

# GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

October 2017

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Singing Praises*

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

As long as I can remember, I have had a deep love for music. One significant factor is my parents, who loved to sing and play music (piano, harmonica, accordion). Another major influence is the Church (and church choir) that introduced me to four-part harmony. When we moved to a new community, the high school principal strongly recommended that my sister and I should join the choir. Reluctantly, we did. And what a wonderful decision that turned out to be! We both thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie and learned a lot about music. At camps, retreats and coffee houses, I learned new styles of music. I even felt inspired to learn to play guitar after high school graduation.

For me, something powerful and profound happens whenever I hear and sing hymns in four-part harmony. I am also deeply moved with meaningful and melodic choruses and praise songs. I have been blessed and privileged to participate in some uniquely different quartets, ensembles and choirs over the years and across many miles. What a blessing it is to serve in a church and community where music is highly valued and appreciated.

One of my favorite songs was written by Rich Mullins (a Christian songwriter and musician, who wrote many songs until his tragic death 20 years ago) and recorded by Amy Grant. Here are a few of the lyrics:

*"Sing your praise to the Lord. I could never tell you just how much good That it's gonna do you just to sing aloud the song that someone is dying to hear..."*  
~ Rich Mullins, "Sing Your Praise To The Lord"  
1981

Sing Your Praise to the Lord!

Pastor Mark

*"Sing to the LORD, all you godly ones! Praise his holy name."* (Psalm 30:4 NLT)

The Music and Worship Committee would love to know what hymns or choruses you love. In the coming weeks, you will have the opportunity to share those with us.

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday, October 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### COMING SOON!

- October 1 World Communion Sunday  
11:00-2:00 LifeWell Hog Roast at Coburn UMC
- October 8 Rev. Mike McGuire (Pastor at Rushing Wind Church)  
will be preaching at both worship services  
Men's Ensemble will be singing  
CROP Walk — Zane's Landing
- October 15 SOUPer Bowl — OUZ/Zane State College
- October 29 Dr. Dennis Miller (Foothills District Superintendent)  
will be preaching at both worship services  
Two By Two will lead the music  
9:15 a.m. — Annual Charge Conference

### IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### Address Change

David & Nikki Marks – 6073 Delfair Ln., Milford, OH 45150  
Kevin & Beth Upton – 937 Southeast Ct., Zanesville, OH 43701

#### Birth

- A daughter, Macy June, was born on August 30 to Brady & Allison Palmer.  
Grandparents are Rick & Cindy Lawyer; Great-grandmother is June Lawyer.
- A daughter, Aubrey Gray, was born on September 1 to Travis & Courtney Jones. Grandparents are Clay & Alice Graham.

#### With Sympathy

- . . . to Mark Chow and family following the death of his uncle, W. Fun Chow, of Cincinnati on August 29.
- . . . to Travis Jones and family on the death of his grandmother, Ada Jones, of Chester, WV on August 30.
- . . . to Ann Longstreth and family following the death of her sister-in-law, Lori Longstreth, of Marathon, FL on September 3.
- . . . to Peter Cultice and family on the death of his father-in-law, Frank Carpenter, on September 23.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

- > Monday, October 2 — 7:00-8:30 p.m. — The Zanesville Civic Chorus begins rehearsals at Central Trinity UMC preparing for *Messiah*. The performance will be December 10 at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to join this group.
- > Sunday, October 8 — 3:00 p.m.  
21st Annual Organ Recital performed by James McLaughlin and friends — Central Trinity UMC (7th & South Sts.) — free and open to the public.
- > Thursday, October 26 — 11:00 – 1:00  
Sauerkraut Luncheon – Immanuel Church Downtown [105 S. 7th St.] — Information – call 740-454-1294

### **CROP Hunger Walk 2017**

Zane's Landing Park — **October 8** — 2:00 p.m.  
[registration begins at 1:30]  
See Susan Tyson or Cynthia Tuck to sign up.

One-fourth of money raised locally is divided between Christ's Table and the Salvation Army.  
The remainder is used by Church World Service to help fund hunger and water projects in the U. S. and around the world.

What is a CROP Hunger Walk?

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local volunteers to raise funds to end hunger.

What does CROP stand for? When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today, it is retained as the historic name of the program.

