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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

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PASTOR'S PAGE

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.....

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

Recently, I shared about an experience I had on a Sunday morning. As I was preparing for the 8:15 a.m. worship service, a man appeared in the office. Startled, I asked how I could help him. He shared with me that he was stranded in town with a broken down truck and didn't have the money to repair it. He was waiting on his son to wire him some money once the son received a paycheck. He shared with me that he had been staying in a nearby motel and needed some food for himself as well as for his dog.

Stunned to have such a request on that early Sunday morning, I fumbled around trying to figure out how to help him. I admitted that most of the places that offer hot meals were not open at that moment. And generally, we (and I myself) do not give cash toward any of these requests. So, I had to send him away empty. That horrible feeling of guilt hovered over me for the rest of the morning.

Ironically (or maybe not!), the message that morning was based on the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). Jesus told this story in response to a question from a religious expert.

The man asked Jesus: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus responded: "What does the Law say?"

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind' and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"Right!" Jesus responded. "Do this and live!"

But the man, trying to justify himself, asked: "Who is my neighbor?"

It was then that Jesus told the story about a man who was traveling down the road, when he was attacked, beaten, and robbed. Three men saw him lying on the road, helpless. Two of them passed by. One, a Samaritan (an enemy of the Jews), stopped to help him, tend his wounds, and take him for medical care.

After he told the story, Jesus asked, "Now which of these acted like a neighbor?" Ouch!

Preaching about the Good Samaritan, someone who stopped to help another without a second thought, is one thing. It is always a challenging message for me. But what made it even more difficult on this particular day was the fact that I had failed to be a Good Samaritan for this man in need. Or was I just being cautious? Was I just being a good steward of God's resources? Was I trying to justify myself?

Following worship that day, I had several ideas shared with me on how we (as a congregation) can address such requests. Since that day, an anonymous gift arrived to seed a fund – The Good Samaritan Fund. So the next time the need arises, we can be a Good Neighbor.

Pastor Mark

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The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

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

INTRODUCING

To my new friends at Grace:

I am excited to begin my work as your new organist and choir director. My first Sunday as organist will be August 7. Chancel Choir rehearsal will begin on Wednesday, August 31.

By way of a brief introduction, I am a South Dakota native and I have a music degree from the University of Sioux Falls. I have been a church musician since my teen years. I left South Dakota in 1986 to pursue a law degree, and we then settled in Columbus, where I have practiced law since 1989.

Margaret and I have already met many wonderful people at Grace and we are looking forward to meeting more of you in the weeks ahead.

Tony Merry

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

The Music Search Committee will resume with the search for a Handbell Choir Director as well as a Worship Leader for the 8:15 a.m. worship service. We are so thankful and blessed to have had our faithful and gifted musicians sharing their gifts over the past few months.

Marcie Butterfield – John Marks – Mark Chow

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Address Change

Jean Caughey – 1575 Bowers Lane / B-19, Zanesville, OH

Baptism

Declan Andrew Truemper received the Sacrament of Baptism on July 17. He is the son of Colin & Kimberly Truemper; grandson of Bill & Debbie Howard; great-grandson of Mary Ruth Mock.

With Sympathy

. . . to Zach & Mary (Sands) Robinson following the death of his grandfather, Rev. A. Scott Robinson, on June 30.

IN THE COMMUNITY

August 6 – As they continue to celebrate 175 years and being recognized as the oldest family owned and operated florist in the U. S., **Imlay Florist** invites you to come and enjoy a Charity Auction to benefit Christ's Table and an old-fashioned block party in downtown Zanesville. This will take place at Bryan Place [Sixth St.]. The auction starts at 6:00 p.m. with Sheriff Matt Lutz as the guest auctioneer and DJ Kurtus Nicholas as the MC. Local band Carson Drive will perform from 8:00-11:00. Bryan Place will offer a selection of food and drink for purchase. The event is open to the public and no ticket is necessary.

