



GRACEBEC
WALLINGFORD

Grace News

SUMMER 2019



**YOUTH
Retreat
& Seniors**



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EASTER WEEK



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**Got Photos?
Send them to Pastor Mark!**



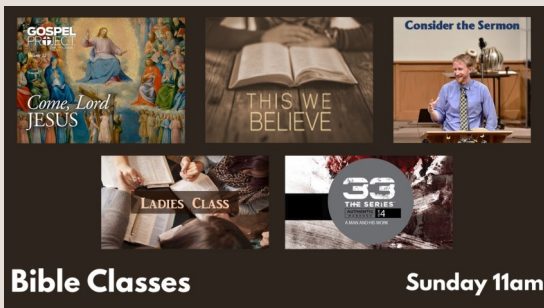
Worship
Sundays at
9 am

Easter Series:
Sermon Series on
Heaven
Through the end
of June

Worship in the Park

July 14 and Once in August (date to be decided)

Moving our Worship of God outdoors so you can invite friends!



Bible Classes

Sunday 11am

Bible Classes
Sundays at 11 am

Current Classes End June 23

July and August - Extended Fellowship Time

For the months of July and August we are going to cancel all of our Children, Teen and Adult Bible Classes, and instead follow each worship service with an extended time for coffee and fellowship in the gym and fireplace room. This will give our regular Bible teachers a break as well as giving each of you a chance to spend some extended time with others in the church. Whether you take this time to talk in the church building, or use it as an opportunity to invite some others over for a meal, or to go on an outing with others, we encourage you to use this time on Sundays to catch up with, encourage and challenge others in the church and in your community. Bible Classes for all ages will resume on Sept. 8 with our Fall Kick-off Grace Café. PARENTS: We will still have Nursery, Preschool and Children's Church during the 9am Worship Service, but all kids should be picked up immediately after Worship.

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

THIS SUMMER AT GRACE CHURCH

OPPORTUNITIES TO HANG WITH THE NEIGHBORS

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL — June 8th, 2-4PM

Cultural displays, food samples, live Celtic music and dance lessons, kids activities
If interested in being an attendant at the event, **see Nate or Katie Biermaas**

KIDS CARNIVAL — Early September (specific date TBD)

Food, games, inflatables, live music. **See Fuzzy for more info**

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTIES

Interested in hosting a party to get to know your neighbors? We'll help you plan, provide resources, and even pick up some of the costs. **See Pastor Aaron**

OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE AND SERVE

FAITH EXPLORERS — Throughout July/August

3-Day kids clubs full of crazy games, songs, puppets, meaningful bible exploration, and more. If you are interested in hosting one at a park near you, **see Fuzzy**.

PICNIC for our N.A. FRIENDS — July 5th. **see Pastor Aaron**

Good food and conversation with those who fill our Church on Friday evenings.

LABOR DAY LUNCH for FIRST RESPONDERS

Providing sandwiches and desserts for those who give up their holiday to sacrificially serve our community. **See Pastor Aaron**.

YOUTH NIGHTS and FAMILY FESTIVAL at WISSINOMING BFC — Aug 14-17

Games and gospel ministry aimed at young people the evenings of August 14-16 (6:30-8:30PM) followed by a family festival in a nearby park on the 17th (2-4PM). If interested in being part of the ministry team, **see Pastor Mark**.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT at CAPE MAY BFC — Aug 19-23

Renovating the family center. If interested in helping out, please **see Pastor Tim**.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO INVITE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

SUNDAYS in the PARK — July 14th

Having our Sunday morning worship at Garrett's Way, followed by our summer picnic. Another outdoor worship some Sunday in August a possibility.

WACKY WEDNESDAYS — June 19th and August 28 (see Fuzzy for more info)

Fun activities and lessons for the kids, Refreshments and workshops for the parents,

SUNDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL AND HOCKEY - 6-8 PM through the summer

See Andrew Piasecki for info on Basketball and Hannah Ballantine for hockey.





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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

JUNE 8TH, 2PM-4PM

Grace Bible Fellowship Church Parking Lot
723 S. Providence Road, Wallingford PA

EXPERIENCE THE RICH CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD!

Heritage booths representing Japan, Ghana,
Poland, Ukraine, South Korea, and many others

- Art and cultural displays
- Food samples
- Music and dancing
- Kids activities

Largely from the NPE School neighborhoods!

