

GROVE AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 2020

The Messenger

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Reaching people with Christ, one person at a time.

From The Pastors

Our dear friends,

It is not easy to accept things as they are; we wish that circumstances were different. Many people are living in fear and despair; there is a great need for the good news of Jesus Christ. We could dwell on our losses, but we are called to look at the world with hope-filled eyes of faith.

If we can tell of God's grace working in the past, we can wait in joyful hope for more of God's grace as we step through the threshold into the future. Although what is coming will be very different from our past, an abiding presence of God continues. There are many Bible stories about people who looked at the past through new eyes, of ordinary individuals who were called to do extraordinary things in challenging circumstance. After 40 years wandering in the desert, the Israelites saw those difficult years as the time when God formed them into His people. Saint Paul heard these words from the Lord, ***"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*** (2 Corinthians 12:9). Our story remembers how God who sees His people through all sorts of challenges and difficult times.

Right now we do not fully comprehend the challenges that we will face and the changes we will need to make. **So much** is unknown! We do not have a date to return to the church buildings. On May 19 a small work group from the three churches began planning what needs to be done before we reopen. The Bishop has recommended that we use the "yellow phase" to develop our plans. Most of our parishioners fall into the vulnerable group – over 60 and/or with health concerns such as diabetes, auto-immune diseases, heart disease etc. We will not be returning to the churches buildings during the "yellow phase." We promise to keep everyone informed as the plans unfold.

Our hope and our future is in Jesus Christ.

In times of hopelessness and darkness, we remember Good Friday, the most hopeless of all days and yet hope came from it. God will roll away the stones that imprison us and restore light to our lives. Like the Israelites, we believe that the Promised Land is always ahead of us, never behind us. The realities of the pandemic are one place where God will show His strength ~ despite our weaknesses. We are blessed for God is with us!

In power of Christ, *Pastors Carol and John*

ABOUT GROVE AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8 am-1 pm

Friday: 8 am-Noon

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 Adult Sunday School

9:30 Fellowship

10:00 Worship Service

STAFF

Pastors: Reverends Carol and John Hickman

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Robertson

Music Director: Denise Baldwin

Church / Community Worker: Natalie Marionneaux

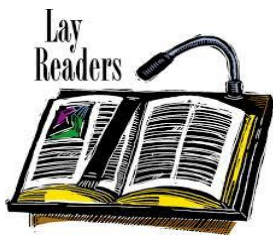
Custodian: Jay Adams

Nursery Director: Destiny Wallace

Lay Leader: Eric Stuver

JUNE MINISTERS

(depending on the reopening of our church)



June 7: Bill Brice
June 14: Georgia Miller
June 21: Gail Hiner
June 28: Lois Graham

Ushers & Greeters



Bill Hiner, Gail Hiner
Dave Aikey, Patricia Aikey



To acknowledge
your
Memorial Gift

Because our Easter service was cancelled, flowers were not ordered for the church. Thanks to those who donated instead to the General Fund.

IN MEMORY OF

Our loving parents

Pat & Dave Aikey

Becky Charette

John and Donna Bako

Parents John & Anna Bako, Clarence & Margaret Tiffany

John and Donna Bako

Rebecca Charette, Harry & Arlene Ullery, Harry Ullery, Jr.

Thomas G. Charette

Our Parents

Bill and Gail Hiner

Vernon & Mary Smith, Merritt & Catherine Moore, Raymond & Dorothy Robertson, Keith Smith, Brian Robertson

Rich and Sharon Robertson Family

J. Richard Crouse, Vernon E. Smith

Ruth Crouse Smith

IN HONOR OF

Our Bible Class & Church Workers, Our Daughters (Chris, Leigh, Laura, & Karen), Our Eight Grandchildren

Pat and Dave Aikey

Virginia L. Charette

Thomas G. Charette

My Mother Ruth Crouse Smith

Jan Furdella

Our Children & Grandchildren

Bill and Gail Hiner



JUNE 2020

- 1 Mickey Michalides
- 6 Natalie Hudec **
- 7 Jean Rose
- 11 Pam Kehl
- 12 Patty Hagerich
*Happy Anniversary,
Dave and Pat Aikey!*
- 15 Cassandra Kaelin-Smith
- 17 Anna Antemann **, Stephanie Hadix, Miyah Toth
- 20 Tammy Prysiazniuk
- 25 *Happy Anniversary,
Chuck and Mary Jane Beam!*
- 29 Karen Allshouse, Ronald Gindlesperger**

