

GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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PASTOR'S PAGE

More Than Enough

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

Growing up in the parsonage, even though it seemed like we didn't have very much, our family always had enough. We lived a modest lifestyle. I don't recall going shopping for brand new clothes every school year (a cousin passed his clothing on to me). Rarely did we go out to eat (there were four kids!), but when we did, it was a special treat. Birthdays were usually celebrated with fried chicken (Not KFC!). None of this really mattered much to me as a child, but as I grew into a teenager, I began to see how "the other side" lived. At times, seeing how others lived made me realize what I did **not** have.

Churches of various shapes and sizes, from the tiny chapels to the grandest cathedrals, sometimes face lean times as well. Sometimes they wonder how they are going to make it another day. When asked how their ministries make an impact on the community, it is tempting for some church leaders to ask: "*But how can we do anything? We barely have enough to keep the lights on. How can we meet the needs of our community, when we have so little ourselves? If only we had more!*"

Others (individuals, families, churches), small and lacking in the world's eyes, take what little they have and make a world of difference.

After Jesus spent the day healing a great crowd of people, the Disciples told Him to send the people home so they could get food to eat. He asked them to feed the people.

"But we don't have enough food!"

"Bring me what you have."

And so, they brought to Jesus what little they had - a few small barley loaves and a couple fish. After blessing these, Jesus gave them to the Disciples to distribute among the crowd, who ate and were satisfied.

Afterward, the Disciples collected all the leftovers. (Matthew 14:13-21 Common English Bible (CEB))

What seemed like very little was enough. More than enough!

Jesus challenges us to overcome "*scarcity thinking*." While we may think we have very little, Jesus simply asks us to bring what we have. Then, we can see that we have *more than enough*.

What is it that we see – scarcity or abundance?

Pastor Mark

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The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

November 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

ALL SAINTS' DAY will be observed on November 5. This is a universal festival of the church that directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of those who have gone before us. Those we will be remembering

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Norma Peters – 12/4/16
Florence Hutson – 1/27/17
Shirley Gregg – 2/14/17
Gregory Mock – 3/18/17

Gary Lewis – 4/12/17
Maxine Winstel – 6/15/17
Paul Jones – 7/14/17

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, is the end of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday.

JUNIOR CHOIR

We are going to assemble a Junior Choir to sing once or twice in December and we need YOUR child/ren to be a part of it! They will meet in the Choir Room from 9:15-10:00 for five consecutive Sunday mornings – November 5 through December 3. The children will sing as part of the Children's Christmas program on Sunday morning, December 10. We invite any children who want to sing to join us for what we hope will be a time of fun and music!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Birth

A daughter, Lana Carolyn, was born on October 21 to Paul & Stacy Swan.
Grandparents are Tom & Linda Swan.

With Sympathy

- . . . to Debbie O'Neal and Patti Winhoven and families following the death of their sister, Colleen Winland, on October 15.
- . . . to Nancy Chow and family following the death of her mother, Dorothy Campbell, of Ottawa, OH on October 28.

IN THE COMMUNITY

> > November 5 — 11:00-1:00 — First U. M. C. (857 Putnam Ave.)

After church luncheon - ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll, beverage and dessert. Adults - \$8.00; children under 10 - \$4.00. Carryout available. Bake sale items available.

COME AND WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM

The Bethlehem Walk – Outdoor Drama Chandlersville, OH
Friday, November 24 - Saturday, November 25 - Sunday, November 26 —
6:00-9:00 p.m. nightly – free. Meet at Chandlersville U. M. Church and then be transported to Bethlehem. Experience the walk that Mary and Joseph took the night our Savior was born! Your journey will take you from the shepherds in the field, past the Roman soldiers and tax collectors, through the town of Bethlehem to the tiny stable where Jesus is born!

ADVENT TEA

December 3, 2017
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Coburn U. M. Church – Wilson Center (gym)
3618 Maple Ave.

Please come and share in this time of fellowship.

2017 CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions to be credited to 2017 giving must be to the church office by Sunday, December 31. Any money received after that date will be credited to 2018.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

November 13 – 6:30 p.m.

Grace Church will host GRIEF SHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS. If you have experienced the loss of one you love and would like to have the support of others on a similar journey; if you would like to hear about how others have found encouragement and hope to move forward after a loss, consider this Grief Share event. If you have a friend or family member who is experiencing grief of this nature, feel free to invite them or recommend the program to them. Please contact us at 740-452-9317 or via e-mail at graceumc516@sbcglobal.net.

