



The Messenger
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Dedicated to building a strong Christian family for all of God's children, working together for the purpose of putting our faith and love into practice.

September 2018

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Family & Friends of Grace UMC,

Fall is a wonderful time to get back into routines. Often during the summer, we relax our schedules and are more at ease with our time. But the routine of fall can also help us to get back into some 'holy habits' – like daily prayer.

One of the most important things that we can pray about is our decisions. Where is God leading us as individuals and as a congregation? What ministries is God leading you to be a part of? What areas of your life does God want to help you transform?

Please be in prayer as to how God will be using you in the next year: will it be attending a Bible Study, leading a Bible study, becoming involved in a ministry, starting a new ministry, serving on one of the committees that keep the church functioning, being

involved in mission work – either locally or abroad.....who knows where God will lead you next!

Wherever God leads us, God will provide for us – so while new things may be coming, we are never going alone.

May we continue to grow in our faith so that we may be true disciples of Christ.



Pastor Kim

The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future. Oscar Wilde

Thank you!!!

Thank you for your prayers, your offers of help, offers of food, acts of kindness and for checking in with me to see what I might need during my time of healing. I truly felt loved and cared for throughout this health issue. A special thank you to those that cared for Molly for the 2 weeks I couldn't care for her: Fran, Adrienne, and the Harris family. I'm glad she behaved better for you than she does for me. Kim

Financial Peace University will be held on Tuesday evenings during October and November. Time to be announced.

All are invited to attend. Our class site is <http://www.fpu.com/1071352>.



Bargain Shed News

Since the Shed opened on March 24, sales have totaled about \$3,300. We are so grateful for generous donations and for all of our patrons.

On Fall Fair day, September 22, the shop will be selling the usual inventory and will again have a "huge" outside bag sale.

We are still accepting donations of storage bins (with lids, please) to help keep items organized and clean.

Also, if anyone would like to be responsible for putting out and taking down our Book Nook/Bargain Shed signs, please see Edna Rominger.

Our signs are essential to our success.

EVANGELISM NEWS

As representatives of Grace UMC at Ravena's Friendship Festival, our committee members gladly gave away ice cold bottled water & children's books (compliments of The Book Nook). We especially encouraged the Festival staff and our fellow vendors to enjoy some "free water" on us. I have to say, it's rewarding to offer a cool drink on a warm day!

We also had "life saver" invitation cards from our Sunday School, Jar Openers, Bibles and mini-flyers for our upcoming Fall Festival.

It was a beautiful day and a great opportunity to let the community know who we are...the friendly church on the hill!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

6 Ron Mantynen
8 Mark & Jean Gordon
10 Kallian Morse
13 Steve & Phyllis Shook
14 Ashley Miller
16 Rodger Coryell
17 Rhylee Harris
18 Colin & Marlene McTigue
18 Joyce Schoenig
19 Chelsea Maurer Wooster
21 Liana Frauenberger
21 Rebecca Shook
23 Christian Haslett
27 Heather Meisner
27 Jean Gordon
29 Alicia Moss
30 John Mantynen

BOOK NOOK NEWS

THANKS to all who contributed to the success of our Huge Book Sale in August. During the 3 day, 14-hour sale...we sold \$2,220 worth of books!

This brings our grand total to date (8/25/18) to \$8,527.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Many, many thanks to the congregation for supporting our Backpack Blessing on August 16th. Although it was a hot, humid night, we were happy to have the sunshine instead of rain! We had about 60 people attend the dinner and donated **34** backpacks full of school supplies! We had such positive feedback from both the kids who loved their colorful backpacks as well as the parents who expressed much gratitude for the assistance.

This year we received a generous check from Stewarts matching gift program which helped fund many of the school supplies. We also received assistance from Shop and Save and Price Chopper for food for the dinner.

Many thanks to Christine and Blake Frazee, Rodger and Barbara Coryell, Audrey June, Sharon Phillips and Mike Mattick for their invaluable help in the kitchen and at the grill before, during and after the meal.

Thank you to our generous congregation for their food donations, school supply/backpack donations and monetary donations which allowed me to fill in the holes where needed.

Thanks to all for making the night such a success and for helping support our community's children with their education.





FALL FAIR NEWS

The Fall Fair will be held Sept. 22nd from 9:00am-3:00pm.

Your participation is encouraged and appreciated. This is our biggest fund-raiser of the year. Let's make it our best ever!

Look for photos and story in the October issue of The Messenger.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Bake a pie, brownies or cookies for the Country Kitchen.

Offer a Talent or Service (such as landscaping, cooking, babysitting) for Silent Auction.

Make a craft for the Craft Table or a Gift Baskets for Silent Auction.

Fall Fair!

Saturday, September 22, 2018

TIME: 9:00am till 3:00pm

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FEATURING:

\$3.00 A BAG BOOK SALE

The Bargain Shed

Silent Auction

Crafts

Country Kitchen-

Offering Baked Goods,

Canned Good Items AND CANDY!

Bouncy House!



\$12.- BBQ CHICKEN LUNCH

To Stay or To Go



Friday, September 7, 2018
Sign-up 6:30 pm, Start at 7pm

Grace is hosting another "Open Mic" night. If you're a star in the making or just want to have a good time...COME & CHECK IT OUT!

Whatever your talent may be...we want YOU!

Play an instrument, tell a story, recite a poem, perform magic or do a funny skit.

Free Snacks and Beverages

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