



**Ash  
Wednesday  
Service with  
Pastor Barry**



# *Pastor's Pause*

## *The Paradox of The Cross*

A "Paradox" is a statement that at first glance seems opposed to common sense. For example – "Jumbo Shrimp" or we are "alone together." One other example, "Less is more." The dictionary defines paradox as "a seemingly absurd or self contradictory statement yet when investigated or explained may prove to be well founded."

However, has it struck you that when it comes to our faith, "paradox" is central to our theology and so many of the Bible's teachings.

Consider a few:

We conquer by yielding

We find rest beneath a yoke

We become great by being small

We are wise when we are fool's for Jesus

We are strong when we are weak

We live by dying daily to self

We are made free when we are a servant of Jesus

In this season of Lent, as we move toward Holy Week, there are three paradoxical truths that are essential to Easter;

Jesus shows His power by becoming weak!

Jesus took on our poverty that we might be rich!

Jesus descended into greatness!

C.S. Lewis once wrote: "One of the reasons that I believe Christianity is that it is a religion you could never had guessed. If it offered us just the kind of universe we had always expected, I would feel that we were making it up. But in fact, it is not the sort of thing anyone would have made up! It has just that strange twist about it that real things have."

It is my prayer that as we journey to the cross, we will stand in awe of the beauty and paradox of God's wisdom and power.

In Jesus,

Pastor Barry

# DIRECTORY

**John and Mary Smith (Bart and Davy)**

John Birthday Dec 2, 19XX

Mary Birthday Jun 1, 19XX

(don't have to include the year born - this is up to family)

**Children:**

Bart 8 years old Birthday Feb 11, 2016

Davy 5 years old Birthday October 20, 2018

(Don't have to include the year born - this is up to family)

(Can include current year of school, date of birth, baptism date, confirmation date.

Can include adult children)

**Family Information:**

John has been a member of Grace since he was baptized at Grace in 1970. John and Mary were married at Grace in November 1990. They are proud parents of 2 boys.

**Occupation:**

John – Retired in February 1997 from Dresser Rand.

Mary – Retired in August 2007 from Zippo.

(Can include past work history)

**Other Family Information:** John is Nancy Jones' brother. Nancy is also a member of Grace.

**Hobbies:** John enjoys history and has traveled extensively, visiting 32 countries. Mary enjoys computers and her dogs. Bart and Davy enjoy playing ball.

**Other information:** Anything you would like to include about your family. Where children are going to school/college, what they are studying, their families, grandchildren, etc.

**Share a tidbit about Grace Lutheran Church:** Share something about Grace in honor of Grace's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Areas you may be volunteering at Grace, past or present.

**Provide phone number and email in case we need to contact you about your information. Phone # and email won't be included in directory... Email completed document to [glcmail@agraceplace.org](mailto:glcmail@agraceplace.org), drop off @ church office or drop off Sunday during worship.**

**Phone #:**

**Email:**

*Limit to front and back... If you don't have a picture, we can take a family picture at church on a Sunday. If Family doesn't have a computer, they can provide handwritten information and then can be applied to document. We can scan the picture if provided. Questions email [glcmail@agraceplace.org](mailto:glcmail@agraceplace.org) or call church office 814-362-3244.*

**NAMES**

First Name - \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

First Name - \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN**

Name - \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Name - \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Name - \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

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**OCCUPATION (Past or Present)**

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**HOBBIES**

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

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**SHARE A TIDBIT ABOUT GRACE**

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**Phone Number and/or email address if we need to contact you.**

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*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)*

**MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS**

Birthdays not  
published on-line.

**MEMORIALS**

**In Memory Of**                      **Sent By**

*No one has been called home*



**MARCH SERVICE  
SCHEDULE**

**CHURCH  
COUNTERS**

Jim & Mary Paterniti

**ALTAR  
COMMITTEE**

Stacia Roggenbaum  
Michele Evers

**READERS**  
Amy Dexter

**PRAYERS**  
Jerry Craver

Gifts of Grace Gift Card Program  
(to Benefit Growing with Grace Preschool)

Order with payment must be  
Submitted by noon on the  
FIRST Sunday of each month.

