

GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

June 2017

PASTOR'S PAGE

Light the Way

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

I started attending Annual Conference as a Preacher's Kid many years ago. In a few short days, Nancy and I will be heading to Lakeside, along with John and Diane Marks, Rev. Jessica Stonecypher, Todd and Julie Sands and about 3,000 of our closest friends.

The 48th Session of the West Ohio Annual Conference will be convening from Sunday, June 4 - Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Lakeside, Ohio. This will be a power-packed week of worship celebrations, remembrances, retirements, commissioning, ordinations, recognitions, conference business (reports, recommendations, goals and budget). New for me this year is the responsibility of overseeing all of the worship services (seven in four days).

During the Opening worship, we will remember all those who have passed since we last met (clergy, clergy spouses, children of clergy, laity from each District). It is a powerful start to our work of holy conferencing together.

One of the worship services features a Ghanaian Choir from Columbus. They will help energize the conference members and attendees as our Bishop Gregory V. Palmer preaches from Matthew 5.13-16, challenging us to "*Hold Up the Light.*" During this worship celebration, we will be invited to participate in a new Conference Initiative called "Light the Way." As individuals and as congregations, we can help Light the Way for those who do not yet know or confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This initiative is a plan to develop new congregations and increase the number of vital churches in the West Ohio Conference. The goal is to raise \$200,000 at Annual Conference and \$5 million over the next several years, in order to plant twelve new worshiping congregations, while strengthening over 300 existing congregations.

Another sacred moment during Conference is the Celebration of Ministry. In this service retirees are recognized and affirmed, new candidates for ministry are commissioned and others are ordained. My spirit is always deeply moved during this grand celebration. Two members of the ordination class are people you know and love. Rev. Jessica Stonecypher grew up at Grace and has been affirmed by this congregation. Rev. Dr. Steve McGuire faithfully served Grace for seven years as Pastor before being appointed as Assistant to the District Superintendent of the Foothills District. What joy awaits Jessica and Steve as they will be received as full members of the Annual Conference.

While some may choose to make the long trek to Lakeside for some or all of the celebrations, others may choose to stay connected from the comfort of their own home. You can experience the majesty and splendor of Annual conference by watching the Livestream (westohioumc.org/2017ac). Either way, we covet your prayers for wisdom, peace and strength.

You can Light the Way for someone in this world.

Pastor Mark

Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.

(Matthew 5:16 Contemporary English Version)

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

June 7, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendar – you are invited —

The OWLS meeting for July is being changed to Wednesday, **July 12**. The program will be presented by Gaston Ntambo, a United Methodist missionary pilot from the Congo. The project is *Wings of the Morning*. A few years ago, the West Ohio Conference raised money to buy a new, larger plane for this mission. He transports patients, medical supplies, and doctors. People are in need of help from an area the size of Texas which is home to six million people.

Members of the congregation are invited to hear this program; however, reservations are **needed** in order to plan the meal. Please call the church office by July 6 if you plan to join us for this event.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Address Change

Bert & Amy Tooms – 840 Rix Mills Rd., New Concord, OH 43762

Birth

A daughter, Layla Marie Priolo, was born on April 26 to Kylee Lasure and Samuel Priolo. Grandmother is Pamela Kuntz.

A son, Lou Côté Dalrymple, was born on April 26 to Jessie Motard-Côté & Joe Dalrymple. Grandparents are Don & Beth Dalrymple; great-grandparents are Joe & Anne Goodrich.

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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 4	Zane's Landing
June 18	Zane's Landing
July 2	Secrest Auditorium
July 16	Zane's Landing
July 30	Zane's Landing

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS AT GRACE UMC

Season of Easter

Sunday, June 4 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - Pentecost Sunday
Scripture – Acts 2:1-21 – Two By Two will lead worship

Sunday, June 11 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - Trinity Sunday.
Music Sunday. Sacrament of Holy Communion.
Scripture – Psalm 8; Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 18 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - Second Sunday after Pentecost. Father's Day.
Scripture – Matthew 9:35-10:23

Sunday, June 25 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. - Third Sunday after Pentecost.
Two By Two will lead worship.
Scripture – Matthew 10:24-39

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Get in the Game...Give God the Controller!