**80 and over

Natalie Hudec
3479 Elton Rd.
Johnstown, PA 15904

Anna Antemann
306 Graystone Ln.
Johnstown, PA 15905

Ron Gindlesperger
164 Pender Rd.
Johnstown, PA 15904

*Please, remember
these friends with a card!*



On The Calendar in June

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Hans Esteban has graduated from Bishop McCort High School. He will attend Penn State in the Fall to major in Cyber Security.

Destiny Wallace, who's graduated from Forest Hills High School, will attend Penn Highlands in the Fall. Her future career goal is Pediatric Nurse.

Jeffrey Kehl, II is a graduate of Boston College. Jeff received his Doctorate of Chemistry degree. Well done!

We will recognize our graduates in person when the church building reopens!



The father of our wonderfully talented organist, Eloise Romano, has passed away. Eloise lovingly served as a caregiver for her Dad, Gerald Mock. In these difficult times of isolation, can you reach out to Eloise? Her address is:

Eloise Romano
300 24th St.
Windber, PA 15963

We also express our deepest sympathy to Carole Murphy, whose grandson recently died. Carole's address is:

137 Worth Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

GROVE AVENUE UMC FINANCIAL REPORT

(as of May 26, 2020)

GOB profit: *no report*



GENERAL FUND (year-to-date)

Income: \$43,152.75
Expense: \$49,677.05

(- \$6,524.30)

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

May 2020: A- 0 (*church in lockdown*)
G-\$1521.25
May 2019: A- 63
G-\$1492.40
May 2018: A- 66
G-\$1750.75

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS



Bishop Cynthia Moore- Koikoi Initiative: WPA Coronavirus Relief Fund

The WPA Coronavirus Relief Fund was established to raise support for those financially affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds raised will be used to assist clergy families in need, lay staff in need, and ministries in need. You may contribute through:

your local church
or
wpaumc.org/OnlinePayments



Sometimes it's hard to describe our fathers and the impact they have made on our lives. Although all fathers are different, there are certain traits they share such as the nurturing, teaching, and guiding of children and youth. To **celebrate Father's Day 2020**, you are invited to make a donation in honor or memory of your dad. A listing of those remembered or honored will appear in the Father's Day bulletin and in the July Messenger. To make a donation, please complete the form below and return it to the church office with payment by Monday, June 15th.

CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY – June 21, 2020

Enclosed is a \$ _____
donation to the General Fund:

in memory of

in honor of

Presented by



*Love is patient,
love is kind, it
rejoices with the truth
and bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
For Father's love
never ends.*

The following General Fund gifts have been presented as a *Mother's Day Tribute*:

In Memory Of

- Mothers **Ann Boback and Elizabeth Aikey**
by Pat and David Aikey
- Our Mothers **Anna Bako and Margaret Tiffany**
by John and Donna Bako
- My friend **Becky Charette and her mother, Arlene Ullery** by Donna Bako
- Mothers **Jennie Birchfield and Ina Powers**
by Bob and Sue Birchfield
- Mother **Arlene Ullery**
by Tom and Becky Charette
- Family **Brants and Costlows**
by Don and Darlene Costlow
- Mothers **Dorothy (Schrum) Robertson and Mary (Sell) Smith**
by Richard and Sharon Robertson and family

In Honor Of

- Daughters **Christine, Leigh, and Karen**
by Pat and Dave Aikey
- Mother **Virginia L. Charette**
by Thomas G. Charette

Gift Designated for Summer Camp

In Honor Of

All the women of Grove Avenue UMC by Donna Bako

GROVE AVENUE REMINDERS

- **Prayer requests:** call the church office, the Prayer Chain (John & Veronica James @ 266-6907) or fill out a card found in the church pews.
- Please **notify** the church of your family's: address/phone changes, births or deaths, hospital stays, milestones, accomplishments, and celebrations.
- **You shop. Amazon gives.** Amazon will donate .5% of your eligible purchases to Grove Avenue UMC. Set it up at smile.amazon.com
- **Next month's Messenger** info due by the 15th of the month.

