

The Bi-Monthly Newsletter
of Grace Church of
Pen Argyl

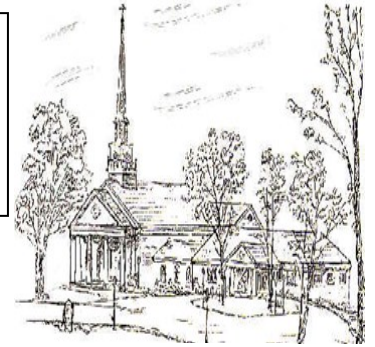
Grace Notes



Grace Church Mission

Nurture – Outreach – Witness

Our ministries do N. O. W.



May
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June
2025



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Sundays At Grace

9:30am—Worship Service
9:30am—Children's Sunday School

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FROM THE PASTOR

Seasons of Easter/Pentecost, 2025

It's often said that John Wesley's last words, as he lay dying at his home in London near City Road Chapel where he is buried on March 2, 1791, were, "The best of all is, God is with us." Those words were close, but not his last. According to the "Wesley Center Online" of Northwest Nazarene University, Mrs. Charles Wesley (the wife of John's nearly equally famous brother who wrote over 6,500 hymns) moistened his lips during the night and "he repeated the thanksgiving which he had always used after meals, 'We thank thee, O Lord, for these and all thy mercies; bless the Church and the king; and grant us truth and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, forever and ever.'

"During the night he was often heard to say, 'I'll praise-- I'll praise.' Next morning, about ten o'clock, Joseph Bradford, his faithful companion and nurse, prayed at the bedside, where eleven of Wesley's friends were assembled. The dying patriarch was heard to say, 'Farewell;' then as Bradford was repeating, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and this heir of glory shall come in!" he entered, "without a lingering groan," into the joy of his Lord."

"I'll praise--- I'll praise.... Farewell."

According to John Telford's 1886 biography of Wesley, those words were spoken as Wesley was trying to recall Psalm 46 which, as he would have known it in the King James'

"Authorized" Version, declares:

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

The Men's breakfasts will be held on Saturday, May 3rd and June 7th, both at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Dick Stiles or Jessica in the office.



*All men are welcome
and encouraged to bring a friend!*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us each week after the 9:30am worship service for Adult Sunday School!

Missions and Social Concerns

The Missions committee had a great meeting in April planning the balance of our calendar!

Save the DATES!

We will be hosting an AUCTION (as some of our other Methodist churches have found successful!) on **12.20.2025**. We are seeking items to be auctioned off! Then kitchen will be open for dinner as well!

Christmas Craft Show will be held **11.22.2025**

Spaghetti Dinner will be **03.14.2026**

Children's Ministries

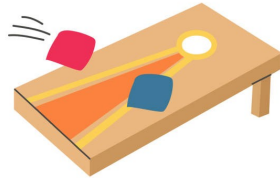
The Children's Sunday School Department is hosting

Family Fun Night

June 14th 6:00pm-8:00pm

Kick Off to Summer

There will be hot dogs on the grill, a campfire with songs and s'mores, quoits, bean bag toss and relay games!



The Children's Sunday School Departments are also glad to host Rally day and Promotion Sunday on **September 7, 2025**.



² Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

³ Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

⁴ There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

⁶ The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

⁹ He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

¹⁰ Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah."

As we have celebrated Easter's promise of salvation from bondage to sin and victory over death, and continue in its season, it seems fitting to reflect upon those last words of saints we have known or respect.

Ruth Bell Graham, the wife of evangelist Billy Graham, died in 2007 and had this chiseled into her tombstone, "End of Construction -- Thank you for your patience."

I'd say that 'last word' is a pretty good one as we await the 'final triumph' when the Lord Jesus returns in glory.

Vacation Bible School

July 7-11, 2025 6-8pm

Our first meeting was very productive handing out the curriculum for this year. We have some new staff members which we are very excited about! And, we can actually use a few more people as the number of children attending are increasing each year!!!! **Along with helpers, we NEED a leader of the Preschool group.** "Scout" is anxious to meet all of you and especially the children as we prepared for our Road Trip learning God's word. Any and all help is a blessing. Ruf!



Would you like to take a ROAD TRIP? If you love road trips, games, crafts, music and just down right fun, (oh and ice cream) then you will not want to miss VBS this summer! Our new friend, Scout, will be taking us on the road, stopping at 5 mile markers learning of our God's word. Spread the word to all as we prepare for a week long adventure for pre-school children all the way through our newest group of Teens! Registration will open soon!

To join our group of Navigators, please contact Pat Weber at 484-695-5754 or Jessica in the church office.

"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9

For, as Paul told the Thessalonians in their confusion,

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words."

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

So, my friends, take heart and be of good courage: those who are in Christ now live toward glory!

Yours ever in Christ,

Pastor Tim





May 5: Mary Ann Repsher

May 6: Patty Bray

May 12: Sharon Wilson

May 28: Donald Gold

May 29: Pastor Robin Fisher



June 5: Rich Freeman

June 7: Bonnie Miller

June 11: Shirley Lutz

June 18: Nancy Michler

June 28: Nichole Smith



May 5: Pastors Tim & Robin Fisher

May 7: Duane & Nichole Smith

May 23: David & Louise

May 26: David & Kris Baker

May 27: Dick & Nancy Stiles

May 30: Scott & Jill Frawley



June 5: Robert & Priscilla Bartholomew


June 12: Ron & Martha Sandt


Andrew & Lana Quinn

June 17: Kenny and Christy Brewer

June 23: Walt & Mary Lou Cole

June 29: Kenton & Sue Brobst

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