

# GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

March 2018

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *At the Cross*

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

As a youth, I began attending Church Camp (or Christian Youth Retreats) for a week during the summer. For many years, my Dad was the Camp Dean, and my Mom was the Camp Nurse. I later spent three wonderful summers as a Camp Counselor.

Church Camp memories warm my heart. I recall, with fondness, the hikes, the swimming, the games, the cookouts, the pranks. As a youth, I enjoyed these activities, as well as meeting new friends.

One thing that touched my heart deeply was worship. It was different, fresh, inspiring. I guess there is something about being in a setting that holds no tradition or expectations. We were out in God's creation. No walls. No doors. No roof. Open air worship of the God of all Creation. Guitars sounded out praise to God as our voices united in sweet sounds. We clapped our hands and jumped up and down and danced around a campfire (not too closely, of course!). It was very liberating. It was different, but in a good way.

Most of the camps had an outdoor chapel. And rustic benches made from large logs served as our "pews." Some stone structure sufficed as the Altar. Oftentimes, there was a fire pit right in the center. And two huge logs lashed together formed the cross. They were usually pretty rough, maybe like the cross that held our Lord on that first Good Friday so many years ago.

Somehow, with the outdoor worship setting, the spontaneous choruses of praise, the crackling bonfire and the massive Cross, worship took me to a deeper place. I was usually among the last to leave that sacred space, so that I could just stop and meditate and focus on the Cross and remember what Jesus did for me.

Perhaps this Lenten season will be a time of renewal for your soul as you take time to focus on what Jesus did for you at the Cross.

See you at the foot of the Cross.

**Pastor Mark**

*"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"* - Isaac Watts/Ralph Hudson [UMH 359]  
The great hymn writer, Isaac Watts, wrote these words over 300 years ago. (He also wrote "Joy to the World".) Ralph Hudson added music and the refrain nearly 200 years later.

*"Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?"*

*At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,  
and the burden of my heart rolled away;  
it was there by faith I received my sight,  
and now I am happy all the day!"*

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

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

**Daylight Savings Time begins on March 11.  
Move your clocks ahead one hour!**

**Grief Share** is a seminar and support group at Grace Church for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. The Grief Share series begins on Monday, **February 26**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. This is a 13-week series; however, each week is independent so you may come any week and not miss information. For more information and/or to register, please contact the church office at 740-452-9317.

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Address Change

Kevin Peters – 1919 Norwood Blvd., Zanesville, OH 43701

### With Sympathy

. . . to family and friends of Susan Gormley following her death on February 26.

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Many thanks for the gifts of hats, gloves, and socks given to the Free Store. You bless us with your faithful support. Thanks for helping us serve our neighbors. Thanks for your prayers – you make a difference.

**First UMC Family**

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday, **March 2** – 1:00 p.m. at Coburn UM Church [3618 Maple Ave.]  
*“ALL God's Creation Is Very Good”*

### **WANT TO TRAVEL?**

> > You are invited to join us (*Coburn Cruisers*) for any or all of our upcoming 2018 trips. In April, we will be traveling to Pennsylvania for a 3-night trip to see the production of “Jesus” at the Sight and Sound Theatre and then spend the rest of our time in historic Gettysburg. In August, we have an Alaska 7-night cruise and a 4-night land tour. In late November, you won't want to miss a “Christmas in Nashville” at the beautiful Opryland Hotel. For more information or a brochure, please contact me – Diana McCloy at 740-607-5824 or email at [mccloydf@gmail.com](mailto:mccloydf@gmail.com). You may also contact Coburn church office at 740-454-0186 or stop in at the Coburn church office and speak with Angie.

## 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** is studying about God's Grace using Max Lucado's study – Grace – during Lent. All women are welcome on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the former Middle School classroom in the basement.

**Club Jesus** – The Children and Youth will provide dinner for Club Jesus in March!

**Vacation Bible School** – Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School!

**July 8-12** at Immanuel Church – 105 S. 7th St.  
We'll let you know more as details are worked out!

Coming next month – Where are they now – spotlight on the class of 2008.

**Grace is on Facebook!** Like the “page” at: <https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedMethodistZanesville> or our group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/419305344801902/>. The group is closed, so ask to be included.

Grace also has a website — [www.graceumcz.org](http://www.graceumcz.org). On the website you will find announcements, the bulletins, the Grapevine, and more.

*Grace isn't a nice idea. It's not a song lyric or a warm fuzzy feeling. It's the radical life of Christ lived in you. Grace give you the freedom to love the unlovable and forgive the unforgivable, because you know how much you're loved and know how much you've been forgiven.*

- Max Lucado

**Worship Celebrations at Grace UMC**

Season of Lent – Worship Series “*Rehab*” (Discipleship Ministries)  
*During the weeks of Lent, we will explore what it means to journey with Jesus toward full restoration.*

**Sunday, March 4 – 8:15 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.** - Third Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion. Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 “*Progress*”

**Sunday, March 11 – 8:15 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.** - Fourth Sunday in Lent. Scripture: John 3.14-21 “*Recovery*”

**Sunday, March 18 – 8:15 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.** - Fifth Sunday in Lent. Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34 “*Promise*”

**Sunday, March 25 – 8:15 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.** - Palm/Passion Sunday. Scripture: Mark 11:1-11; 14:1-72; 15:1-47

Season of Easter

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

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

**Sunday, April 1 – 10:30 a.m.** - Easter Sunday. Sacrament of Holy Communion. Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord.

