

# August's Grace



The Town Wide Garage 2017 sale was a huge success. Your contributions helped us gross \$1,125.25. The breakdown: stuff - \$942.20 and food - \$185.05. We even had some kids in the Community Garden weeding. Thank you everyone for your support!

On July 10, 2017, I ventured out with 8 youth and 2 other adult leaders to travel to teen camp in Butler PA. Many memories were made there. We laughed at people falling in the mud pit, cried with our broken hearts at the altar, ate amazing camp food, we built shelters out of cardboard, and attempted to take each other out in dodge ball.

The speaker, **Pastor Terry Waymen**, was amazing this year. He was the camp director when I was a teen and is now a pastor for a Nazarene church down south. He preached on the topic of surviving. Surviving the world around you, surviving your call that God has given you, but, the one that hit the hardest was surviving the local church.

Many victories were won during our week at camp. No, I'm not talking about team sports or dodge ball, I'm talking about victories for God. Many of our youth found God that week, some renewed their fire for Him and one young man got baptized. Many hearts and minds were changed that week not only because of **Pastor Terry** but also because of the E.N.C group called Hollowed Be.

Teen camp is not only an experience but a life changing one at that. There is a revival coming and springing up in the youth. Can you feel it? Can you sense it? A big thank you goes out to all those who donated their time, effort, money, prayers, raffle baskets, desserts, and all your hard work to make this all happen. Without you and without God none of this would have been possible.

Thank you and God bless,

**Brandon Baney**

**Bri, Cheyenne, Haily, Karleigh,  
Hayden, Cody, Joey, Michael,  
Colbey, Jasmine & Baney**





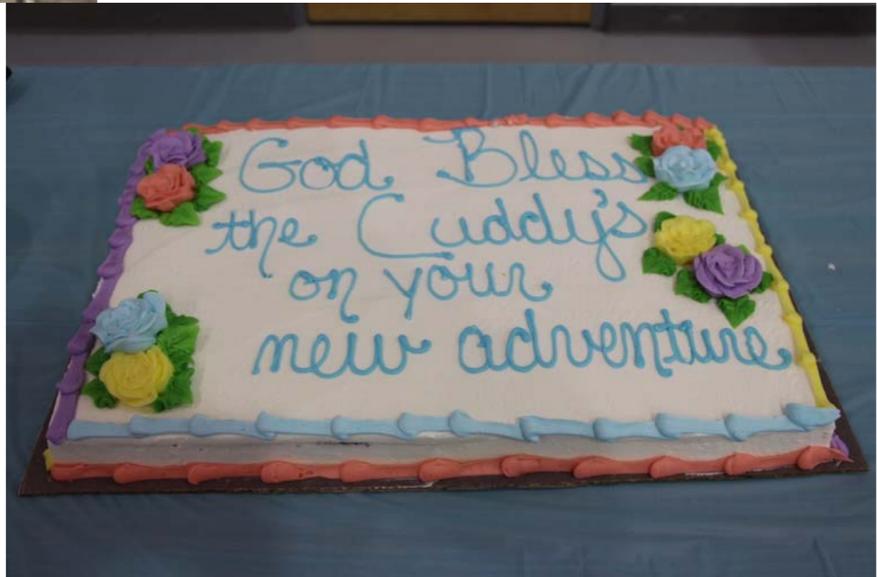
We bid a fond farewell to the **Cuddy Family - Mike, Leeanne, Ethan & Anna** on Sunday, June 11th at a potluck luncheon held in their honor in the CLC. We wish them luck and happiness in their new life in Ohio; they will be missed!

The **Cuddy Family's** new address is:

624 Dale Ave., NW  
Bolivar, OH 44612

**Mike's** cell number:  
724-344-8452

**Leeanne's** cell number:  
724-344-9521



## Vacation Bible School 2017

VBS was great this year here are the numbers of kids and volunteers:

Monday: 18 kids. 14 volunteers  
Tuesday: 22 kids. 12 volunteers  
Wednesday: 14 kids 14 volunteers  
Thursday: 15 kids. 10 volunteers  
Friday: 18 kids 14 volunteers

The youth enjoyed music, games, a bible lesson, science, and crafts.

