

March's Grace

Growing With Grace

Growing with Grace kids have been busy creating various "arts with hearts". They sent Valentines day cards to the residents at the Ecumenical home. We are looking forward to partnering with them when they implement a new pen pal program where our grace kids will adopt a senior.

We are continuing operation through difficult times and are grateful that our staff and students have been taking precautions for the safety of our kids! Pray for our continued health so that we are able to keep our doors open!

We are still looking for a few part time workers in the afternoon. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the GWG family, please have them call at 814-362-4769!



Said By Kids in Church (from Freeology)

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said,

"Did God throw him back down?"

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A wife invited some people to dinner.

At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said,

"Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said,

"Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"





## **EASTER ROLL SUNDAY**

Come early and join us for tasty rolls and zestful fellowship.  
 9:00am Easter Morning, April 4th in the Fellowship Hall.  
 (Hosted by the Deacons)

### **'HE IS RISEN' SERVICE SCHEDULE**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
 FEBRUARY 17, 7pm  
 PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 28, 10am  
 GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 2, 7pm  
 EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 4  
 EASTER ROLL BREAKFAST – 9am  
 EASTER SERVICE – 10am



## **GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY CROSSWALK**

APRIL 2, 2021

MAIN THEME: "The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross"

| SUBTHEME                                     | TEXT          | SPEAKER                  | TIMES         | HYMN                            | CHURCH LOCATION                         |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| "Father, forgive them"                       | Luke 23:34    | Rev. Beth Rosler         | 12:00 – 12:20 |                                 | St. Bernard's Church                    |
| "Today you will be with me in paradise"      | Luke 23:43    | Fr. Ray Gramata          | 12:25 – 12:45 | "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"<br>#278 | 1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church |
| "Woman, behold your Son"                     | John 19:26-27 | Pastor Zoe Hatcher       | 12:50 – 1:10  |                                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church     |
| "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me"   | Matthew 27:46 | Rev. Andrew Christiansen | 1:15 – 1:35   |                                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church          |
| "I Thirst"                                   | John 19:28    | Captain David Means      | 1:45 – 2:05   |                                 | Church of the Ascension                 |
| "It is finished"                             | John 19:29-30 | Rev. Rob Jeffrey         | 2:15 – 2:35   |                                 | Grace Lutheran Church                   |
| "Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit" | Luke 23:46    | Rev. Seth McClymonds     | 2:40 – 3:00   |                                 | Hill Memorial Church                    |

### **Discerning the Times**

## **Bible Study**



**"Looking at current events through the Book of Revelations. Is there a correlation? If so, then how now are we to live and serve?"**

**Time: Thursday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021 @ 6:45pm**

**Place: CLC Youth Room**

**Contact: Jim Machuga  
 @ 558-9895.**

# *Pastor's Pause*

*Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish ..."*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Martin Luther said, "Where Almighty God builds a church, the Devil builds a chapel." What an insight this is. The Church of Christ has been attacked by Satan and his minions from the very beginning. As Jesus and St. Paul said in so many words, if you are not building up the Church you are tearing it down. Evil is active and will gladly move in, in order to add more chaos during our times of crisis!

Peter and Paul wrote about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are quite obvious, Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. All of these traits build people up and build up the Body of Christ.

Jesus strongly hints and Paul writes that the fruits of Satan, the fruits of the world, are as well obvious. For these fruits tear down, attack and destroy Christ's Church. All around the world we are seeing this happen. It was written that there have been more Christian martyrs this last hundred years than the previous centuries combined.

This is not only happening overseas, but in our nation as well. Churches have been attacked from the inside, the outside and from all directions. As people of Christ, we need to support the Church. The Lord's Prayer says it very well, pray for the Church of Christ. Pray that we will strive to allow the light of Christ to shine through us.

Now I don't know if you made any New Year's resolutions, but if you did, have you been able to keep them? At times we can set ourselves up for failure because we make them impossible to keep. We all have good intentions when we make these resolutions, but we are weak; we see the delicious cakes, pies or candy bars and we just give in. Or we don't exercise because we do not feel like walking on cold days.

It is not bad to give in once in a while. There are times when we deprive ourselves of something that our bodies or taste buds are use to and when we try to go cold-turkey we fail. Sometimes baby steps are required. Maybe we can take a smaller piece of the pie or walk another block or two.

The same is true when we try to develop a devotional life. Many people decide that they will start reading their Bibles regularly and they start at the very beginning of Scripture. This can be quite interesting, but when we get to Deuteronomy or Numbers we find it so boring that we fall asleep reading.

