

**Sundays At Grace**

- 8:30 — Amazing Grace Worship
- 9:45 — Celebration Worship Service
- Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 — Traditional Worship
- 5:30 — Youth Fellowship

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**A patriotic cantata called I Love America is scheduled for a combined 10:00 service on Memorial Day weekend.**

Practices will begin after Easter on Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 7:45 and Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. Additional practices will be Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 9:00 to 10:30 (if needed) and Saturday, May 29, 2010 from 9:00 to 10:30 (dress rehearsal). ANYONE interested in singing in this cantata should contact Walt Cole at 863-6470.

**April 16th Iron Pigs Ball Game sponsored by Family Ministries.**

\$25 per person includes Hot & cold buffet from 6 pm until first pitch is thrown. Money due by March 27th.




**"Go Green"**

On March 17th the Golden Fun Seniors will be sponsoring a pastie luncheon in Fellowship Hall beginning at 12 noon.

Luncheon includes pastie and pickle cabbage for \$6 per person. Irish tune sing a long. Bring a small wrapped (green) gift for the game and a can of something green for missions project.



# Grace Notes

The Monthly Newsletter of Grace United Methodist Church of Pen Argyl



**SECOND SUNDAY**

**Sunday, March 14, 6-7 pm**

Join us for an hour filled with singing, teaching, prayer and altar ministry. Experience the power of praise. Come expecting the Holy Spirit to move in new and mighty ways.

We are taking Easter Flower orders to be placed in the church on Easter morning in honor of or in memory of a loved one. You can chose either Lilies, Daffodils or Tulips, they are \$9.00 each. Orders are to be called to Jervaise Surotchak at 610-863-5330 by March 21st.

**Inclement Winter Cancellations and Postponements**

Please choose from these options to check on cancellations of meetings and activities during the week and services of worship on Sundays:

- ✻ Tune your TV to WFMZ channel 69.
- ✻ Check online at [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com) or [www.worshipatgrace.org](http://www.worshipatgrace.org).
- ✻ Tune your Radio - WBYN —107.5 FM or WAEB —790 AM.
- ✻ Call the Church at 610-863-4811, listen for message and press 1.

The pastors will make every effort to provide worship services. Therefore, please use your own judgment in deciding whether it is safe for you to venture outside.

# News from GYM

Wow!! February has come and gone so quickly. Grace Youth Ministries has been very busy throughout the month.

On February 14<sup>th</sup> we headed with 16 kids and adults to Blue Mountain for snow tubing. We had a great night of fun and fellowship.

On February 21<sup>st</sup> was our "Mid Winter Blast" Volleyball tournament at Pen Argyl Area High School. This was a huge success with over 80 kids and adults attending. We had 8 volleyball teams battling in the tournament. There were door prizes given out all evening and prizes for the winning and losing teams. Two Grand Prizes, which were an Ipod & Digital Camera, were given away at the end of the night. Dave Dowling came and gave a message to the kids on how important it is to keep God as your focus point in life. He used a chair as the focus point. He challenged the kids at the end of his message to wake up each morning and ask himself, "Will you be sitting in the chair each day or are we going to allow God to sit in our chair each day?" It was a very powerful message. Thanks to our kitchen crew for the subs, chips & drinks. The kids definitely had a blast and so did the adults. This was a great outreach to our community and we would like to thank everyone who helped make this a HUGE success.

The Famine is being held on February 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. This event is always a success. We will have more details on the outcome of this event in next month's newsletter. Please keep GYM in your prayers as we continue to grow as a youth group and reach out to our youth here at Grace Church. If you have a child in 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades, we encourage you to have them come and join us at Youth Group on Sunday evenings.

In Christian Love,  
Rich & Karen



On **March 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>**, the youth group will be heading up to Mountain Lake on their annual retreat at the Rader's cabins in Reeders. Please plan on joining us for a spirit filled weekend along with lots of fun, food and fellowship. Retreats are a time to grow spiritually and bond with each other as a youth group. Please pick up your permission slips at the church office or at youth group on Sunday nights. We will be meeting at the church on Friday night at 5:30 and returning Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m.

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

Our weekly youth group meetings will be held for the month of March on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00.

The dates are **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan on joining us for fun, food and fellowship.

# Rebuking the Lord

*Who would ever want to rebuke the Lord? Sadly,, we do it all the time.*

*"He (Jesus) spoke plainly He He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." (Mark 8:32) Can you believe that Peter called a side-bar with Jesus and talked him down?*

Like a PR agent, Peter might have told him it is not good for his image to talk about death. Like a campaign manager, Peter might have told him he should stay off the negative, that his words were a campaign nightmare. Like a good friend, Peter might have pulled him aside to tell him, as he later did, not to worry — he had his back.

Peter rebuked Jesus. Talk about foot and mouth disease!

I don't know about you, but I rebuke Jesus all the time:

- † I'm not a big fan of carrying heavy objects, not to mention a symbol of death, the cross.
- † I am not a big fan of selling all I possess and giving it to the poor. After all, they haven't shown that they can handle money.
- † I am not thrilled about washing feet. I would have gone for the money and become a podiatrist if I enjoyed feet.
- † I am not a big fan of being last in line for everything. What is left of the food is cold.

† I am not a fan of being a servant. It is a thankless job and people take advantage of you.

† I am not a big fan of associating with criminals. They mess with my image. I would rather protect my skin than stand beside a friend, even if he were innocent.

† I am not a big fan of suffering. They harassed Jesus almost every day.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

~ Mark 8:31-32 ~

They bound him, flogged him, nailed him to the cross, hung him up to die, and proceeded to ridicule him as he drooped from his cross. Who wants any of that? I want to feel safe in his arms.

