

GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

July 2018

Be Not Afraid: There is Enough

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

A few weeks ago, several thousand United Methodists gathered at Lakeside on Lake Erie for the West Ohio Annual Conference. During the conference, we heard passionate preaching, inspiring music and challenging talks, based on the theme: *“Be Not Afraid: There is Enough.”* Throughout the conference, we were reminded to put our trust in God, our Great Provider, for our every need.

One of the preachers was Dr. Zan Holmes. He is perhaps most well known for being the host and narrator of the original Disciple Bible Study video series. He is a retired United Methodist Pastor from Dallas, Texas. He has authored numerous books and served in a variety of ministries.

It was amazing to watch how this seemingly feeble man would slowly, cautiously, navigate from his seat to the pulpit and back. While he was in the pulpit, however, this fragile man of God gradually was transformed into a powerful and anointed servant of God, who proclaimed the Gospel message with boldness. When he appeared to be weak, somehow the Spirit burst forth and used this retired preacher as a Divine vessel. He was truly on fire! His words stirred the hearts of all those gathered to listen. He emboldened the congregation to act on God’s word and to become faithful witnesses. *To run the race effectively! And to know that we are loved no matter who we are.*

“Be Not Afraid. There is Enough!” There is enough strength and courage and boldness!

As we begin a new conference year, I am blessed to be appointed to Grace UMC for another year. I am grateful to God for the opportunity to serve with you, and I look forward to what God has in store for our mission and ministry together. May God break through our hearts and minds, so we will be open to the God-sized plans for us as a congregation.

In What Ways will we, as a congregation, put our trust completely in God, as we face an uncertain, yet exciting, future?

Trusting God with you as we journey together!

Pastor Mark

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Several months ago, we learned about the *Mighty Oaks Warrior Program* – a faith based veteran service organization that teaches veterans struggling with PTSD how to get beyond combat and move forward in their lives. This is a national program that is now taking place at The Wilds due to the initiative and generosity of the Straker family.

There is a new group of veterans participating in a graduation ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on the upcoming dates — July 27 – August 31 – September 28 – October 26 [this date only will include a potluck meal] at the Straker Lodge at The Wilds. The Grace family is invited to these events each month. Please let the church office know if you are interested as car-pooling will be arranged since it is a trek to The Wilds.

Several Grace members have attended the earlier graduations and found them to be very inspirational and informative.

Come out for an evening of FELLOWSHIP and SINGING at The Oaks at Northpointe (3291 Northpointe Dr.)!! We will meet on Sunday, July 29 at 3:30 p.m. We will sing favorite hymns that are projected on their big screen TV. This is a fun activity and greatly appreciated by the residents of The Oaks. The only talent required is enthusiasm!!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Address Change

Jordan & Emily Hubbard – 150 E. Highland Dr., Zanesville, OH 43701
Cindy Luburgh – P. O. Box 1302, Buckeye Lake, OH 43008-1302
Jacob & Susan Rooksby – 3428 S. Lincoln Dr., Spokane, WA 99203

Birth

A son, Tyler Jaden Lee Schultz, was born on June 21 to Steve & Ashley Schultz. Grandmother is Steffanie Huffman Kaib.

With Sympathy

. . . to Meg Deedrick following the death of her father-in-law, Maurice Raines, of Cleveland on June 2.

. . . to Barbara Gifford and family following the death of her father, Ernest Hannahs, on June 12.

LIVING WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS?

NEW – NAMI “CONNECTION” SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 3rd Tuesday each Month — July 17 –

August 21 – September 18 – October 16 –

November 20 – December 18

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Church – 830 Military Rd.

[rear entrance]

Peer to Peer Group to Support Each Other

740-453-3688

YOU ARE INVITED –

Fair Oaks Baptist Church – 1025 Woodlawn Ave. –
is celebrating their 125th anniversary on July 22 at 2:00 p.m.
You are invited to join them in fellowship!

TODD SANDS – CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER

Among the celebrations during the 49th Session of the West Ohio Annual Conference was a time of recognition of various individuals moving forward in responding to God's call in their lives. One of those individuals is Todd Sands. He was recognized as a Certified Lay Minister of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

During worship on Sunday, June 11, Tom Lewis, John Marks and Pastor Mark shared in a recognition of Todd's studies and preparation through the Certified Lay Ministry Academy (a year long process of discernment, learning and growth toward serving as a Certified Lay Minister or CLM). CLMs are assigned by their District Superintendent and may serve in their home church or in settings outside their local congregation.

We are blessed to have Todd serving as a volunteer Pastoral Assistant alongside Pastor Mark. Todd will assist in a variety of ways including pastoral visitation, small group ministry, Christian Discipleship, leading worship and peaching.

THE BLOCK PARTY IS COMING!!!

The Block Party is coming — Sunday, **August 26**.

We will once again be having one worship service under the tents in the street at 10:00 a.m. There will be some new and exciting events for both adults and children. In addition to the normal donations for food, we are asking for a variety of \$10 gift cards which will be used in a drawing. Suggestions would be Walmart, Riesbeck's, Kroger, Wendy's, etc. If you would like to help with this ministry, place the gift card in the offering plate or send it to the church office prior to August 26.

