

# GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

May 2017

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *You Can Do It!*

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

It seemed like a good idea at the time. After all, I love bicycling. The gorgeous weather invited me to enjoy it. The scenic ocean view next to the hills in Southern California exploded with beauty. What a wonderful day to enjoy God's creation!

The ride started off with a grand and glorious bang. My brother, sister and I set off anticipating a memorable day. A light breeze gently surrounded us. Off we went. Equipped with helmets, gloves, water and snacks - we prepared ourselves the best we could.

My brother-in-law would be in the sag wagon, with my niece and nephew in tow. Chicken pox kept the kids confined to the Ford Aerostar. My brother-in-law would stop along the way to capture portions of this epic ride on his video camera, while he offered play by play commentary at various points.

It started off alright, as we approached the hills of the beautiful Palos Verdes Estates. I had the ocean at my right, and I was just going to tackle this "hill." I was really pushing to get up this hill, and determined to beat sister and brother. I was feeling pretty good about myself as I made it to the top. Well, as it turned out, it was not the top. It was just a curve in the road. A hairpin curve. When I made it to that point, I made a 180 degree turn and saw I had only just begun. I had exerted most of my energy to get up this part of the hill. And, as I began the next level of this steep ascent, I was in trouble. My legs were burning and my throat was parched. Meanwhile, my sister calmly rode past me up this section of the hill, without so much as breaking a sweat or breathing heavily. Slow and steady, she pedaled in stride, evenly and calmly. Next came my brother. Heavily breathing and sweating profusely, he stayed the course, focused on the goal.

By this time, I had dropped out of their sight as my body had hit the wall. But I pushed and pushed with determination. Finally, I made it to the top.

Wait! That was not the top! It was another hairpin curve. I had even farther to go! By this time, I thought I was going to collapse. I could not make it on my own. I began to recite the Apostle Paul's words in Philippians over and over: *"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me."* *"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me."*

I was beyond exhaustion. My legs were like jello. Sweat poured down my face, affecting my vision. But I stayed the course. *"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me."*

It had become my mantra to take my eyes and my mind off myself and my pain. It was almost as if Jesus Himself was telling me, *"You can do it!"*

At long last, I had made it up all the sections of that unforgettable "hill." Meanwhile, my sister and brother had a nice long rest stop at the top. After, a quick break, we enjoyed the downhill ride.

What task seems impossible to you? You can do it!

Pastor Mark

*"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me."*  
[Philippians 4.13]

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The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

May 3, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, **May 4** – 7:00 p.m. – New Hope Full Gospel Church  
3550 East Pike

It is a privilege to be able to come together and pray to a mighty God to intervene for our city, our county, and our nation. As we all know, our community needs the protection and guidance that only comes from prayer.

## MUSIC RECITAL

A music recital will be offered on Sunday, May 21, at **3:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Violist **Renee Show** and Pianist **Betty Lou Wilson** will be performing. This event is free and open to the public.

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Address Changes

Mike & Kelly Alfman – 1100 East Dr., Zanesville, OH 43701  
Ray Miller – 29330 N. Waukeegan Rd., #407, Lake Bluff, IL 60044-5420

### Wedding

Lacy Tipton and Ryan Hill were united in marriage on April 1.  
Ryan is the son of Janet Hill and Dean Hill.

### With Sympathy

- . . . to Marcie Butterfield and family following the death of her father, Carl Wiseman, of Roseville on April 4.
- . . . to Tony Merry and family following the death of his uncle, Thomas Merry, of Dell Rapids, SD on April 4.
- . . . to family and friends of Gary Lewis of Cleveland Hts. following his death on April 12.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

Sunday, **May 7** – First U. M. Church [857 Putnam Ave.] — 11:00 – 1:00 —  
Ham Loaf luncheon — \$8.00 — Carryout available.

### OPERATION FEED PANCAKE BREAKFAST

When — Sunday, May 21  
Where — Christ's Table – 28 S. Sixth St.  
Time — 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Cost — \$5 per ticket

All you can eat pancakes / syrup, breakfast meat, hot & cold beverages.  
*Proceeds benefit the Muskingum County Hunger Network's 15 food pantries and 4 hot meal programs. Thank you for helping us help others!*

## Worship Celebrations at Grace UMC

### Season of Easter

**Sunday, May 7 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m.** - 4th Sunday of Easter.

Scripture: John 10:1-10.

**Sunday, May 14 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m.** - 5th Sunday of Easter.

Festival of the Christian Home/ Mother's Day

Scripture: John 14:1-14.

