

# GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

July 2016

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## ***Reflections from the Lake***

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

*Ahh.... Lakeside!*

I don't really remember the first time I went to Lakeside, but it seems like I've been going all my life! I first attended as a P.K. (Preacher's Kid) from Licking County. My father attended as a clergy delegate to the West Ohio Annual Conference. Then, after responding to God's call, I attended as a clergy delegate when I was ordained a Deacon (Probationary Membership) in 1985 and then as an Elder (Full Membership) in 1989.

For me, one of the highlights is the Celebration of Ministry Service (retirement, commissioning and ordination). Every year, I am reminded of the awesome, humbling experience of the times that I knelt on the stage of Hoover Auditorium and felt the Bishop's hand upon my head. And then, when a Bible was placed in my hands, I heard these words from the Bishop: *"Take thou Authority as an Elder in the Church to preach the Word of God, and to administer the Holy Sacraments."*

This year, my family and I participated in the Memorial Service (in which the names of clergy and their spouses who died since last year's conference were read). Hearing my father's name read was a sobering moment for me. It was the beginning of a new chapter. My father attended many annual conference sessions at Lakeside. I imagine he was smiling during that celebration.

Throughout the conference, we experienced inspiring worship celebrations, powerful preaching, and insightful teaching. We celebrated various partnerships in world-wide mission and ministry. Collectively, we gave extravagantly toward New Church Starts and Revitalizing Congregations. Many relationships were rekindled or developed. We connected with each other – through laughter, tears, hugs, long walks, deep talks, tasty meals and refreshing ice cream.

Some years, it seems that many of us prepare for battle in debate and discussion. This year, however, seemed different. There was very little

hostility in the air. In the end, unity, harmony and peace prevailed during the entire conference.

Though we may not all agree on everything, we were able to come together in a peaceful, loving way and accept one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. At the end of the conference, it seemed evident that God's Spirit of unity and peace had held us close during these days. Our prayer is that the same Spirit will continue to lead and guide us in the days, weeks, months and years to come. Our Bishop challenged us to *"seek the higher ground."*

As we live into a new conference year, I am delighted to be appointed to Grace UMC for another year. I thank God for the opportunity to be with you, and I look forward to our mission and ministry together. May God open our eyes, our hearts and our minds to the unique calling we have as a congregation in this time and place. I believe that, together, we can make a greater impact than any of us could alone.

**Pastor Mark**

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

July 6, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### **New Sound System Installed**

THANK YOU to Bill Woods for his tireless efforts in assisting C. A. House in the replacement and upgrade of our sound system! What an amazing difference! Thank you to all who have contributed to this major project! We are especially grateful to Ray Miller for his contribution in memory of his beloved wife, Martha 'Marty' Miller.

### **So Long – Farewell!!!**

After about 30 years of faithful service at Grace UMC, Ned Weaver is retiring. What a wonderful blessing he has been to this church family as well as to the community! We deeply appreciate his many years of hard work and self-sacrifice to tend to this sacred space. Blessings to you, Ned, as you move on to the next chapter of life and ministry!

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Address Change

Nick & Julia Adams – 101 Vista Heights Rd., El Cerrito, CA 94530  
Zach & Mary Robinson – 506 Brookover Ave., Zanesville, OH 43701

### Wedding

Mary Sands and Zachary Robinson were united in marriage on May 28. Mary is the daughter of Todd & Julie Sands.  
Tina Weaver and Donald Baker were united in marriage on June 11. Tina is the daughter of Ned Weaver.

### Baptism

Mack Lee Palmer received the Sacrament of Baptism on June 19. He is the son of Brady & Allison Palmer; grandson of Rick & Cindy Lawyer; great-grandson of June Lawyer.

### With Sympathy

- . . . to Susan Gormley and family following the death of her husband, Joseph Gormley, on June 1.
- . . . to family and friends of Dorothy Schenk following her death on June 12.
- . . . to Maryanna Fenton and family following the death of her son, Steve Fenton, on June 15.

