

# **GRAPEVINE**

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

August 2017

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## **PASTOR'S PAGE**

### ***The Blessing of Family***

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

Just before leaving for our family reunion, I read these words:

*"Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one!"*

(Psalm 133.1 CEB)

*Okay, Lord. Is this some kind of a joke? Is this supposed to be funny?*

Well, actually we do LOVE being together as a family. But as in all families, there can be stressful times and challenging situations.

Since we have been together, for nearly a week, we have enjoyed each other's company immensely. The first round of relatives came from Southern California. Then, some drove in from Illinois. And then, others from various parts of Ohio appeared.

The primary reason for our gathering has been to celebrate my mom's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. It started with our entire family singing during worship at my Mom's church. Then we had a Birthday Open House in which friends from the past (members from previous churches my Mom and Dad had served) gathered along with some of our long lost relatives and others who came to honor my mom.

Since the party, we have enjoyed fellowship meals, fun times and family sharing. There has been much laughter, many hugs and great joy. When we are together, we feel blessed to be one, big, happy family. One tender moment we shared together was stopping at the cemetery to remember my Dad. It was the first time for most of the family to see the gravestone. And, as is often the case when we gather, we sang, prayed and took lots of pictures!

Are there ever disagreements, conflicts or misunderstandings among family members? Of course! But at the end of the day, we are thankful

for the blessing of being family.

In the same way, we blessed to be the Grace Church family, as well as a part of the Family of God. So let us be a blessing to others.

### **Pastor Mark**

*“Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one!  
2 It is like expensive oil poured over the head... 3 It is like the dew on  
Mount Hermon streaming down onto the mountains of Zion, because it  
is there that the Lord has commanded the blessing: everlasting life.”*  
(Psalm 133.1-3 CEB)

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The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

August 2, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**OWLS & GUESTS — August 2** [11:30 a.m.] — The program will be presented by Gaston Ntambo, 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 for lunch and to hear this program; however, reservations are needed in order to plan the meal. Please call the church office if you plan to join us for this event.

### **BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER —**

Several Grace members and Pastor Mark attended a workshop in the spring 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).

The group has had several meetings where we have prayed and discussed a breakthrough prayer for Grace Church. In this prayer, we 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 in August.

## **IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **Address Change**

Donald Gerbig – 4212 Northpointe Dr., Apt. 109, Zanesville, OH 43701  
Jason Marks – 1570 Pueblo Ct., Thornton, CO 80229

### **Birth**

A daughter was born on July 14 to Vicky Mitchell.

Grandmother is Barbara Woods.

A son, Jeremiah, was born on July 15 to Jeremy & Jessica Clem.

Grandparents are Bill & Jennifer Stewart.

### **With Sympathy**

- . . . to family and friends of Maxine Winstel, Williamsville, NY, following her death on June 15. She had been a member since 1936.
- . . . to Mary Ruth Mock and family following the death of her sister, Eva Moorehead, New Concord, on June 30.
- . . . to Juanita Jones, Linda Biddle, Larry Jones and family following the death of husband and father, Paul E. Jones, on July 14.

## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

### **August 6 – FREE CONCERT – 7:00 p.m. – Zane's Landing Park.**

Schubach Big Band featuring vocalist Misty Connor. Big Band Era and Contemporary Music — Boogie Woogie to Winehouse — performed by a 17 piece band. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, will be held at Grace.

### ***Grace Church Shirts Available***

If you did not get a blue Grace Church shirt last year, there are still some available. There is both t-shirts and polo shirts – sizes are limited. Cost = \$10 each. Don't miss out!!

As summer creeps toward its conclusion, I want to share a couple of musical experiments we plan to undertake this fall.

First – we are looking forward to assembling a men's chorus to sing one Sunday in mid-September. The men of the choir have already signed on, but this is an opportunity particularly for those of you who love to sing but who aren't Chancel Choir members. We will practice on a couple of Wednesday evenings (dates and times yet to be determined), then sing two anthems on a Sunday morning. You don't need to sing well. *The woods would be very silent if only the birds that sang were those who sang best.* (Henry David Thoreau). You don't even have to read music. If you love to sing, please join us.

Second – as the Christmas season approaches (yes, Christmas!), we will be looking to assemble a children's choir. Depending on participation, we hope to sing one Sunday in December and on Christmas Eve. It's been difficult in the past to maintain a children's choir because many children (and their parents) are already stretched thin with school work and school activities. My hope, however, is that if we limit rehearsals to four Sunday mornings in November and December, enough children will be interested and willing to participate. Our plan at this point is to rehearse on Sunday mornings from 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. The dates are yet to be determined.

Thank you – **Tony Merry**

### **THANK YOU . . .**

Thank you for the prayers for Paul and the family during this time of loss. We especially thank Rev. Chow for helping us through surgeries, hospitalizations, and his final service. A special thanks to Judy McAllister for her many visits as well. A big thank you goes to the Bereavement Committee for the wonderful meal we all enjoyed.

**Juanita Jones & Family – Cindy, Debbie, Linda, Larry & Jenny**

### **CARD SHOWER THANK YOU!**

THANKS to all for your gracious outpouring of love for our mom, Betty Chow, and helping celebrate her 85th birthday with your many loving cards! She was completely overwhelmed with your extravagant expressions of love!

**The Chow family**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Disciples' Class —

This class has started an in-depth study of the Gospel of John. Each person brings their own favorite versio of the Gospel and we compare versions, look at the real issues, have a very active discussion, and draw our conclusions as to God's message to us in this favorite Gospel. Come join in the learning experience. We may only cover one paragraph or two per week, but are looking deeply into the Scriptures.

**Children and Youth** — 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**.

**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 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.

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).

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_