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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Breakthrough Talk by Cindy Lawyer [4/8/18]

The cards you are receiving are a result of a Breakthrough Prayer Initiative that a group of Grace Church members attended last year. Does everyone have one...

Breakthrough – when I looked up the word, it means sudden dramatic, important, advance discovery or development. Science has breakthroughs, there are breakthroughs in medicine, and technology has breakthroughs – sudden dramatic development!

Relationships have breakthroughs and you could even have a breakthrough in your marriage or career... I think you get the idea!

Because the opposite of this is a set-back...If you are not moving forward you are stalled, maybe at an impasse or a dead end. Ultimately you need to BREAK THROUGH in order to move forward!!

In Philippians 4:6-8 it says: Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

To get personal with you. I have had 4-5 people from our church congregation voice their concern about the future of Grace Church. It is personal for ALL OF US! It is like an elephant in the room... IT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED!

It reminds me of the saying: If you do what you've always done...you'll get what you've always gotten.

We are in danger...we need a lifeline. As Christians, it needs to be an admission to God that we need help....through prayer.

Is that such a novel idea?

In Matthew 18:19-20 God says: "I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together in my name, I am there among them."

Prayer – is a personal relationship with God and comes in many forms, from a long drawn out conversation to a split second plea.

The card you're holding has been long in the making. As a group we met many times hashing over what we thought needed to be said to God:

Keep it short and to the point, but as a breakthrough it must be meaningful, dramatic and important and in OUR circumstances... for the life of our church!!

Looking at the front: "Dreams of the future, become reality through prayer."

What are **your** dreams for the future of Grace Church?

Notice it says: Pray boldly at 5:16 p.m. daily! – Does it have to be at exactly 5:16?... maybe a little before or after... maybe 5:16 a.m.?

Open the card:

Remember Jesus saying: "Two or three gather together in my name, I am among them." This is the prayer we want all of our members and those who attend to pray ... at 5:16: Please join me in reading this together:

God of Miracles,

We praise your Holy name and thank you for loving us!

Awaken Grace Church to your calling...

Unleash your power within us...

Break through our hearts and minds... so we will be open to your God-sized plans.

Let your light shine through us, so we may be an example of your love to others!

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

On the back, we see that same verse, from the book of Mathew 5:16 ... which is when we want to collectively say this prayer as a plea to God to make a change... to breakthrough.

This also happens to be the address of our church — 516 Shinnick St. Coincidence or God- incidence?

Mathew 5:16 says: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven."

Prayer is the most powerful weapon against all trials. We hope you will join us to be an instrument of change for Grace Church.

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The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

May 2, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, **May 3** – 7:00 p.m. – New Hope Full Gospel Church
3550 East Pike

We, the church, have an opportunity to show our strength and worth by gathering together in unity to be light and salt to our leaders in this community. The main speaker will be Congressman Bill Johnson.

Please mark **June 1 – 2** on your calendar for our **Grace Church Garage Sale**. Our set up day will be Thursday, May 31. 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!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Address Changes

Casey & Amelia Lepi – 339 Taylor St., Zanesville, OH 43701

Baptism

Macy June Lawyer received the Sacrament of Baptism on April 8.

She is the daughter of Brady & Allison Palmer. Grandparents are Rick & Cindy Lawyer; great-grandmother is June Lawyer.

Aubrey Gray Jones received the Sacrament of Baptism on April 15.

She is the daughter of Travis & Courtney Jones. Grandparents are Clay & Alice Graham.

With Sympathy

. . . to Laile McBride and family following the death of her husband, Joe McBride, on April 22.

. . . to Ned Weaver, Tracie Moss, Tina Baker and family following the death of nephew and cousin, Jay Welsh, on April 22.

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Friday, **May 4** – 12:00 noon – Church Women United – May Friendship Day
REACHING FOR WHOLENESS IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

Coburn U. M. Church (Maple Ave.) — Bring a salad to share for lunch. Bring items for the auction.

Sunday, **May 6** – First U. M. Church [857 Putnam Ave.] — 11:00 – 1:00 — Ham Loaf luncheon — \$8.00 — Carryout available.

SALVATION ARMY WOMEN'S AUXILIARY cordially invites you to their Spring Brunch – *Share Your Friendship* — May 17. Doors open at 10:00 for preview of Silent Auction; Brunch at 11:00. \$15 each; \$120 for table of 8 (list names). Reservations – Women's Auxiliary – 5340 Glenwood Dr., Nashport, OH 43830.

