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JUNE 2023

**Grace United
Methodist
Church**

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What About BOB?

OK, first of all, who is this BOB character? If you were asking that question, you'll be relieved to know that it is not a person, but rather, a group of people – men who want to pray and learn from the wisdom of the Word, and share together with other like-minded Christian dudes. But, what about BOB? Well, I can tell you that its primary focus is Jesus as we engage with others who are also intentionally taking each step of life in faith that we can build God's kingdom one guy at a time. So, what about BOB? Alright, I've kept you waiting long enough – BOB stands for **Band of Brothers (in Christ)**.

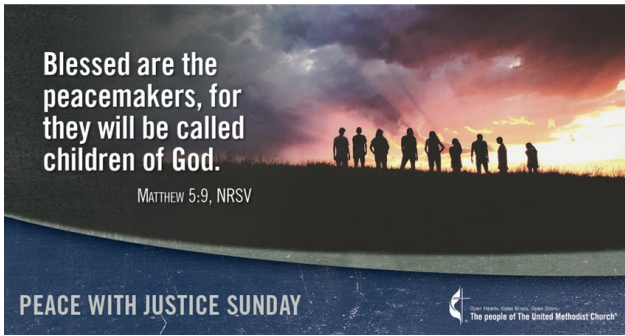
AND... we're looking for more than a few good men. In fact, you don't even have to be that good, just moderately OK will be just fine (HA). What we're interested in is all of us setting aside a little bit of time (once a month, in the beginning) to get together and ratchet jaw, chew the fat, clown around, and even commiserate if need be, for the purpose of Christian fellowship. See, there's this crazy idea that men really do get along much better in life when they're connected to others that will offer a hand, or a challenge, or an encouraging word. What better way for interested men to step out of their usual routine and give something new a shot? I envision us coming together at different times and places to talk and share a devotion. To hear and be heard, as we are challenged by selected and relevant scripture, and maybe there's something to munch on or a meal to be shared. But, it's NOT about the food. It's about the fellowship. So, plan to be there for one another.

In looking a little further down the road, the group could possibly consider some sort of fun activities or even some projects to help others. Begin thinking and praying about being a BOB(er) yourself and who you might also invite. We'll just take things slowly as we build, and see what we can discern that God might do with a group of fellas called BOB. Our first gathering will be on **Sunday, June 25 at 7:00pm** at the Farley home for a cookout. I look forward to seeing you there. On July 30 we are planning to go to the QC Bandits baseball game. More info coming.

*Encouraging you in Christ,
Pastor Dan*



Band of Brothers
IN CHRIST



Sunday, June 4, is a special Sunday the Mission Committee is supporting. Consider gifting to "Peace with Justice" Sunday, where together peaceful resolutions are found. There are hundreds of initiatives Methodists support and half of the collections fund ministries in our conference. Examples of where your gift can support other United Methodists and make a difference are:

- * Spearheading a peace ministry to unite Arizona border communities
- * Equipping United Methodists in Liberia to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social justice issues
- * Supporting Pennsylvania students to educate their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad.

Special envelopes will be in the bulletin on June 4!



- 03 - Virginia Clayton
- 04 - Lisa Hodgson
- 06 - Justin Shoemaker
- 07 - Becky Daniels, Lynette Wildemuth
- 08 - Dwayne Blank, Joe Mickley
- 09 - Tom Birmingham
- 10 - Brian Berry, Laney Dunker, Breanna Loebach, Sarah Stees
- 15 - Sheila Clary
- 16 - Shelly Emerick
- 17 - JoAnn Knox, Ty Neumann
- 20 - Molly Hamer, Connie Yager
- 21 - Pam Johnson, John Knox
- 22 - Nancy Lund
- 25 - Will Daniels
- 26 - Cindy Hudson
- 27 - Jason Boone
- 30 - Lori Martin



- 06 - Mitch & Jenni Lindberg (3)
- Corey & Ann Neumann (25)**
- 08 - Brian & Dee Humphries (32)
- 09 - John & Tari DuBois (33)
- 11 - Chuck & Rosemary Boardman (57)
- 14 - **Roger & Billie Hulting (55)**
- 25 - John & Joy Dwyer (46)
- Ty & Amanda Neumann (12)
- 26 - **Jason & Wendy Boone (25)**
- 28 - Rod & Deb Magerkurth (48)



MAY 2023

\$23,458.65

General Fund



COUNCIL MINUTES

Grace Church Council met Monday, May 22, at 6:00pm, and reports of the various committees were discussed.

Staff/Parish, Updating job descriptions for the various staff members. Evaluations will begin shortly.

Missions, future plans for Operation Christmas Child are being decided. Missions Month is August. The Community-Wide Food Pantry Collection will be promoted. On August 26 & 27 from 10 am – 1 pm, the Food Pantry will collect items in our parking lot.

