

GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

June 2018

PASTOR'S PAGE

Commencement: The Great Unknown

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

A few weeks ago, I attended our youngest daughter's college graduation, along with Nancy and my mom. Sitting in the Convocation Center among several thousand attendees brought back many memories. Listening to the music and the speakers brought me back to my own graduation ceremonies of years gone by. I had attended several similar ceremonies with all of our daughters for the past 20 years. But there was something different at this one. It wasn't particularly better than any of the others. But something touched me deeply. I felt as if I had been transported to a "Sentimental Journey."

Perhaps it was because this was our 4th daughter to graduate from college. Perhaps it was the realization this may be the very last graduation we would attend (at least, for our four girls). Perhaps it was the fact that I had graduated from the very same institution many years earlier. Whatever it was, it caught me off guard. I soaked up every moment of that normally dull and boring ceremony of "pomp and circumstance." This time I savored it. And when it was over, I found myself not quite ready to let leave (even though my body was telling me it was time to get up and stretch after being tormented for two hours on a hard, flat bleacher with no back support!)

Maybe it was the reality of the end of an era. Our baby has graduated and is becoming her own person. She has already been moving toward independence. But this seemed to seal the deal for some reason.

Maybe it was simply the reminder from all of the speakers, that this is not the end. It is a beginning. The graduates are commencing to new opportunities and challenges. They are forging ahead to the great unknown.

Recently, as a congregation, we recognized and honored our high school graduates. We know that this is not the end, but rather, a beginning for

these promising young people. We stood with them, proud of their hard work and dedication. We committed to pray for them in their next steps.

We can also learn from these young people. They are moving boldly into the great unknown. Perhaps there is a little fear and anxiety, yet they go with expectation of greater things to come.

It makes me wonder: *In what ways can we as a congregation move boldly into the great unknown, trusting completely in the God Who created us and loves us unconditionally?*

Anticipating Greater Things with you!

Pastor Mark

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

June 6, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

West Ohio Annual Conference

The 49th Session of the West Ohio Annual Conference will be convening from Sunday, June 3 - Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Lakeside, Ohio. This year's theme is *"Be Not Afraid... There is Enough."* Throughout the preaching and teaching, we will be reminded to trust in God completely for our every need. So, as we move into the great unknown, let us be not afraid, for with God, there is always enough.

One special note about this year's Annual Conference. On Tuesday, June 5th, at 2:00pm, **Todd Sands** will be recognized as a Certified Lay Minister of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. To view this recognition, and other portions of Annual Conference, feel free to watch the live stream (<https://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2018>).

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Address Change

Tom & Susan Holdren – 421 Coventry Circle, Zanesville, OH 43701
Doug & Becky Spade – 119 Lucas Dr., Apt. D, Dresden, OH 43821

With Sympathy

- . . . to Austin James and family following the death of his grandmother, Betty Grotegeer, on May 10.
- . . . to Becky Woods and family following the death of her Mother, Oma Haney, on May 23.
- . . . to Genevieve Tyson on the death of her sister, Doris Griffith, of Dresden on May 25.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Zanesville Memorial Band will again provide free music programs on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during the summer. There is no charge. All you need to bring is a lawn chair. In case of rain, concerts will be held at Secrest Auditorium.

June 3	Zane's Landing
June 17	Zane's Landing
July 1	Secrest Auditorium
July 15	Zane's Landing
July 29	Zane's Landing

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS AT GRACE UMC

Season of Pentecost — Worship Series - *Transitions*

Sunday, June 3 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - Second Sunday after Pentecost. Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13 – Holy Communion
"Come to the Table" – Guest Preacher: Rev. Bill Cronk

Sunday, June 10 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - Third Sunday after Pentecost. Scripture: I Samuel 8:4-20; Psalm 138;
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35 – Guest Musicians:
Youth Choir and Jubilation Ringers, Church of the Messiah UMC,
Westerville -Deborah Chow, Director

Sunday, June 17 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Father's Day. Scriptures – I Samuel 15:34-16:13;
Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 24 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. 8:15 a.m. –
Dedication of New Altar. **10:30 a.m. –** Two By Two will lead us in music. Scriptures: I Samuel 17:1-11, 32-49; Psalm 9;
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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!!

