

I. The Biblical Record of Blessings

- 1. The Story of Hannah and her son Samuel
- 2. The story of Father Abraham
Hebrews 11:2 It was by faith that Isaac promised blessings for the future to his sons, Jacob and Esau. NLT

II. Dealing with a Lack of Blessing

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.

III. The Blessing Fills Four Felt Needs

- 1. Affection
Psalm 42:8 But each day the Lord pours his unfailing love upon me, and through each night I sing his songs, praying to God who gives me life.
- 2. Meaningful Touch
Matthew 19:15 And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.
- 3. Aggressive Acceptance
Romans 15:7 Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. NLT
- 4. Vision of a Bright Future
Ephesians 3:20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. NLT

New Fall Women's Bible Study! Have you ever wondered how to recognize when God speaks? Pastor Kathy and Peggy Kane will be facilitating a 7-week Bible study this fall entitled "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer. We are offering this class at two different times in Room 106 at the Downtown Campus: with Pastor Kathy on Monday mornings, starting September 11, 10 – 11:30 am, and with Peggy Kane on Thursday evenings, starting September 14, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Sign up in the Welcome Center or at the KCAC Connect Table.

Grace Mission's Committee is planning a **Mission trip to San Luis** Oasis Boy's Home, sponsored by Caring Hearts Ministry (www.caringheartsmexico.org), January 12-21, 2018. We plan to serve the people of San Luis through various ministry projects and a construction project. Find out details at the initial **informational meeting on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 03** at 12:30 pm in the Grace Church Parlors. Need more information prior to the meeting? Please contact Donna Overdorff at 724-464-7552 - text or email donnajeaneoverdorff@gmail.com.

The Sounds of Grace Orchestra will be starting rehearsals September 05 to play several times this fall at the 9:00 am service. Junior High and above age groups ALL welcome. Please contact Keith Young if you are interested! kyoung@iup.edu or 724-422-9301. Chancel Choir rehearsals begin September 07 at 7:00 pm in Room 203. All singers welcome!

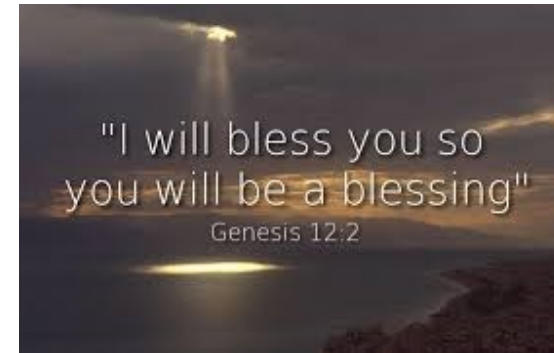
New Grace Church Members classes: Sundays, beginning September 17 at 10:00 am in the Parlors at the Downtown Campus. Prospective members who attend the classes will be joining the church on October 15. If you wish to attend these classes and join Grace Church on October 15, please call the church office to sign up.

Safe Sanctuary Training reminder: Saturday, **September 09**, 10 am - noon in Fellowship Hall, for all childcare staff and volunteers. Call the church office to RSVP.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

P.O. Box 6
Indiana, PA 15701

indianagrace.org
724-463-8535



August 27, 2017

Our Pastors

Rev. Bill Blair - Senior Pastor

Pastor Kathy Mihoerck - Congregational Care & Senior Adult Ministries

Pastor Dennis Marshall - Visitation

We gather in grace

The coffee is ready! Please enjoy a time of fellowship - in our Welcome Center between services at the Downtown Campus and in the lobby at the KCAC Campus. Meet and greet your friends and make new ones.

Check your bulletin for information on special events, including a worship service event at the Indiana County Fair! Mark your calendars now and see the new information on a Grace Church Picnic scheduled for September 17!

More information is available in the Welcome Center and at the Connect Table at the KCAC. Check our website for other opportunities to Gather in Grace!

Child care

Child care for children up to age 4 is available in the nursery during our KCAC service and Sundays during worship services at our Downtown Campus.

Children K-5 can attend the Train Station - an exciting worship experience - at 11:00 am at our Downtown Campus (please sign your child in downstairs before the worship service begins).

Children ages 3-5 can attend the Caboose at the Downtown Campus during the 11:00 worship service (located down the main hallway past the Welcome Center).

Needed: two Childcare staff persons for the KCAC and one for the Downtown Campus.

Order of Worship

Traditional Worship 9:00 am

Gathering Music

Prelude

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Keith Young, Flute

Announcements

Call to Worship

Cindy Watta

*Opening Hymn of Praise - No. 572

Pass It On

Prayer of Invocation

Epistle Lesson - Galatians 3:5-9

Response - No. 62, verse 7

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn of Preparation - No. 369

Blessed Assurance

Series Theme Song - No. 600, verse 3

Wonderful Words of Life

Message: Pass the Blessing

Scripture: Matthew 19:13-15

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Be Still, My Soul

Keith Young, Flute

*Doxology - No. 95

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn - No. 555

Forward Through the Ages

*Benediction & Postlude

*Indicates the congregation standing as able



If you are joining us for the first time today, we extend to you a very special greeting! We have a gift for you in our Welcome Center. Additionally, while in the Welcome Center, please take a moment and complete a connect card and return it to the Welcome Center host. Thank you for joining us!



