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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
9:00am—2:00pm

Worship Times:

9:00-9:45am-Kids Sunday School
10:00 am—Worship
11:00 am—Adult Sunday School



11:00 am—Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall
(downstairs) every Sunday (unless otherwise
stated).

New Year's Message

FROM THE PASTOR

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Dear Friends,

I want to share a few stories about my own journey that began back in 2008 when I first arrived in America. The transition was filled with learning experiences—some delightful and others, well, not so much!

"I still remember my first week in Philadelphia in August 2009 when I arrived from Minnesota to begin my seminary studies. It started with the piercing sound of a fire alarm test; I hadn't been informed when I arrived on campus the night before— My first encounter with such a noise! A fire alarm is alien to me, as I have never encountered one in my life.

In a flurry of confusion, I rushed out in my pajamas, not knowing whether to laugh or cry. That evening, another international student, by Samuel from India, faced his own comedic challenge. He accidentally turned on a sink grinder, unleashing a cacophony that left him bewildered. I walked him to his studio room and turned the sink off. Sharing my own hurdle from that morning, we both laughed. It was clear that navigating and adapting to life in a new country would come with its share of surprises.

My adventures didn't stop there. A year later, at Dubuque Seminary in Iowa, as I tried to enhance my kitchen skills in this new land, I learned that not all soaps are created equal. Using dish soap in the dishwasher resulted in a foam explosion that left my roommate gaping in disbelief when they returned from their classes. These experiences remind me of our common journey—filled with trials, errors, and a whole lot of learning.

As we enter this new year, I see parallels between my mishaps and our spiritual lives. Just as my friends helped me learn the importance of using the right soap in the right machine, we, too, are called to support one another in our walk of faith. This year beckons us to reflect, seek God's guidance, and lean on one another in our collective faith journeys.

As you ponder your New Year's resolutions, I encourage you to place them in God's loving arms. Trust that He will equip you with the necessary tools for our ministries and personal growth. Embrace this new year with hope and confidence, knowing that with Christ's strength, all things are possible.

Happy New Year 2026!

Pastor Owar Happy New





Sermon Titles and summary~ January 2026

This month, we're journeying through the season of Epiphany. "Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "revelation," and this season celebrates the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, as represented by the visit of the Magi (Wise Men) and other events that manifests Jesus' identity and mission.

Sunday, January 4th

Jeremiah 29:11— "A Vision for Your Life"

Jeremiah reminds us of God's sovereignty, His love, and His perfect plan for each of us. God is the one who has plan and purpose for you, and you are only stepping into His steppingstones in your life journey.

Sunday, January 11th

Matthew 2:19-21— "Herod is Dead!"

Herod's death signifies divine justice, marking the end of a ruler who opposed God's plan for the Messiah (Matthew 2:15). This event underscores God's authority over earthly powers and implies that our enemies cannot stop His will in our lives.

Sunday, January 18th

John 1:29-42 — "Discovering Jesus: A Call to Discipleship"

When John's disciples discovered Jesus, they left John to follow Him, indicating a shift from a teacher-student relationship to a personal relationship with Christ. This symbolizes a call for every Christian to pursue a deeper connection with Jesus, leaving the past behind.

Sunday, January 25st

Matthew 4:17,23 — "What is the Kingdom of God?"

The Kingdom of God represents God's personal reign on earth. It calls for repentance, urges the sharing of good news, and demonstrates God's power over the world. It represents both a present reality and a future hope, urging believers to align their lives with God's purposes.



“Lighting the Light of Glory “ service was held December 28th for our members families who have passed on to Glory in 2025.



Arch Carroll

Bill Renard



Thank You So Much

Thank you to the Deacons for the great Christmas stocking given to us shut ins.

Love you all,
Alice Atkinson

Community Events



Stephanie and Sue handed out hot cocoa on a cold day at Lower Burrell's "Christmas in the Woods"-

December 13th

The Polar Express pulled into the church on December 20th— The (80) Kids Loved it!!





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 2	James Drane	February 16	Ryan Gott
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February 11	Debbie Roskey	February 25	Jodi Johnson
February 14	Marcia Sackett		

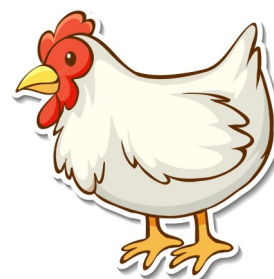
UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE

Let's have SOUP Together – Sunday, January 25th following worship- Join us to celebrate the colder weather With a warm bowl of soup, sandwich, and sweet treat!
Donation/Free Will Offering to benefit Knead Cafe



ANNUAL CHICKEN PIE DINNER!!

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 AT
5:00PM





Get to Know.....

Jackie Chickerella

Name: Jackie Chickerella

Nickname: Jackie

Number of Years w/Grace Church: 45 years

Favorite thing(s) about Grace Church: The people, the music and the message

Occupation and/or Retired from: Receptionist for eye doctor

Favorite Meal: Pizza

3 Items Always in your Refrigerator: cookies, bread and jelly

Favorite Type of Vacation: Italy

Favorite Hobby or Recreation: Golf and a large collection of green Depression glass

People Would Be Surprised to Know: I love to play cards and dominoes

Hidden Talent: I have knitted since age 12

Always Wanted to: Travel and have been many places

What Makes My Heart Smile: Seeing Chick Smile.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Lori Guzikowski– She is recovering after jaw and tongue surgery and is doing well.
- Dave Highfield-He is home and recovering from his fall off the roof. (injured neck & back)
- Ken McGearry
- Glenn Nordmark-He is rehabbing at UPMC Mercy– 1400 Locust St. –Pittsburgh– Room 7004



Baptism of Gianna Ames– November 30, 2025



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