FREE ADMISSION AND AVAILABLE PARKING

FOR MORE INFORMATION

contact Aaron Susek
717-476-2340
asusek@gracebfc.org



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WACKY WEDNESDAY

Summer Edition

**WATER GAMES, SNACKS, SONGS
AND A FAITH-FILLED MESSAGE**

June 19th & August 28 from 6:30 - 8:30
See Fuzzy for Details

**PARENT LOUNGE WITH COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS
AND A PARENTING WORKSHOP**

FAITH EXPLORERS

3 - DAY - CLUBS

**PLAY CRAZY GAMES INVESTIGATE ^{THE} BIBLE
SONGS, PUPPETS & MORE**

July & August
See Fuzzy for Details

Host a Neighborhood Cook-out or Block Party

Get to know your neighbors this summer by hosting a party for them! We can help you plan, provide equipment like canopies and a large grill, even help with the costs. See Pastor Aaron.

Church in the Park

Sunday July 14th

Worship Service

Family Cook Out

Swimming Pool

Backyard Games

Service & activities held at Garret's Way in Newtown Square, PA. Go to gracebfc.org for more details.

Worship in the Park

July 14 - 10:30AM

We want to provide a place where you can invite your neighbors and coworkers to join you for a worship service, even if stepping into a church would be uncomfortable for them. We will be holding our morning worship on July 14 at 10:30am at Garret's Way in conjunction with our annual picnic. The Worship time will include singing, prayer and a message from the Word.

Invite a friend to join you for our first Worship in the Park and Picnic. Invitations will be available in the lobby in late June.

Note: This will replace our normal morning worship, so there will be no programs at Grace Church on July 14.

Church Picnic - Sunday July 14 - Noon until 5:00pm

This year our picnic returns to the beautiful Garretts Way in Newtown Square! (address below)

We will begin immediately after our Worship Service in the Park, and there will be food and fun all afternoon, continuing until 5-ish. The pool will be open for a 3 hour window; between 1 and 4 o'clock. Remember, there is a pool, so make sure you pack towels and a change of clothes.

Lawn chairs and your favorite lawn games are optional. Other activities at GW include hiking, bike riding, a gaga pit and play grounds.

WE PROVIDE: Hot dogs (and all the fixins), chips, our famous baked beans, (regular and meat lovers), drinks, and of course – **WATER ICE!!!**

YOU PROVIDE: Summer sides, salads and desserts (should feed 10)

note: we will have a chilled serving table to keep perishable food cool during Worship until it is time to eat, but we will not have a refrigerator. Also, everything should be brought prepared and ready to serve, there are no kitchen facilities available and the grill has been set aside to make hot dogs for the masses.

Garretts Way, 395 Bishop Hollow Rd, Newtown Square, PA 19073

maps available in the lobby as time nears - Questions? See Dan Seal or Pastor Tim.

Upcoming Outreach Events

Opportunities for you to help

SUMMER OUTREACH

NA PICNIC

Friday July 5th
See Pastor Aaron

SUMMER OUTREACH

FIRST RESPONDERS LABOR DAY LUNCH

Monday September 2nd
See Pastor Aaron

Help prepare food as well as serve / deliver meals and befriend people. See Pastor Aaron to help with **NA Picnic** or **First Responders Labor Day Lunch**.

INNER-CITY OPPORTUNITY

WISSINOMING YOUTH NIGHTS

August 14 - 16 from 6:30 - 8:30
See Pastor Mark or Fuzzy for Details

We are looking for 3-5 adults to help with 3 evenings of **Youth Nights at Wissinoming**. The church is 30-40 minutes from Grace and we are thinking to go from 6:30-8:00pm (although we can adjust based on help available). Each night will have games, food, fun and message from God's Word. See Pastor Mark.

TEENS: We would love to have 6-8 Grace teens join with the local teens each evening.

We are taking our **Carnival "on the Road"** to **Wissinoming** on Saturday August 17. Set-up around 10 am, festival from 2-4, hopefully all cleaned up by 6pm. Ideally we would like 20-30 people from Grace! Contact Pastor Mark.

TEENS: We would love to have lots of Grace teens to help with the Festival!

AUGUST 17 FROM 2:00 - 4:00

WISSINOMING FAMILY FESTIVAL

See Pastor Mark

AUGUST 19-23

CAPE MAY WORK TEAM

See Pastor Tim

Our **Summer Work Team** will be headed to Cape May Courthouse to help renovate their Family Center so they can hold worship services there. We'll send a group of people each day from August 19-23. Come as many days as you wish.

FAMILIES: projects for all ages and skills!

Please let Pastor Tim know if you are interested so he can plan for each days projects.

