



# Grace United Church

## **Lectionary** **Scriptures**

**July 4** 6th Sunday  
after Pentecost  
2 Sam 5: 1-5, 9-10 and  
Ps 48, Ezek 2: 1-5 and  
Ps 123, 2 Cor 12: 2-10

**July 11** 7th Sunday  
after Pentecost  
2 Sam 6: 1-5, 12b-19  
and Ps 24 Amos 7: 7-  
15 and Ps 85: 8-13 Eph  
1: 3-14, Mk 6: 14-29

**July 18** 8th Sunday  
after Pentecost  
2 Sam 7: 1-14a and Ps  
23, Eph 2: 11-22, Mk 6:  
30-34, 53-56

**July 25** 9th Sunday  
after Pentecost  
2 Sam 11: 1-15, and Ps  
14, 2 Kings 4: 42-44  
and Ps 145: 10-18,  
Eph 3: 14-21,

Jn 6: 1-21

## **You Belong Here!**

What an amazing new chapter we have begun at Grace United. Your faithfulness to God and to one another, your servant leadership, and your welcoming spirit are a powerful combination. We are poised to invite and involve new people into our midst.

As we grow in ministry it is vitally important that each person has both a friend and a job. Everyone needs at least one good friend at church, a person they look forward to seeing, someone who knows and cares for them. We also each need to have one way that we contribute, a job. It gives us ownership and a sense of belonging.

Think about your situation. Can you build a new friendship at church? Do you have a place where you contribute, a job? You belong here! We want you to feel connected and included as we worship and serve together. Jump in!

**Pastor Karen**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday July 4** Join us right after worship (at the church) for our great 4th of July celebration. Dress in your summer casual clothes, bring a side dish and your favorite indoor or outdoor games. We look forward to having a fun time.

**Saturday July 17 - Chicken BBQ**

**Tuesday July 20 - Chautauqua Tea—sign up in the Narthex**

**VBS August 15 - 19 at Lagoon Pavilion 6—8 pm**

**Saturday, August 28 - Memorial Service for Judy Van Dine**

**Choir** for those who have been vaccinated.  
Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm.  
Please dress in church clothes as we will be recording  
it for the YouTube Worship.

**HAND BELLS** will be starting soon.



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# Chicken BBQ

Do you have your tickets??? Did you take tickets to sell???

See Sue or Dale Johnson



**RAMPS** The 'Drill Team' will be busy this season building ramps. If anyone would like to be on the list to help furnish a lunch, please let Sharon Czarnecki know at 593-6385.

**From the Praise Committee: We have changed our mask requirements** if you have been Vaccinated, you no longer need to wear a mask to Sunday morning worship. But, we ❤️ our children and ask those who haven't been vaccinated to continue to wear their masks.

Music (with singing) has begun to emerge at worship. Those vaccinated have started to sing in the choir and the Praise band has started to bring us great music before worship. Soon we will be bringing back the hand bells. If you would like to join in playing the bells, or either of the other vaccinated groups, let Dave Toot know. Hopefully soon everyone can join in singing the hymns!

If you are away or unable to attend worship, we have a prerecorded service that is available on YouTube® on Sunday morning. Go to Grace United Wellsville on YouTube® to find the service.

## **Chautauqua Tea Tuesday, July 20**

Go enjoy the day at Chautauqua Institute and help provide the refreshment for the Disciple House afternoon Tea. Sign up in the Narthex or see Linda Sweeney for more details.



**Northeastern Region (DOC) Update:** The Northeastern Region, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) extends to congregations in seven states: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. One of the objectives of our Region is to connect congregations in our wide geographic area with each other. Serving on the Northeastern board this year has introduced me to congregations ranging from Central Christian Church in Danbury, CT (founded 1817) to New Light Christian Church in Buffalo, NY (founded 2012 and primarily comprised of refugees from eastern Asia). Worship traditions are as varied as the people of our Region and it's been a rich experience to appreciate this diversity while celebrating our common purpose. Ask me to share more with you! ~ Carol Flurschutz

**Stewardship Committee** reports that the parking lot has been sealed and restriped. This is old news for those attending weekly services, but qualifies as new news for others. Directions for Independent Living has completed their relocation within the Mission Center into the space previously occupied by Youth for Christ. If anyone becomes aware of an organization that is looking for space to rent, please refer them to Dale or any member of the Stewardship Committee.

