

WORSHIP ON THE LAWN & SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

As the weather (hopefully) starts to get a bit cooler, we approach the beginning of our Sunday School Year and have an exciting way to kick it off!



As you have already heard, we decided to have our annual Sunday School Tailgate and our Worship on the Lawn the same day, giving us a great time to worship in a fun setting, be visible in the community, and set our Sunday School classes up for a great year! The classes will meet at 9:00 A.M. that morning, and worship will start at 10:30 like usual, but outside instead of inside.

After worship, we will have games, hot dogs, and dishes from everyone to share.

Worship on the Lawn/Sunday School Kickoff!

Sunday, September 8th, 2019

Sunday School @ 9:00 – Outdoor Worship @ 10:30
Hotdog Pitch-In and Outdoor Games After Worship

*Wear Your Favorite Team Shirt and
Bring Something to Share!!!*

GRACE NOTES



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Sunday School:  
9:00 A.M.

Worship:  
10:30 A.M.

Fellowship:  
11:30 A.M.

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Summer Office Hours:
Tuesday-Friday
9:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

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What do you do when you doubt?

I know for so many people, they say to just believe and pray harder. Eventually, the faith needs to come back, right? If you can just do it long enough, your faith will come back.

That is inherently unsustainable. Faith becomes a burden and you cease to have honest and vulnerable relationships with God and your faith community.

I propose an alternative: when you doubt, just doubt. Wrestle with God and ask if God exists. Read difficult scriptures and get angry with them. Stop feeling shame over your doubt and lean into it. Make your faith a sparring partner with your doubt, wrestling to figure things out and find your path to truth and understanding.

And do not listen to those who would tell you that your doubt come from the devil; I feel like Luther and Calvin doubted, and their doubt gave us a much wider church for more to worship in. Unless you believe the Presbyterian Church came from the work of the devil in the hearts and minds of our forefathers, we should absolutely stop feeling shame over our struggles and doubts.

I doubt and wrestle with my faith, and it ultimately makes my faith stronger and my relationship with God less intellectual and more incarnational – more “real”.

When you doubt, doubt.

Peace,
Pastor Rob

AROUND GRACE

Mr & Mrs

*Congrats to newlyweds,
Tyler & Courtney Bowers*



July 13, 2019

We do

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Cancer Pad Sewing

Great Mission Project and good fellowship. No special sewing skills needed. Just a simple basting stitch. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9am.

August 21 & September 18 @ 9:00am in the Gold Room.

Lunch Bunch

Come have lunch at Glenbrook Mall Food Court near JC Penny's on the last Thursday of the month at 12 noon - August 29 & September 26 at 12:00pm

**** Sarah Circle will meet Sept. 12 @ 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall****

JUST NEIGHBORS INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Grace will be helping out on:

Sunday - 8/18/19

Monday - 8/19/19

Tuesday - 8/20/19



We plan to do cookout food for Sunday but the other two nights are flexible (make your own tacos has been a favorite).

Volunteers/cooks may contact Betsy Kachmar at:

NEW phone number: (260) 740-7168

E-mail: betsy_kachmar@yahoo.com

or catch her at church!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

TinCaps Game Wrap Up - on July 21, twenty three brave people endured the very scorching, hot temperatures and went to a TinCaps game. What with the hot dogs, pretzels, and ice cream we tried to stay cool as we watched the game. The attendance that day at the game was very small, so it was like we almost had an entire section to ourselves. Thank you to everyone who attended and also to John Current for driving the van!

Pizza Anyone? - Friday, August 23 @ 6:00pm will be make your own pizza and a movie night here at Grace. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The movie will be about Mr. Rogers and will be the kick-off to a book study for the fall months culminating with the new movie being released in November. Details to follow in the bulletin or call the church office.



Neighborhood Stroll - come take a stroll with us on Wednesday, August 7 @ 6:00pm. We will split up into 2 groups and say "hello" to fellow neighbors of Grace as we walk. There will be a water station setup at the church.

Pastor's Night at Ted's Market on July 18 was hot (but we were inside) and loud (because we were inside). Nine members attended and we enjoyed good food, good music, and good fellowship!

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Hailey Bower's Graduation Celebration!



Class of
2019



LEGACY BIRTHDAY FUND

Please consider donating to the Legacy Birthday Fund. The Legacy Fund is an investment fund providing for the future of Grace. It will use the interest earned to promote special projects in areas of missions, property, and programs.

If you would like to donate, the decorated birthday box is in the Narthex.



GRATITUDE NOTES

Jill Werling, Nancy Current, and Tammy Menkes recently took communion to four members who have difficulty getting to church. It was extremely gratifying to be able to provide this service to them and to see their appreciation. Thank you to all who served!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August

August 8 - Charlotte Jacobs
August 9 - Carol Fahrenbach
August 12 - Karen Horner
August 19 - Tammy Menkes
August 20 - Frank Lehman
August 21 - Jon Wolf
August 24 - Bob Fahrenbach
August 28 - Tom Weber
August 29 - Jackson Bean
August 30 - Bill Werling
August 31 - Connie Stucky
August 31 - Donna Parrish

September

September 1 - Meara Geist
September 3 - Bruce Barnett
September 5 - Maureen Rogers
September 7 - Brian Geist
September 7 - Doug Haller
September 7 - Judi Eckler-Queen
September 8 - Rachel Lilly
September 8 - Lauren Widmann
September 12 - Dot Gilbert
September 14 - Anne Courtney
September 16 - Linda Haller
September 16 - Audra Widmann
September 18 - Laurie Howard
September 19 - Kevin Mahoney
September 20 - Landon Seitz
September 21 - Mila Wolf
September 22 - Allison Schneider
September 23 - Steve Lochry
September 24 - Don Stoiche
September 25 - Tom Callahan
September 25 - Brian Zimmerman
September 27 - Todd German

Anniversaries

August 9 - Matt & Teri Seitz
August 24 - Bryan & Beth Boggess
August 25 - Gregory & Rachel Lilly
August 27 - Steve & Katie Lochry
September 2 - Troy & Karla Lee
September 3 - Jeff & Betsy Kachmar
September 25 - Carl & Cherie Jacobs
September 28 - Kevin & Jennifer Mahoney