Thank you so much for everyone who helped make this event possible we could not have done it without you!

We are looking to do Cave Quest next year and would love to have you join our group as we help the youth of the community dig deeper into God's Word. Once again thank you and God bless.



## Pastor's Pause

It's not even August and last night I saw my first back to school commercial on TV. It seems like summer gets shorter every year! Now it's time to think about confirmation classes. Confirmation preparation classes consist of two years of classes that cover the basics of the Christian faith. They usually meet once a week during the school year for two years. Typically students in seventh and eighth grades take the classes although the ages may vary. Please let me know if you are interested in classes for your son or daughter.

I've really enjoyed worshipping together this summer with one Sunday service. It's been a great time to renew old friendships and share worship together. Please let your deacons or me know what you think about having one Sunday service. We will be returning to two services on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Remember there is adult Bible study offered at 9:00am and everybody is welcome!

In Joshua 1:9 the Lord encourages Joshua right before they enter the Promise Land. He said, *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* He makes that promise to us also. As we live our everyday lives we can be sure that he is with us too. He is there to share our burdens and fight our battles. With him, we can be strong and courageous!

**Blessings!**  
**Pastor Patrick**



*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**

**Birthdays not  
published on-line**

**★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!**



## **ALTAR COMMITTEE**

**Dar Buccolini &  
Kathie Holden**

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Aug. 6 - Jim & Virginia Randolph  
Aug. 13 -  
Aug. 20 -  
Aug. 27 -

## **MEMORIALS**

### In Memory of

**Candy Bush**

**Bill Chadwick**

**Ray Priess**

**Lorraine Bentley**

### Sent by

**Jim & Sharon Long**

**Tom & Dianne Deloe**

**Rick, Kay & Lynzy Wheaton**

**Jim & Sharon Long**

**Jim & Virginia Randolph**

**Ted & Robyn Hardy**

**Ken & Karen Rakieski**

**Nancy Allen**

**Wally & Vicki Sander**

**Bruce & Chris Schuessler**

**Jackie Streb**

**Jim & Virginia Randolph**

**Jim & Sharon Long**

**Nancy Allen**

**Rose Bond Hager & Family**

**Jackie Streb**

**Bruce & Chris Schuessler**

**Willie & Shirley Presher**

**Ken & Karen Rakieski**

**Clare Pusateri & Dan Costello**

**Sarah Lanier**

Congratulations to the winners of the two Silent Auction Fundraisers held for the Parking Lot Project:

### **Dave Sheneman**

winner of the wooden covered wagon  
with a bid of \$100.00

### **Selene Machuga**

winner of the three pots of flowers  
with a bid of \$125.00



## Council Meeting

Church Council meeting is **TUESDAY, August 8th at 7:00pm** in the Social Hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome to attend the monthly Council Meetings! There is also a suggestion box in the Welcome Center.



## 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.

**Jane Burns**  
133 Rockland Ave.  
368-6674

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

**Dan Denning**  
Bradford Manor  
50 Langmaid Lane

## Special Prayer

**Pastor Patrick** and the Deacons invite you to come to the altar to have your needs or the needs of a loved one addressed in individual prayer. Prayer will be offered immediately following each service on the **first weekend of every month**, but always feel free to ask for prayer at any time.



## Love Letters

Do you know someone with a serious or terminal illness who may not have the support they need or a church family to support them? Pastor and the Deacons would like to reach out to them with the love of Christ to help them with their spiritual, emotional and physical needs. Please contact **Pastor Patrick** or one of the Deacons with the name and address of the person in need so a letter can be sent to them.