Vacation Bible School will be held June 25-29 from 5:45-8:30 p.m. at Grace Wesleyan Church [505 Pine St.]. God has an awesome adventure planned for you! At VBS we will learn how something small can have a big impact. How having integrity will lead to being true and righteous in God's eyes. How standing on God's promises will lead to eternal life. And how to give God the controller in your life! Ask for a registration form!

The Disciples' Class

This month we will study God's Urgent Call (Studies in Exodus, Judges, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos, Acts). Come join us as we share in these insightful, challenging sessions together on Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

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

Bowling — Is anyone interested in bowling in May?? Let Sarah know!! We're always looking for new and exciting things to have fun and learn about God together! If you have any other fun ideas for our children and youth, please let us know.

Children of Grace - Families and children now have choices during our 10:30 service. Children can participate in the worship service while playing quietly with a family member or volunteer adult in our new **Grace Space**, play in the **nursery**, stay in the **pew** with their parents or older children may learn a special lesson in **Kid's Own Worship**.

The Women's Group **will begin a new study** *Twelve Women of the Bible - Life-Changing Stories for Women Today* by [Lysa TerKeurst](#) on June 1! All women are welcome on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the old Middle School room!

We can't always withdraw to quiet hillsides to pray, but Christ will meet with us in the quiet places of our hearts. – Sheila Walsh, author

Grace is on the web: Facebook, a website: www.graceumcz.org and Instagram.

OUTREACH

> > Come out for an evening of FELLOWSHIP and SINGING at The Oaks at Northpointe (3291 Northpointe Dr.)!! We will meet on Sunday, **June 11**, at 4:30 p.m. at The Oaks to visit with our friends and then join together to sing favorite hymns and other requests. The only talent required is enthusiasm!!

> > In the past, the Grace family has very generously provided personal and household supplies for the residents of Transitions Women's Shelter. They are now requesting art supplies to establish an area for arts and crafts. As you shop over the summer, please pick up a few of the items listed below and then drop them off in the church office. The women at Transitions THANK YOU GREATLY!!!

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| Paint brushes (all sizes) | Charcoal pencils | Tie-dye |
| Foam brushes | Pencil sharpeners | Gems |
| Acrylic paint (all colors) | Sharpie markers | Clay |
| 5 x 7 canvases | Markers | Magazines |
| 8 x 10 canvases | Masking tape | Rubber bands |
| Watercolor paper | Colored pencils | Erasers |
| Chalk pastels | Hole punch | Pastels |
| Hot glue gun / glue sticks | Pencils | Scissors |
| Paint markers | Hair clips | Regular glue |
| Card making supplies | Plain hair bands | Jewelry |
| making | | |
| Spray bottles for paint | Stencils | supplies |
| Wood boxes (small) | Super glue | (beads, string,
clasps) |

THANK YOU

To My Grace Family,

I can't thank you for all you do for the Carr Center Cake Auction!! We so appreciate the lunches you made for the volunteers. Everything was delicious and saved us so much!! Also, I want to say a special thank you for allowing us to borrow the carts from the kitchen year after year! The cake you provide is always beautiful and with the incentive sold for \$210!! The members are simply the best!! We are already looking forward to next year!
Fondly, **Tracy Miller and The Carr Center**

The music, *Happy the Home When God Is There*, is one of my favorites. Pastor Mark's message was meaningful. I loved the candy with the extra message from Proverbs 31:10.

Laile McBride

SWING INTO HEALTH 'GRACEFULLY'

On Sunday, April 23, the Fellowship and Outreach Committees hosted a beautiful and healthy luncheon for the ladies of the church. The Fellowship Hall was transformed into a lovely garden room filled with butterflies, antique glass luncheon plates, and thirty-six inquisitive women awaiting nutritious food and new tips for exchanging old habits for newer, healthier ones.

We were blessed to have joining us Emily Hill, The Ohio State University MS/PhD Medical Dietetics and Rehabilitation Candidate, who created our menu and demonstrated the creation of it. Dr. Shelby Reiser, MD brought us up to date on various women's health issues.

We closed the luncheon by learning relaxation techniques through chair yoga. These moves can be incorporated throughout the day to keep us relaxed. This was led by Christy Swope.

Thank you to all who helped create our afternoon of fun and information, but especially to those who made it a reality by attending.

THANK YOU for the wonderful Mother's Day Service!