### THE BLOCK PARTY IS COMING!!!

The Block Party is coming — Sunday, **August 28**. We will once again be having one worship service under the tents in the street at 10:00 a.m. There will be some new and exciting events for both adults and children. In addition to the normal donations for food, we are asking for a variety of \$10 gift cards which will be used in a drawing. Suggestions would be WalMart, K-Mart, Riesbeck's, Kroger, Wendy's, etc. If you would like to help with this ministry, place the gift card in the offering plate or send it to the church office prior to August 28.

### ***Thank You from Staff Parish***

On behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, we would like to thank everyone for their gifts to Ned Weaver and for attending a marvelous Retirement Potluck Celebration for Ned and family on June 12. Your response was overwhelming and he was moved by your presence and thoughtfulness. We wish Ned the very best in retirement and welcome his daughter, Tracie Moss, as our new custodian beginning July 1.

### ***THANK YOU!***

Dear Grace Church Members,

There is not enough thank yous for me to say on how you made me feel at my retirement party. Everyone was just wonderful, the food was more than great and the comments about me were more than generous. My family and I had a great time – probably the best time I have ever had in my life. John Marks and everyone involved did a fantastic job!

I also need to thank Judy Cranz for all of her friendship and knowledge she always had, with me and for me when I needed something. She is one great church secretary.

I want to thank you for the welcome shown to my daughter, Tracie Moss, as she becomes the new custodian of your great church. She is going to do a wonderful job for you.

I want to thank everyone for all of the cards, gifts, and thank yous for my service. It was really and truly appreciated. Everyone made me feel good and appreciated for all the work I have done for you and the church.

Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart and may God bless each and every one of you for years to come.

**Ned Weaver**

### ***Many Thanks***

Thank you to all who participated in the Radical Hospitality training sessions and for your contributions in developing a culture of Radical Hospitality at Grace UMC. Special thanks to our leadership team (Cindy Lawyer, Diane Marks, Sarah Burris, Christy Swope).

Thank you to our Hospitality team for the many ways you demonstrated Radical Hospitality during the past month.

Hosting the O.W.L.S (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) Luncheon  
Greeting people at the doors (Sarah Burris, Janet Hill, Mary Mason)  
Providing assistance to any in need (Dana Swope, Jim Schumacher and the usher team)

Hosting a bereavement luncheon for the Dorothy Schenk family  
Celebrating Ned Weaver's many years of faithful service (Diane Marks, John Marks, Cindi Swope, Dana Swope, Cynthia Tuck, Bill Woods)

Assisting folks with the elevator  
Providing nursery care when needed (Julie McAllister)  
Tending to the audio/video/computer needs (Bill Woods, Craig Hill, Cindi Swope, Sarah Burris, Dan Vincent)

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

Acolytes (Lexi Oldfield, Carley Oldfield, Izabella Lazar, Quinton Lazar)  
Liturgist (Cindy Lawyer)

Children's Moment (Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris, Cassie Burris, Janet Hill)

Musicians (Marcie Butterfield, Brady Brennan, Deborah Chow, Lexi Oldfield, Paige Mohler, Rick Tuck, Y-City Barbershop Chorus, Sarah Burris, Jack Butterfield, Christy Swope, Rick Tuck, Cynthia Tuck, Mary Mason, Wendy Cochran, Erin Forshey, Linda Friel)

Communion Stewards (Maryanna Fenton, Janet Hill, Susan Holdren, Tom Holdren, Mary Mason, Tracy Miller)

Christian Witness (Halle Randles)

Guest Musicians (Larry Hayes, Brian McKee, Jim McLaughlin, Tony Merry)

Kid's Own Worship leaders

Special Thanks to our youth (and youth leaders) who led worship through word, witness and song on the last Sunday in May. They reminded us that we are all loved by God and are called to love God, love others and love our selves. As we learn to love ourselves, we grow in our self-confidence.

