

GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

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PASTOR'S PAGE

BREAKTHROUGHS

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

Spring has sprung!

After what seemed like an endless Winter to some (perhaps too short and too mild for others), Spring officially returned (according to the calendar, anyway!). As Spring breaks through Winter's stronghold, it is a blessing to, once again, see glimpses of new life (blades of green poking through a sea of brown, robins searching for food and twigs, and children frolicking about).

As the season of cold and snow gives way to the promise of spring and new life, I am reminded of one of my favorite hymns. (This is also a favorite of several Grace Church members.)

Inspired by the death of a friend and the changing of seasons, Natalie Sleeth wrote these words, which became a beloved hymn. Before his death, her husband heard it, and requested that it be sung at his funeral.

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

("Hymn of Promise" Natalie Sleeth © 1986; UMH #707)

Some of us have endured some tough and challenging times recently. Some are ready for a positive change - a breakthrough - at home, school, or work; in our personal lives, families, or relationships; or maybe even in our church family and our place in this community.

What is a Breakthrough? There are many different definitions of breakthroughs, but this one seems to resonate with me: "a discovery or

achievement that comes after a lot of hard work" (MacMillan Dictionary)

Breakthroughs rarely come easily. So often, they take time, effort and hard work.

For me, it seems I am longing for a breakthrough regularly (for certain, each week and each month) as I prayerfully struggle and strive to discern what God is trying to say to me in order that I might share with others. It seems like a mental wrestling match at times.

In what ways might we experience a Breakthrough as a Church Family? Or as individuals?

My hope and prayer is that we enter a new season together - complete with personal and congregational Breakthroughs.

Praying for God's Breakthroughs for us!

Pastor Mark

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

April 4, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

OUTREACH — During the month of April, the Outreach Committee will be collecting personal items to take to the residents of Transitions, our local shelter for battered women. We are asking the Grace Church family to help with this project. We are looking for Purex liquid laundry soap, dryer sheets, bleach, paper towels, toilet paper, fabric softener, bath towels, socks, hair clips, pony tail holders, microwave popcorn, and snack crackers. If you aren't able to shop, you may donate money and we will purchase items for you. We would like to thank everyone in advance for your generous donations. May God continue to bless us as we bless others!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

With Sympathy

- . . . to Karen Vincent and family following the death of her mother, Freda Bates, on February 27.
- . . . to Cathy Hamilton and family following the death of her father, Denver Barr, on March 19.

KROGER PLUS CARD

Use your Kroger Plus Card and benefit Grace Church. The *Kroger Community Rewards* program is a great way to give back to the church.

This is a reminder that starting **April 1** it is time to **re-enroll** in the rewards program for the coming year. This procedure must be done online; the store is not allowed to enroll you.

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com

select store location

select 're-enroll' if enrolled in the past; select 'enroll' if new to the program, follow the instructions

Grace Church organization number is **81252** to use in registering.

CARR CENTER CAKE AUCTION — April 26-27

Tune to WHIZ or go to the mall and bid on our cake and incentive! Let's help to make it a very successful 32nd Anniversary for the Cake Auction!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Disciple Class – This adult class is working their way through the Bible at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday. Anyone is welcome to attend! See you Sunday!

Children & Teens – are also studying the books and stories of the Bible based on the Lectionary Scriptures.

Women's Book Study Group – All women are welcome. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the old Middle School classroom in the basement. Following Easter, we begin a new study. Hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School – Mark your calendar for VBS – July 8-12 – at Immanuel Church (105 S. 7th St.). The theme is a sports theme. Ready – set – go!!



. **Grace is on Facebook!** Look for us for the page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedMethodistZanesville>

Or our group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/419305344801902/> The group is closed, let us know you want to be invited and someone will. The group has documents like the bulletin and the Grapevine attached, so we didn't want it to be as public.

Grace's website — www.graceumcz.org

Did you know we broadcast the 8:15 a.m. service LIVE? Look for it on the page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedMethodistZanesville>.

If you're away for a week, and don't want to miss the service, you can tune and watch live, or watch the recorded version at a later time. Let us know how you like this and if you want more!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CLASS OF 2008

Alexandria Mock

Alexandria graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. She earned a Master's degree in Public Affairs. She is currently a lobbyist for Government Edge. Her memories of Grace are recent as the Grace Family has helped her through the loss of her parents.

Sarah Vincent Tippie

Sarah graduated from The Ohio State University with her BA in Speech and Hearing Science. She received her Master's degree in teaching from Muskingum University. She is currently working at the Tri-Valley School District as an Intervention Specialist. Sarah is married to Chase Tippie and they have a son, Miles. Her favorite memory of Grace is dressing up and going to the Marketplace for VBS.

Kylee Hamilton

Kylee graduated with a BA from Marietta College and received her Master's in teaching from Muskingum University. She is currently employed by Lancaster High School. She fondly remembers the lock-ins, staying up all night, and making cookies against her will, and playing sardines. She is currently working on another Master's in Environmental Conservation through Miami University. She will have a summer study in Borneo to study primate conservation.

