

# Grace Notes



*NEWS AND MORE!*

April 2026

**WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE A PART OF GRACE UNITED CHURCH**

When I think of April, I can't help but think of Easter. Not just the lilies, the sunrise services, or the familiar hymns, but the deeper truth at the heart of it all: resurrection.

Easter is not just a celebration of something that happened long ago. It is a declaration about reality itself. It proclaims that death does not get the final word. That even when the world does its worst - betrayal, suffering, police brutality, sham trials, and unjust execution by the state - God is still at work, bringing life out of what appears lifeless.

And if we are honest, that's a message we need.

We live in a world where death still seems to speak loudly through injustice, division, grief, and quiet despair. There are moments when it feels like Good Friday is the end of the story and death and destruction have won the victory.

But Easter tells us otherwise.

The resurrection of Jesus is not just about spiritual life after death; it is about new life breaking in right now. It is hope that refuses to stay buried. It is God transforming the world from the inside out.

And here's the challenge: Easter is not something we simply observe. It is something we are called to live.

To follow the risen Christ means becoming people of resurrection. It means choosing hope when cynicism is easier, forgiveness when resentment feels justified, and love when fear would be more natural. It means trusting that change is possible, not because of us, but because of God's power at work within us.

The early disciples didn't just celebrate the resurrection; they embodied it. They lived as if new life had already begun, because it had.

That same invitation is extended to us. Where do you see signs of death in your own life? Where does the world feel broken? Easter meets those realities and declares they are not the end.

The tomb is empty. And that changes everything!

Veritas Aequitas.

Pastor Alex



### Getting to Know You

The next Gracefull Arts project will be photo walls of folks from Grace United.

We will be taking pictures, framing them, and displaying them in the parish hall. These pictures will also be used in our church directory. This will be a great way for us all to put names with faces, and for visitors to the building to see who is involved in our church community. Smile!

April 2nd - Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm  
Easter Sunday - April 5th

### EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to bring flowers for Easter Sunday, please fill a form out in the lobby and bring them to church this week.

Women's Spirit will be going to dinner on Thursday, April 16th at 5:00 pm at "2 Sisters & A Smoker". Information and a sign up sheet will be in the Narthex. Sign ups have to be done by Sunday, April 12th. If you need to carpool from the church please let Jan, Nancy or Sharon C know.



### April Birthdays

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



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

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## APRIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**TUESDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 10:00 - MINISTRY**  
**THURSDAY APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> @ 2:30 - PRAISE**  
**WEDNESDAY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:30 - STEWARDSHIP**  
**MONDAY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00 - GENERAL BOARD**

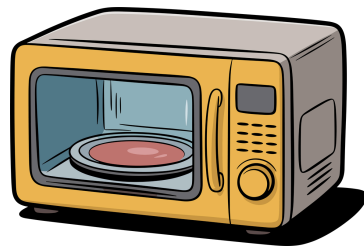


The Wednesday morning  
Book Club  
will start meeting again on  
April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30.  
We will be looking at *The  
Chosen*, season 4.

Please see Sheila Smith or  
Diane Hall for details.



Does the church have  
your current contact  
information??  
Please email or call  
the church office or  
let Jeremy know on a  
Sunday.



We are looking for a microwave  
for the kitchen off the  
Fellowship Hall. Please see  
George Johnson if you have a  
spare one that you would like to donate.

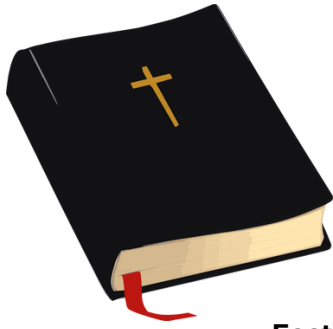
Tuesdays with Grace  
Join us Tuesday, April 21st, for another Tuesdays with  
Grace.

The Buffalo Niagara Honor Flight completed its first-  
ever all-female mission October 11–12, 2025,  
transporting 35 female veterans from the Korean War  
through the Gulf War to Washington D.C. The historic  
trip featured an all-female flight crew from Southwest  
Airlines and included Wellsville's own Barb Gordon  
and Kathie Timpano.

Barb and Kathie will share their experiences, from  
their send-off in Buffalo to their adventure in  
Washington D.C. The special mission was inspired by  
the need for greater recognition of female veterans,  
many of whom served in the military with little  
attention.

Lunch is served at 12:30, with the program starting at 1  
pm. No reservations are required. All are welcome!

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## March Liturgical Titles, Scriptures & Sermons

**Easter Sunday**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9**  
**New Testament Reading: Matthew 28:1-10**  
**Sermon: "Fear Turned to Joy"**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Guest Speaker, Rev. Diane Cox**  
**Old Testament Reading: Psalm 148**  
**New Testament Reading: John 20:19-31**  
**Sermon: "God's Power"**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-15**  
**New Testament Reading: Luke 24:13-35**  
**Sermon: "Recognizing God on the Journey"**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16**  
**New Testament Reading: John 10:1-10**  
**Sermon: "The Shepherd Who Gives Life"**

On April 12th we will be hosting Diane Cox to join us for worship as Pastor Alex will not be with us.  
Please join us in welcoming her to worship that day.

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