

ARMA/GRACE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

9:30 am Worship Service -- Grace
11:00 am Worship Service – Arma
Church School – following Children’s Moment -- Arma
COME WORSHIP WITH US!!!

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“Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” (Romans 6:4 NRSV)

What does a community mean for you? Yes, in English, it defines a group of people who are living in the same place and having a certain characteristic in common purpose. They have shared their common attitudes, interests, and goals in a relationship and a fellowship with others. But, as we are a Christian witness, the Christian community started and affirmed a distinctive characteristic, which recognizes and believes in Jesus Christ. Jesus showed the Christian community in Christ’s deed of life, death, and resurrection. According to Book of Disciple 2016, *the church’s mission statement*, they obviously clarify the meaning of the Christian community. “The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Moreover, John Wesley primarily emphasized on Christian living, on putting faith and love into action.

Moreover, in Matthew 22:37 and 39, they manifestly address ““You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. . . . You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. Yes, the meaning of the Christian community is to follow and to proclaim Jesus’s command to love God and all persons.

From time to time, they have missed and mistreated Christian’s communal characteristic and the particular role. The Christian community must seek to love all persons in harmony and unity of God’s love. The community must continue to seek, welcome, and gather all persons into the body of Christ. We are not gathered as a normal community for our own particular purpose. We are gathered in God’s love and fulfillment of God’s purpose for worship and fellowship. Thus, we must call and invite all persons in the name of Jesus Christ for the building of the Christian community. During this month, we will focus on the early Christian community. Please, come and praise worships together.

Have a good month!

Pastor K. Lee

GRACE NEWS

We would like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday:

**Oct 5 Lois Amershek
Oct 14 Teri VanBecelaere
Oct 30 Joe Grisolano**

Upcoming events:

Oct 5 – the Grace UMC Fall Spaghetti Dinner and Silent auction will be held on October 5th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The meal includes spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert and drink. Be sure to invite your friends, neighbors and coworkers to attend.

The cost for adults is \$7.00 and for children under age 12 is \$3.00. A Silent Auction will also be held during the event. Please let Mike Seely (232-9277) know if you have donations or items for the Silent Auction.

Carryouts are available and whole pies can be purchased also.

Oct 8 - Administrative Board meeting at 3:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

The annual charge conference for the Arma and Grace churches is scheduled for

**Sunday, October 29 at 5:30 p.m.
at First United Methodist Church, Pittsburg**

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday, 10:00 – 1:00 pm at the Arma UMC
Thursdays, 10:00 – 1:00 at the Grace UMC**

ARMA NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 11 Administrative Board at 7:00 p.m.
Oct 20 U.M.W. meeting
Oct 29 Charge Conference at 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pittsburg
Oct 31 Trunk or Treat
Nov 5 All Saints Day and carry-in dinner

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 1	Linda Manion	Oct 11	Eileen Prettyman
Oct 2	Dianne Reiken	Oct 11	Lilly Sue Graham
Oct 3	Phyllis Hay	Oct 12	Gage Cowan
Oct 4	Dale Parsons	Oct 13	Casandra Jones
Oct 5	Judy Smerchek	Oct 15	Brandi Palmer
Oct 6	Harry Brunk	Oct 15	Hilary Duderstadt
Oct 7	Mandy Jones	Oct 17	Shirley Mullins
Oct 10	Sharon Starr	Oct 21	Ken Culbertson

OCTOBER GREETERS

Oct 1
Oct 8
Oct 15 Youth
Oct 22
Oct 29

READERS

Susan Herrell
Emma Lou Ales
Youth
Joan Cleland
Alan Roberts

U.M.W.

U.M.W. will meet on Friday, October 20 at 11:00 and eat lunch at the Oriental Star. Election of officers was held at our September meeting where the officers for this new year were elected. They are: President, Susan Robinson; Vice President, Wilma Lollar; Secretary, Dolores Bierbrodt; and Treasurer, Sheri Pyle. Don't forget canned goods and paper products for the Wesley House.

CHARGE CONFERENCE Scheduled for October 29th

All committee chairs and members are approved at the annual charge conference. Please consider serving on one of the committees for 2018, and if interested, please let Pastor K Lee know. The Finance Committee will be meeting to prepare the 2018 budget to be presented at the Charge Conference. All committee chairs should let Joan Cleland (chair of the Finance Committee) know if the dollars budgeted for 2017 were effective for their committee's work.

FIFTH SUNDAY Because we are planning a carry-in dinner for All Saints Day on November 5th, no plans are yet made for an event on the 5th Sunday in October. Stay tuned.

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SAVE THE DATE –

The annual Christmas cantata is scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd.

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULED

Pastor Keunsik Lee will be leading a Bible Study session during October at the Arma United Methodist Church on Wednesdays. The topic will be “Three Simple Rules for Christian Living”.

Here are the dates and times: October 4, 11, 18 and 25th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. All are invited to participate.

“ANGEL’S CLOSET” A SUCCESS

Thanks to Dori Pipkin for her leadership and to all who assisted in sorting and then staffing the clothing giveaways on September 23 and September 30. Thank you to the many people who donated clothing and other items. Several families from the local school district visited the church during the clothing drive. The Angel’s Closet was another success thanks to the efforts of our church members.

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