Worship Celebrations at Grace UMC

Season of Pentecost — Worship Series — Healing Hands

Throughout the month of July, we will follow the lectionary readings from the gospel. These all have some sort of focus on the healing power of Jesus. Jesus' healing ministry began with the work that He was doing, but later extends to others sharing in this ministry.

Sunday, July 1 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost.
Scripture – Mark 5:21-43; *“Bring Life”* Sacrament of Holy Communion.
Service of Healing.

Sunday, July 8 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture – Mark 6:1-13; *“Send Forth”*. Christian Witness: Clay Lawyer.

Sunday, July 15 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture – Mark 6:14-29; *“Become Known”*.

Sunday, July 22 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture – Mark 6:30-34, 53-56; *“Draw Crowds”*.
Guest Musicians – Y-City Barbershop Chorus

Sunday, July 29 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture – Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20; John 6:1-21; *“Feed the World”*

Baby Celebration. Christmas in July.

BABY CELEBRATION and CHRISTMAS IN JULY

JULY 29 / 8:15 and 10:30 services

Children up to 5 years of age will be recognized
and presented with a gift.

We will celebrate a “summer” Christmas by singing
favorite carols.

Let us know your favorite carols!

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

The 2018 Tools for School program will help 900 low income children and teens begin the school year on a positive note by providing each one of them with a backpack filled with the supplies for his/her school and grade.

2018 Stuff the Bus for Tools for Schools will take place on Saturday, July 14, at the WalMart North [Maple Ave.] from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Stop by to pick up a “supplies needed” list, shop, and drop off at the Primrose Retirement Community's bus in front of the store. The cost of a backpack full of supplies is \$40. Checks payable to Eastside marked “Tools for School” – mail to Eastside – P. O. Box 965. You may volunteer to pack backpacks on July 30-31 – call 740-452-7519.

Also, items may be dropped off at Eastside [221 Stillwell St.].

1 1/2” and 1” 3 ring binders	Index cards [3” x 5” lined]
Notebook filler paper	Elmer's Glue sticks
Spiral notebooks [single subject]	Blue Pens
Plastic/vinyl folders with prongs	Pink erasers and/or cap erasers
Fiskar scissors – pointed	Dixon or Ticonderoga
9” x 12” paper folders without prongs	brand #2 pencils
Washable markers	Expo dry erase markers
Colored pencils	
24 count Crayola crayons	
Sharpie Brand Highlighters [wide]	

LACE UP FOR KIDS

Just imagine 25,000 pairs of sneakers in all sizes and colors. That's the number of shoes Lace Up for Kids has provided to area kids in the past 30 years. You can donate a new pair of sneakers (all K-12 sizes are needed) at any Wendy's, Century National Bank, or Community Bank. Monetary donations are welcome to go directly to the purchase of shoes. Checks payable to Lace Up for Kids – sent to Attn: Tim Thompson – Wendy's – 947 Adair Ave., Zanesville, OH 43701. Campaign will begin in July with distribution in August at the Zanesville Civic Center. If you would like to help with distribution, call Eastside – 740-452-7519.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summer Fun!!

The VBS planning committee has made a change to our collaborative VBS “week”. Instead of a week of traditional VBS we’re going to try some Sunday afternoon family fun-days. The first will be July 8 at Immanuel Church on 7th St. We will have lunch and then play some super-fun games, make a craft and learn about God’s love. In addition, we are working to plan a couple of other fun days. Details on those Sundays will be communicated as that information is finalized. All of these events will be designed to be for maximum family fun. Registration is not required for any of the events, but we will try to get an estimate to plan for food. See Sarah Burris or Cindi Swope for more information.

The Disciples' Class

Starting in June, the Disciples’ Class will continue to learn from the “Bible in Life Series” curriculum and look at God’s Urgent Call to ordinary people from diverse backgrounds to make a difference. We will look at the book of Judges in Israel’s continued history after Joshua’s death. God raised up a series of national leaders called judges. Empowered by God, judges delivered the people from their enemies. Come join us as we delve into Biblical history!

Children and Teens: continue to study the books and stories of the Bible.

Women’s Book Study Group

The Women’s Book Study is taking the month of July off as many of us are traveling. Watch for information about our next study starting in August!

Social Media and Website

Grace’s website — www.graceumcz.org

Grace is on Facebook — like the page at —

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

Our group — <https://www.facebook.com/groups/419305344801902/>

The group is closed; let us know you want to be included.

>>Did you know we broadcast the 8:15 a.m. service LIVE! If you’re away for a week and don’t want to miss the service, you can tune in and watch live or watch the recorded version at a later time. Let us know how you like this and if you want more!

“God’s love never ceases. Never...God doesn’t love us less if we fail or more if we succeed. God’s love never ceases.” Max Lucado, best-selling author and pastor.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

HISTORY OF THE BLOCK PARTY

In the spring of 1991 at an Administrative Board meeting, it was proposed that a 'street party' be planned to celebrate the end of summer. This would include inviting the congregations of the downtown churches to join us for a time of fellowship. Over the years, a variety of groups and individuals have performed for the event.