SUMMER MISSIONS TEAMS

- **RUSSIA : June 14—24**

John Roach (leader), Debbie Wilt, Richard Taylor, Leo and Elena Ivanenko, Lilly Ivanenko, Joshua Ivanenko, Kelsey Yori, Karleigh Yori, Teresa Quinn

- **CAMP PROMISE : June 22—July 8**

Jim and Maggie Henry (leaders), Lilly Henry, Abby Henry, Mark and Sue Bickel, Haley Kulp, Elizabeth, Tim and Hannah Piasecki, Tom and Sue Kopp, Lisa Seal, Paige Lawton

- **HANDI-CAMP CANADA: July 27– August 4**

Mike and Angela Kramer (leaders), Joey and Lia Kraemer

- **SUMMER CAMP STAFF**

- Victory Valley: Renee Yavor, Ryan Schmidt
- Big Sky Bible Camp: Lilly Henry (full summer), Paige Lawton (3 weeks)
- CEF Clubs: Justin Gambrill

- **AUGUST OUTREACH and WORK TEAMS**

See Wissinoming and Cape May listings on page 7

Support Your Teams

- **Pray** - Prayer Cards for each team in the lobby
- **Get Support Letters** - Ask any team member or camp staff for their personal prayer letter!
- **Financial Support** - Make checks out to Grace BFC, mark envelope "SUMMER MISSIONS". To give toward an individuals support also put their name on the envelope and hand donation to the person so they can record it before turning it in. Questions on support? See Sam Shiels.
- **Note of Encouragement** - Box in lobby to drop off notes of encouragement to entire teams or individual team members (sign by box has deadlines for each team, blank notecards available).

GRACE kids

Summer Children's Events

Wacky Wednesday Summer Edition June 19th & August 28th 6:30 - 8:30 - Water games, songs, snacks and a faith filled message for elementary students and a parenting workshop with coffee and refreshments for parents. See Fuzzy (dphillips@gracebfc.org) for details.

Faith Explorers - 3 day clubs in the community happening during the month of July. Dates and locations TBA. See Fuzzy (dphillips@gracebfc.org) for details.

GRACE YOUTH

Upcoming Events for Youth

Faith Explorers: Teens interested in serving on a local missions trip are welcome to join us for one or both of the Faith Explorers clubs to do puppets, play games, or teach children in our community. See Fuzzy (dphillips@gracebfc.org) for details.

Hershey Park Trip: Wednesday July 17th for all teens currently in middle school or high school.

High School Beach Trip: Saturday August 10th for all teens currently in grades 8-12.

Middle School Beach Trip: Saturday August 24th for all students currently in grades 5-8.

Operation Christmas Child - Summer Collection Schedule



- **June & July - Hygiene items** - Bar soap (ivory preferred), wash-cloths, toothbrushes, hair brushes and combs (please note- NO TOOTHPASTE, we are no longer permitted to include tooth-paste), also **fun items** for the boxes - all ages.
- **August & September - School Supplies** - Pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, rulers, crayons, markers, rulers, glue sticks, spiral notebooks.

The sewing group meets the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:30 in the Fireplace Room. If you would like to join us, your help would be greatly appreciated. Call Janet (610-586-5176) for information.

You will have the opportunity to **help us make crafts for the Shoeboxes** during the Extended Fellowship Time in the summer months. All ages are invited to participate. Look for dates in the bulletin.

Hope to see you there! For more information contact Kathy Mills, Sue Yavor or Janet Letsche

Good News, Great Joy....the Power of a Simple Gift

Property & Maintenance Update



Parking Lot Resurfacing

June 3-4, 2019
(Raindate: June 10-11)

The parking lot is going to be resurfaced on June 3 and 4 weather permitting. (If it rains that week, the work will be postponed to the following Monday and Tuesday.) In addition to putting down two seal coats, the parking lines will be repainted, directional arrows will be added and

handicap parking will be consolidated near the wheelchair access. Since no traffic is allowed on the lot while the work is in progress, **all activities at the church will be cancelled for those two days.** If you have any questions, please contact Mike Norquist.

Improving Communications

We want to hear how you think we are doing at communicating with you. Where do you most often turn to find out what is happening in the church? Is there anything you would like to see us add, or change? Anything we can get rid of to save on time and money?

Take our Communications Survey at:

Gracebfc.org/communicate

Paper copies available in the church lobby

Vision Update

Please pray for the Elders over the summer as we seek to complete our work on a vision and focus for the next few years. Several committees have reported back to the Elders and we are now praying and working through the details of how to implement what has been proposed. Sometime early in the fall we hope to be able to share more on our direction as a church, as well as interact with the congregation to work out plans for the coming year.