† I am not a big fan of dying, even if it is to myself.

I'd much rather join him for all his guest appearances for dinner at the homes of sinners.

I rebuke Jesus all the time. Yet, he comes back, over and over, and whispers in my ear, "Do you love me?"

And I always reply, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you!"

I guess that is why I cry so often when I look at the cross. His blood drips for me. His last breath cry for forgiveness is offered for me. He died for me.

He did what I could not do, so I could gain what I do not deserve.



# Community Lenten Worship

Date	Time	Host Church	Preacher
Wednesday March 3	7:30 pm	Grace UMC 404 E. Mountain Avenue Pen Argyl, PA	Rev. Paulette Obrecht
Wednesday March 10	7:30 pm	St. John's Lutheran 12 N. Westbrook Avenue Pen Argyl, PA	Rev. Jane Gaeta
Wednesday March 17	7:30 pm	Bangor / Roseto Presbyterian 332 Kennedy Drive Bangor, PA	Rev. Ruthann Christopher
Wednesday March 24	7:30 pm	St. Joseph's Episcopal 1440 Verona Avenue Pen Argyl, PA	Rev. Dean Frey
Good Friday April 2	12:00 pm	First UMC 19 West Street Wind Gap, PA	Rev. Frank Terhune

The Scholarship Fund Committee of Grace United Methodist Church invites all graduating senior high students, who are members of Grace Church, and are planning to pursue a formal, higher education degree, to apply for a Kathryn J. and Walter R. Speck Scholarship Award.

The scholarship(s) awarded each year are based upon an applicant's financial need, church activities, and scholastic achievements. These awards are solely funded by the Kathryn J. and Walter R. Speck Scholarship Fund. Applications may be obtained from the church secretary during office hours or by calling the office (610-863-4811) to make pick-up arrangements.



The completed applications must be returned to the church office in a sealed envelope labeled "Speck Scholarship Committee" by Sunday, April 11, 2010.

## UPLIFT FITNESS

Tuesdays & Thursdays

5:45 TO 6:45 PM

Immediately following stay for...

Target Tone 6:45 to 7:15

\$20.00 for the whole month or pay \$3.00 per night - come for one or both classes!

ALL ages and abilities. High and low intensity workouts - with lots of laughs and fellowship.

## Join a Small Group Study of the "Truth Project"

**Sundays** — Chip Williams, Leader, 6:30 pm at the Williams' home, 1645 Delabole Rd., Pen Argyl

**Mondays** — Scott Ziegenfuss, Leader, 6:30 pm at the Ziefenfuss' home, 19 George St., Pen Argyl

**Tuesdays** — Linda Stackhouse, Leader, 6:30 pm at the Butkowskis' home, 1640 Schoolhouse Ln., Pen Argyl

**Wednesdays** — Pastor Larry, Leader 5:00 pm in fellowship hall (*will begin at 5:00 with soup and showing of DVD*)

**Thursdays** — Len Petraitis, Leader, 6:30 pm at the Petraitis' home, 301 E. Penn. Ave., Pen Argyl **Group for Men Only**

**Fridays** — Boyd Rapp, Leader, 6:30 pm at the McFalls' home, 1796 Chardonnay Dr., Easton.

### 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 —

## Worship In March

March 7 — *Third Sunday in Lent*  
**"Winning the Battle Within"**  
Galatians 5:16-25  
"The Truth Project"

March 14 — *Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
**"Source of All Truth"**  
Colossians 2:2-3  
"The Truth Project"

March 21 — *Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
**"Believing Is Seeing"**  
Romans 1:18-23, 25  
"The Truth Project"

March 28 — *Palm Sunday*  
**"Planned with Purpose"**  
Isaiah 46:9-11  
"The Truth Project"

## Holy Week Services

April 1 — *Maundy Thursday Communion*  
6:00 — Contemporary Communion Service in Fellowship Hall  
7:00 — Traditional Communion Service in the sanctuary

**"A Table of Invitation"**  
Mark 14:12-26

April 4 — *Easter Dawn Service at Pen Argyl Stadium*  
**"Faith Facing Down Fear"**  
Matthew 28:1-10

April 4 — *Easter Worship*  
**"The Lord of Nonsense"**  
Luke 24:1-12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm AG Worship Team / Worship Design	2 5:45 pm Uplift Fitness 7:00 pm Faith Bible Study 7:30 pm Praise Team 1	3 4:00 pm Children's Choir 5:00 pm Lenten Bible Study 7:30 pm Community Lenten Service - Grace UMC	4 5:45 pm Uplift Fitness 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:30 pm Celebration Choir	5	6 Cornish Society Tea
7 8:00 am Prayer Time 8:30 am Amazing Grace 9:30 am Spirit Cafe 9:45 am Celebration Service /Sunday School 10:45 am Spirit Cafe 11:00 am Morning Worship 3:30 pm Confirmation Class 5:30 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Believing is Seeing	8 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm SPRC 7:00 pm HIMS of Praise	9 5:45 pm Uplift Fitness 7:00 pm Faith Bible Study 7:00 pm Praise Team 1	10 4:00 pm Children's Choir 5:00 pm Lenten Bible Study 7:00 pm Trustees 7:30 pm Community Lenten Service - St. John's Lutheran	11 5:45 pm Uplift Fitness 6:15 pm Celebration Team Meeting 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:30 pm Celebration Choir	12 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	13 Cornish Society Tea—Snow Date
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