



Grace United Methodist Church Season's of Grace! SPRING EDITION



SUMMER SERVICE
TIME CHANGE
BEGINNING June 4 to Sep-
tember 24—9:00AM

June 04
Rev. Brenda Leigey, DS
Leads communion
worship service
9: 00AM

June 11
Pastor Deb Farewell
Party, 1:00PM
The Hedden's Farm

June 23-24
Centre Hall Townwide
Yards and café and our
Youth Group Yard Sale

July 02
Welcome Pastor Sandy
Kraft

July 23-27
Vacation Bible School

July 30
Outdoor service and
church picnic, Centre
Hall Lions Club

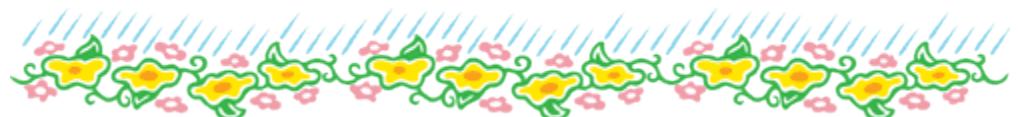
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

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“May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favor and give you His peace.”
Numbers 6: 24-26

When was the last time someone prayed a blessing over you? It is a comforting experience that communicates on many levels that you are cared about by God and the person praying for you. Perhaps you came from a family who attended a church regularly and being prayed over by family and the church happened on a regular basis. Perhaps you never grew up with blessings except for the occasional person who would utter the words “Bless you” when you sneezed, or when Aunt Tilly would pronounce, “Well God Bless your Pea Pickin’ Heart!” over you with a sympathetic nod or gesture. For me, these words were a blessing my pastor, Rev Robert T. Webster made the youth memorize as part of our benediction to each other after each youth group meeting. (along with the secret way of holding hands around the circle when we said it.) Today is a different day. And in this world, blessing each other in God’s name is not always even considered the polite or politically correct way to be with each other. And yet, I believe there is a part of each and every one of God’s created who longs for a blessing from his or her created. Why? Simply put.....Because we need it.

Let’s step back a moment and understand what a blessing is and what it tells us about God and about us. First of all, God is the source of all blessings. When God created humanity (Adam and Eve) the very first thing God did was to bless them. (Gen 1:28). The Hebrew word Bless means to kneel down and to come close. The word you in this Aaronic priestly blessing from Numbers



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6 is addressed to you in the singular form. As he metaphorically bends to us in this blessing it shows that the God of all Glory and Majesty comes to us to benefit each of us individually. The God of all grace wants to come to each of us to give us himself...his faithfulness, mercy, forgiveness, grace, love, comfort, joy, hope, guidance, redemption, adoption, acceptance and so much more. Through Jesus we have every spiritual blessing. (Ephesians 1:3) And because God is infinite, we can never reach the end of his blessings.

This is my last letter to you before I move on to journey with a new congregation in Carlisle---Middlesex UMC. As I leave this place I want to thank you for the many ways you have blessed both Gary and I with your love. I want to pray God's blessing over all of you, knowing that in its fullness God's blessing brings a peace that is much more than an absence of strife. The Hebrew word Shalom or peace, stems from the word which means restoration back to the original state of being. God's peace is not just harmony, but is instead understood to mean completeness---fulfillment, wholeness, rest and welfare, soundness and safety.

And so dear friends, as you prepare to open your hearts to your new pastor, and journey with her in the ministry to which God leads you, may you feel the Holy Spirit bringing these ancient words freshly to you today. May you be blessed and protected. May you feel God's favor for you and God's acceptance of you. May you experience the fullness of God's Blessings and Grace and Peace that you might be a blessing to others and change the world with your love!

Amen!

