

Sundays At Grace

8:30 — Amazing Grace Worship
9:45 — Celebration Worship Service
— Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 — Traditional Worship

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Grace Notes

The Monthly Newsletter of Grace United Methodist Church of Pen Argyl



Golden Grace Seniors Activities

Aug. 15th : Seniors Honoring Seniors

We will honor Virginia Garland with a pot luck dinner at noon. It's just not for seniors but for family and friends.

Sept. 15th "Back to School Day"

We will visit Edelman's One Room School House with pasties afterwards. We will leave the lower church parking lot around 11:00 and return around 3:00 pm.

Sept 19th Seniors Honoring Seniors

We will honor Bob & Bette Doney with a pot luck dinner at noon in Fellowship Hall.



2010 Theme Verses For the People of Grace

The joy of the Lord is your strength.
— Nehemiah 8:10 —

Finally, brothers 'and sisters', whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.
— Philippians 4:8 —

Two upcoming events we would like the whole Grace Church family to help plan and take part in.

1. Aug. 18th "Olde Fashion Church Picnic" at "One Gazebo Grove" from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. We have Walt Grollar Orchestra. Ideas are cake walk, plenty of music, children activities, games & entertainment, etc. Maybe teens making & selling hot dogs, etc. basketball, volley ball.

We need people who like to have F.U.N. *Filling Unfulfilled Needs with a purpose!

2. Oct. 23rd Square Dance at the Eagles Nest. Hope to revive the F.U.N. we had a few years back at Gary & Terri Eagle's home. Time: probably 6:00pm - ?? Again we have the band "The Majestic's" and caller but we need your help and ideas.

We will have a planning meeting for these two events on Sunday after church around 12:30 on Aug. 1st in Fellowship Hall. Please join us or if you can't make the meeting and have suggestions, ideas, etc. jot them down and leave in the church office to: Blair Blake.



**Olde Fashion
Church Picnic
August 18**

NEWS from GYM

Summer is half over and Grace Youth Ministries has been very busy. We hope you are enjoying this hot hot summer weather. Here are a few things that kept our Youth cool these last few hot weeks.

We started off and took 28 of our youth and 6 leaders down to Wildwood, New Jersey to Heatwave from June 27th –July 2nd. This is a “Youth for Christ” annual event. What an awesome week it was. The week consist of lots of sports, fun in the sun but most importantly a very spiritual and heart moving week for our kids. God is truly amazing and faithful to his children. Our Speaker, Nathan Kroll spoke to our kids each day. He translated a bible story into how it relates to us today. The spirit moved in these youth this week in so many ways. Our teens are faced with so many pressures in this world and there is only one way to overcome them and they learned that this week. We had 3 kids make first time decisions on Tuesday night and then on Wednesday evening almost our entire group went forward to rededicate their lives to Christ. That evening impacted a lot of our kid’s. We had nightly devotions on our deck at 11:00 p.m, Rich would play the guitar and how our kids loved to sing. These kids could have stayed up all evening or should I say all morning. They shared things from their hearts that have been buried for such along time. We would like to challenge you all to pray for our youth of this congregation that God would do miracles in their lives. We all know the miracle working God we serve and there is nothing impossible he can’t do. The kids bonded as a group in one short week that nobody wanted to go home.

The kids came home and wanted a Heatwave reunion, so on July 9th; we had our Heatwave reunion at Alan Lancaster’s home. We had 21 of 28 kids return for swimming, food, fun, fellowship and of course the new popular game “Ninja”. This was a game they learned in Wildwood.

Then on July 16th-18th we took 15 kids and 5 adults up to Jim Thorpe where we went White Water Rafting and camping. What a great time of fun and fellowship with the teens. Ask Rich when you see him next what HE uses to pitch a tent. On Sunday morning Rich lead a church service and we tore down camp then headed home. This was definitely voted to be an annual event.

As you can see, we are having lots of fun this summer and have some more things planned for the month of August.

We hope you would encourage your kids to get involved in Youth Group. We stress to the kids how important it is to be a part of a Youth Group. Kids need a place to come and feel accepted and here at YF, we strive to make that happen. Our teens face a rough world out there; don’t you want the best for them?

Divine Leverage

With God as our fulcrum insurmountable challenges become attainable goals.

Archimedes once said, "Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world." A lever, in use from prehistoric times, is one of the six simple tools. A see-saw is the easiest example of a simple lever.

The lever, so simple, yet so powerful; could it possibly move the world as Archimedes suggested? It would be pretty tough for me to imagine what the pivot point could be to make it happen. Would the sun work...a distant galaxy?

We have the most powerful leverage in the universe, but often we fail to understand it, accept it in faith, and apply it with confidence. Our leverage is God -- the fulcrum point who moves not only the world, but everything in it.

