

# May's Grace



The Community Life Center of Grace will be participating in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Town-Wide Garage Sale on **Saturday, May 27th from 8:30 am 'til 2 pm.** Hot dogs, bottled water and baked goods will also be sold. Proceeds benefit The Community Life Center.

### Here is how you can participate:

1. Bring your "stuff" for the church to sell.
2. Donate hot dogs, hot dog rolls or a case of water. \*\*\*\*\*
3. Bake some "goodies" for the Bake Sale Table. \*\*\*\*\*  
(Drop off on Friday, May 26th.)
4. Come help us out! Volunteer your time and talent. \*\*\*\*\*
5. Option: Pay \$10.00 to rent a table and sell your own "stuff."  
(You keep the money from what you sell from your table.)
6. Pray for a great day!

\*\*\*\*\* Sign-up sheet is posted in the Welcome Center.

### Drop - Off Times:

**Tuesday, May 23rd - Friday, May 26th  
between 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
at The Community Life Center**

Questions? Contact Selene at 558-0893 (cell), 362 -1236 (CLC), [selenemachuga@agraceplace.org](mailto:selenemachuga@agraceplace.org) or see me in person. **Thank You!!!!**

### The Town Wide Garage Sale Early Bird Special!

On Friday, May 26th from 3:30 – 7:30 pm in the Community Life Center kitchen, if you are a member of the congregation or a staff member, you can purchase items from the Town Wide Garage Sale. If you like it, you can make a donation and take it home with you!





**Who:** Any child in pre-school to 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**What:** Vacation Bible School

**When:** June 5<sup>th</sup> - June 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 - 6pm til 8pm

**Where:** Grace Lutheran Church

79 Mechanic Street

Bradford PA 16701

**Why:** To help children and youth learn about God



## **National Day of Prayer**

### **'Prayer in the Square'**

**Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 6:30pm**

**at Veteran's Square**

**FREE and Open to All**

**An ecumenical Christian gathering to unite  
in prayer for our government, military,  
first responders, schools and more**

**Sponsored by the Bradford Area Ministerium  
and Destinations-Bradford**

**(In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held at Grace Lutheran Church)**

# *Pastor's Pause*

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thess 5:16-18)*

These are truly words of wisdom from God's word! How much better would life be if we only followed these three short verses from 1 Thessalonians?

We can rejoice always because Christian joy is not the same as happiness. It transcends temporary happiness. The joy of the Lord is our strength. We have joy in Christ not because of what we do, but because of what he has done for us. No one can take that joy away.

We can pray without ceasing because our God is always listening. Just think about it, we can talk to the living Lord of the universe anytime we wish. And he promises to hear our prayers and act on them. With that in mind, why not pray without ceasing?

Giving thanks will lift your spirits. Just think about how much the Lord has blessed you. That causes you to have the joy of the Lord. There is always something to be thankful for in spite of your circumstances.

So that's God's prescription for joyful living – rejoice, pray, and be thankful. That is God's plan for your life.

Blessings! **Pastor Patrick**



## **June / July Newsletter**

The **June and July newsletters** will be combined into ONE newsletter. Please note that the deadline for articles about church activities during that time is **May 22nd**.



*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul  
and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30 NIV)*

Birthdays not  
published on-line.

## MEMORIALS

**In Memory of**  
Alberta Johnston  
Dan Pascarella  
June Hand

**Sent by**  
Rick, Kay & Lynzy Wheaton  
Jim & Sharon Long  
Janis DuShaw

## Council Meeting

Church Council meeting will be **Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00pm** in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend!



## WOMEN'S POWER SURGE EVENT

Saturday, May 20th

9-4pm

University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

For tickets and information go to:

[www.womenspowersurge.com](http://www.womenspowersurge.com)

\$42 ticket includes lunch and goodie bag



**MAY  
ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Nancy Allen &  
Amber Mays

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

May 7 -  
May 14 -  
May 21 -  
May 28 -



**\$13,776.00** has been  
collected so far for the  
**Parking Lot Project,**  
additional donations  
are needed and  
appreciated!

## Please Remember Our Shut-ins

Pastor and the deacons try to ensure that each person gets visitation and Communion at least once a month. BUT, a card, a phone call or a brief visit brightens the day for our brothers and sisters who can no longer attend services regularly. Cards and a list of our shut-ins are available in the Social Hall.