The Disciples' Class

Starting in June, the Disciples' Class will revert to 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

All women are welcome – we meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the old Middle School room in the basement. We are finishing a study on prayer by Max Lucado and will begin another new one in June. Hope to see you there!

Graduation Sunday

On May 20 we recognized our high school graduates —

Libby Dolen – daughter of Bob & Heather Dolen; granddaughter of Debbie O'Neal. She graduated from Zanesville H. S. and will be attending the University of Kentucky in Pre-Med.

Reece Jones – son of Larry Jones and Tamela Jones; grandson of Juanita Jones. He graduated from Tri-Valley H. S. He will be doing post high school work to earn skills for the work force.

Johnathon Mock – son of the late Heather Mock and late Greg Mock; grandson of Mary Ruth Mock. He graduated from Zanesville H. S. and will be attending the University of Akron in Computer Science.

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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The family of **Mary Probasco** invites you to a celebration of her 90th birthday on Saturday, June 23 – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. No gifts, please.

NEW ALTAR

The Trustees are excited to announce that Grace has received a new altar for the 8:15 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall. The altar was given as a memorial by the family and friends of Steve Fenton. Lumber from Steve's workshop was used in the construction and it is a three-quarter size replica of the marble altar in the Sanctuary, including a detailed grapevine crown molding and a hand carved 'IHS' emblem. The new altar also has storage for the sound equipment used for this service. There will be a dedication ceremony on June 24.

THANK YOU!

The family of Joe McBride would like to thank the Grace Church family and friends for all the loving support in prayers, food, cards, and calls during this difficult time. What a wonderful idea having all the paper supplies right at your fingertips. A special thanks to Pastor Mark for all his visits to the hospital, home, and hospice plus many phone calls. We needed that! What a wonderful meal was provided. There were many comments about all the delicious food and the beautiful tables. It did not go unnoticed. It is wonderful to have a church family. Everyone has been so caring. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! God Bless You!

Laile, Traci, Mike and families

THANK YOU so much for providing lunch for our volunteers during the 32nd annual Carr Center Cake Auction! We appreciate you helping make our event a successful one. We couldn't do it without you! We are already looking forward to next year. Thanks again, **The Carr Center**

We very much appreciate you moving the stones in the walkway between our buildings. It makes such a nicer view when looking out the windows of our offices and conference rooms. Thank you so much! Looking forward to many years as good neighbors!

**Lori – Development Director,
St. Thomas Church**

MANY THANKS!

Thank you to our Hospitality Team for:

Providing space, hospitality, and/or meals for various community and United Methodist groups [OWLS, Barbershop Chorus, Grief Share, various family celebrations]

Extending hospitality at the doors, elevator, and during

worship: Dana & Cindi Swope, Cindy Lawyer, Susan Tyson, Tracie Moss, Doug & Carla Waltman, John & Diane Marks, Dan & Karen Vincent, Debbie Collett, Paula Jasper, Pat Burkhart

Tending to the audio/video/computer needs:

Craig Hill, Bill Woods, Cindi Swope, Sarah Burris, Debbie Collett

Thank you to all who provided excellent leadership in worship:

Acolytes – Cindi Swope, Carley Oldfield

Liturgists – Cindy Lawyer, Todd Sands

Lay Leader – Cindy Lawyer, Todd Sands

Musicians – Marcie Butterfield, Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry,

Sarah Burris, Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Cynthia Tuck,
Tom Swan, Chancel Choir

Communion Steward – Janet Hill

Communion Servers – Mary Mason, Nancy Chow, Maryanna Fenton,

Janet Hill, Bev Dunworth, Bill Woods

Children's Ministry [Grace Space, Kids'OwnWorship, Nursery] –

Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer, Julie McAllister, Julie Sands,
Allison Palmer, Sarah Tippie, Cassie Burris, Laura James,
Dana Christine Swope, Amelia Lepi

Breakthrough Prayer Team – Christy Swope, Cindi Swope, Sarah Burris,

Janet Hill, Mary Mason, Joyce Cooper, Cindy Lawyer