

*A Sanctuary of Hope and
Jesus' Love for Everyone*



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GRACE NOTES

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Greetings!

As I write this, I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of Fall. Fall is the time for harvest, the time we reap what we have sown in the spring and nurtured throughout the summer. Understandably, Fall can be a time of excitement, but also a time of anxiety, especially in the case of a dry summer. This summer has not been dry, but the anxiety levels are unprecedented, at least for my lifetime. Yet we have hope because we put our faith in Jesus Christ. Over the past month we have been discussing discipleship and its importance to others in our lives and to ourselves. In light of that, I am going to try to spend some time this Fall intentionally engaging in some self-care, or self-discipleship if you will allow me to coin the term. In this moment of time when everything is so difficult and stressful, it is more important than ever to take a deep breath and recognize that we must be able to take care of ourselves before we can help anyone else. The first step is accepting that you are worth spending some of your time on! I encourage you to pass some time doing things for yourself that fill you up, that restore your energy rather than depleting it. The world often takes and takes from your personal resources and often does not give much back. Whatever that looks like for you, I encourage you to make those opportunities for yourself this month.

For the two months that we have been with you, I have been excited by your energy, and encouraged by your interest in "being the church" at a time when that is extremely hard to accomplish. Pastor Stephanie and I acknowledge that it has been a challenge to get to know you all in our current circumstances. We will continue to make efforts to find ways to meet and get to know all of you. One of the great ways to accomplish this is to take advantage of our two Sunday worship opportunities. In August we started an outside worship service at 9:00 am. It has been well attended and has afforded all of us an opportunity to gather once again as the Body of Christ. We will continue to offer that as long as the weather allows. We love the cold, so as long as there are intrepid individuals willing to come, we will be out there. We also continue to offer the 10:00 am inside worship service. We very much appreciate everybody's cooperation and willingness to roll with the punches that COVID continues to administer.

Despite the obvious challenges, Pastor Stephanie and I are very excited to have been called to this great place. We look forward to all that God is calling us and Grace-St. Paul's church to do in our little corner of His Kingdom.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Tim

Sunday Worship

9:00 am- OUTDOOR B.Y.O.E. SERVICE

**BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR, COFFEE, ETC.
AND ENJOY THIS BRIEF (½ hour), MEANINGFUL SERVICE
NO REGISTRATION or MASKS REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING STILL IN EFFECT**

10:00 am- INDOOR WORSHIP

(Online livestreaming also available for this service. Please visit gspumc.org for link.)

MASKS MUST BE WORN AND SOCIAL DISTANCING MAINTAINED

Communion

There will be communion at both services this Sunday, October 4th. Covid-19 precautions will be taken.

Thursday Morning Bible Study 10 am

Thursday morning Bible study has resumed in the church sanctuary. Social distancing will be in place and please wear a mask. If you would like to join via Zoom, please email the church.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Bible and experiencing Christian community is welcome to attend.

The study resumed with Romans 14 and talked about the importance of not judging others when their ways are different from ours. Instead, God wants us to encourage and build up each other. God wants us to lay aside our own preferences for the good of others. In this time of physical distancing and discord, it is an important lesson for all of us.

HELP NEEDED

After much thought & planning.... a landscaping project has begun along the front of the church.

Help is needed to keep the front of the church and the area around the bell tower weeded.

GOD'S church and YOUR church home, needs YOUR help!

Please Contact- Ted Jacobs @ 717-968-1901

WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE THE WORLD IS FALLING APART; PRAY
BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST TOGETHER IN ONE HEART; PRAY
WHEN YOU FEEL HELPLESS AND SMALL; PRAY
THE FATHER ABOVE SENDS PERFECT LOVE, ONE SPIRIT FOR ALL; PRAY
MOST HOLY CREATOR OF ALL LIVING THINGS, WE TRUST IN YOU
YOUR ANSWERS ARE TRUE, YOU KNOW THE WAY
ALL WE NEED DO IS PRAY.. AMEN



-Joy Connell

KidzZone

Attention children of all ages and
parents!

Check out the church's website for
information and web link for lessons for
Sunday.

You can pick and choose what activity
you like to do.

There are coloring pages, mazes, word
searches, crossword puzzles, etc. for
preschool to elementary ages.

All lessons are from the church lectionary.

We miss you all. Stay safe.

- KidzZone Teachers

***Do you check your email
often?***

Post pictures to Facebook?

Surf the web?

If you answered **YES** to any or all of these
questions, you are **QUALIFIED** to join the
GSP Sunday Morning Tech Team!!

We would like to have a rotation of at
least 3 different teams of 2.

Help keep our livestream services
available for all!

Contact gspumcoffice@gmail.com to
volunteer!

**The GSP Women's Ministry will
be sending out requests for their
annual Bakeless Bake Sale. This
important fundraiser will help
support missions in the Jim
Thorpe area and beyond. Some of
the missions supported include:
Prayer Shawl Ministry, Local Food
Pantries, and Care Net of Carbon
County.**

Thank you for your support!

Newsletter Note: Thank you all so much for your support
during the changes with the newsletter this year!

After some thoughts and discussion, we decided to go
back to a monthly publication of the newsletter for the
time being.

If you have any questions, please email me at
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Thank you!
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