Worship Celebrations at Grace UMC

Season of Easter – Worship Series “*Breakthroughs*”

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. Festival of the Christian Home. Mother’s Day. Scripture: Exodus 20:12; 21:15,17.

Guest Preacher: Orlen Bates, Jr

Season of Pentecost

Sunday, May 20 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – Pentecost Sunday.

Graduation Recognition. Heritage Sunday.

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 10:24-25; Romans 8:22-27;

John 15:26-26; 16:4-15

Season of Pentecost – Worship Series “*Transitions*” (Discipleship Ministries)

Sunday, May 27 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – Trinity Sunday. Two By Two will lead us in Music (10:30). Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29;

Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Sunday, June 3 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Bill Cronk.

Sunday, June 10 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – 3rd 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. – 4th 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 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – 5th Sunday after Pentecost.

Scriptures: I Samuel 17:1-11, 32- 49; Psalm 9; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

MANY THANKS

Thank you to our Hospitality Team for —

Providing space, hospitality and/or meals for various community groups – OWLS, Barbershop Chorus, family of Joe McBride, Grief Share, Carr Center Cake Auction Volunteers, Starlight 4-H Club).

Extending hospitality at the doors, elevator, and during worship – Dana & Cindi Swope, Dana C. Swope, Tracie Moss, Dan & Karen Vincent, Sarah Tippie, Cindy Lawyer, Susan Tyson, Judy McAllister, Doug & Carla Waltman, Linda Friel, Becky Woods, Diane Marks, Mary Ruth Mock, Frank & Amy Dosch, Steve Vincent, Doug & Becky Spade, Bev Dunworth

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 – Carly Oldfield, Cindi Swope

Liturgist – Coty Brown, Lexi Oldfield, Cindy Lawyer

Lay Leader – Cindy Lawyer, Todd Sands

Children’s Moment – Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris, Christy Swope, Dana C. Swope, Janet Hill, Cassie Burris

Musicians – Marcie Butterfield, Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry, Sarah Burris, Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Cynthia Tuck, Tom Swan, Nathan Zangmeister, Carrie VanSickle

Communion Steward – Janet Hill

Communion Servers – Mary Mason, Janet Hill, Maryanna Fenton, Jaynellen Sharp, Susan Hendley, Tracy Miller, Doug & Carla Waltman

Children’s Ministry [Grace Space, KidsOwnWorship, Nursery] – Cassie Burris, Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer, Julie McAllister, Dana C.

Swope, Allison Palmer, Sarah Tippie, Laura James, Amelia Lepi, Rick Lawyer, Brady Palmer, Katie Graham, Megan Witucky, Courtney Jones

Breakthrough Prayer Team – Christy Swope, Cindi Swope, Sarah Burris, Janet Hill, Mary Mason, Joyce Cooper, Cindy Lawyer

During May, we will collect items for the Muskingum County Center for Seniors — tissues — toiletries — soaps — detergents — cleaning supplies — pet treats — paper products — towels — wash cloths — candy.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Disciple Class – This adult class is working their way through the Bible at 9:15 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 on Thursday evenings in the old MS classroom in the basement. We are finishing a study on prayer by Max Lucado and will begin another new study in May. Hope to see you there!

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

Graduation Sunday – We will celebrate our graduates on May 20 at the 10:30 a.m. service. We are looking forward to their bright futures!

Grace U.M. College Scholarship is open to any member who is attending a college or university. Get an application from the church office. Deadline is June 1.

Social Media and Website

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, let us know you want to be included.

Grace's website — www.graceumcz.org

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 and watch live, or watch the recorded version at a later time. Let us know how you like this and if you want more!

Matthew 5:16 – *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the food, cards, prayers, calls, flowers and concern following my fall. I am healing and taking therapy. I'll be back to church soon.

Anne Goodrich

Thank you for your donation in memory of Denver Barr.

Cathy Hamilton and family

STEPS IN FAITH Prayer Walk — Saturday, **May 19** — 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. — registration begins at 7:00 a.m. — Muskingum Valley Vineyard Church – 299 Putnam Ave. — Registration [before 5/2]- \$15 per person; \$120 team of 12; [after 5/2] - \$20 per person. There will be 12 stops for the praying. Hosted by Drug Free Muskingum. Information – 740-819-3710.