GRACE FAMILY NEWS

Members of Grace who recently when to be with their Lord:

- Richard Kuntzman
- Julie Lawton
- June Ware

Keep up to date on Prayer in the Church

- *To receive prayer updates from the church simply email Barb at office@gracebfc.org.*
- *To share prayer requests with the congregation email Pastor Mark at mbickel@gracebfc.org (be sure to indicate that you want it shared with congregation)*
- *To read the most recent updates on Pastor Cowen's health go to gracebfc.org/cowenhealth*



College Graduates:

Cindy Lay – Widener University

High School Graduates:

Emily Bromley

Abigail Das

Sarah Bromley

Justin Gambrill

Jacob Bronkema

Lily Henry

Ed Caleo

Shichen Yu

If you know of other Graduates let Pastor Mark know as we would like to honor them as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8	International Festival
June 11	Young at Heart
June 16	Communion
	Prayer and Song
June 19	Wacky Wednesday
July 5	NA Picnic
July 14	Worship at Garrett's Way
	Church Picnic
July 21	Communion
	Prayer and Song
Aug 14-17	Wissinoming Outreach
Aug 18	Communion
	Prayer and Song
Aug 19-23	Cape May Work Project
Aug 28	Wacky Wednesday
Sept. 2	Lunch to First Responders

Full Calendar at Gracebfc.org

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Grace News will take a break for the summer. Next edition in September (articles due August 15). We will continue to send our eNews email updates during the summer. Updates, questions and suggestions can be sent to Pastor Mark at mbickel@gracebfc.org

Financial Update

March Year to Date giving: \$158,163

Budget need: \$162,538

June Birthdays

2	Lily Henry
2	Isaac Hoyle
3	Janet Letsche
3	Marge Gizzio
3	Teresa Quinn
7	Gladys Kuntzman
9	Beth Kessler
9	Dawn Gambrill
9	Haley Gambrill
10	Elizabeth Piasecki
11	Kayden Grant
11	Joe Paolucci
12	Thomas Kopp
12	Karleigh Yori
13	Nancy McIntyre
14	Steve Yavor
16	Hannah Piasecki

July Anniversaries

1	Blair & Sue Parsons
2	Matt & Trina Kessler
6	Eric & Julie Clontz
12	John & Kathy Mills
14	Jim & Christine Wiseley
20	Don & Kay Kaiser
24	Matt & Abbie Piasecki
28	Dick & Nancy McIntyre
31	Mike & Dani Plourde
31	Dan & Laurie McLean

16	Graham Salerno
16	Janet Stewart
19	Kimberly Achey
19	Nathan Achey
20	Rachael Jarman
20	Savannah Schmidt
21	Debbie Hastie
23	Dan Seal (jr)
24	Dale Harper
24	Joy El Kessler
24	Emily Clontz
24	Lee Salerno
25	Sammie Fiorentino
26	Caleb Wiegand
29	Emily Bronkema

July Birthdays

1	Dick Ware
2	Stephen Yavor
2	Julie Clontz
3	Lacey Hoback
4	Kim Yori
6	Debbie Wilt
6	Ruth Rook
7	Abigail Piasecki
8	Bill McDermott
8	Abby Henry
9	Joseph Kraemer
11	Jeff Bromley
12	Chuck Biermaas
12	Trina Kessler
14	Justin Bromley
14	Pastor Aaron Susek

June Anniversaries

1	Harry & Dawn Gambrill
3	Gil & Marlene Cahall
7	Doug & Beth Yori
7	Jack & Joyce Bromley
7	Dick & Joyce Taylor
11	Dick & Faye Holmes
15	Carl & Janet Letsche
19	Richard & Marilyn Hoback
21	Pastor Tim & Karen Cowen
27	Rocco & Connie Richardson
30	Dave & Trish Lawton

15	Micah Bach
15	Juliann Dupiche
15	Heather Bromley
15	Jessica Bromley
15	Katie Biermaas
16	Eileen Clontz
16	Matt Piasecki
16	Mike Kraemer
17	Emma Wiegand
20	Joyce Taylor
22	Braydon Spicer
23	Elena Ivanenko
23	Andrew Piasecki
24	Jessica Lentz
25	David Momose
26	Randy Rook
28	La'mae Buckner
30	Daniel Phillips
30	Ray Bonnette
30	Ted Brennan
31	Sandy Weaver
31	Christina Kessler
31	Cammi Bromley