

# GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

February 2017

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### A PRAYER FOR A NEW ERA

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

As we begin a new chapter in our country's history, it seems fitting to pause and be prayerful as we move ahead. Some are thrilled, while others are angry. Some are hopeful, while others are fearful. It is quite clear that we are not of one mind. But one thing is certain, like it or not, change is upon us.

Just as the people of God have endured many frightful times in days of old, so we move boldly into an uncertain future, with the knowledge that we do not go alone. And, as the people of God were encouraged to lean upon the God of the Universe for protection and for every provision, so we find ourselves leaning heavily upon the One Who calls us to be people of faith.

After the Temple had been completed, God spoke to Solomon, Israel's king.

*I have heard your prayer and have chosen this Temple as the place for making sacrifices. At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or command grasshoppers to devour your crops, or send plagues among you. Then **if my people** who are called by my name **will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place. For I have chosen this Temple and set it apart to be holy—a place where my name will be honored forever.** (II Chronicles 7:12-16 NLT)*

In the same spirit, here are excerpts from a prayer from Susan Henery-Crowe (*U. M. Church and Society – Inauguration Day*)

“As we welcome President Trump and say goodbye to President Obama, we pray for the world, the Church, and all of God's creation.

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God...For the peace of the world, for the welfare of all people of faith, and for the unity of all peoples...let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For President Trump and his family, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority...For President Obama and his family, and for all outgoing leaders and devoted public servants, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For every city, town and village and all who live therein...For the aged and infirmed, for the widow and orphans, the sick and suffering...For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed, and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the good of the earth and all of creation, which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For those who faithfully advocate for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

That we may live our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us. Let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to the life of Love and Compassion. To thee, O Lord our God. Amen.”

**Pastor Mark**

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The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

February 1, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### GRIEF SHARE SEMINAR

**Grief Share** is a seminar and support group at Grace Church for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. The next Grief Share series begins on Monday, **February 27**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. It is open to anyone in the community. For more information and/or to register, please contact the church office (452-9317).

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### With Sympathy

. . . to Susan McCollister, Scott McCollister, Beth Upton and family following the death of their husband and brother, Tom McCollister, on January 17.

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### Many Thanks

Thank you to our Hospitality Team for -  
providing space, hospitality, and/or meals for various community groups  
— OWLS, Barbershop Chorus

extending hospitality at the doors, elevator, and during worship —  
Dana Swope & Cindi Swope, Dana C. Swope, Rick & Cindy  
Lawyer, Tracie Moss, Diane Marks, Dan & Karen Vincent,  
Doug & Carla Waltman, Bob & Martha Lentz, Carol Friel,  
Bob Paap, Ned Weaver

tending to the audio/video/computer needs —  
Craig Hill, Cindi Swope, Sarah Burris, Debbie Collett, Pat  
Burkhart

Thank you to all who provided excellent leadership in worship last month!  
Jessica Stonecypher and the youth and young adults who led our fifth  
Sunday service

Liturgist — Todd Sands, Jessica Stonecypher, Dana C. Swope

Acolytes — Carley Oldfield, Lexi Oldfield

Children's Moment — Christy Swope, Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris

Musicians — Marcie Butterfield, Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry, Sarah Burris,  
Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Cynthia Tuck, Tom Swan,  
Nathan Zangmeister, Carrie VanSickle

Communion Steward and Servers — Janet Hill, Mary Mason, Tom Swan

Children's Ministry [Grace Space, Nursery, Kid's Own Worship] —  
Cassie Burris, Sarah Burris, Cindi Swope, Cindy Lawyer,  
Julie McAllister, Julie Sands, Dana C. Swope

## Season of Lenten Services 2017

### Date:

Wed., March 1  
7:00 p.m.

Grace UMC will host a Community Ash  
Wednesday Service, including a combined  
community choir, imposition of ashes, and  
the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Sun., March 5  
8:15 / 10:30

First Sunday in Lent  
Holy Communion

Sun., March 5  
6:00 p.m.

Central Trinity UMC will host the first of six  
community Lenten services. These services are  
the collaboration of the area U. M. C. pastors and  
leaders. This year, a drama will be presented at  
each service. Fellowship time will follow each  
worship service.

Sun., March 12  
8:15 / 10:30

Second Sunday in Lent

Sun., March 12  
6:00 p.m.

Community Lenten Service -  
Faith UMC [Blue Ave.]