Your Partner in Christ's ministry,
Pastor Deb Dailey





SUMMER SERVICE TIME CHANGE

BEGINNING June 4
to September 24
Worship 9:00AM



Centre Hall / Potter Township Food Pantry

Established in 1983 by a small group of volunteers, the Pantry provides food to families each month of the year. The volunteers come from the community and churches in the Centre Hall and Potter Township areas. They meet early in the morning on the third Tuesday of each month (except August, the second Tuesday) to pack food. Later in the day, families who qualify pick up their order. The Pantry is located in the lower level of the Grace United Methodist



April: Cake mixes

May: Kitchen garbage bags

June: Paper towels



APRIL MISSION: YMCA of Centre County—

Anti-Hunger Programs

MAY MISSION: United Methodist Home for Children

JUNE MISSION: Mercy Ships



2023 GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following students:

Dakota Brodzina,
Penn's Valley High School

Caroline Collison,
Bloomsburg University

Ellie Coursen,
Penn's Valley High School

Paige Musser,
Penn's Valley High School

Lukas Winkelblech,
The Pennsylvania State University



Thursday, May 4

The National Day of Prayer that we know today was **founded in 1952**, and it a was co-founded effort between the United States Congress and President Harry S. Truman. The holiday was signed into law by President Truman, and every president since has signed a proclamation that encourages Americans to pray on and celebrate this day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 23 to 27

Grace Church



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT HELEN SCHUBERT AT:

helenehiggings@gmail.com

MISSION MOMENTS

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Monthly Collection Program



New thing!

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Mission

April - Games/puzzles—cards, Uno, Flashcards, puzzles, marbles, dice, etc.

- ◆ Of course, we will accept ANY donations regardless of the monthly highlight category.
- ◆ Donation Box will be placed in the hallway at the back entrance.
- ◆ Reminder—NO liquids, food, weapons or scary/war related items.

Questions? Please contact Kelly Wian directly or the church office. Thank you!

FUTURE MONTHLY DONATION SUGGESTIONS:

May—HOMEMADE ITEMS—KNIT HATS, WOODEN TOYS, SEWN CLOTHES, TOTE BAGS, PENCIL POUCHES, ETC.

June—WOW! ITEMS—STUFFED ANIMALS, DOLLS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, BINOCULARS, COMPASS, TOOLS, FISHING KIT, ETC. (REMINDER, IT NEEDS TO FIT INTO A SHOEBOX!)

July—ART SUPPLIES—COLORING BOOKS, CRAYONS, MARKERS, DIY CRAFT KITS, SEWING KITS, ETC.

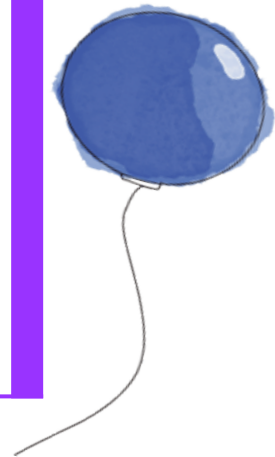
Mark your Calendar for November. We'll work together to pack boxes full of all these items including the Good News of Christ which go to children all over the world.



Chris Palmer	02	Derek Vones	04
Dan Gensimore	07	Ashlynn McClenahan	07
Madison Judy	08	Audrie Kapinus	08
Brian Royer	08	Corinne Vones	08
Deneen Keller	15	Clarissa Keller	17
Don Wilkins	17	Laurie Judy-Brown	18
Jacob Conklin	21	Carolyn Foust	22
Drew Gensimore	23	Connie Hile	23
Kathryn Burger	24	Evan Heiser	25
Benjamin Groy	29	Trey Judy	29



Donna and Jack Coursen	20
Brenda and Arlyn Heinrichs	22
Sherri and Randy Gilliland	22
Doris and Thomas Smeltzer	25
Mari and Brian Royer	30



A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Another year of life upon this earth: I hope that you have used it fully and well. And yet another starting now, today: perhaps you should rededicate your life, and give it to the Lord, who gave you yours. For all that went before has passed behind; your future lies before you like a road. And so I pray the Lord will be with you, and dwell with you, and keep you as His own, and walk with you, beside you, down the road. And now I pray that He will make today the finest birthday that you ever had.
by Rev. Bill McGinnis - Public Domain



Paul Winkelblech	01	Sandy Gentzel	13
Krista Winkelblech	02	Kristin Darr	14
Erica Vones	07	Nicky Harbaugh	14
Addie Harbaugh	08	Connie Burger	17
Jeff Wert	08	Tim Ash	18
Allan Darr	09	Page Gaddis	23
Derek Lucas	10	Jack Oakes	23
Alice Montgomery	10	Ava Reeder	24
Morgan Hedden	11	Kale Beaver	28
Gloria Wert	12	Lou Cole	28
Connie Yearick	12	Jack Coursen	30
Brandi Brodzina	13		