The Altar Flowers are in memory of Courtney, James & Margaret Makin, given by Joy.

Our sympathy is extended to Bill & Jan Waryck and their family on the death of Bill's mother, Joyce Waryck on 08-19-2017.

Calling All Bakers - 3,000 new students are coming to IUP this week. Baked goods are a sure way to show students the love of Christ and give them a taste of home! Grace Church and Cru (our campus ministry) will be connecting with dozens of IUP students over the next couple of weeks. Please bring donations to the parlor – Room 102 or the church office. **Not a baker** – no worries, we also could use donations of bottled water or soda (especially root beer for floats). Please contact Phil Floyd at 724-840-3094 or the church office if you have any questions.

Please join us in prayer as we walk and pray around the IUP campus on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 - 6:45. This will allow you to attend the Wednesday night meal at 5:00 pm, get a bit of exercise, and be ready for small groups. **(Dinners and small groups begin on September 13.)** We will meet at the KCAC parking lot on the stadium side. Please join us as we pray for God's spirit to fill and protect our campus, the students, and our town.

Grace Church AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM needs your HELP!! We have created a "Wish List" Registry of educational supplies and games we need for our program. Please consider donating to help this amazing cause to help the children in our community! **GOD BLESS AND THANK YOU!!** For more information or to help in some way, please contact Kara Krauss at kkrauss@indianagrace.org or call the church office! Donation list is in the Welcome Center.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Monday, August 28

4:00 pm Women's Prayer Group - Room 207
6:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting - Room 207
6:00 pm Communion Teams Meeting - Room 208

Wednesday, August 30

7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Room 102
10:00 am The Seekers Women's Group - Deb Rickard's home
6:15 pm Prayer Walk - meet at KCAC stadium side lot
8:00 pm Cru Team - Grace Growth Center

Thursday, August 31

6:00 pm Small Group Leaders - Room 208
7:00 pm Worship Team Practice - Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Puppet Ministry Meeting - Parlors

Saturday, September 02

7:45 am Prayer Fellowship - G.I.M. (1st Floor)
7:00 pm Coffeehouse Worship - Indiana County Fair

Special Coffeehouse Service on September 02: Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a special worship event **at the Indiana County Fair! The Coffeehouse Service will begin at 7:00 pm on the Community Stage**, followed by other exciting activities. Please note: There will be **no 5:00 pm service at the Downtown Campus on September 02 and September 09.**

PIG ROAST & POTLUCK! Please join us at **Mack Park** for the All-Church Picnic on Sunday, **September 17 at 4:30 pm.** Meat, tableware and beverages will be provided. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or Connect Table for the Potluck dish you will provide. Last names beginning with A – M, please bring a side dish to share. N – Z, please bring a dessert to share. To ensure adequate quantities, PLEASE SIGN UP!

Blue T-shirts with the new Grace Church logo are now available at a cost of \$10 each in the church office, or see Will Pinos! Support our local campus ministry. Also available in youth sizes!

Remember in prayer....

Micah Taylor
Jean Rapach
Betty Scarpino
Debbie Douglass
Dale Cunningham

Joan Shirley
Terry St. Clair
Chris Lybarger
Andrew Manzek
Rosemary McDowell

Brian Swistock
All First Responders
Joyce Waryck Family
Deployed Military Personnel

Youth Meeting: Tonight, Aug. 27, 6:30-8:00 - BRING A SNACK!!! We are going to have another great time together focusing our life on CHRIST!!! AMAZING!! REMEMBER YOUR BIBLES AND COMPOSITION BOOKS!!!

Lead Me to Christ Horse Trail Ride is rescheduled to **September, 30, 2017.** We have a few more spots open. If you would like to take part in the trail ride, please contact Kara Krauss ASAP. Cost is \$10 per rider. Information is in the Welcome Center.

NEW "Move Up" Youth Ministry: We are having a party for ALL the YOUTH to "Welcome" the new youth members at Grace Church!! All new 6th graders, will now transition to Amazing Grace Youth. Please RSVP for the event to Kara Krauss: kkrauss@indianagrace.org or by calling the church office. We are so excited for this upcoming year and to meet EVERYONE!!!! GOD IS AMAZING!!!

Ministry Fair and special worship times! On Sunday, **September 10** we will have our Traditional worship service at the regular time in the sanctuary at 9:00 am, followed by our Ministry Fair at 10:00 am at our Downtown Campus. **The KCAC worship service and Downtown Contemporary services will be combined and held at 11:00 am** at our Downtown Campus sanctuary. (There will be **no Saturday Coffeehouse worship on September 09 and no service at the KCAC building on September 10.**) Everyone who attends any worship services at Grace Church is welcome and encouraged to attend!