You don't have to read consecutive books of the Bible. It's okay to jump around. The Gospel of John and Psalm are a good place to start. I like using the Psalms as part of my prayer life. John is easy to read because he uses simple words in his gospel. The more you read John's gospel the deeper the meaning becomes.

Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of Lent started on February 14th. This is a good time to rethink your New Year's resolutions and maybe make them more manageable. Maybe instead of giving something up you try something new.

On that note, we will not be having Wednesday Lenten services because of Covid-19. I do ask that you pick a time on Wednesdays, it could be another day, to listen to music, listen to another pastor on the radio or TV or take time to meditate on a chapter in the Psalms or another book of the Bible.

Pastor Bill

*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.



In Memory of  
Christy Signor

David Streb

John Burkhart  
Sheila Goodman  
Nancy Mackey  
Tom Young  
Bev Geise  
Woody Woodruff  
William Alyward

Given by

Bruce & Chris Schuessler  
Jim & Sharon Long  
Hailie Cox  
Barb & Art Steinhauer  
Dave & Cheryl Sheneman  
Dave & Jan Swanson  
Nancy Allen  
Rick & Kay Wheaton  
Wally & Vicki Sander  
Bruce & Chris Schuessler  
Tom & Dianne Deloe  
Dave & Cheryl Sheneman  
Nancy Allen  
Rick & Kay Wheaton  
Barb & Art Steinhauer  
Wally & Vicki Sander  
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**The Story of the Real Saint Patrick**

The Real St. Patrick:: books & videos for your day - True and Faithful ([lisaappelo.com](http://lisaappelo.com))

**Fun fact:** Patrick was not Irish and not born in Ireland.

He was actually born in Roman Britain in the mid-400's, in the area of Scotland or Wales. He grew up on a farm and though his family was active in the village church, Patrick was not a believer.

When he was 16, Celtic pirates from Ireland landed on the British coast. They raided his farm while the rest of his family was away and took young Patrick captive. Sailing back to Ireland, they sold Patrick as a slave and for six years, he served as a shepherd. He later wrote that alone and suffering, he prayed a hundred times a day, and was converted to Christ.

At 22, Patrick escaped and walked 200 miles to the sea. Making his way through France and across Britain, he finally found his way home. Once reunited with his family, though, Patrick felt God calling him to return to the very place he'd been enslaved. He felt called to bring the gospel back to the Irish, immersed in pagan, Celtic worship without Christ.

Patrick returned to Ireland and immediately faced the hostile Celts. Despite numerous threats on his life, Patrick continued to share the gospel and eventually established churches all across Ireland. By his death 33 years later, it's said that almost the entire island had converted to Christianity.

**Patrick of Ireland was a world-changer.** His life is one of suffering and forgiveness, obedience and bravery. St. Patrick's boldness to return to his enemies with the hope of the gospel is the story we should celebrate on March 17.

**ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Stacia Roggenbaum & Michele Evers

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

March 1 - No Flowers - Lent  
March 9 - No Flowers - Lent  
March 15 - No Flowers - Lent  
March 22 - No Flowers - Lent  
March 29 - Palms



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
BEGINS AT 2:00AM  
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH  
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR  
CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR  
BEFORE RETIRING  
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH**

## Council Meeting

Church Council meeting is **TUESDAY, March 9th at 6:30pm** 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

The 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  
362-6429

**Debbie Kelly**  
The Pavilion at BRMC  
200 Pleasant St.  
Bradford, PA 16701

**Donna Lannen**  
24 Shep Run Rd.  
Bradford, PA  
558-1547  
(Daughter Beth)

**Judy Signor**  
28 Brookline court  
Bradford, PA 16701



## Special Prayer

The Pastor 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? The 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 one of the Deacons with the name and address of the person in need so a letter can be sent to them.



Deacons are: **Michele Evers, Mary Paterniti, Jim Roggenbaum, Stacia Roggenbaum, Wally Sander, Barb Steinhauer, Kathy Verbocy and Kay Wheaton.**

## 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 to print it.

# Stewardship Minute

## **Make Your Time Count, by Rick Warren**

“Use your time in the best way you can.”

Colossians 4:5 (ICB)

If you want to get ready to be used by God, first you need to get to know Jesus Christ. Then you need to use your time in view of eternity.

Colossians 4:5 says, “Use your time in the best way you can” (ICB). Time is your most precious resource. It’s far more important than money. You can get more money, but you can’t get more time. You only have a certain amount allotted to you in this life.