Surviving the Holidays is part of a more comprehensive program called Grief Share.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We are blessed to have such a beautiful place to worship each Sunday. Your help is needed on Friday, NOVEMBER 17, at 5:30 p.m. to decorate the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and the outside for the holiday season. This is a special event. If you've never participated, it could be the start of a family tradition at Grace. A light meal will be provided. As you know, many hands make light work!

ZANESVILLE HANDBELL FESTIVAL

The 28th annual Handbell Festival will be held on Sunday,

November 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Grace Church sanctuary. Invite a friend and come to hear the sound of the individual choirs and all together as a joyous massed choir.

RACE FOR GRACE 2017

It is not too soon to start training for the Race for Grace 5K. It will once again be held on Thanksgiving morning [November 23] at 9:00 a.m. Online registration is available at <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/14480/race-for-grace-2017>. If you are not up to running or walking, we always need lots of volunteers to make this event successful. All proceeds will go to Eastside Community Ministry's Food Pantry. Please feel free to contact Becky Woods - 740-683-4529 / 740-828-6094 or Bob Moon - 740-704-5850 if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your support!

GRACE CHANCEL CHOIR OPPORTUNITY

As we did last year, we want to welcome anyone who wants to join the choir for the Christmas season. If you love to sing but don't have the time to sing with us on a regular basis, PLEASE join us for the Advent and Christmas season. Rehearsal time is 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN

Calling all bell ringers!!! Are you looking for a way to reach out to others in our community? Grab a family member or friend and sign up to ring the bells.

Grace Church will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army
Saturday – **December 2**
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sam's Club

Many ringers are needed to support this important cause.
Please plan to sign up starting in mid-November.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Now is the time to be placing your order for poinsettias for the Christmas season. They are \$7.50 each. They will be used in the sanctuary on December 17 and 24.

Please complete the order form and return to the church by placing it in the offering plate or mailing (checks payable to the church).

We need your order by December 6.

_____ number of poinsettias _____ amount enclosed

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

_____ will pick up later

Operation Christmas Child

Imagine a little boy opening a gift of things he can't even imagine. Add into that the joy of learning that there is someone that loves him, so much that He would give His life for him. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Operation Christmas Child boxes give us an opportunity to reach out to children in a way that would not be possible otherwise. The boxes begin as a way of getting the child's attention and then while he is listening they are provided a book that explains who Jesus is and to share the Gospel with them.

This small shoe box full of little gifts along with the booklet full of the teachings of Jesus Christ gives children something deeper than physical help. It is a blessing to see the powerful change in their hearts.

Grace Church's goal is to put together 50 boxes this year. The deadline is **November 5** to get them to the church. If you are unable to shop and put together a box, financial donations are gratefully accepted as well.

Please pray for this important demonstration of how God's love can change the world, one child at a time.

How to pack a box —

1 – Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. We have a limited amount of Operation Christmas Child boxes that you can use. If you use your own box, you can wrap the box (but do the lid separately). Wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

2 - Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Mark the correct age category on the label and tape the label to the top of the box. The labels are found in the brochure available from the _____ church _____ or _____ on _____ line _____ at http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack_A_Shoe_Box/

3 – Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

4 – Please donate \$9 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online by using the EZGIVE option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note 'OCC' on the memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside the box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

Christian Education

SUNDAY MORNING SPECIAL – Join with your friends to enjoy a movie clip and discussion to prepare for the Savior who is “Coming Soon.”

We will meet in the High School room at 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. on November 26, December 3, and December 17. During the first two weeks we will

work with the children to prepare for the Christmas program. Child care will be available for the final session as well.

Join us in the **Grace Place** (Fellowship Hall) between the 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services for fellowship and service in our Grace Place. You can be a part of something greater than Grace!

Disciples' Class — Jesus walked day by day with his disciples, challenging them to walk IN HIS WAY. Week by week, as the Disciples' Class looks at John's Gospel writings, we try to fathom the depths of Jesus' words and meaning for our daily lives. Come, explore those meanings for your daily life.

Children and Youth — The children will experience the Bible in fun ways using the weekly scripture lessons from the worship service to sculpt the lesson – maybe it will be a game, maybe it will be an art project! Whatever it is, we will learn about what it means to be a Christian in a super-fun way.

Fun! We're looking for new and exciting things to have fun and learn about God together! If you have any ideas for our children and youth, please let Sarah know.

Children of Grace - Families and children now have choices during the 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**.

A special **Grace Space** corner for kids to play is also available for the 8:15 a.m. service! If you have an early napper or an early riser, now you have more options!