Acolytes (Carly Oldfield, Quinton Lazar)

Greeters (Coty Brown, Quinton Lazar, Allison Wood, Jaxson Wood)

Readers (Izabella Lazar, Jaxson Wood, Allison Wood, Lexi Oldfield)

Liturgist (Lauren Wood)

Preachers (Dana Christine Swope, Elizabeth Wood)

Ushers (Coty Brown, Izabella Lazar, Quinton Lazar, Jaxson Wood)

Adult's Moment (Cassie Burris, Quinton Lazar)

Musicians (Elizabeth Wood, Jim McLaughlin)

Technical Team (Sarah Burris, Cindi Swope, Craig Hill)

### ***Music Ministry Update***

The Music Search Committee has interviewed several individuals and is in the process of finalizing its decision. Upon completion of the interview and audition process, the Music Search Committee will make a recommendation to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee should be making the final decision soon.

During the month of July, we are blessed with a variety of highly qualified and gifted musicians. Jim McLaughlin, Brian McKee, and Marcie Butterfield will be among those sharing their gifts. Thanks to all of these faithful and gifted musicians for sharing their gifts with us.

Marcie Butterfield, Chair, Music Search Committee

John Marks, Staff Parish Relations Committee

Mark Chow, Pastor

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Adult Classes:

The **Disciples' Class** will be exploring *THE WORLD GONE WRONG!* Have you ever heard that before? Have we looked at our world today? Zephaniah and Paul, both have words of concern and hope for us in our times. What happens when man deliberately goes his own way? Join us for an exciting, interesting, and challenging time together as we look at God's Word for our troubled world.

### Children and Youth:



**Vacation Bible School** - our combined-church VBS group is fast approaching! The dates are July 10-14. It will be at St. John's Lutheran Church (7th & Market Sts.). Registration forms are available on our website.



**Kid's Own Worship** - This summer the children will become Christian Super Heroes in Training! The lessons will teach children how to be authentically connected to God and themselves and others! During the summer we are learning about ways to love God with their entire heart while at the same time learn the importance of loving themselves emotionally and physically!

**WORSHIP SERVICE** – The next youth service will be the fifth Sunday of July [July 31]!

The **WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY** meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. but we are taking a couple months off. The first Thursday of both July and August we will meet socially. On September 1 we will begin a new study. Watch the bulletin and the August *Grapevine* for more information.

*Give God your weakness, and let him share his strength!*

Grace is online:



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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!



And this just in—

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

## HISTORY OF THE BLOCK PARTY

In the spring of 1991 at an Administrative Board meeting, it was proposed that a 'street party' be planned to celebrate the end of summer. This would include inviting the congregations of the downtown churches to join us for a time of fellowship. That year, entertainment was provided by the Gospel Light quartet and the Amrou Grotto clowns. Over the years, a variety of groups and individuals have performed for the event.

It was soon discovered that the end of August sun was intense so a few tents were used. By 2001, ten tents were ordered with tables and chairs brought outside from the church. Also in 2001, it rained rather hard but the party took place with music by the 'Grace Strings 'n Things'. It has been cold, hot, windy, and just right but the party never stops! The number attending has varied over the years but the average is near 350.

### **BLOCK PARTY 2016 — August 28**

Grace Church will host this 26th annual festival for the close of summer. Shinnick St. will be closed with tents and tables located in the street. Food will be served.

If you would like to help in any way, please complete the form below and return to the church office. Please come and greet your friends!

## **BLOCK PARTY**

AUGUST 28, 2016 — 11:00 A.M. — SHINNICK STREET

### **HOW CAN I HELP WITH THE PARTY SIGN-UP SHEET**

\_\_\_\_\_ Money contribution — \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Tents – food items – barricade permit – entertainment.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bake 2 dozen cookies (bring on 8/28 in the a.m.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Set-up — tables, chairs, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving food

\_\_\_\_\_ Clean up

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Remember — this is NOT a fund raising event. This is a time of fellowship for area Christians and as a part of our Outreach-Evangelism mission.

Name \_\_\_\_\_