In the looking good department, when you see Mary Lou Maxon or Sue Pederson, be sure to mention how nice the flowers and general landscape at the Worship Center look. They have been actively working to improve our curb appeal and we are grateful for their time and talents.

We'll provide a mid-year update on our budget next month after the June Treasurer's Report has been issued. In the meantime, be looking for your individual giving statements for January through June, coming soon to an inbox or mailbox near you.

**Adult Study/Fellowship:** taking time off—watch for details.

**Bible Discussion :** Tuesday's at 7 pm

**The Ministry Committee** met on the 10th of June. Roxy gave us a background lesson on how Christian Sojourners started with outreach to Haiti and continues today. We also learned that the Ramps are now a second part of this group and are happy to say that when you read this the "Drill Team" will have completed 2 ramps.

Kim gave us a report on Samaritans and they are updating their applications for assistance and also have appointed a monthly 'point person' to handle this.

Pastor Karen was very pleased with the turn out for Family Game Night. Also reported on her attending WAMA and the VBS meeting at the Salvation Army.

We will be helping with the 4th of July get together at the Flurschutz's; talked about reaching out to single parents: quarters to "connect" at laundromats: bookmarks with Logo: Chautauqua Tea; Harvest Dinner and that Community Kitchen is still looking for a coordinator.

It was decided that All Saints Sunday on November 7th would be the Sunday for a Memorial Church Service to remember those we've lost in the last year. We will be working with the Praise Committee on this.

Please feel free to let a member of the committee know if there is anyone among our church family that needs food, Pastor Karen to call on them or just a phone call. There is food in our Helping Hands freezer and Pastor Karen is ready and willing to meet with anyone who feels they would like her to visit.

Graduations: Congratulations to our extended church family members.

**Dakota Pratt** graduated from Allegany Limestone and is going into the Army  
Grandson of Phill & Marcia Pratt

**Jazlynn Knapp** is heading to Slippery Rock to study Music Theory  
Daughter of Jim Knapp

**Jessica Borchert** graduated and is heading to Edinboro University  
Daughter of Pastor Karen & Mark Borchert

Best  
Wishes

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**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

7/6	Virginia Paddock
7/11	Ann Paddock
7/12	JoAnne White
7/20	Jazlynn Knapp
7/21	Phil Pratt
7/22	Dwight Allen
7/23	Marcia Pratt
7/25	Nancy Witter
7/25	Harry Overholt
7/27	Jim Wightman

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

7/8	John and Carol Flurschutz
7/8	Dennis and JoAnne White
7/13	Jon and Ann Gardner
7/23	Elwin and Elsie Geer

**Usher & Reader Schedule for July**

**July 4 – Head Usher** Dave Toot  
Reader Carol Flurschutz, Ushers: \*Bob Shook, Beth Shook

**July 11 – Head Usher** Dave Toot  
Reader Sally Dougherty, Ushers: \*Linda Elliot, Sharon Czarnecki

**July 18 - Head Usher** Sharon Ash  
Reader Beth Shook, Ushers: \*Kim Toot, Sue Williams

**July 25 - Head Usher** Sharon Ash  
Reader Kim Toot, Ushers: \*Jan Riley, Marcia Pratt

**Star & Underline denotes Security Usher who stays and locks door and watches for late comers.**

**May Financials**

Total Income:	<b>\$9,026.00</b>
Actual expenses:	<b>\$10,413.35</b>
Net difference:	<b>(\$1,387.35)</b>
Total for the year:	
Income:	<b>\$47,970.99</b>
Expenses:	<b>\$46,334.29</b>
Net difference:	<b>\$1,636.70</b>