**Sara Christjohn**  
Ecumenical Home  
100 St. Francis Dr.  
Room 201

**Dan Denning**  
Bradford Manor  
50 Langmaid Lane

**Marsha Denning**  
354 Interstate Pkwy.  
362-6429

## Parents & Grandparents of 2017 Graduates

Are you the proud parent or grandparent of a high school or college senior? If so, we would like to include them in our June/July Newsletter featuring our graduates.



We need the student's name, school, future college or occupation and a picture if available. Please email the information to [glmoffice@agraceplace.org](mailto:glmoffice@agraceplace.org).

**We must have this information**

## Baptisms

We witnessed the entrance into God's Kingdom through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, April 22 of **Hannah Marie Gumtow** and **Archer Douglas Gumtow**. Their parents are **JoAnna Hendryx** and **Derek Gumtow**.

## Save the Date...Mark Your Calendars

A going away party for the **Cuddy Family** is scheduled for **Sunday, June 11th**. Watch for more details in the June newsletter and upcoming bulletins.

## FYI

For anyone wishing to rent the Social Hall or the Community Life Center for an event, your contact person is **Selene Machuga - 362-1236 or 598-0893**.

## Deadlines for Weekly Slides, Bulletin Items

Just a reminder that the deadline to have items placed in the weekly bulletin is Wednesday morning and the deadline for slides is Thursday morning. Please write the information up in the manner you would like church secretary **Dianne Deloe** to print it.

**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday thru Friday - 7:30am to 1:30pm**





## Growing with Grace April 2017 Updates

### Replacement of GwG Director

- A recruitment team is in place as we search for a replacement for Leeanne
- Our plan at this time is to run an ad beginning next week

### STAR 4

- Assessments began on April 4<sup>th</sup> and a total of three or four will take place
- We will not know if we earn the level of Star 4 until four weeks after the last assessment is completed
- Spring cleaning and painting completed at this time to include:
  - ◇ Classrooms (all) - patched and painted
  - ◇ Hallways (all) - patched and painted
  - ◇ Room 121 – patched and painted
  - ◇ Window sills and entranceway - painted
  - ◇ Gave everything above a good cleaning
  - ◇ Sorted through toys in every room and outside
  - ◇ Created a better space for storing outdoor toys

### Summer Program

- We are now accepting applications
- Nick and I are training for the STARS after school pilot program
- We need to get a team of staff for this together so that the trainings will also support the rest of the school
- Nick started teaching (after school) every day this month

### Finance Team

- ProCare is up and running
- We are using some families as “guinea pigs” to work out the bugs with the new system.
- Our goal is to use this system ONLY beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>

### Outdoor Play space

- Updates to the playground have begun



## Ministry Moments

Each month, the Board of Deacons is taking the opportunity to thank someone in the congregation for the way they offer up their time and talents to serve God and their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Some talents are readily apparent, and some are never seen or even noticed.