**NEXT GIFT CARD ORDER**

**MARCH 3RD, 2024**

**New participants: Tops Friendly  
Markets and Big Lots!**



Questions? See Jackie Streb

**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.

**Marsha Denning**  
354 Interstate Pkwy.  
Bradford, PA 16701  
814-596-7250  
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**Judy Signor**  
28 Brookline Ct  
Bradford, PA 16701  
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**Debbie Kelly**  
The Pavilion at BRMC  
200 Pleasant St.  
Bradford, PA

**Donna Lannen**  
The Pavilion  
200 Pleasant St.  
Bradford, PA 16701

**Charlotte Reinhardt**  
230 Rutherford Run  
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**Ray Eidson**  
100 St. Francis Dr.  
Apt. 107

**Betty Jean Austin**  
100 St. Francis Drive  
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**Rose Hager**  
144 Davis St., Apt 2  
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**Grace Memorials / Altar Flowers**

Prayerfully consider donating to the Grace Memorial fund when you wish to make a memorial donation. When you donate to the Memorial Fund, a card is sent to the family of the person that you are remembering.

Also, you may sign up for Altar Flowers on the chart posted in the Social Hall. This can be in memory of a loved one or friend or to commemorate a special event.

To make a donation you may use one of the envelopes in the Welcome Center and place in the collection plate, the safe or call the Church Office at 362-3244.



## **FYI**

For anyone wishing to rent the Social Hall or the Community Life Center for an event, your contact person is the **Church Secretary: 362-3244.**

## **Council Meeting**

Church Council meeting will be at 6:30pm **March 12th, 2024** in the Social Hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome!

## **Deacon's Meeting**

The next Deacon's meeting will be at 6:00pm **March 6th, 2024** in the Social Hall.

**RECYCLING**: Keep saving your nickel cans and nickel plastic bottles! Please leave them in the Social Hall for pick-up. Thank you!

Remember: "With God all things are possible." The total raised for 2023 was **\$5,144.63.**



## **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 in the manner you would like church secretary to print it.

## **The Women's Bible Study Group**

We are doing a Bible Study on Daniel - "Daniel - Spiritual Living in a Secular World." We would love to have you join us and bring a friend.

We are only having one session in March due to our Easter Celebrations.

We will be meeting on **Thursday March 14th** in the church social hall at **10:30a.m.**

If and resume our schedule of second and fourth Thursdays in April. If there are any questions, please call

Vicki Sander 814-465-3137 or  
Laura Keesler 814-465-9388.



# GWG NEWS

GWG completed our shoe drive with a donation of 5 contractor bags full! Our donations help twofold by providing used shoes to individuals in need, as well as providing funds to the Allegany school district to buy new sports uniforms. GWG Jr preschoolers and PreK students participated in Ash Wednesday services with Pastor Barry and enjoyed his explanation of the special day using Valentines hearts.



We are looking forward to Dr. Seuss week in March, as well as celebrating the Hindu holiday Holi (festival of colors)



We have spring Break and will be closed from March 29<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) - April 5<sup>th</sup> for Easter.







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### Join Us For Worship!

Sunday  
10:00am Blended

9:00am Family Education

*We're On  
The Web!*

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

*Like us on Facebook:*

*Grace Lutheran Ministries*

*(Live Streaming Sundays 10am)*

*Growing with Grace  
Christian Preschool*

## CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 6th  
Deacon's Meeting 6pm

March 10th  
Daylight Savings Time

March 12th  
Council Meeting 6:30pm

March 14th  
Women's Bible Study 10:30am

March 16th  
Food Auction

March 17th  
St. Patrick's Day

March 22nd  
Youth Ministry @ CLC 6pm

March 24th  
Palm Sunday

March 28th  
Maundy Thursday  
Services 1:30pm & 7pm

March 29th  
Good Friday  
Services 1:30pm & 7pm  
Office Closed

March 31st  
Easter



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