

GRACE NOTES October 10, 2021

## [The Word](#)

### **The Word**

When God speaks to us and we listen, we have the opportunity to be uniquely shaped. This week we are considering how God speaks to us, especially as we encounter God through the scriptures. Paul, in the letter of 2 Timothy, encourages this young believer to rely on scripture because it helps us to know what is right and true.

Sometimes it's difficult to find the time to read scriptures. At other times it seems too difficult to understand. Join us this Sunday for worship, as we talk about engaging the word.

### **Sunday Bible Study**

Following the message on the word, you're invited to our Sunday Bible study in the Fellowship Hall. This week we're beginning a 10 week book study on the gospel of John. Taught by biblical scholar and retired seminary professor, Jerry Borchert, the class promises fresh insights on this remarkable book.

### **Way of the Child**

As adults head to Bible Study, children are invited to participate in special programming just down the hall. In the children's area we've set up Way of the Child. It's a Montessori-like setting that allows children to engage with Scripture in new ways. We're so pleased to be able to offer this program for our children.

Pastor Karen

Have a good idea to help our church grow? Join a committee and roll up your sleeves. We're poised for growth, and we need your input and energy!

**“The Business Meeting of Grace United Church will be held on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> immediately following church in the Fellowship Hall. Business to be transacted:**

- 1) The General Board will present the proposed budget for 2022 for member approval.**
- 2) The Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominees for elective officers.**

**Any other business to be transacted shall be stated in the official notice of the meeting. (That date this year is November 7<sup>th</sup>.)”**

**- C. Flurschutz-Church Clerk**

**Christmas is coming!** This year we are changing things up a bit..... if you have a Christmas tree you no longer use and would like to donate it to the church, bring it in during October. Any size is welcome! You’ll be surprised at what we do with the trees. Questions contact Sue Johnson.

Remember if you are away on Sunday and unable to join us, you can watch a prerecorded service on YouTube under Grace United Wellsville.

**Bulbs for Blooming- Our gardeners wanted to thank those who donated flower bulbs and monetary donations.**

OFA M, Wed, Thur, and Friday. 11 am Contact Wendy Carter 585-307-4312. **10-23-21** Daily’s Funeral

**ITS BACK!!- Harvest Dinner: Will be October 30.** Prep for the Harvest Dinner is in full swing. Donations have been coming in and work has been done on the poster and tickets thanks to Sue Johnson and Kim Toot. Tickets will be \$10 and its carryout and drive thru only this year. Signup sheets for pies will be in the narthex. **Looking for volunteers for prep, cooking, set up, advertising, meals to Cars for pick up and Clean up. Also those interested in having some outside fun during pick up time.** Please contact the **office or me** and I will direct you to people in charge of that part of the planning. Email [ge52johnson@gmail.com](mailto:ge52johnson@gmail.com) OFFICE 585-593-5015. We need about 8-10 more volunteers. All Welcome.

**Growing Stronger-** Classes To Join or information contact Ardent Solutions. **585-593-5223** Talk to Marcia Pratt or Nancy Johnson if questions.

**RAMPS: \*\*** Ramp was completed by our amazing Drill Team in Almond this week. I received a call from their daughter talking about how thrilled she was that her parents had mobility again. Great Christian Outreach for Grace United. Do not have to be a member to help. Just willing to get a little dirty doing a good thing. And Maybe Lunch! Talk to Dennis White or John Flurschutz. Or 593-5015

**GRACE NOTES-** They are a **changin**. Starting this week Vickie Austin one our church staff will be putting together Grace Notes. Please send any information that you may feel belongs in Grace Notes to

Vickie [graceunitedad@gmail.com](mailto:graceunitedad@gmail.com) phone 593-5015 Deadline Thursday by 9am.

**Also** if you no longer wish to receive Grace Notes or Prayer Requests-let Vickie know and she can pass this information on to the appropriate person.

**AED.** The Church AED is in the Narthex on a shelf near Pastors office. The device has a tutorial/Instructions for operation. We are looking for members or guests that have been trained and others who would like a 15-20 minute demonstration after Sunday service in the near future. If you have had training and would like to help, please call the office, and leave your name and contact info. Office- 593-5015. **SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX THIS SUNDAY FOR THOSE INTERESTED.** **WE have a few names so far.**

**COVID PROTOCOL UPDATES: NO CHANGE** -As most are well aware Allegany County is still a **RED ZONE:** Not a good thing. Following CDC guidelines Masks will be required for all entering our buildings. Masks are required for the Sunday Service and all group meetings. So- wear your mask and pray for this new wave of covid to pass quickly. Groups using the facility understand that they are to comply with Covid guidelines.

**Bible Discussion:** Tuesdays at 7pm. Next session- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter Ephesians. All welcome. Questions-Ann Gardner No pre-reading required. Show UP.

Choir: Not This Sunday. **Praise Band: Yes HAND BELL CHOIR** has started. Good Turnout- 2 NEW MEMBERS. Interest ask Dave Toot 593-5015. Praise Music starts about 9:50am *Stayed Tuned for emails etc from Dave Toot regarding next week practices-Toots return this week*

**IMPORANT -OPPORTUNITY:** Nominating Committee to make an announcement soon regarding filling board positions. Thanks

**CHILDCARE:** Will be available this Sunday. Looking for Volunteers. Ladies and Gents- even if you can help once a month it is appreciated. 593-5015

**THANKS** to those who have been helping to meet this need.

**VISION:** *how you tell someone about Grace United* and where we are headed. - How is God Calling **You** to serve him and our church? **YOU BELONG HERE**

**NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>:** All Saints Day- will be a special day at Grace United. We will intentionally remember the 10 members who passed during Covid

Prayer request – Praise and Concerns – Please keep us updated as the circumstances change.

**GO AHEAD** -- ask a Friend, neighbor, co-workers, sibling, or parent to join us. Look around we have some lovely new faces.

Church Office hours: **9-12 Monday – Friday.** Phone 593-5015

**We are STILL having issues.** The friendly reminder to always be aware of the doors when you leave the building. If you do not have a key – call someone-all board members have keys and both building managers have keys. Staff also.

**SUNDAY Service-** doors close by 10:15. Member in Narthex to let you in. Ring Bell if no one there. Part of our Safe Church Policy.

Peace & Blessings

Victoria A.