

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 17

Job 38:1-7
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 24

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

October 31

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

Missions and Outreach at Grace

2021 Crop Walk

Attention Grace Family! Get Ready to Lace Up Those Sneakers and Walk!

This year, as with every other year, the CROP Walk to help end hunger is happening. With everything that has happened in the last 18 months and the struggles that all of us have been through, there is not a more important time than now to fight hunger both here and around the world.

Because of the pandemic, this year's walk is again, virtual. Not very exciting, right? Maybe, but we can MAKE it exciting! The great thing about a virtual walk is that you can do it whenever you have the time with whoever you'd like. You can walk your own 5K between now and October 25th in order for it to count towards the CROP Walk. You can register online, collect online donations, and then log your walk. We have formed a Grace team, and if you follow the link, you can join us too. Simply click and then search for Grace Hummelstown and register there: [.https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/hersheypa](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/hersheypa)

We encourage you to find other Grace family members, friends, and neighbors to walk (safely) with you or sponsor you. No one should go hungry.

If you have questions, please contact Brian Abela at abela@thebravogroup.com.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Hershey/Hummelstown
CROP Hunger Walk

October 24, 2021

Hershey, Pennsylvania

Santa Luncheon 2021 Gets a New Name—Grace Jingle Jam!

Grace's Christmas Outreach program for local children in need is in full swing and this year we are getting a name change. Grace Jingle Jam (formerly Santa Luncheon) will be on December, 11, 2021 from 1:00pm - 2:30pm.

This year we are hoping to look a little more "normal". We will be hosting the event inside of the building with some changes to help keep everyone healthy and safe, while having a festive Jingle Jam time.

In order to make this mission a success, we will need your help! Please consider volunteering for this festive Jingle Jam celebration. As always, up to date clearances will be required for all volunteers. Please keep an eye out for a volunteer signup in the Narthex (church lobby).

Don't forget to select an angel from the angel tree on Sunday, October 31st. All gifts will be due back on Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 28th. If you are attending services online we will once again have a virtual tree from which you can select an angel.

If you would like to be a part of this amazing day, please contact Jacky Onks at santaluncheon@gracehummelstown.org or 610-952-8260.

Love INC Auction

The Second Annual Online Loving Our Community Auction event is coming October 20-24! This online event will benefit the ministries of Love INC of Greater Hershey featuring local artisans, neighborhood businesses, services around the house, and homemade delicacies. The auction will include a wide variety of items including artwork, theme baskets, handmade crafts, gift certificates, pottery, homemade delicacies, and more, including pies of course! With the exception of perishable food items, times will be available for items to be picked up the week of October 25 at the Love INC office.

A goal of this auction, in addition to raising funds, is to feature local artisans and neighborhood businesses and provide additional service opportunities for church groups such as Sunday School classes and youth groups. Contact Love INC at 717-835-0101 or office@loveincgreaterhershey.org for more information.

Missions and Outreach at Grace

Angel Choir and Junior Praise Choir need singers!

Bring your little angels to join Miss Vicky on Thursday evenings for lots of fun learning songs that praise God! Angel Choir (Ages 4 through Kindergarten) practices from 6:00pm-6:25pm and Junior Praise Choir (Grades 1-6) rehearses from 6:30pm-7:00pm.

Contact Miss Vicky for information at vsalisbury-dues@hotmail.com or at 717-891-2584.

Autumn Work Day

Please plan to join us on Saturday, October 2, 2021 to help us keep up with the maintenance needs at Grace United Methodist Church. With Fall underway, there will be plenty of work to do raking up leaves and generally winterizing the grounds. If you are able to spare 2-3 hours starting at 9:00 am that day, it would certainly go a long way to get through some small projects on the property. Please mark your calendars! Remember: many hands makes light work!

Ready for Confirmation!

All youth in 7th grade or older who have not yet been confirmed are invited to join the 2022 Confirmation Class! Please register [HERE](#) or call the church office at (717) 566-2897 to sign up for the program.

Questions? Contact Tammy at tammyhouck@gracehummelstown.org or (717) 566-2897.