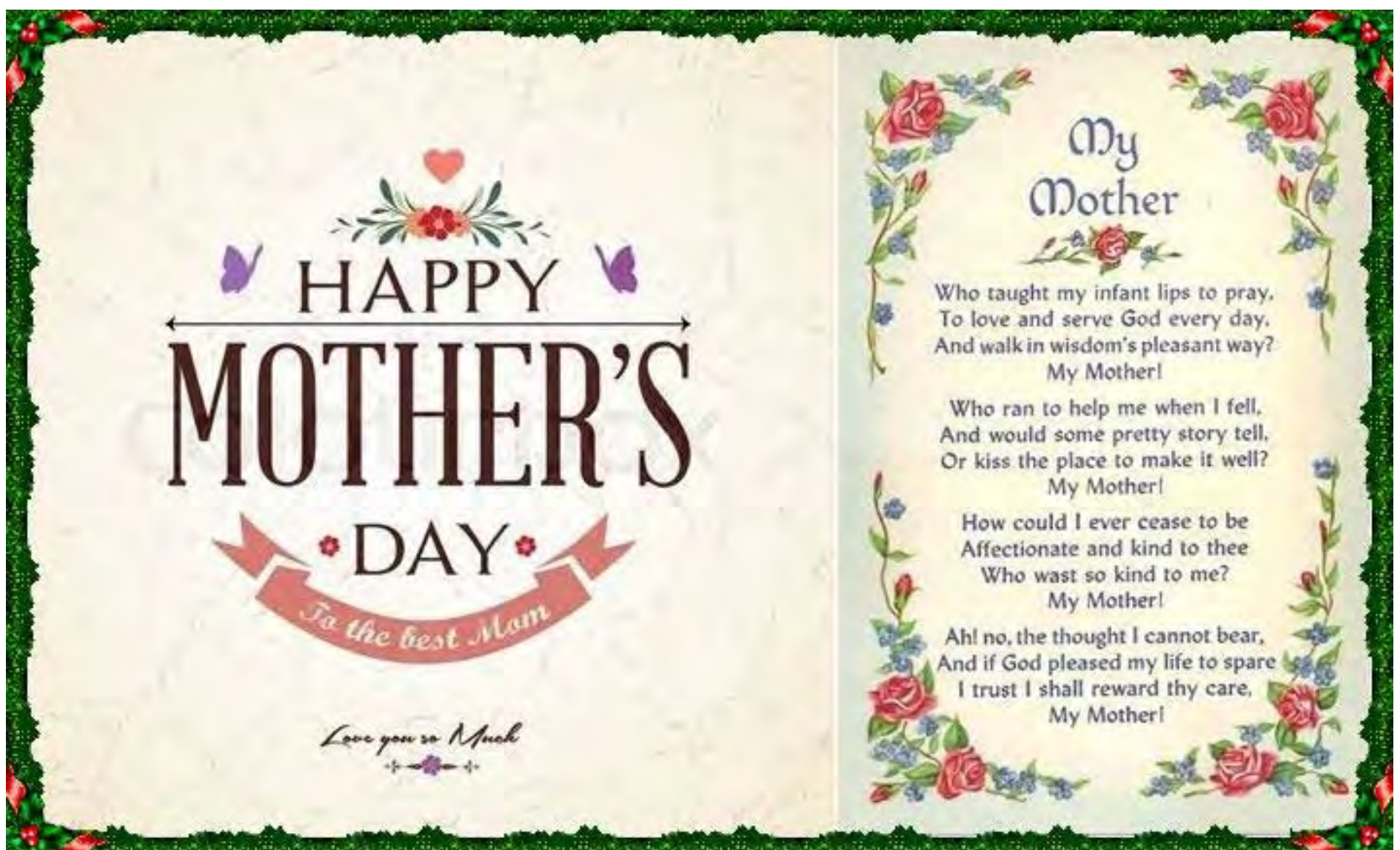
For the month of May, we would like recognize **Mike Cuddy** for his faithful dedication to our church and its members. He has played such a great role here at Grace. We have all enjoyed **Mike** as a member of the Praise Team playing guitar, helping lead the congregation in praising the Lord through music. **Mike** has also served God and Grace acting as council president for over two years. Because of his patience, guidance and knowledge the council has been able to make great strides in moving forward in God's will.



**Mike** has also quietly worked on many of the projects at Growing With Grace to help make it the success that it is becoming.

**Mike** and his family will soon be leaving us, but before he goes we want make sure he knows how much we appreciate the gifts he has shared with us here. You well be missed dearly by your family here at Grace. May God continue to bless you abundantly in the future.

*Board of Deacons*







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**Join Us For Worship!**

**Friday**

6:30pm Crosswalk

Youth Worship

**Saturday**

5:15pm Praise Team

**Sunday**

9:00am Praise Team

11:15am Blended

**Family Education**

10:15am

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The Web!***

[www.agraceplace.org](http://www.agraceplace.org)

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Growing with Grace  
Christian Preschool***

**CURRENT AND  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
AT GRACE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**May 14**

***Mother's Day***

**May 27**

***Town-Wide Garage Sale***

***8:30am - CLC***

**May 29**

***Memorial Day Holiday***

***Church Office &***

***GwG Closed***



***The Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter is published monthly. Submissions for newsletters can be left for the newsletter team in the church office. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, please e-mail them to: [newsletter@agraceplace.org](mailto:newsletter@agraceplace.org) or leave them in the church office.***