August 7 – FREE CONCERT – 7:00 p.m. – Zane's Landing Park. Schubach Big Band featuring vocalist Misty Connor. Big Band Era and Contemporary Music — Glenn Miller to Lady Gaga — performed by a 17 piece band. Bring a lawn chair.

THANK YOU . . .

Thank you for the Sheaf of Wheat. What a nice symbol. She truly loved her church.
The family of Dorothy Schenk

MANY THANKS!

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 (Phyllis Cerney, Elden Hudson)
Providing assistance to any in need (Dana Swope, Jim Schumacher and the usher team)
Assisting folks with the elevator (Bob & Martha Lentz, Rick & Cindy Lawyer, John & Diane Marks, Tracie Moss, Dan & Karen Vincent)
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,
Noelle Flarey, Nick Flarey)
Liturgist (Coty Brown)
Children's Moment (Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris, Christy Swope, Tom Swan)
Musicians (Marcie Butterfield, Sarah Burris, Christy Swope, Tom Swan, Jack Butterfield, Rick Tuck, Cynthia Tuck, Mary Mason, Debby Johnston, Libby Dolen, Choir Ensemble)
Communion Stewards (Wendy Cochran, Linda Friel, Janet Hill, Tracy Miller, Tom Swan, Debbie Baker)
Guest Musicians (Marcie Butterfield, Brian McKee, Suzanne Burg, Jim McLaughlin, Deborah Chow, Molly Chow)
Kid's Own Worship Leaders (Cassie Burris, Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Class:

Disciples' Class — Look at the news on TV! Is our world getting better, more perfect, a better place to live in?? Paul wrote to the Romans about “Life being on God's terms”, and that is where it is, where we are. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. God does have an answer and does offer hope. Come, join us for an interesting look at God's answer.

Children and Youth:



Vacation Bible School - our combined-church VBS group was a success. Thank you to all who helped in any way!



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 –Thanks to everyone for another successful youth service on July 31. The next youth service will be the fifth Sunday of October!

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 August we will meet socially. On September 1, we will begin a new study. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Caleb Cares 4 Kids is an organization that provides gifts to pediatric hospital patients and financial support to their families through the Children's Miracle Network. Caleb is a local boy who attends Immanuel Church which is one of our VBS churches. This year, the VBS children supported Caleb's organization by bringing toys to VBS. In order to keep the giving going, the VBS churches are sponsoring a collection of can (pop or other drink) tabs that Caleb will give to the Ronald McDonald House. The churches will have an “award” for the church which collects the most tabs. A container will be placed in both the sanctuary and the fellowship hall for your donation! The children of Ronald McDonald House and Caleb thank you for your support!

Start collecting!!!!

“The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.” John 6:63

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. 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).

BLOCK PARTY – NEW

There will be more games and activities for children – invite your neighbors!

There will be drawings for door prizes [mainly gift cards].

BLOCK PARTY – NEW – Grace Church Shirts

As the planning team is busily preparing for the Annual Block Party, one of the ideas that has gained energy and momentum is having a variety of Grace Church shirts available for our church family and friends.

As part of our culture of Radical Hospitality, we would love to have every one of our congregation adorned in a newly designed shirt. One reason for this is so that our guests can easily identify who the servants are. For example, if a community member attending the Block Party has a question about something, the easy response is: “See someone wearing a red or blue or green shirt that says Grace UM Church on it,” or something like that.

To this end, we need to have an idea how many shirts and what kind you would be willing to purchase for you and your family.

At this point, we don't have exact colors and costs but we are fairly certain that the following shirts will cost between \$8.00 and \$25.00.

T-shirts (50/50 blend) – \$8 - \$12

Children sizes: S___ M___ L___

Adult sizes: XS___ S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___ XXXL___

Polo Shirts – \$18 - \$25

Adult sizes: XS___ S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___ XXXL___

In order to place the orders, we need to know sizes by **August 8**.

Also, the information below is NEEDED in order to contact you once the colors are selected to get your choice.

Name/s _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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 — 10:00 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 _____