

# GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

July 2017

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## PRAYING FOR A BREAKTHROUGH

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

Years ago while I was a seminary student, I had a major crisis of faith. Before classes began one year, I discovered that I was short on funds. I remember sitting down in the gymnasium, with my head in my hands, in total despair.

*How am I going to pay for this semester?*

I had already exhausted my funding sources, and did not want to have to “beg” for more. As I hung my head that day, I remember whispering a prayer (more a cry of desperation, actually).

*“God, I don’t know how I can do this. Please show me Your way.”*

Now, there were no lightning bolts or an audible voice that day, but a sense of calm and peace began to pervade my being. Still, I would’ve felt more relieved had I received such an instantaneous sign from above. A few days later, however, that sign did appear. It came in the mail, in the form of a check, for a little more than the balance due.

*How did that happen? I hadn’t applied for any additional funding. I hadn’t spoken with anyone about this!*

It just appeared. Could this be an answer to my prayer of desperation?

Sometimes God answers our prayers in ways we never expected.

Many years later, when my wife, Nancy, had been diagnosed with an acute leukemia, we could only trust God and the medical experts. Throughout this uncertain time (a long, winding road, with many detours and setbacks), depending on the fervent prayers from many prayer warriors (known and unknown) was paramount. Prayers (from across the country and around the world) uplifted, surrounded and sustained us. It was simply amazing! Prayer warriors sought God’s healing touch, wisdom, strength, and peace. Some prayers were cries without words. It was quite humbling to be covered in prayer!

Sometimes God answers our prayers even if we don’t know how to pray.

Some of us may be facing challenges that leave us in doubt or despair. We may need a breakthrough in our lives (health, relationships, jobs, families, finances, spiritual lives, etc.,)

I invite you to pray for the Holy Spirit to break through the hardness of our hearts and minds and open us to God’s will for us.

**<sup>16</sup>“Always be joyful. <sup>17</sup>Never stop praying. <sup>18</sup>Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, New Living Translation)**

Pastor Mark

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

July 5, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### OWLS PLANS CHANGED!! —

The plans to have a Methodist missionary in July have been changed. Gaston Ntambo is not available on July 12 as planned. Therefore, the meeting date has been changed to the regular date of July 5.

However, Gaston will be available on **August 2**. He is a United Methodist missionary pilot from the Congo. The project is *Wings of the Morning*. A few years ago, the West Ohio Conference raised money to buy a new, larger plane for this mission. He transports patients, medical supplies, and doctors. People are in need of help from an area the size of Texas which is home to six million people.

Members of the congregation are invited to hear this program; however, reservations are **needed** in order to plan the meal. Please call the church office by July 28 if you plan to join us for this event.

### ORDINATION GIFT PRESENTATION — Jessica Stonecypher

Thank you for your generous contributions toward a gift for Rev. Jessica Sands Stonecypher, on the occasion of her ordination as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. We will present the gift(s) to her on Sunday, **July 30**, at both 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship celebrations.

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Address Change

Mark & Nancy Chow – 3136 Arrow Point Dr., Zanesville, OH 43701

Maryanna Fenton – 2964 Greenpointe Way, Zanesville, OH 43701

Linda Friel – 3277 Olde Falls Rd., Zanesville, OH 43701

Jeff & Jennifer Roquemore – 4443 White Tail Ct., Nashport, OH 43830

### Wedding

Casey McCollister and Vincent Marracino were united in marriage on

May 27. Casey is the daughter of Kevin & Lori McCollister;  
granddaughter of Scott & Shirley McCollister.

Jessica Carder and Craig Luburgh were married on June 17.

Jessica is the daughter of Kym Cross & Mike Carder;  
granddaughter of Jim Gillespie.

Craig is the son of Cindy Ronk & Mark Luburgh; grandson  
of Shirley Luburgh.

### With Sympathy

. . . to Jim Hoskinson and family following the death of his  
grandmother, Helen Hoskinson, (age 102) on June 4.

. . . to Wanda Anderson and family following the death of  
her sister, Elda Hill, on June 14.

### **CARD SHOWER — BETTY CHOW**

Betty Chow (Pastor Mark's Mom) will be celebrating her 85th birthday on June 23. The family is inviting anyone who desires, to participate in a surprise card shower for Betty! When the entire family gathers later this month, she will be showered with love through these tangible expressions. Cards may be sent, placed in the offering plate, or dropped off at the church office by Monday, July 17. Thank you so much!!

**FRIENDLY CALLERS** – The Friendly Callers for birthdays and anniversaries began March 20, 2003. I want to keep it going but need more callers. It's a good time to talk with your church members with best wishes. Also, need updated and new phone numbers for family members. You would get a weekly call list about every 10-12 weeks. If you would like to help, please let me know. Thank you!

**Judy McAllister** –  
740-452-3525.

### **Breakthrough Prayer Initiative Update**

The Breakthrough Prayer team has been faithfully praying for God's breakthroughs in our lives and in our Church. We continue in our daily prayers for Grace Church and will be inviting the entire congregation to join in a specific daily prayer very soon.

Prayerfully yours, The Prayer Ministry Team

### **THE BLOCK PARTY IS COMING!!!**

The Block Party is coming — Sunday, **August 27**.

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, 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 27.

