

*The Bi-Monthly
Newsletter of Grace
Church of Pen Argyl*



Grace Notes

Grace Church Mission
Nurture – Outreach – Witness
Our ministries do N. O. W.



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Sundays At Grace
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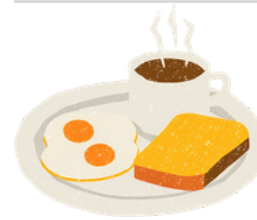
FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings to our Grace Church Family! Debbie and I have only met many of you briefly in Worship so far but we KNOW that you are OUR Church Family in Christ Jesus because God brought us together by His own Holy Spirit to be His Church here in Pen Argyl in Jesus' Name! THANK YOU for all your cards and gifts and caring for us as we have already enjoyed your hospitality here so much! We are continuing through the Gospel of John [all about Jesus and His Love] this month as we say goodbye to Summer and start the 'school year' together with excitement about what our Lord has in store for us through the rest of 2026! We'll start September [9/6] by sharing our Lord's Supper and finishing up John 6 [Jesus, our Bread of Life] in 9:30am Worship then we'll be in Matthew 16 and John 8 [BE The Church!] for **9/13 Rally Day and Back to Church Sunday** at a special time of **@10:30am** with picnic lunch to follow [all outside weather permitting]. We will joyfully celebrate our children moving up in Sunday School and the start of a new Teen class as well! There will be lots of food, fun/games, and fellowship to share for ALL AGES so please COME OUT and invite your family, friends and neighbors [even your ENEMIES says Jesus!] to celebrate how we can ALL "Be The Church" that Jesus is building TOGETHER!! Come BACK TO CHURCH after all the travels and refreshment of Summer but ALSO consider those who have missed out for more than a season; perhaps months or even years away from the Body of Christ together and BRING THEM ALONG! We would LOVE to meet everyone you can bring. It will be so nice to stay, eat and share fun/fellowship with our whole Church Family and ALL the people you can invite/pick-up to join us here at Grace Church! Sun. 9/20 and beyond we go back to our normal 9:30am Worship time with Adult Sunday School following now in Fellowship Hall as our numbers have been INCREASING: Praise the Lord!!

In Jesus' Perfect Love [All of His Truth & Grace]

-Pastor Rob Timlin

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST



Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 12th (second Saturday due to Labor Day weekend) and October 3rd at 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall. All men are invited and welcome to bring a friend.

WOMEN OF GRACE

The Women of Grace invite you to join their September 21st meeting at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be enjoying pizza while planning our sponsored Family Fun Night (10/10). There will not be a meeting in October.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Youth Sunday School begins September 20! All students in grades 7-12 are welcome! Bring your friends! Meet in the sanctuary at the 9:30am church service. Class will dismiss together for Sunday School after the Children's Message. Students will meet parents after the service in the Narthex.

The Children's Sunday School Departments are looking for more helpers as we continue to grow. Commitment is only one hour per month during the church hour. We have fantastic students and volunteers! Please prayerfully consider this great opportunity to work with our youth. Contact Beth Snyder or Jessica in the church office if interested.



SIGHT AND SOUND



JONAH

May 1, 2027 Show at 11am

Adults \$156.00

Kids (age 2-12) \$100.50

Another great show for the kids!

54 seats available

Reservation and Payment deadline: March 14, 2027

Anyone interested in donating to help defray the cost would be very much appreciated.

Please see Denny Miller at 610-703-1412 or
dmbm74@outlook.com if you are interested
in attending or donating



SOUP & STUDY

Every Wednesday beginning September 23rd

We begin at 6pm with a meal then start the
video and discussion afterwards

ALL ARE WELCOME

MISSIONS

Labor Day is just a few days away. But, before you know it the snow will be giving us a winter wonderland, and the sweet sounds of Christmas hymns will be in the air. Fall means a very busy time for our Missions committee. Save the date for your early Christmas shopping at our Fall Craft Event, November 21st. We will also be filing Shoe Boxes again this year and my favorite, our Angel trees. You are all so generous and supportive of our projects that it makes my heart full. I thank God everyday for each and every one of you! Our upcoming meeting will be Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm and Thursday, October 8th at 6:30pm. Beginning in November, we will meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

A Note from Pastor Tim

Thank you so much for the overwhelming reception which you gave me upon my retirement. It was very touching and I appreciate your inclusion of my family and friends from other congregations I've served. Your warm wishes and generous gifts to me were likewise overwhelming. I have been very touched and blessed by what you did for me in this moment and by the relationships I have formed during my service among you at Grace Church. I wish you all the warmest Godspeed and perhaps a serendipitous meeting in the future if not "the sweet by and by".

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tim Fisher

Financial Update

Thank you to all who faithfully support Grace during the summer months. Whether you are present or not, the church expenses are ongoing, and we rely on each of you to continue your weekly giving throughout the entire year.

As is typical, our weekly giving has been lower during the summer months. This makes it difficult to meet payroll, pay our apportionment and monthly bills.

We started 2026 with a deficit of \$6,000. We were able to catch up and get back on track until recently. Since our new pastor receives a housing allowance, instead of living in the parsonage, and his health insurance is more expensive since Pastor Tim was on Medicare, our monthly bills increased. At the same time, we have been unable to rent the parsonage which we had hoped would offset some of the increased expenses.

The Trustees are weighing options regarding the parsonage, but to meet our present obligations, we must borrow funds from the undesignated endowment fund. We always hesitate to do this because we know we cannot continue to follow this path.

Please consider your financial support of Grace Church by catching up on your summer giving, increasing your weekly giving, or by submitting an additional one-time donation. We greatly appreciate your support and together with God's grace we will meet our financial obligations.

Grace Leadership Team



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 8: Patti Damour
September 10: Rob Johnston
September 17: Jill Frawley
September 18: Andrew Quinn
September 20: Bob Michler

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 11: Rob & Cathy Johnston
September 13: Stephanie & Chris Ponist
September 15: Patti & Jeff Damour
September 25: Shirley & Lee Lutz

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 4: Sandy Kay
Marsha Sandt
October 14: Ray Gibson
October 15: Walter Cole
October 26: Jeff Smith
Lois Shelley
October 29: Laurie Ziegenfuss



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 10: Brenda & David Beers

Rally Day

& Back to Church Sunday

Sunday, September 13th

Worship service begins at 10:30am

Picnic lunch, games and fellowship to follow

All Outdoors (weather permitting)

Grace Church Fall Craft Fair November 21, 2026

9am - 3pm

Bake Sale - Crafters - Vendors

Silent Auction



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

October 10

6pm

Food, Crafts, Games and Fellowship for all!

LOOKOUT FIRE CO. NO. 1

Pen Argyl, PA

MOONLIGHT LANTERN FESTIVAL

SAT, OCTOBER 3RD 4-9PM

Weona Park, Pen Argyl

Tickets are available on the fire company's Facebook page or at the gate.
See Denny Miller for more information

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