Deacons are: **Dave Arnett, Dave Wright, Wally Sander, Michele Evers, Jill Taylor, Mary Paterniti, Laura Keesler, Ken Rakieski and Kathy Verbocy.**



**Save the Date...September 30, 2017  
12:00PM-5:00PM**

*GWG* is excited to announce that we will be participating in **Pumpkin Fest** this fall!

Our booth will feature a game for kiddos to play, baked goods for sale and greeting cards made by our kiddos!

We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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.

# *Growing with Grace*

## **2017 June Updates**

*“For he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.”  
Proverbs 2:8*



### **Hurray for School Age**

Our School Age Program now has a total of 15 children enrolled (max is 20)! We are very blessed to have our first male teacher, **Nick McIntire** as our Lead School Age Teacher. **Nick's** presence in the School Age Room & visits in the Preschool Room have had a great impact on our students!

### **Welcome Aboard, New Staff**

With the increase of School Age students and losing four teachers for summer break, GwG has hired five new staff members: **Danielle Miller, Kayla Haskins, Kalika Anderson, Karen Kervin** (summer only), and **Ashley Kervin** (summer only).

Our new staff members are working through their New Staff Trainings (mandatory 15 hours online) and are doing a wonderful job!

### **Keystone STARS Revisions**

The STARS Program has cut their standards that facilities follow by fifty percent and have now implemented the use of CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) Plans. Effective 7/1/17, we no longer receive grant monies. Instead we will be receiving a 23% daily increase for each child who qualifies for child care subsidy monies (CCIS).

ALL permanent staff are attending mandated trainings in either Erie or Butler Pa at which time they will learn the new STARS Standards and be trained in areas that may have changed. We are all very excited for this wonderful learning opportunity. Consequently we are postponing moving to a STAR 4 at this time.

### **Director Search**

**Ms. Megan Crooks** is adjusting well to her new role as Interim Director. The search continues for the individual that the Lord will send us to direct GwG.

## 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 August, we would like to thank **Lisa Cox**. **Lisa** plays many roles in keeping the church running smoothly. On Saturday nights she can be heard playing the piano for the Praise Band at the 5:15pm service. She serves as a lay reader and does prayers. After church **Lisa** can be found teaching Sunday School to our youngsters.

Thank you **Lisa** for always stepping in where there is a need and the great love you bring to the church.

**Board of Deacons**



## Grace Notes:

Thank you to the following folks:

- the person who weeded, unasked
- A big Crosswalk Thank You goes out to:

The 3 folks that supply us with Little Caesar's gift cards that help to buy the pizza.

The volunteers that consistently show up to help.

Everyone who contributed salad dressing for our yummy salad.

You all help the program continue to be the success that it is!



## Council Seeks New Ministry Outreach

At the June meeting and at the request of **Chris Schuessler**, Council discussed replacing Grace's annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner with a new outreach event.

For the past 20 plus years, Grace has held a dinner open to the community at Thanksgiving. However, so many other groups are now offering Thanksgiving dinners too, that donors have remarked on this to our organizers. Last year, others offering free dinners included the Friendship Table, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, the YWCA, Open Arms Community Church and others who, like Grace, invite groups quietly.

Someone mentioned at last year's dinner that Grace's meal was the fourth one they were attending. And naturally, attendance at Grace's dinner has fallen off.

Council approved a motion by **Laura Keesler** with a second from **Lisa Miller**, that Grace cancel the Thanksgiving dinner this year, but look for other ways to reach out to the community. Some suggestions included a summer picnic or an Easter time meal.

If you have a thought, idea or inspiration about how to share God's love in our community, please mention it to a Deacon or Council member, or place a note in the green suggestion box in the Welcome Center.



**Church Office Hours:**

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

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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

***We're On  
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**

**September 2 & 3**

***Labor Day Weekend will be  
our LAST weekend with ONE  
Service on Sunday;  
Regular Services resume on  
September 9 & 10***

**Save the Date!!**

**September 30**

***Growing with Grace  
will be hosting a booth  
at Pumpkin Fest  
Noon 'til 5:00pm***



***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.***