Trunk or Treat

Enjoy a safe, fun way of celebrating Halloween by participating in a trunk-or-treat! Join us on Sunday, October 24, 2021 in the church parking lot from 4:00 -6:00pm! Please feel free to come in costume and bring a container to help collect your goodies.

Have you ever participated in a Trunk-or-Treat... No? Well, each car in the parking lot will be uniquely decorated and most will have games or interactive ways to collect your goodies! We will also have a fire engine, and hot dogs.

This is a free, community event! We just ask that you bring an item for donation to the Hummelstown Food Pantry. Commonly needed items include: Canned goods (meats, fruits and vegetables, beans, pasta, beef stew, chili, soup with meat), boxed macaroni and cheese dinners, box potatoes, rice, dried pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly, breakfast cereal, breakfast bars, pasta and rice sides, and Hamburger Helper.

We hope to see you there! Please call the church office at 717-566-2897 for more information.



Youth Education and Fellowship at Grace

Youth Corner

Fall is here...along with pumpkin spice and cooler nights, it is also a time to start planning for decorating a trunk for Trunk-or-Treat and planning for fall retreat!

We continue to meet at 9:30 am each Sunday to discuss topics and life challenges suggested by our Grace youth. This is a time to gather as a small group and get to know one another as we grow in our faith journey. ALL YOUTH are WELCOMED and ENCOURAGED to join us!

Youth must register to participate in Sunday School, GUMY, TY or iBLast so be sure to sign up [HERE](#).

GUMY had a blast at the Wagoner Pool Party Fall Kick-Off event! Thank you to our incredible hosts for providing this incredible setting for an afternoon/evening of fun, food and fellowship!

We have a busy schedule in October so be sure to watch for emails and sign-ups! If you are not receiving the information, please reach out to be included. We start our evening GUMY hangouts with a 'twist' on the Olympics, get outside for a special journey with Rev. Jones, get creative for Trunk-or-Treat and end the month with an outdoor costume party extravaganza at the Yingling Homestead! You will not want to miss out so get registered today!

SUNDAY SCHOOL—EVERY SUNDAY at 9:30 am!

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Youth Room

Attention Adults: If God nudges you to get involved with our awesome youth in any capacity – Sunday School small groups, GUMY, TY, or iBLast, please reach out! Questions or want to be placed on our email communication group, please contact Tammy Houck at gumy@gracehummelstown.org or (717) 566-2897.

GUMY SCHEDULE

Oct 3	6pm-8pm	GUMY Worldwide Communion/Game Night At Grace	
Oct 10	2pm-4pm	GUMY Deep Journey Outdoor—Outdoor Event with Rev Beth Stokes-Jones	
Oct 17	6pm-8pm	GUMY TBD	
Oct 24	3:30pm-6:30pm	GUMY Trunk or Treat Station	At Grace
Oct 30	4pm-6pm	GUMY Halloween Party	The Yingling Homestead

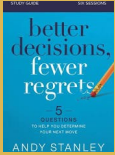
Youth Music Ensemble

Calling all musically-inclined youth! We now have an exciting new music ensemble open to all middle and high school youth (roughly 12 to 18). It will meet Thursdays from 6pm to 6:45 pm at the church. Sign up at gracehummelstown.org . For more information, call the office at 717-566-2897 or email Andrew Meade at: andrewmeade@gracehummelstown.org

Adult Education and Fellowship at Grace

Adult Sunday School

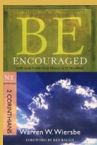
Check out the many opportunities to gather at Grace! If you are interested in more information, need to access our online RightNow Media account or have any questions, please contact Tammy at tammyhouck@gracehummelstown.org.



FOCUS - Gathers in Room #106 each Sunday at 9:20am to 10:25am (can join online or by phone for audio)

Current Study: *Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets* by Andy Stanley. Good questions lead to better decisions. Discover five game-changing questions to ask every time you make a decision. This series will give you tips for success in every season of life, for the rest of your life. Join us!

JOURNEY - Gathers in Room 113 each Sunday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am



Current Study: *Be Encouraged* by Warren Wiersbe.