Audrey and Jack Oakes	06
Marie and Jeremy Peters	15
Anne and Barry Sands	30
Shirley and Tim Ash	31
Eileen and Bob Booz	31
Michelle and Craig Collison	31
Krista and Paul Winkelblech	31



Lucy Reeder	01	Garrett Schwier	14
Julia Schubert	02	Ed Kapinus	15
Jay Reeder	06	Kailen Winkelblech	16
Georgiana Cole-Archer	07	Dan Lucas	17
Timothy Cole-Archer	09	Barbara Barnaby	18
Marisa Heiser	09	Chase Collison	19
Josh Schubert	09	Erskine Cash	21
Yvonne Smith	09	Joel Conklin	22
Pastor Dailey	13	Cindy Kellander	30



Theresa and Brian Heiser	01	Nancy and Tom Stoner	15
Barbara and Dennis Long	07	Cheryl and Don Lucas	17
Connie and John Yearick	08	Phyllis and Van Jodon	20
Naomi and Ted Clouser	09	Kalena and Aaron Smith	24
Carolyn and Steve Foust	13		
Connie and Gary Hile	14		





June 11—Pastor Deb’s Farewell Party, 1:00PM at the Hedden Farm

July 30 —Church service and church picnic will be at Centre Hall Lions Club

June 23-24

Save the date for the café, Centre Hall Town Wide Yard Sale Weekend. For more information and if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jane at 814-777-1099. Thanks

**Community
Events**



May 13th-

Bicycle Rodeo (10am-12pm) at the C H Library parking lot. Children will ride through a bicycle skills course, do a bicycle safety check, and receive a FREE helmet! A volunteer police unit will be there to help. Kids must bring their own bikes.

May 22nd-

Penn State LION Mobile Clinic (10am-2:00pm) at the C H Library parking lot. FREE health screenings for people of ALL ages!

A NOTE FROM CHRIS HOSTERMAN ...

Financial Update First Quarter 2023

The members of Grace have always been faithful in supporting both the operating budget and missions of our church. We have begun 2023 in an improved position, as budget giving has increased. However, we are still a bit short of covering our operating expenses in the first quarter of the year. If the present trend continues, we will finish the year in a much better position than 2022. The finance committee would continue to encourage everyone to support the budget, as the year progresses. Mission giving continues to be something to be celebrated. Those gifts enable Grace to impact folks locally, who are facing an emergency, and to impact needs around our country and the world. We are thankful for God's blessings and the outstanding stewardship of our church family.



There are many special days in the life of a church. We here at Grace, have had the opportunity to celebrate one of them recently. On Easter Sunday, through confirmation, as they renewed the covenants declared at their baptism, and acknowledged what God is doing for them now as they made a commitment to join Christ's Holy Church here at Grace United Methodist Church. And so, we celebrate and officially welcome our new members to the Grace United Methodist family.

Ashlynn McClenahan

Alice Peters

Jarrett Peters

Cael Smith

Lillyanna Smith

We congratulate you on your hard work and are so very proud of you!





CENTRE HALL ELEMENTARY BOOK VENDING MACHINE

Help CHE PTG raise money to purchase our
own book vending machine!

Here's how to donate:

1. Go to [GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com) and search for "Centre Hall".
2. Scan the QR code on the GoFundMe site.
3. OR, Write a check to "CHE PTE" and send it with your child to school.

Please mail to:

CHPE
211 N. Hoffer Ave.
Centre Hall, PA 16828

Grace United Methodist Playschool

notice



"The Playschool is accepting applications for next year for children turning 4 and 5 years of age during the 2023 - 2024 school year. You can find paper applications on the bulletin board outside the church office."



May 07

Hike and Cabin Fun, 1:00-4:00PM

May 24

Cookout at the Confer's, 11:00AM—2:00PM

NOTE: Safe Sanctuaries requires 2 adult leaders with Youth Group events. Looking for a few volunteers to call upon when needed. Typically for outings such as hikes, bowling, etc.

Please contact Kelly Wian if interested.

Centre Hall Community Wide Sale

Youth Group conducting a benefit sale!