**EASTER LILIES**

The Easter lilies will be ordered through the church office. The cost is \$10.00 each. If you wish to order a lily / lilies, please complete this form and return to the church by placing in the offering plate or mailing. The deadline for placing orders with payment is Sunday, **March 25**. You are encouraged to pick up your lily following the 10:30 a.m. Easter service.

\_\_\_\_\_ number of lilies      \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my lily the next week.

Lenten Worship Services 2018  
**ON OUR WAY TO THE CROSS**  
*Following Where Jesus Leads*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
March 4	Central Trinity UMC 62 S. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	Rev. Dr. Dennis Miller Foothills District UMC
March 11	First UMC 857 Putnam Ave.	Rev. John Alice Rolling Plains UMC
March 18	Faith UMC 1616 Blue Ave.	Rev. Justin Williams Coburn UMC Rev. Steve Judson Central Trinity UMC
March 25	Rolling Plains UMC 3350 Mothball Park Road	Easter Cantata
March 29 7:00 p.m.	Coburn UMC 3618 Maple Ave.	Maundy Thursday – The Living Last Supper

**All services begin at 6:00 p.m.** with a time of fellowship to follow. Monetary offerings will be directed to support the children and youth ministry of *TheLifeWell* at W. Main. You are also invited to bring socks and mittens to donate for *The LifeWell Free Store and Shelter* at First UMC, Zanesville.

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**2018 FOOD DRIVE**

Grace United Methodist Church has had a long tradition of supporting the work of Eastside Community Ministry and the emergency food pantry they operate. We are continuing that support with our annual **Food Drive**. As in the past few years, Eastside has asked that we donate the money. They will then use their buying network to secure the best value for the dollars donated. This is a wonderful way for our Grace family to share with families in Muskingum County who are in need of basic nourishment. As of February 25, we have received \$6,062.

***It is not too late to donate to this cause!***

*Many Thanks*

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND —**

As you may know, I'm the first recipient of the Grace UM Scholarship. I'm so grateful for the investment made in me many years ago which has contributed to my success today. I grew up in Grace, and the people and programs were among my earliest spiritual teachers. The church also served as a touchstone for my mother as she assumed full responsibility (physical, financial, spiritual) for me and my four brothers and sisters after her divorce.

As I entered my senior year in college, the people of Grace continued their investment in me by awarding me this scholarship. At that time, I couldn't have imagined having the resources to repay this debt. While I am paying forward the original amount to be used for future scholarships in honor of my mother, Betty Frary-Deedrick, I acknowledge that this is just a fraction of what has been given to me.

I am an example of how one can overcome barriers and limitations through hard work and perseverance, and I'm fortunate to be able to tell this story as part of my job. But just as importantly, I am also living proof of unmerited and unexpected grace. I hope this sets off a chain of abundance and investment that finds its way to those who need it.

With gratitude — **Meg Deedrick**

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks for the lovely basket of flowers from the anonymous donor and all the cheerful cards from Grace Church friends as I celebrated my 100th birthday.

Sincerely, **Jane Ludman**

**Friendly Callers**

*Friendly Callers* started in March 2003 and have received a lot of wonderful responses from the people getting the calls. I need some more callers. Each caller receives a week's list about every 8 – 10 weeks. Can you help?? Questions or to volunteer, please call me – 740-452-3525.

**Judy McAllister**

Thank you to our Hospitality team for:

Providing space, hospitality and/or meals for various community groups (Barbershop Chorus, Grief Share, Community Lenten Service).

Extending hospitality at the doors, elevators and during worship (Dana Swope, Cindy Lawyer, Susan Tyson, Doug & Becky Spade, Dan & Karen Vincent, Mary Mason, Paula Jasper, Cindi Swope, Tracie Moss, Doug & Carla Waltman, Maryanna Fenton, Bev Dunworth, Jaynellen Sharp, Judy McAllister, John & Diane Marks, Linda Friel, Ed Middaugh)

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 last month!

Acolytes – Cindi Swope, Carley Oldfield

Liturgists – Coty Brown, Todd Sands

Lay Leaders – Cindy Lawyer, Todd Sands

Children's Moment – Christy Swope, Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris, Cindi Swope, Lexi Oldfield, Carley Oldfield, Tom Swan

Musicians – Marcie Butterfield, Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry, Sarah Burris, Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Tom Swan, Peyton Cassel

Communion Steward – Janet Hill

Communion Servers – Mary Mason, Maryanna Fenton, Bev Dunworth, Wendy Cochran, Christy Swope, Janet Hill

Children's Ministry [Grace Space, Kids Own Worship, Nursery] – Sarah Burris, Allison Palmer, Cindy Lawyer, Julie McAllister, Julie Sands, Sarah Tippie, Amelia Lepi