The Women's Group have begun our second study of *Twelve More Women of the Bible—Life-Changing Stories for Women Today* by Sherry Harney. In between this study we are studying “Anxious for Nothing” by Max Lucado. All women are welcome on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the old Middle School room.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL — December 9

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND POTLUCK — December 10

Grace is online:



Facebook! Like the “page”

at: <https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedMethodistZanesville>

We have started Live Broadcasting the 8:15 service for those unable to attend the service or wanting to check out our services at Grace.

Or our

group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/419305344801902/>

The group is closed, let us know you want to be invited.



Website: www.graceumcz.org. On the website you will find announcements, the bulletins, the *Grapevine*, and more! Check it regularly!



Grace has an Instagram page! Tag your pictures of Grace and follow us: [graceumchurch_zanesville](https://www.instagram.com/graceumchurch_zanesville).

YouTube Channel: Search for Grace United Methodist, Zanesville. We've posted some of the sermons, and special music.

MITTEN TREES

Please help us decorate our mitten trees with gloves, mittens, and hats for children and adults. These items will be given to the LifeWell Free Store. Also, socks of all sizes are needed. Mitten trees will be at the Shinnick St. entrance to the sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall area. Help make warm hands and feet!!

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

The Bethel House Community Center and those who use the waiting rooms in the Genesis Cancer and Surgery Centers were the recipients of Random Acts of Kindness on October 17. What fun it was to see their smiling faces!!

CROP WALK 2017

A BIG thank you to all who participated in the CROP Walk on October 8!!! Grace Church had eight walkers and raised approximately \$1,000 to fight hunger in our community and around the world.

HYGIENE KITS

Thanks to your donations, 40 hygiene kits were assembled to help with hurricane and disaster relief in the southern states. How fortunate we are to be able to help others!!

GAME NIGHT AT POLLOCK APARTMENTS

Pizza and Bingo for the residents of these downtown apartments (corner of Fifth & Market Sts.) will take place on November 7 — 6:00-8:00 p.m.
This is a good time for everyone!!!

THANK YOU

Dear Grace Church Family,
Thank you so much for your continued support of my ministry in the community! In addition to your words of love and encouragement, you have contributed to my garden project in Putnam. Because of your generosity, there are now 32 raised bed garden plots for the community to utilize as personal gardens for years to come! Not only that, but you have given me space to share myself and my call to ministry in the church. The gifts in honor of my ordination this summer was very thoughtful. Having a McCoy pitcher and bowl (the symbols of a Deacon) is beyond meaningful to me, it is absolutely precious. I will treasure your love and kindness in my heart forever. Joyfully in Christ, **Deacon Jessica Stonecypher**

HONOR OUR VETERANS

Veterans will be honored / recognized on November 12 during worship. Veterans' Day, which is November 11 each year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists while others believe in a 'just war'. Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality, and democracy are worth the cost required.

Whatever individual Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that men and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

***Thank you to all the men and women who served
or are now serving our country!***

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 5 All Saints Day Remembrance / Holy Communion
November 12 Veterans Recognition
November 19 Handbell Festival
November 26 Two By Two will lead the music

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, the Vincent
family, the Winland family, Grief Share].
Extending hospitality at the doors, elevator, and during worship [Dana
& Cindi Swope, Tracie Moss, Sarah Tippie, Rick Lawyer, Susan
Tyson, Paula Jasper, Doug & Carla Waltman, Judy McAllister,
Maryanna Fenton, Bill & Becky Woods, John & Diane Marks,
Margaret Smith, Debbie Collett]
Tending to the audio/video/computer needs [Craig Hill, Cindi Swope,
Sarah Burris, Debbie Collett, Pat Burkhart]

Thank you to all who provided excellent leadership in worship last month!
Acolytes [Carly Oldfield, Lexi Oldfield, Steve Vincent, Lincoln Lepi,
Cindi Swope]
Liturgists [Diane Marks, Steve Vincent]
Children's Moment [Cassie Burris, Sarah Burris, Cindi Swope]
Musicians [Marcie Butterfield, Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry, Sarah Burris,
Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Cynthia Tuck, Tom Swan, Carrie
VanSickle, Nathan Zangmeister, Men's Ensemble, Grace Chancel
Choir]
Communion Steward [Janet Hill]
Communion Servers [Mary Mason, Maryanna Fenton, Susan Hendley,
Janet Hill, Tom Swan]
Children's Ministry = Grace Space, KidsOwnWorship, Nursery
[Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer, Julie McAllister]

Thank you to all who supported the CROP Walk [walkers and donors].

Thank you to our guest preachers in October!
Rev. Michael McGuire – Rushing Wind Biker Church
Dr. Dennis Miller – Foothills District Superintendent