Consider these encouraging scriptures:

- *The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. (1 John 4:b)*
- *Jesus replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20)*
- *I tell you the truth, anyone who has*



faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. (John 14:12)

The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

~ 1 John 4b ~

With God as our fulcrum every obstacle can be moved out of our way. With God as our fulcrum insurmountable challenges become attainable goals.

With God as our fulcrum, we can do all things, because He is greater than the world!

We can leverage the heaviest load, have faith to move the world, and claim the victory because of Christ. We see the leverage of Christ in the lives of the disciples of Jesus. The disciples of Jesus overcame the weight of grief. They were filled with the Spirit and turned the world upside down. They were victorious over every dominion and power.

We have the same power -- the leverage of God. With Him nothing will be impossible for you. And, together we can move the world.

Beyond Mere Existence

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Why does it seem so easy
To slowly grow so cold?
To lose that fire we once had
known
That burned within our souls

We start to lose the joy
And life becomes a bore
We just live from day to day
With no hope in the Lord

We give up on the dreams
We once had in our hearts
We settle down to mere existence

Alone within the dark

Oh God our spirits yearn
To know you so much more
We don't want to just exist
But know you as before

To feel your presence in our
lives

And a new song on our lips
To walk in victory every day
O Lord, we long for this

Come, O God, and touch us
Ignite us once again
So we will burn with holy
zeal

More than we had back then

Fill us with your spirit Lord
And we shall be renewed
So joy can be restored to us
With brand-new hope in you

Notes and Thank You's

Yard Sale / Flea Market

August 7, 2010
(raindate August 28)

9 am - 3:30 pm

901 N. 5th Street
Stroudsburg Wesleyan
Parking Lot

Benefits:

Youth for Christ
Meals on Wheels
Family Promise of Monroe
County

Vendor Info:

Outdoor spaces: 10X10 -
\$10, 2 spaces \$15

Non-Profit spaces: \$5.00

Supply own tables / tents

No electric available
(can bring generator)
No nuisance items (stink
bombs, silly string etc...)
No Raffles, Gambling

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Thank you –

The family of Gerald Bray
thanks the church family for
the floral arrangement, the
sympathy cards, prayers
and personal expressions of
sympathy.

We also wish to thank
Pastor Larry and Pastor
Emmett for the visitation at
home and in the hospital.
We sincerely appreciate
your thoughtfulness. Thank
the Lord we had an earthly
father we could look up to
for three generations.



Sunday School
Promotion will be held on
August 29th. Children
are to report to their
classrooms and the
classes will go to the
Fellowship Hall together
at 10:00 am for the
Promotion Program.
Children being promoted
are those going into 1st,
4th, 7th, and 9th grades.
All are welcome to attend
the promotion program.

NEWS from GYM cont...

Thanks for all your prayers and support.
We are enjoying getting to know your
kids. Our church is so blessed to have
such wonderful teens.

LOOKING AHEAD

August 8th - Join us at the Home of Nick
Pipher for volleyball and a fire pit party
from 6:00 – 10:00 PM. This is for all
youth members and kids who went to
Heat wave. Bring a dessert or side dish.
Meat and drinks will be provided. Nick's
address is 1137 Candlewood Drive, Pen
Argyl, PA 18072.

August 15th – We will be having a pool
party for all kids in grades 7th-12th and
kids who went to Heatwave at the home
of Darrin & Jean Evans. The meat and
drinks will be provided. We ask you to
bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Time is 1:00 pm till 4:00 pm. Their ad-
dress is 6286 Mud Run Road, Nazareth,
PA 18064.

August 22nd - We will be heading out to
an Iron Pigs Game, 5:35 pm. Please con-
tact the church office or Karen Zanette
(610)905-9516 if you want to reserve a
ticket. The tickets are \$6. Bring a Blanket
to sit on. Please call on or before August
15th. All youth are welcome grades 7th-
12th & Heatwave members.

September 19th – Fall Kickoff – More de-
tails to follow.

Worship In August

August 1
**Reverend Gordon Furbay, Preach-
ing**
Communion at 8:30 Service

August 8
Pastor Rich Demeter, Preaching

August 15
“God’s Vision for Mission”
Isaiah 66:18-24)
Pastor Larry Mark, Preaching
Missionary Pam D’Andre
Communion at 11:00 Service



August 22
“Pawning Your Glory”
Jeremiah 2:4-13
Communion at 9:45 Service

New Sermon Series:

**“Taking the Faith
to the Next Level”**

August 29
“God of the Upward Way”
Series: “Taking Faith to the Next Level”
Psalm 71:15-24

September 5
“Gladness of Heart”
Ecclesiastes 5:18-19
Series: “Taking Faith to the Next Level”
Communion at the 8:30 Service
Labor Day Weekend

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am Prayer Time 8:30 am Amazing Grace 9:30 am Spirit Cafe 9:45 am Celebration Service 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Spirit Cafe 11:00 am Morning Worship	2	3	4	5 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	6	7
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