Craig Hill

Craig graduated from the University of Cincinnati. He currently works for Genesis. If you turn around in the sanctuary, you'll see him every Sunday operating the sound system.

Kylee Lasure

Kylee lives in Reynoldsburg. She is an RN at Riverside Hospital. She has a ten month old daughter, Layla Marie. Her favorite Grace memories include camp and mission trips.

Amanda Woods Allen

Amanda completed her doctorate at Sherman College of Chiropractic Health and is currently employed as a chiropractic physician at Sunbury Chiropractic Center. Amanda and her husband, Chris-tiano, have a son, CJ.

David Stewart

David graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and is currently employed as the Executive Vice President at Stewart Glapat.

Worship Celebrations at Grace UMC

Season of Easter –

Sunday, April 1 – 8:15am - Easter Vigil. Service of Light. Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, April 1 – 9:15 a.m. - Easter Breakfast. Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, April 1 - 10:30am - Easter Sunday. Sacrament of Holy Communion. Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord.

Season of Easter – Worship Series – *Breakthroughs* (Discipleship Ministries)

Sunday, April 8 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - 2nd Sunday of Easter. Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30). Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; I John 1:1-2.2; John 20:19-31.

Sunday, April 15 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - 3rd Sunday of Easter. Two By Two returns to Grace to lead us in worship through inspiring and uplifting music (10:30). Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30). Scriptures: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; I John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-48.

Sunday, April 22 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - 4th Sunday of Easter. Scriptures: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

Sunday, April 29 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - 5th Sunday of Easter. Scriptures: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; I John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

Sunday, May 6 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - 6th Sunday of Easter. Scriptures: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; I John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.

Sunday, May 13 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - 7th Sunday of Easter. Mother's Day. Scriptures: Exodus 20:12; 21:15, 17. Guest Preacher – Orlen Bates, Jr.

Sunday, May 20 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - Pentecost Sunday. Heritage Sunday. Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 10:24-25; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4-15.

Sunday, May 27 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - Trinity Sunday. Two By Two will lead us in worship through inspiring and uplifting music (10:30). Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! to everyone who contributed to the food drive to benefit Christ's Pantry at Eastside Community Ministries to purchase food for the families they assist. The total received = \$6,532.

Dear Friends of Eastside,

On behalf of Eastside, I would like to thank you for your generosity! We are so blessed to have your support! The faith you have in our ministry allows us to continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus and ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. Thank you for helping us create a better community by serving neighbors in need!

Jamie Trout, Exec. Director

Thank you so much for helping fulfill Denver's final wishes. You went out of your way to make sure everything was set up and looked nice. Thank you to Pastor Chow for such a nice memorial service. As going through things, I found more pictures I wish I had for the memorial. Pictures of him with the murals, the plane he built and its first flight. It is amazing the things you find out and people you meet with stories. It was a very good day. Thank you all again!

The Denver Barr Family

FURNITURE BANK

The Muskingum Valley Furniture Bank has a new phone number – 740-586-0876.

The Muskingum Valley Vineyard Church operates the bank.

The church address is

299 Putnam Ave.

Call them to donate furniture.

Many Thanks

Thank you to our Hospitality team for:

Providing space, hospitality and/or meals for various community groups (Barbershop Chorus, Grief Share, the Susan Gormley family, the Denver Barr family).

Extending hospitality at the doors, elevators and during worship (Dana Swope, Cindi Swope, Cindy Lawyer, Susan Tyson, Doug and Becky Spade, Dan and Karen Vincent, Paula Jasper, Christy Swope, Tracie Moss, Doug and Carla Waltman, Bob and Martha Lentz, Bill and Becky Woods, John and Diane Marks)

Tending to the audio/video/computer needs (Craig Hill, Cindi Swope, Sarah Burris, Debbie Collett, Bill Woods)

Thank you to all who provided excellent leadership in worship last month!

Acolyte (Cindi Swope, Carley Oldfield)

Liturgist (Todd Sands, Cindy Lawyer)

Lay Leader (Cindy Lawyer, Todd Sands)

Children's Moment (Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris, Cassie Burris, Todd Sands)

Musicians (Marcie Butterfield, Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry, Sarah Burris, Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Tom Swan, Cynthia Tuck)

Communion Steward (Janet Hill)

Communion Servers (Mary Mason, Todd Sands, Janet Hill)

Children's Ministry [Grace Space, Kids Own Worship, Nursery] (Sarah Burris, Allison Palmer, Cindy Lawyer, Julie McAllister, Julie

Sands, Sarah Tippie, Cassie Burris, Dana Swope, Laura James, Amelia Lepi)

Passion Story Readers: (Jack Butterfield, Amelia Lepi, Tom Swan, Tammy Vincent)

Processional participants: (Lexi Oldfield, Dana C. Swope, Coty Brown, Carley Oldfield)