## 21st SOUPER BOWL BENEFIT LUNCHEON “A simple meal to meet basic needs”

**Sunday, October 15, 2017  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**OUZ-Zane State Campus Center**

**Tickets available from Judy McAllister or in the church office  
Adults \$5 in advance / \$6 at the door / Children \$4**

You can help by purchasing a PAY IT FORWARD ticket and donate it so someone unable to afford a ticket can also enjoy a hot lunch and enjoy the fellowship.

Cookies and volunteers are needed for this event.  
See or contact Judy McAllister [740-452-3525] if you can help in any way.

### **Random Acts of Kindness — Tuesday, October 17**

On Tuesday, October 17, members of the Outreach Committee will be performing *Random Acts of Kindness* throughout the community. We invite all members of the Grace Family to participate in this project and perform your own Random Acts of Kindness during the month. Just a few ideas — visit a shut-in — offer to do an errand for your neighbor — pay the bill for the person behind you in line at the drive-thru — invite someone to come to church with you at Grace — cut and/or tie a blanket for the Cancer Center — volunteer at a school or community agency — the possibilities are endless!!! Please challenge yourselves, your family members and friends to extend a kind gesture to someone who is not expecting it!!! You will be greatly rewarded!!!!

### **MANY THANKS**

Thank you to our Hospitality team for —

providing space, hospitality and/or meals for various community and United Methodist groups (Americorps First Responder Recognition, Author David Sheff, Literacy Council, United Methodist Financial Credit Union, OWLS, Barbershop Chorus rehearsals and banquet, Foster Parent party, Grief Share)

extending hospitality at the doors, elevator, and during worship (Bev Dunworth, Dana & Cindi Swope, Dana Christine Swope, Tracie Moss, Dan

& Karen Vincent, Rick & Cindy Lawyer, Susan Tyson, Paula Jasper, Doug & Carla Waltman, Doug & Becky Spade, Judy McAllister, Rick & Cynthia Tuck)

tending to the audio/video/computer needs (Craig Hill, Cindi Swope, Sarah Burris, Debbie Collett, Pat Burkhardt)

Thank you to all who provided excellent leadership in worship last month!

Acolytes – Dana Swope, Cindi Swope, Noelle Flarey, Nick Flarey

Liturgists – Amelia Lepi, Elden Hudson

Children's Moment – Cindy Lawyer, Cassie Burris

Musicians – Marcie Butterfield, Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry, Sarah Burris, Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Wendy Cochran, Carrie VanSickle, Nathan Zangmeister

Communion Steward – Janet Hill, Linda Friel

Communion Servers – Mary Mason, Doug & Carla Waltman, Nancy Chow, Bev Dunworth, Maryanna Fenton

Children's Ministry [Grace Space, KidsOwnWorship, Nursery] – Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer, Julie McAllister, Dana Swope, Cassie Burris

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join us in the *Grace Place* (Fellowship Hall) between the 8:15 and 10:30 services for fellowship and service.

Join us to be a part something greater than Grace!

## BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER —

Several Grace members and Pastor Mark attended a workshop titled – *Breakthrough Prayer Initiative*. We learned about different types of prayer and the power of collective or breakthrough prayer (all the congregation praying the same prayer at a specific time).

Soon we will introduce the prayer to the congregation. Each day when we pray, we will ask God to reveal his plan for the church, to empower us, and to allow us to be an example of His love. This prayer will set the stage for God to do beyond what we could ever ask, think, imagine, or do on our own. More information and the prayer will be available very soon.

**The 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 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**.

**NEW!!** Grace Space [a special corner for kids to play] is now 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** will finish their study of the *Twelve Women of the Bible—Life-Changing Stories for Women Today* by Lysa TerKeurst. All women are welcome on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the old Middle School room. Something new and interesting will follow.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR – CHRISTMAS PARTY / PROGRAM

Party – December 9 with the program and family potluck on December 10.

Grace is online:



**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



Website: [www.graceumcz.org](http://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.

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**THANK YOU**

I want to thank the donor from Grace Church for the lovely basket of flowers given to me during my recovery stay at Cedar Hill. Many thanks and best wishes!  
**Jane Ludman**

**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 55 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. We will put extra boxes together during the *Grace Place* time on November 12.

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/](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.