Thirteen members of Grace Church visited the Oaks at Northpointe on Sunday, June 11, for a pre-dinner songfest!! Cindy Lawyer led the singing with the help of projected soundtracks, lyrics, and beautiful pictures. The residents eagerly joined in singing their favorite hymns — there were smiles all around!!

### ***EASTSIDE WISH LIST***

*Sunscreen – Poster Board – Scrapbook Paper –  
Construction Paper – Popsicles – Copier Paper –  
Kick Balls – Basketballs – Board Games*

## ***Worship Celebrations at Grace UMC***

### Season of Easter

**Sunday, July 2 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m.** – Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture – Genesis 22:1-14

**Sunday, July 9 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m.** –

Scripture – Genesis 24:34-67; Matthew 11:16-30

**Sunday, July 16 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m.** –

Scripture – Genesis 25:19-34; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Sunday, July 23 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m.** –

Scripture – Genesis 28:10-19; Matthew 13:24-43

Guest Preacher –

**Sunday, July 30 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m.** –

Fifth Sunday service led by our young people

Scripture – Genesis 29:15-28; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Two By Two will lead worship

Guest Preacher – Rev. Jessica Stonecypher

### ***TOOLS FOR SCHOOL***

The 2017 Tools for School program will help 900 low income children and teens begin the school year on a positive note by providing each one of them with a backpack filled with the supplies for his/her school and grade.

**2017 Stuff the Bus for Tools for Schools** will take place on Saturday, July 15, at the WalMart North [Maple Ave.] from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Stop by to pick up a “supplies needed” list, shop, and drop off at the Primrose Retirement Community's bus in front of the store. The cost of a backpack full of supplies is \$40. Checks payable to Eastside marked “Tools for School” – mail to Eastside – P. O. Box 965. You may volunteer to pack backpacks on August 8 & 9 – call 740-452-7519.

Also, items may be dropped off at Eastside [221 Stillwell St.].

1 1/2” and 1” 3 ring binders

Notebook filler paper

Spiral notebooks [single subject]

Plastic/vinyl folders with prongs

Fiskar scissors – pointed

9” x 12” paper folders without prongs

Washable markers

Colored pencils

24 count Crayola crayons

Sharpie Brand Highlighters [wide]

Index cards [3” x 5” lined]

Elmer's Glue sticks

Blue Pens

Pink erasers and/or

cap erasers

Dixon or Ticonderoga

brand #2 pencils

Expo dry erase markers

## ***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, Head Start, Grace Basement Sale, various family celebrations]

Extending hospitality at the doors, elevator, and during worship

(Dana & Cindi Swope, Dana Christine Swope, Coty Brown, Carl Minning, Tracie Moss, Dan & Karen Vincent, Cindy Lawyer, Susan Tyson, Paula Jasper, Jerry & Margaret Smith, Ann Longstreth, Linda Friel, Rick & Cynthia Tuck, Bev Dunworth, Diane Marks)

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 (Carley Oldfield, Noelle Flarey, Nick Flarey, Cindi Swope)

Liturgists (Cindy Lawyer, Dana Christine Swope)

Children's Moment (Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris, Cassie Burris, Christy Swope)

Musicians (Marcie Butterfield, Sarah Burris, Christy Swope, Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry, Mary Mason, Cynthia Tuck, Tom Swan, Chancel Choir)

Communion Steward (Janet Hill)

Communion Servers (Maryanna Fenton, Janet Hill, Susan Holdren, Tom Holdren, Mary Mason, Tracy Miller, Bev Dunworth)

Children's Ministry [Grace Space, Kid's Own Worship, Nursery] (Cassie Burris, Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer, Julie McAllister)

### ***LACE UP FOR KIDS***

Just imagine 25,000 pairs of sneakers in all sizes and colors. That's the number of shoes Lace Up for Kids has provided to area kids in the past 28 years. You can donate a new pair of sneakers (all K-12 sizes are needed) at any Wendy's, Century National Bank, or Community Bank. Monetary donations are welcome to go directly to the purchase of shoes. Checks payable to Lace Up for Kids – sent to Attn: Tim Thompson – Wendy's – 947 Adair Ave., Zanesville, OH 43701 . Campaign will begin on July 10 with distribution on August 17 at the Zanesville Civic Center. If you would like to help with distribution, call Eastside – 740-452-7519.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Adult Class:

**Disciple Class** – This month we will continue to study God's Urgent Call (Studies in Exodus, Judges, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos, Acts). Come join us as we share in these insightful, challenging sessions together, Sundays at 9:15

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

Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered or donated things for Vacation Bible School June 25-29 at Grace Wesleyan Church. God provided an awesome adventure for all who played, sang, and created during the week.

**Children & Teens** – continue to study the books and stories of the Bible.

**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**.

**The Women's Group** will finish our study on prayer and continue with 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!

*"Look deep within yourself and recognize what brings life and grace into your heart.... You are loved by God."* – Christopher deVinck, author

Grace is on the web: Facebook, a website: [www.graceumcz.org](http://www.graceumcz.org) and Instagram.

## 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. 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, tents were ordered with tables and chairs brought outside from the church. Also in 2001, it rained rather hard but the party took place. It has been cold, hot, windy, and just right but the party never stops! The number attending has varied over the years.

### BLOCK PARTY 2017 — August 27

Grace Church will host this 27th 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 27, 2017 — 11:15 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 8/27 in the a.m.)

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Kids' Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 gift cards for door prizes (encourage cards from downtown merchants)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_