**Sunday, May 21 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m.** - 6th Sunday of Easter.

Graduation Recognition

Scripture: John 14:15-21.

**Sunday, May 28 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m.** - 7th Sunday of Easter.

Scripture: John 17:1-11.

Two By Two Band will lead worship.

Please mark **June 16 – 17** 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. Summer will be here before you know it! Thanks for your continued support. As you are aware, many hands make light work!

## **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, family of Carl Wiseman, Grief Share, various family celebrations).

Extending hospitality at the doors, elevator, and during worship – Dana & Cindi Swope, Dana C. Swope, Tracie Moss, Dan & Karen Vincent, Bob & Martha Lentz, Chase & Sarah Tippie, Rick & Cindy Lawyer, Joe & Susan Tyson, Judy McAllister, Bob & Heather Dolen, Libby Dolen, Gabe Dolen, Elisa Simons, Doug & Carla Waltman, Linda Friel, Ann Longstreth, Diane Marks, 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, Noelle Flarey, Nick Flarey, Coty Brown

Liturgist – Coty Brown

Passion Narrative Readers – Christy Swope, Jack Butterfield,

Tom Swan, Coty Brown

Easter Vigil Readers – Coty Brown, Cassie Burris, Dana C. Swope

Children's Moment – Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris, Christy Swope,

Dana C. Swope

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

Communion Steward – Janet Hill

Communion Servers – Mary Mason, Tom Swan, Janet Hill,

Dana C. Swope, Maryanna Fenton, Margaret Merry

Children's Ministry [Grace Space, KidsOwnWorship, Nursery] –

Cassie Burris, Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer, Julie McAllister, Dana C. Swope, Valerie Bryan, Sarah Tippie, Megan Witucky

Thank you to all who participated in or attended the Community Lenten Services.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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

Vacation Bible School will be held June 25-29. This year we will be at Grace Wesleyan Church. Stay tuned for more information and a registration form!

### **Disciples' Class –**

During May, the DISCIPLES' CLASS will be taking a closer look at the book of Jonah [remember the whale?]. Jonah [the book] highlights God's unconditional love for us and for the natural world. God cared for Jonah even when he was disobedient, and God cared for Ninevah, even though the Assyrians were the ruthless enemies of Israel. God loves all humanity and wants to bring all peoples to a saving knowledge of Himself. Come join us and we will provide the whale!

**Children & 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** are beginning a new study! All women are welcome on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the old Middle School room!

*"When God is involved, anything can happen! Be open. Stay that way. God has a beautiful way of bringing good vibrations out of broken chords."*

Charles Swindoll, Christian pastor, author and educator.



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 invited. The group has documents like the bulletin and the Grapevine attached, so it is not public.

Grace also has a Website! <https://graceumcz.org/> On the website you will find announcements, the bulletins, the *Grapevine*, and more! Check it regularly!

## THANK YOU

Dear Grace Family,

We want to thank you for all of your comforting words, prayers and your very generous gift. The loss of our home and pets has caused us to reflect on life. There are lessons to be learned from all incidents in our lives. This has strengthened our faith and Grace Church has been a building block in that strength. Thank you all so very much! **Todd & Mellissa Kanavel**

Dear Grace Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, hugs, food, cards and support upon the death of our father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Carl Wiseman. The food that was prepared at the time of the OWLS lunch was greatly appreciated. We are blessed to have all of you as our extended family and we truly appreciate your love and thoughtfulness.

With love and gratitude – **Marcie & Jack Butterfield**

**Mike & Becky Wiseman & families**

THANK YOU – THANK YOU to the Grace Family for your extravagance in donating personal items for Transitions!! Because of your kind generosity, the Outreach Committee provided laundry baskets filled with personal items, laundry supplies, etc. – the list goes on and on – for the ladies living at Transitions. The staff at Transitions were truly overwhelmed and so grateful to receive these very necessary items. Thank you again for expressing the love of Christ to those who are in need in our community.

**Outreach Committee & Transitions**

On behalf of Eastside, I wanted to personally thank you for your amazing support with the Food Drive! We would not be able to provide to our neighbors without your help! God Bless! **Jamie Trout, Exec. Dir.**

Thanks for the beautiful Easter lily!

**Nancy Hodous**

Thank you so much for all of your kindnesses following the death of my brother Steve. We appreciate all the cards, calls, thoughts, prayers and food. We are so blessed to be here at Grace and thankful for your love especially during this difficult time. God bless you all!

Lovingly,

**Mark & Nancy Chow and the Campbell Clan**