Sun., March 19  
8:15 / 10:30

Third Sunday in Lent

Sun., March 19  
6:00 p.m.

Community Lenten Service -  
Coburn UMC [Maple Ave.]

Sun., March 26  
8:15 / 10:30

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sun., March 26  
6:00 p.m.

Community Lenten Service -  
Grace UMC

Sun., April 2  
8:15 / 10:30

Fifth Sunday in Lent – Holy Communion

Sun., April 2  
6:00 p.m.

Community Lenten Service -  
First UMC [Putnam Ave.]

Sun., April 9  
8:15 / 10:30

Palm / Passion Sunday

Sun., April 9  
6:00 p.m.

Community Lenten Service -  
Rolling Plains UMC [Maysville Pike]  
featuring a Cantata

Thurs., April 13  
7:00 p.m. Coburn UMC will host a community Maundy Thursday service featuring a drama based on the Last Supper.

Season of Easter

Sun., April 16  
8:15 a.m. Easter Vigil – Service of Light Fellowship Hall

Sun., April 16  
9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

Sun., April 16  
10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service – Sanctuary

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Please mark June 16 – 17 on your calendar for our **Grace Church Garage Sale**. Our set up day will be Thursday, June 15. As you clean up the holiday decorations, look at the winter items you no longer need, remember to bag or box these things up and keep for our garage sale. Summer will be here before you know it! Thanks for your continued support. As you are aware, many hands make light work!

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**NEW BOOK** – Local author **Debby Johnston** announces the release of *Cherish: Behold, I Knock* – the second installment in her Christian-fiction novel series. Zanesville area readers can meet Debby and purchase a personalized copy of the new book on Saturday, February 4, from noon to 3:00 p.m. at A New Beginning Book Store (1204 Brandywine Blvd.).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Disciple Class

In February, the Disciple Class will explore God's creative process in the birthing of a new faith community with Jesus as its founder. Lessons address the importance of spiritual freedom and righteous living in building and maintaining this. Come join our fellowship as we study the Word.

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

**Women's Group** is finishing our study of Joseph and forgiveness. A new study will begin soon. All women are welcome on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the former Middle School classroom!

**Annual Lock-In** — Is scheduled for the night of February 11. Included will be an opportunity to make music with Nathan Zangmeister of Two by Two (and perform in the worship service the next morning!), play games, and have fun! A separate informational flyer and permission form was distributed to families in January. See Sarah for more information.

**Let us know** if you have any fun ideas for our children and youth! We're always looking for new and exciting things to have fun and learn about God together!

### 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**.

**Grace is on 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 included.

Grace also has a website — [www.graceumcz.org](http://www.graceumcz.org)

On the website you will find announcements, the bulletins, the Grapevine and more.

## THE 2017 FOOD DRIVE

Grace United Methodist Church has had a long tradition of supporting the work of Eastside Community Ministry and the emergency food pantry they operate. We are continuing that support with our annual **Food Drive**. On Sundays in February, you will have the opportunity to make a contribution to the "Food Drive". As in the past few years, Eastside has asked that we donate the money. They will then use their buying network to secure the best value for the dollars donated. This is a wonderful way for our Grace family to share with families in Muskingum County who are in need of basic nourishment.

Below is a list of items that Eastside needs and a typical price for each case quantity.

Macaroni & Cheese	24 per case	\$18 per case
Spaghetti	20 per case	\$18 per case
Spaghetti Sauce	24 per case	\$30 per case
Tomato Soup	24 per case	\$20 per case
Vegetable Soup	24 per case	\$20 per case
Chicken Noodle Soup	24 per case	\$20 per case
Jelly - 32 oz. jar	24 per case	\$33 per case
Peanut Butter	24 per case	\$50 per case
Pork & Beans	24 per case	\$20 per case
Pears	24 per case	\$27 per case
Peaches	24 per case	\$27 per case
Instant Potatoes	18 per case	\$25 per case
Green Beans	24 per case	\$18 per case
Corn	24 per case	\$18 per case
Peas	24 per case	\$18 per case
Ramen Noodles	6 pack	\$ 2 per pack

Total = \$364

We realize that things have become tighter here at Grace Church but we would like to continue the tradition that Grace is noted for giving to **HELP BLOCK OUT HUNGER** in Muskingum County. Help us reach our goal of \$6,000 with your generous donation.

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