GARAGE SALE

Please mark **June 16 – 17 — 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** on your calendar for our **Grace Church Garage Sale**. Our set up day will be Thursday, June 15. As you clean up for spring, look at the winter items you no longer need, remember to bag or box these things up and keep for our garage sale. Thanks for your continued support. As you are aware, many hands make light work!

MANY THANKS!

We are so blessed to have youth and young adults who are willing to share their gifts. Thank you for leading worship on April 30! Our Fifth Sunday services continue to be uplifting and inspiring as our young people demonstrate courage and confidence in sharing their faith in unique ways.

Our Worship Leaders on April 30 included:

Acolytes – Noelle Flarey, Jennah Flarey, Carley Oldfield
Musicians – Nathan Zangmeister, Carrie VanSickle
Liturgists – Coty Brown, Gabe Dolen, Dana Swope
Adult Moment – Allison Palmer, Cindy Lawyer
Ushers – Gabe Dolen, Noelle Flarey, Jennah Flarey,
Carley Oldfield, Lexi Oldfield
Readers – Coty Brown, Lexi Oldfield, Dana Swope, Nathan Zangmeister
Sound Technician – Craig Hill

Thank you to our Hospitality Team for:

Providing space, hospitality, and/or meals for various community and United Methodist groups [OWLS, Barbershop Chorus, Head Start, Grief Share, Music Recital by Betty Lou Wilson and Renee Show, various family celebrations]

Extending hospitality at the doors, elevator, and during worship:

Dana & Cindi Swope, Coty Brown, Tracie Moss, Dan & Karen Vincent, Doug & Carla Waltman, Ned Weaver, Rick & Cindy Lawyer, Susan Tyson, Maryanna Fenton, Jim & Pat Burkhart, Bob & Martha Lentz, Diane Marks

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, Noelle Flarey, Nick Flarey
Liturgists – Cassie Burris, Dana Christine Swope
Musicians – Marcie Butterfield, Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry,
Sarah Burris, Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Cynthia Tuck
Communion Steward – Janet Hill
Communion Servers – Mary Mason, Doug & Carla Waltman,

Nancy Chow, Maryanna Fenton, Janet Hill
Children's Ministry [Grace Space, Kids' Own Worship, Nursery] –
Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer, Julie McAllister, Valerie Bryan,
Julie Sands

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

As a part of the West Ohio Conference, the CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY service will take place on Tuesday, June 6, at 4:30 p.m. at Hoover Auditorium, Lakeside, OH. During this worship service, we will celebrate ministry beginnings and endings [commissioning to retirement]. Bishop Tracy Malone of East Ohio Conference will be the guest preacher. Music will be provided by the Annual Conference worship band as well as the Conference Organist, Andrew Willis.

Among those being ordained as a deacon is Rev. Jessica Sands Stonecypher, a young adult who grew up at and was nurtured by Grace Church. What a proud moment for the Grace Church family! Also, Rev. Steve McGuire will be recognized as a full member.

As a part of the Monday a.m. worship service, Tom Swan will be playing a handbell solo of *The Lord's Prayer* with Marcie Butterfield accompanying him on the piano.

You can watch this and all other services by livestream – westohioumc.org/2017ac.

Ordination Gift

Since the Grace Church Family has been such an important part in Jessica's journey toward ordination, you are invited to participate in a gift for Jessica. The gift will be used toward the purchase of a locally made pitcher and basin set, which are the symbols of a Deacon in the United Methodist Church.

Any funds received beyond the cost of the pitcher and basin will be given as a cash gift. Please make checks to Grace UMC with "Jessica Stonecypher gift" on the memo line and get to the church office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Thank you for being such a loving, gracious, generous Church Family!

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

On Saturday, May 13, Rolling Plains UMC hosted Breakthrough Prayer Initiative training [a West Ohio Conference ministry]. Eight individuals, including Pastor Chow, represented Grace UMC and have committed themselves to increasing their knowledge of breakthrough prayer and sharing these techniques with you.

Over the coming weeks, we will be praying fervently for Grace UMC, reviewing what we've learned, and then implementing our Breakthrough Prayer Initiative.

All that's required is an open heart and mind and our prayers. Would you start by praying for the Prayer Ministry Team and Breakthrough Warriors as we begin this journey together.

Prayerfully Yours, **The Prayer Ministry Team**