It was soon discovered that the end of August sun was intense so a few tents were used. By 2001, tents were ordered with tables and chairs brought outside from the church. Also, in 2001, it rained rather hard but the party took place. It has been cold, hot, windy, and just right but the party never stops! The number attending has varied over the years.

BLOCK PARTY 2018 — August 26

Grace Church will host this 28th annual festival for the close of summer. Shinnick St. will be closed with tents and tables located in the street. Food will be served.

If you would like to help in any way, please complete the form below and return to the church office. Please come and greet your friends!

BLOCK PARTY

AUGUST 26, 2018 — 11:15 A.M. — SHINNICK STREET

HOW CAN I HELP WITH THE PARTY SIGN-UP SHEET?

_____ **Money contribution — \$ _____**
Tents – food items – barricade permit – entertainment

_____ **Bake 2 dozen cookies (bring on 8/26 in the a.m.)**

_____ **Set-up — tables, chairs, etc. (8:00-10:00)**

_____ **Serving food (___ 11:15-12:15) (___ 12:15-1:30)**

_____ **Clean up (1:00-2:00)**

_____ **Kids' Activities**

_____ **\$10 gift cards for door prizes (encourage cards from downtown merchants)**

Remember — this is NOT a fund-raising event. This is a time of fellowship for area Christians and as a part of our Outreach-Evangelism mission.

GRACE FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Grace Foundation officially began April 1, 2006 (you may remember that was the first "Fool's Day Dinner and Auction"). From humble beginnings, (\$10,000 of seed money from the Administrative Board) I am pleased to report that our current balance is \$870,699.

The Foundation should be on everyone's mind as a vehicle to help support and sustain the work of Grace Church. We have had many families think of Grace Church when a loved one has passed away. A simple note in the obituary about memorial contributions being payable to Grace Church is all it takes.

We have also been blessed by forward thinking longtime members who have remembered Grace in their wills. We also know of several individuals who have named the Foundation as the owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Gifts of appreciated stock is another tax advantaged way to give to the Foundation.

It is an unfortunate but very real situation that like most churches, our members are aging and passing away. Those weekly or monthly contributions die when our members die. Think about how you can "endow your giving" through some simple planning.

The earnings from the Foundation are starting to become meaningful. Last June we received a check for \$10,127. This month we will be receiving \$17,539. These cash inflows are very critical towards our budget and as our balances grow so will the annual distributions.

If you have any questions on any of these ideas, feel free to give me a call at 740-704-0236.

Frank Dosch
Foundation Chair

THANK YOU!

Dear Grace UMC,

Thank you so much for hosting us! It was such a blessing to make music with all of you and meet all of you. We enjoyed the potluck lunch following the worship service. Also, thanks for providing sack lunches for the next day as we headed to Pittsburgh. God Bless!

Youth Choirs of the Church of the Messiah

Thank you for participating in the Missional Offering to support Light the Way as West Ohio seeks to follow our focused plan to develop new faith communities and increase the number of highly vital existing faith communities. Thank you for believing that God is calling us to offer Christ in a Wesleyan way, passionately, and respectfully, that is relevant to our cultural context and inspires hope and new life.

West Ohio Council on Development

MANY THANKS

Thank you to our Hospitality Team for:

Providing space, hospitality and/or meals for various community groups [Barbershop Chorus, OWLS, Church of the Messiah UMC Youth Choir & Jubilation Ringers, Foothills District Spring Conference, various family celebrations]

Extending hospitality at the doors, elevator, during worship [Dana & Cindi Swope, Tracie Moss, Cindy Lawyer, Carol Friel, Ann Longstreth, Bill & Becky Woods, Diane Marks, Dan & Karen Vincent, Linda Friel, Christy Swope, Doug & Carla Waltman, Erin Forshey]

Tending to the audio/video/computer needs [Craig Hill, Cindi Swope, Sarah Burris, Debbie Collett]

Thank you to all who provided excellent leadership in worship:

Acolyte – Cindi Swope, Dana Swope, Dana C. Swope, Carley Oldfield

Liturgist – Coty Brown, Todd Sands

Children's Moment – Christy Swope, Sarah Burris, Dana C. Swope,

Cassie Burris, Alex Burris, Deborah Chow

Guest Musicians – Dorothy Cronk, Church of the Messiah UMC Youth Choir

& Jubilation Ringers, Deborah Chow, John Holsinger, Candice Boelter,

Two By Two (Nathan Zangmeister, Carrie VanSickle)

Guest Preacher – Rev. Bill Cronk

Musicians – Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry, Sarah Burris, Marcie Butterfield,

Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Tom Swan, Cynthia Tuck

Communion – Janet Hill, Mary Mason, Maryanna Fenton, Todd Sands,

Jaynellen Sharp, Tom & Susan Holdren
Children's Ministry – Sarah Burris, Julie McAllister, Allison Palmer,
Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Tippie, Cassie Burris, Amelia Lepi,
Dana C. Swope
Breakthrough Prayer Team – Christy Swope, Cindi Swope, Sarah
Burris, Janet Hill, Mary Mason, Joyce Cooper, Cindy Lawyer