You can’t make time. You can’t borrow time. You can’t save time. You can’t extend time. You can only use it. We all have the same amount of time every week: 168 hours. You won’t be able to manage anything else in your life if you don’t learn how to manage your time well. Your time is your life.

God is watching how you manage your time on earth to determine what he’s going to have you do in eternity.

One of Satan’s strategies is to get you so busy doing unimportant things that you don’t have time for the important things in life—preparing for eternity. If Satan can’t get you to be bad, he’ll just get you to be busy.

The Bible tells you exactly what you should be doing with your time: “My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus” (Acts 20:24 NLT).

God wants to use you, but he wants to make sure you’re investing your time in the most important things. That means using your time in view of eternity. Ask yourself, “How much of what I’m spending my time on is going to count five years from now? How much is going to count in eternity?” Then use your answers to refocus your time.

### **VNA Northwest PA**

(Serving Your Home Care & Hospice Needs)

#### **Grief Relief Virtual Support Group**

A friendly environment of caring people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. The support group provides information and strategies to best deal with grief. This group is free and open to the community.

**Tuesday, March 30th at 4 p.m.**

Must have access to computer to participate in virtual meeting

Registration required: Stacy Williams-  
[swilliams@brmc.com](mailto:swilliams@brmc.com) or call 814-362-8288

### **Bradford Regional Medical Center**

(A Kaleida Health Facility)

#### MEALS ON WHEELS

Would you like to make a difference?  
Become a VOLUNTEER DRIVER.

Deliver in Bradford, Smethport or Kane areas  
for the Meals on Wheels program.

To become a  
volunteer, call  
814-362-8288





## GIFTS OF GRACE GIFT CARD PROGRAM (to Benefit Growing with Grace Preschool)

Orders with payment must be submitted  
by Noon on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month

**NEXT GIFT CARD ORDER:  
SUNDAY, MARCH 7th**

**Questions?**

### 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 **Sharon Long at 368-6711 or the Church Office at 362-3244.**



### Healthy Cookies

(Posted by Gail Wiebers on Facebook Oct. 31, 2020)

- 3 mashed bananas (ripe)
- 1/3 cup apple sauce
- 2 cups oats
- 1/4 cup almond milk
- 1/4 cup raisins or nuts
- 1 cup good chocolate chunks
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 15-20 minutes.  
**NO ADDED SUGAR!**

### WHAM News

Greetings and Blessings to everyone,

We are 3 weeks deep in our 7 week series called taboo. The first 3 weeks have passed us and have been getting good feedback from the topics from the youth. Jan 19th was about suicide, Jan 26th was about physical and digital bullying, and February 2nd was about internet addiction. This week February 9th we will be discussing about the hook-up culture.

I have been in talks with a youth pastor his name is Cameron and he is from a church up in Mount Jewette. He is looking to come down and join our youth with his teens once or twice a month.

Sheryl and myself are looking into doing a Vacation Bible school this year. We wont be buying a program because I will be making it. The theme will be Video Games. I will have a full outline for council in the coming months. There will be music, games, crafts, lessons, and most importantly SNACKS. Within the coming months we will be looking to place a sign up sheet for volunteers for helpers because this is not a 2 person job lol. The tentative dates for V.B.S. would be Monday June 7th through Friday June 11th from 6 pm until 8pm.

At the end of our 7 week lesson taboo series we will have a movie/pizza party for the teens just to break things up a bit. That will be held on Tuesday March 9th. Any questions or concerns feel free to get ahold of me.

Peace and Love, Baney



**Church Office Hours:  
Monday thru Friday - 8:30am - 3:00pm**



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(814) 362-1236**

**Growing with Grace  
Christian Preschool  
(814) 362-(GROW) 4769**

**glmoffice@agraceplace.org  
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***Join Us For Worship!***

**Friday  
6:30pm Crosswalk  
Youth Worship at the CLC**

**Sunday  
10:00am Blended**

**Adult Education  
9:00am**

***We're On  
The Web!***

***www.agraceplace.org***

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Growing with Grace  
Christian Preschool***

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

**MARCH 3RD**

***Deacon's Meeting @ 6:00pm***

**MARCH 9TH**

***Council Meeting @ 6:30pm***

**MARCH 4TH, 11TH, 18TH  
& 25TH**

***Discerning the Times  
Bible Study @ 6:45pm***

**MARCH 28TH**

***Palm Sunday @ 10am***

**MARCH 14TH**

***Daylight Savings Time***



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