Be Encouraged guides us through Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, where he encourages his fellow believers to embrace a life of wisdom and truth.

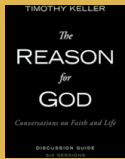
CONNECTIONS—Gathers in Room 111 each Sunday from 9:30am to 10:30am



Current Study: *The Book of Philippians* by Jo Saxton

In this eight-session series, Jo Saxton takes us through Philippians to encourage us to follow Jesus no matter what life throws at us. Through Paul's words and example, learn how joy and sacrifice can go hand-in-hand.

VITAL PURSUITS - Gathers in Room 205 each Sunday at 10:45am



Current Study: *The Reason for God: Conversations on Faith and Life* by Timothy Keller. This Bible study captures live and unscripted conversations between Tim Keller and a group of people to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, and Scripture, Keller and the group explore the truth of Christianity.

FAITH PARTNERS - A Women's Group that gathers the 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00am

Current Study - TBD

A Disciple's Path

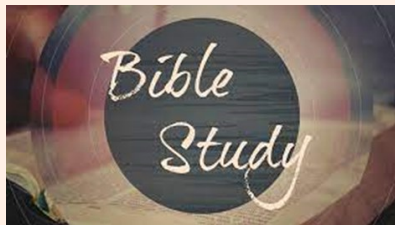
DEEPENING
YOUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS AND THE CHURCH

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

New Members had their initial gathering on Sunday, September 26th from 9:30 am - 10:30 am in the Fireside Room but it is not too late to join us! We will gather for six sessions as we get to know one another and grow in our faith journey! All participants will be invited to share in taking their membership vows on Sunday, October 31st during the 10:45 am worship service.

Questions? Contact Tammy at tammyhouck@gracehummelstown.org or (717) 566-2897.

Adult Education and Fellowship at Grace



Prayer Group and Bible Study

Join us to study God's Word with Pastor Charlie at Grace. For those preferring a daytime option, join us on Tuesday mornings at 10 am. If an evening works best with your schedule, join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm.



In keeping with Pastor Charlie's current sermon series on prayer, we invite you to join us as we continue to meet for corporate and personal prayer

time weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 6:55 pm. If you so desire, you may join our Wednesday evening Bible Study at 7 pm or remain in the Sanctuary for a reflective time of communing with our loving Father who makes the impossible possible.

If you have a personal prayer request or would like to join our online Prayer Warrior Team, please reach out to Tammy at tammyhouck@gracehummelstown.org or (717) 566-2897.



We still need your input to determine how you want to gather, delve deeper in your faith walk, and connect with one another. Please take a few moments to complete the survey to assist us in coordinating future gatherings and small groups. [Take The Small Group Survey Here.](#)

If you prefer to complete the survey with a hardcopy be sure to stop by the Connection Center desk. Questions or suggestions? Contact Tammy at tammyhouck@gracehummelstown.org or (717) 566-2897.

Active Fellowship Groups

There are two active groups that are starting to play weekly in Grace's All Purpose Room! Please contact the church office if you want any further information on joining these groups:

Pickleball will be playing on Monday nights from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Pickleball is a fun sport that combines aspects of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. If you are looking for a way to have a time of fellowship and stay active - this is it! All levels are welcome! If you have never played, no problem! The rules are easy to learn but it can quickly become a fast-paced competitive game. Please plan to join us!

Men's Basketball will be playing on Tuesday nights from 7:30pm-9:00pm. Our basketball crew is back in action. Come join this group for a lively game of pick-up. Another good way to stay fit and join a group with a fun, competitive attitude!

Worship at Grace

Spotlight on Service: Acolyte Ministry

If there was ever a ministry that was proof that even the smallest of us can do things for the Lord, it's the Acolyte Ministry. Acolytes are the children who light the candles in preparation for worship services in our traditional worship. This small action sets the tone of reverence for the service, representing Jesus's light being with us. The two candles represent Jesus being both man and divine. According to UMC.org, "At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere"

As a child, I got to participate in this ministry myself. I remember my excitement and my eagerness to do it right. I carried a special candle lighter with a long handle and a bell on the end called the "snuffer" and

wore a white robe. I remembering practicing in my living room, making sure to take my time and not rush.

