

Matthew 26:36-46

I. They Represent the Cell Principle.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. NLT

II. They provide Multiple Points of Entry.

Acts 2:46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. NLT

III. They Truly Care for People.

A. Better Communication

2 John 1:12 I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to do it with paper and ink. For I hope to visit you soon and talk with you face to face. Then our joy will be complete. NLT

B. Reduction of burnout

Exodus 18:18 You're going to wear yourself out—and the people, too. This job is too heavy a burden for you to handle all by yourself. NLT

C. Acceleration of Spiritual Growth

Hebrews 10:24 Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near. NLT

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**Midnight Mission:** Friday, October 06 from 9:30 pm - 2 am at the Downtown Campus Courtyard - We need smiling volunteers to interact with college students. Donations of bottled water, soda, cookies, baked goods and other sweet treats would be greatly appreciated. Sign up in the Welcome Center or the KCAC Connect Table. Please drop donations off in the Parlors of our Downtown Campus on Thursday, October 05. Email Phil Floyd at phil.floyd@cru.org For more information.

**Music Group Rehearsals: Children's Choir** directed by Debra Moore (K-8th grade) - Sundays at 10 am starting Sept. 17. **Hosanna Ringers** (grade 4 - 8) - Sundays at 10:30 am. If you have Children's Choir experience and would like to help, or have questions, please contact Debra Moore (724-463-8535, extension 25 or email her at dlwm99@gmail.com).

**New Members class reminder:** Sundays, beginning today, September 17 at 10:00 am in the Parlors at the Downtown Campus. Prospective members who are registered and attend the classes will be joining the church on October 15.

**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!

**ENGAGED and MARRIED COUPLES: WEEKEND TO REMEMBER 2017** is offering two different weekends in Pittsburgh, and now through September 18th, they are offering ½ off the registration fee. Flyers are available in the Welcome Center with more details or go to Familylife.com.

Hear the sermon each Wednesday at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm on WMUG FM radio (105.1) or online at www.wmugradio.org. You can also listen to any of the sermons on our website, <http://indianagrace.org/message-archive/>.

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## Reboot 3 "Why Small Groups Are God's Eternal Plan"

September 17, 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.

A warm Grace Church welcome to all college students!

Check your bulletin for information on special events, including our Grace Church Picnic today! Wednesday Dinners and **small groups** are back for fall! **Sign up** today!

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).

## Order of Worship

### Traditional Worship 9:00 am

Gathering Music

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship  
Claudine Coffman

\*Opening Hymn of Praise - No. 158  
*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Preparation - No. 561, verses 1, 4, 5 & 6  
*Jesus, United by Thy Grace*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26:36-46

Response - No. 171  
*There's Something About That Name*

Anthem  
*We're Gonna Have Church*

Sermon Series: Reboot  
Message: Why Small Groups Are God's Eternal Plan  
Scripture: Exodus 18:13-23

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology - No. 95  
*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn - No. 557  
*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

\*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  
William & Marie Spurlin, given by  
Cindy Roberts, Barb Cerovich & Families

Even before Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma reached land, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) had plans in place for flood relief. United Methodists wishing to help can make donations directly through UMCOR's Domestic Disaster Response Advance #901670. (If you wish to make flood relief kits, please check this website: <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>.) Checks may be made payable to Grace UMC, with UMCOR in the memo line. We cannot process checks payable to UMCOR.

One Hundred percent of financial donations to UMCOR go directly to the relief efforts--not one cent is withheld for administration costs. Because UMCOR is active around the world, each initiative is given a special identifying number. The Advance Number listed below directs funds directly to Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma relief. To give financial assistance directly by mail:

Advance GCFA  
P.O. Box 9068

New York, NY 10087-9068

(Please note in your check memo line: Advance 901670)

### Wednesday Dinner

Serving 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall  
Adults: \$5 Kids 4-12: \$2.50 Under 4: Free

THIS WEEK'S MENU  
Porcupine Meatballs, Garlic Smashed Potatoes,  
Vegetable, Roll & Dessert

To properly plan, **reservations are required.**  
Sign up in the Welcome Center, or call the church office  
by 4:00 pm on Tuesday.

Please join us in prayer, after dinner at 6:15 pm, as we  
walk and pray around the IUP campus. Meet at the  
KCAC parking lot on the stadium side.

### THIS WEEK AT GRACE



**Monday, September 18**  
10:00 am Women's Bible Study - Room 106  
4:00 pm Women's Prayer Group - Room 205  
6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting - Room 205  
7:00 pm Church Council Special Session - Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, September 19**  
6:30 pm Orchestra - Room 106

**Wednesday, September 20**  
7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Room 102  
10:00 am The Seekers Women's Group - 173 Valley Rd., Indiana  
3:30 pm Women's Grace Group - Room 201  
5:00 pm Wednesday Dinner - Fellowship Hall  
6:15 pm Prayer Walk - meet at KCAC stadium side lot  
6:15 pm Case for Christ Study - Room 208  
6:15 pm Men's Small Group - Room 201  
6:30 pm Youth Happy Hour - Grace Growth Center  
7:00 pm Co-Ed Small Group - 211 Grant St., Indiana  
7:00 pm Agape Bells - Room 105

**Thursday, September 21**  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study - Room 106  
6:30 pm Puppet Ministry Meeting - Room 208  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir - Room 203  
7:00 pm Worship Team Practice - Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, September 23**  
7:45 am Prayer Fellowship - G.I.M. (1st Floor)  
5:00 pm Coffeehouse Worship - Fellowship Hall



**PIG ROAST & POTLUCK REMINDER!** All-Church Picnic at **Mack Park today, September 17 at 4:30 pm.** Please remember to bring the potluck item that you signed up for. Meat, table service and beverages provided.

Members of the church are invited to attend a **special session of Church Council tomorrow night, September 18 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall** at our downtown campus. There will be a **special comment session concerning the KCAC** contract for the Sunday 10:00 am service. This may also affect the Saturday 5:00 pm service.

### 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  
Deployed Military Personnel  
All First Responders  
Victims of Hurricanes Harvey & Irma

**Fall Small Groups and Classes have begun!! There is a place for everyone!** Get more information and **sign up today** in the Welcome Center, at the KCAC Connect Table or on the Connect Card in your bulletin today.

**Grace Church AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM** needs your Assistance and help!! Please consider donating to help this amazing cause to help the children in our community and/or lending a helping hand! GOD BLESS AND THANK YOU!! For more information or to help in some way, please contact Kara at [kkrauss@indianagrace.org](mailto:kkrauss@indianagrace.org) or call the church office. Donation list is in the Welcome Center.

**Charlie Brown Christmas Play Auditions and Parts:** Sunday, September 24 at 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Auditions will be held in the Sanctuary. If you plan on participating in any way, please attend one audition. Thank you! If you have any questions please contact Kara at [kkrauss@indianagrace.org](mailto:kkrauss@indianagrace.org).

**Youth Happy Hour:** Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Grace Growth Center. Chill, hang out, and fellowship together with some awesome refreshments!

**Amazing Grace Youth Meeting:** Sunday, September 24, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Grace Growth Center. PLEASE BRING A SNACK and remember your Bibles!

The Senior Adult Ministry is sponsoring a **trip to see Annie:** Sunday, November 19 at the Palace Theatre in Greensburg. We'll be traveling together and having a "Dutch Treat" lunch. The show starts at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$31 each. Please **sign up by September 24** in the Welcome Center or at the KCAC Connect Table. More details to follow in the bulletin next week.