Finance Chair, Todd Davison, reported on the asset balances: Checking account balance \$333,633; Mission Fund \$23,666; Reserve Fund \$262,608; General Fund \$47,358; Capital Expense Fund \$304,286; Capital Fund \$236,724; Mission Fund \$79,719. Total Assets \$668,088. Total Liabilities \$1,771.

As of 3/31/2023 YTD activity reflected actual receipts of \$75,537 as opposed to budgeted general fund receipts of \$93,187. Total expenses were \$74,506, as opposed to budgeted expenses of \$93,160 which resulted in a net YTD cash flow of a positive \$1,031.

Trustees, squirrel issue at the parsonage was fixed by Brian Humphries. Loose gutter on the south side of the building was repaired by Brad Toone. Bids have come in on sealing and lining the parking lot. The city was quick to replace part of the west sidewalk. The north sidewalk is the church's responsibility.

Membership, the new software (trial) is being reviewed.

Music/Worship, Lynn Haars, reported that the new sound system has been ordered. She also stated how good the congregation sounds singing out during Worship.

Audrey Toone and Jenna Rushing are discussing plans to have a combined GUMDROPS/Family Event sometime in July. They are looking for feedback on plans.

Reverend Seibert reported Men of Grace will hold its first meeting on Sunday, June 25 at the home of George Farley. Eighteen men have signed up so far. Plans are in the works to go to a QC Bandits baseball game on Sunday, July 30. He also reported on the possibility of hiring a Youth Director. Pastor Seibert and Mark Lohman, our Conference Representative, concurred that 28 churches of the 856 member churches in our conference have left the UMC. Pastor Dan shared that First Methodist Church, which disaffiliated on May 6th, sent contact information for 28 of their former members to Grace UMC.

The next Council meeting will be July 24 at 7:00pm. Thank you for your prayers for all committee members and those who serve our Lord and church.

Jeff Orton, Church Council Chair



Pastor Dan Seibert
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Worship Sunday at 9:00am
Kids Worship (Ages 4-11)
Sunday at 9:00am

Sunday School:
Adult Classes at 8:00am

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Geneseo Grace

Prayer Requests

Martha Anderson
Brant Betcher
Cara & Zane
Joey Eaker
Jon Espenses
Dick & Lynda Gradert family
Cameron Hodgson
Jeanette Klavine
Jim Larimer
Courtney Morrison
Cathy Rowe
Marian Shelton
Ginny Simon
Alana Wachtel

Clarke Barnes
Matthew Bodeen
John Carlson
Ruth Ann Eaker
Evelyn
Nikki Haars
Brenna Betcher Holke
John & JoAnn Knox
Vera Lohman
Bev Radue
Steve's Scherer mom
Sigwalt family
Sally Swanson

Thank You

1Corinthians 13:13 says "For now there is faith, hope and love. But of these three, the greatest is love."

We have felt this love from our church family in a most special way since the death of our grandson. Thank you, thank you for all of your kind words, cards, memorials, food and other loving acts of caring. Our Savior and you are getting us through this tragic time. We're so grateful, and are confident we will see Luke again when we get to Heaven.

Dick and Lyn Gradert

Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:

Greta Baugh Joyce Criddle Mary Lou Deane
Phyllis Keag Judy Kelly John Riggs
Connie Ryner Sarah Stees Rita Webb
Phyllis Wiese

**Please contact Julie Dahlquist
with prayer updates.**



Food needs: canned fruit with no added sugar, low sodium canned beans, canned tuna in water, whole grain tortillas, brown rice.

Non-food needs: toilet paper, Kleenex, dish soap, razors, shaving cream

Clothing room needs: Kitchen items, small appliances, bedding, towels, size 2XL & larger clothing

BLOOD DRIVE

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Grace United Methodist Church

Wednesday, June 21

3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

*Otterbein Hall
318 N. Center St.*

To schedule, please contact Karen Doy at karensdoy@gmail.com
or scan QR Code or click [here](#).



Save local lives!

Give & get a gift card or bonus points to shop our rewards store for the new sun shirt & more.



Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID
Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 4/26/21
Group Sponsor Code: rtkk2





ImpactLife



June



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>8:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:00am - Worship 9:00am - KIDS Worship</p>				1	2	3
<p>4</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>Breakfast following Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p> <p>7:00pm - Men's Softball, Richmond Hill</p>	6	7	8	9	10
<p>11</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p> <p>6:00pm - Missions Meeting, Library 7:00pm - Men's Softball, Richmond Hill</p>	13	14	15	16	17
<p>18</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p> <p>7:00pm - Men's Softball, Richmond Hill</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>Blood Drive 3:30 - 7:00pm</p> 	22	23	24
<p>25</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>7:00pm - New Men's Group, Weiner Roast, Farley Home</p> 	26	27	28	29	30	