Acolytes, like many who do these "small" ministries, only participate once every so many weeks (in this case every 4-6 weeks) at either the 8:15 am and 10:45 am services. Despite that, it's amazing how important they are. Imagine a service without the ritual of lighting the candles. It just wouldn't be the same.

For more information on the Acolyte Ministry, please contact the church office at 717-566-2897.

In Christian Love, Ilene Swartz

World Communion Day

October 3, 2021 is World Communion Sunday. We will be having Communion at all three services.

Annual Church Conference

The Annual Grace United Methodist Church Charge Conference will be held this year on October 31, 2021 at 1 pm. Lunch will be served. Please sign up on our website at www.gracehummelstown.org.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- 8:15 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
- 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
- 9:35 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE (Also Available
livestreamed on www.gracehummelstown.org)
- 10:45 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE (Also Available
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October Birthdays

10/01	Carrie Jean Bell	10/08	Lincoln Mutek	10/18	Jacob Laudermilch
10/01	Theresa Miller	10/09	Ryan Dotts	10/18	Elena Lee
10/02	Mia Burkey	10/09	Nancy Goldy	10/18	Tami Wagoner
10/02	Megan Burkey	10/09	Whitney Wolfgang	10/19	David Benovy
10/02	Joan Espenshade	10/09	Rhys Maaskant	10/20	Erica Bates
10/02	Kirk Loos	10/09	Wyatt Sweigard	10/20	Megan Grimes
10/02	Carson Ogle	10/10	Deborah Turner	10/20	Shawn Hupfer
10/02	Wilbur Rhodes	10/10	Sean Brannen	10/20	Valerie Pantanelli
10/02	Matthew Svirbely	10/11	Richard Kercher	10/20	Joseph Still
10/02	Cole Umberger	10/11	Jared Player	10/21	Matthew Jenkins
10/02	Miranda Van Kirk	10/11	Ava Warble	10/21	Emily Miller
10/03	Maisie Catherine Davis	10/11	Marion Webster	10/21	Marlene Stolz
10/03	Leslie Leon	10/12	Kang Su Lee	10/21	Caroline Vrana
10/04	Luke Forshey	10/12	Erin Vrana	10/22	Kira Brubaker
10/05	Jennifer Cook	10/12	Gillian Price	10/22	Michael Endy
10/05	Korryn Kehler	10/13	Christian Grow	10/22	George Schlupp
10/05	Evan Kelly	10/13	Emery Witt	10/22	Michael Sweigard
10/05	Mary Maiolo	10/14	David Kleppinger	10/24	Dana Riccio
10/05	Katherine Steiner	10/15	Abram Simpson	10/25	Linda Billmyer
10/05	Patricia Wylie	10/15	Natasha Walizer	10/26	Megan Cook
10/06	Ryan Brown	10/15	Emma Zitko	10/26	Donald Evans
10/06	Rachel Burns	10/16	Charlotte Bean	10/26	David Umberger
10/06	Scott Deihl	10/16	Ashley Cray	10/26	Dawn Warfel
10/06	Jill Osevala	10/16	Luca Fulton	10/27	Connor Hanula
10/06	Jane Schmoyer	10/16	Olivia Heisey	10/27	Aaron Heisey
10/07	Sandra Grimes	10/16	Erin Kasi	10/28	Steven Frick
10/07	Charlotte Mohnshine	10/16	Toby Pankake	10/28	Charles Rabuck
10/07	Reagan Wilder	10/16	James Rodgers	10/28	Megan Sassaman
10/08	Brian Abela	10/17	Samantha Ketty	10/29	Jamie Miller
10/08	Matthew Angstadt	10/17	Jill Skillman	10/30	Michael Barone
10/08	Bradley Bohner	10/18	Megan Barr	10/30	Naomi Fischer
10/08	Kimberly Neithercoat	10/18	Aaron Krasley	10/31	Stacie Decock

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LIVESTREAM at 9:35am & 10:45am

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