

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

GRACE NOTES

APRIL 2025



BE THE CHURCH
Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
Forgive often.
Reject racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity.
Love God.
Enjoy this life.

Our Interim Pastor

We welcome Rev. Ralph O. Wagner as our Interim Pastor beginning on April 1st. Ralph is a member of Grace United along with his lovely wife, Susan Lemons. He was ordained into the American Baptist Churches of the USA at the age of 23, just south of the New York border at the First Baptist Church of Ulysses, Pennsylvania. He has served as a Pastor for approximately 40 years in Churches located in New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

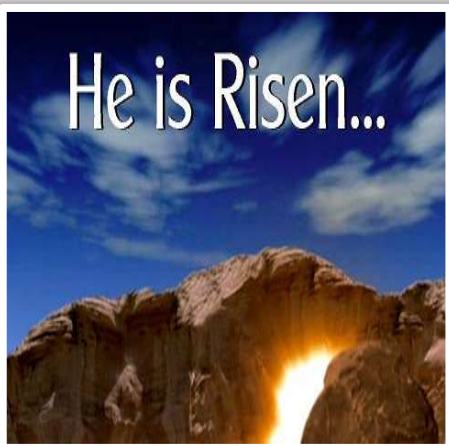
Ralph enjoys cooking, baking, journaling, landscaping, and staying as physically active as possible. He and Susan have four children who live in California, Arizona, Florida, and Virginia and seven grandchildren. Rev. Wagner has a Master of Divinity Degree from Palmer Theological Seminary in Saint Davids, Pennsylvania.



Maundy Thursday Service, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday is the commemoration of Jesus' last supper during Holy Week. It is a quiet, thoughtful, early evening service by candlelight set around a series of tables in the shape of a cross. Join us in fellowship Hall, you are welcome, everyone is welcome. This may become one of your favorite services.





Liturgical Titles,
Scriptures, and Sermons
for the month of April

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6th, 2025,

Scriptures: Isaiah 43:16 - 21 and John 12:1-8

Sermon: Nardly Situation

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and Luke 19:28-40

Sermon: Rejected Stones

Day of Resurrection

Easter

April 20, 2025

Scriptures: Isaiah 25:6-9 and Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: Easter Table

Second Sunday of Easter

Earth Day Celebration

April 27, 2025

Scriptures: Psalm 150 and Acts 5:27-32

Sermon: No More Fear



Anniversaries and Birthdays

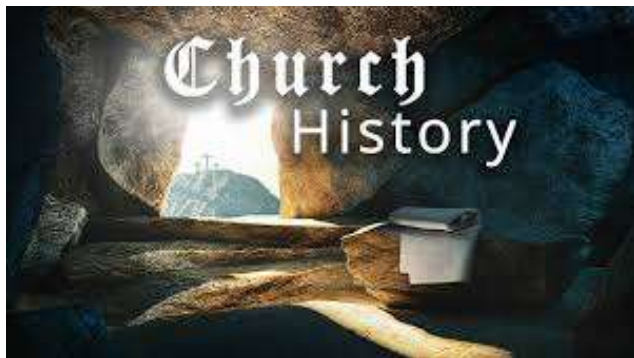
April Birthdays

- 5- Bob Shook
- 6- Gabby Knapp
- 11- Aryanna Khodorkovskaya
- 19- Bev Wheeler

April Anniversaries

- 14- George and Nancy Johnson
- 17- Bob and Beth Shook

We will celebrate EARTH DAY at GRace United on Sunday, April 27, 2025, and decorate the area in front of our altar with the "gifts of the earth". Please bring a piece of fruit or a vegetable or a small green plant that we can use for the display. Each family will receive a tree grown by the New York State DEC at their nursery in Saratoga, NY. You will also receive directions for the best way to plant the tree at your home.



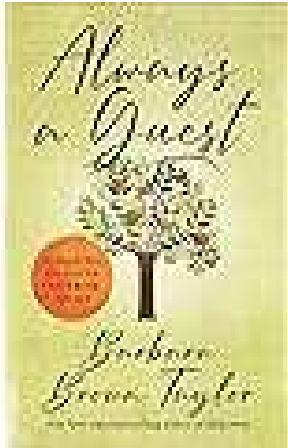
IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER BEING
GRACE UNITED'S CHURCH HISTORIAN??

Please speak to Linda Elliott

It will involve a lot of organizing and if you enjoy such things this may be perfect for you!



The Disciples of Christ Easter Offering on April 20th and 27th supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gifts help support college students in leadership programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains and much more.



Book Club

Wednesdays @ 10:00

Classroom #1

April Meetings

April 8th, 10:00am – Ministry Committee

April 9th, 5:30pm – Stewardship Committee

April 10th, 2:30pm – Praise Committee

April 28th, 6:00pm – General Board

Join us for another

Tuesdays with Grace

April 15, 2024



Jim Helms, CEO
will present a program on

Keeping Up With
the JONES

Hear what's new and what's
in store for Jones Memorial
Hospital

A light lunch will be served at 12:30.

The program will follow at 1 pm.

All are welcome!

Grace United Church, 289 N. Main St., Wellsville