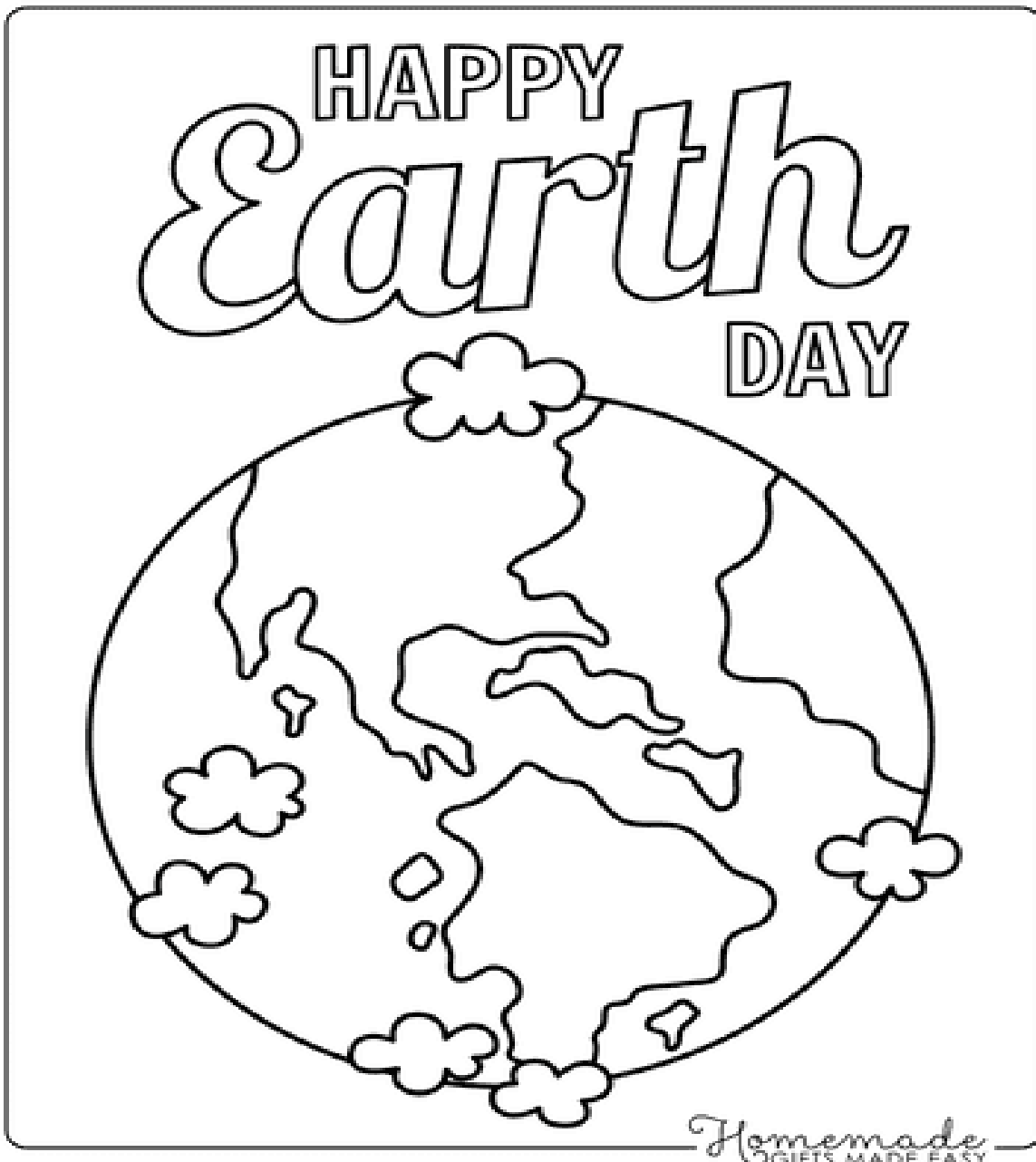
Youth Yard Sale to benefit Operation Christmas Child (OCC). The Youth Group is requesting donations of items to sell (no clothing). So, while you are cleaning out this spring, if you find a few items you no longer use or perhaps you are crafty and would like to donate a few items, please start bringing them to the church. We will store them in the youth group room. The proceeds will be used towards Operation Christmas Child expenses. This a good way to education and get the community involved with OCC.

For information please contact the church office 814-364-1701



For the Kids ...

Earth Day 2023 —Saturday, April 22 Earth Day is an annual celebration that honors the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations. Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 in the United States and on either April 22 or the day the spring equinox occurs throughout the rest of the world.



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