

# GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

January 2017

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Leadership, Leadership, Leadership*

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

Being a United Methodist Preacher's Kid as well as United Methodist Pastor who has lived in parsonages for most of my life, I never knew (or cared to know) much about real estate. I can't say that I know much about it now, but since we have purchased and sold recently (twice in the past ten years), I know just about enough to be dangerous.

In both instances, the market was a large factor in the transactions. But perhaps, more importantly, we learned that the most important key to investing in (or selling) real estate is "location, location, location." According to an article by Elizabeth Weintraub ([www.thebalance.com](http://www.thebalance.com)) this phrase may be considered "the real estate agent's mantra."

A new Bishop referred to this mantra while he addressed a crowd of clergy leaders. He said that the key to fulfilling the mission of the Church was "leadership, leadership, leadership." The mission of the Church, of course, "is to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." [The Book of Discipline of the U. M. Church, 2012 ¶120, p. 91]

He emphasized the importance of leadership in a multitude of areas: *Visionary leadership, spiritual leadership, pastoral leadership.* He set the bar high for the ordained and licensed pastoral leaders. In essence, he was saying "Everything depends on leadership!"

In our church family, as in every church, there is a great need for leadership. We have been and are greatly blessed by many leaders who have served selflessly over the years. So many of our leaders have continued well beyond what could be expected. We have survived (and even thrived) for many years because of the faithful and fearless leadership of our committed core of leaders.

As we transition in some areas of ministry, we are thankful for the many who have held firm the foundation that was established over 200 years ago. We are deeply indebted for the countless sacrifices that have helped shape who we are today. We also look forward to what God has in store for the years to come.

Our Nominations and Lay Leadership Team has been diligent in discerning God's direction for Grace Church. We believe that God desires to use each member in a unique and important way. While our work is not yet complete, we feel overjoyed with the group of excellent leaders who have agreed to serve.

It is our hope, as we start a new year of ministry and mission, that every member will be actively involved in some form of ministry. We will continue to identify and enlist ministry leaders, with the hope that we all will build effective ministry teams, led by capable and passionate leaders.

The Apostle Paul reminds us *In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.* (Romans 12:6-8 NLT)

**Pastor Mark**

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

January 4, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**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 series will begin on Monday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. It is open to anyone in the community.

### **LOOKING AHEAD . . . . .**

The 2017 Food Drive will take place in February. Funds collected will be given to Eastside Community Ministry to support their Christ's Pantry program.

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Address Changes

Michael Arrasmith – 285 Lyle Dr., Hopewell, OH 43746

Bryan & Abby Melsheimer – 1754 Innisbrook Lane, Zanesville, OH 43701

### Births

A daughter, Thea Korpi Perry, was born to Aly Perry & Andy Butterfield on December 8. Grandparents are Jack & Marcie Butterfield.

### With Sympathy

- . . . to Susan Gormley and family following the death of her brother, Richard Cameron, on December 3.
- . . . to Tom Peters and family on the death of his wife, Norma Peters, on December 4.
- . . . to Frank Dosch and family following the death of his father, Ralph Dosch, on December 8.
- . . . to Scott Dunn and family on the death of his aunt, Sylvia 'Syl' Burchett on December 12.
- . . . to Amy Tooms and family following the death of her father, George "Bill" Aitken, on December 13.
- . . . to Brad McCune and family on the death of his uncle, Charles Reeder, on December 14.
- . . . to Phyllis Cerney and family on the death of her brother, Burman Wright, of Iowa on December 15.
- . . . to Jaye Hayes and family following the death of his mother, Kathryn Hayes-Hughes, on December 20.

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Your gift for the Homeless Shelter is wonderful! They always get necessities for Christmas gifts. Your chips will be AMAZING – they will love them. What a blessing you are to our neighbors – many have no one except the Shelter and Free Store. Together we can care for others. Thanks!!!!

**First U. M. Church Family**

## Christian Education Updates

Thank you SO MUCH for all those who participated, helped, and watched the children's program – *Manger Tales*! It was a great blessing to all who participated or watched! We heard from many sources that it was one of the best in recent memory!! We will be counting the days until next Christmas to see what special joy the program will hold in 2017!

**Disciple Class** – This adult class will be looking at five psalms that emphasize praise for God, emanating from His creation itself or that invite us to praise God for His creation. As winter does its best to depress and discourage us, may we bask in God's wonderful sunshine as we lift our songs of praise. Come and join us. Melt the blues away. See you Sunday!

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

### **Annual Lock-In**

We are looking for some youth / kids and parents to help plan this annual event. Let Sarah know if you would be willing to help! We will meet on **January 8** immediately following the 10:30 service to set a date and plan!

### **Watch for more information on these upcoming events:**

Club Jesus —Cooking for Christ in January and March  
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

so ask 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.

**THANK YOU!!!**

Dear Grace Family -

We are humbled by your generosity with your gifts and love this year as your Grace UMC staff. It is an honor to be followers of Christ and serve our Lord alongside all of you, not just at Christmas, but year-round! We pray that the peace from Christmas and living a life with Christ, will remain in your hearts throughout 2017!

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* Romans 8:28

signed – Mark Chow – Tony Merry – Judy Cranz –  
Tracie Moss – Ann Lillie Briggs – Joyce Cooper –  
Judy McAllister – Marcie Butterfield – Craig Hill –  
Sarah Burris

Race for Grace [Thanksgiving Day] was a wonderful event for 2016. We had 120 runners, 31 walkers, 2 dogs, and 3 babies. We raised \$2,819.18 to be donated to Eastside Community Ministry Food Pantry as well as \$355 that was donated on line by participants. We want to thank the over 30 volunteers and those who donated money, food, and prizes; without you we couldn't do it. We still have shirts available if you would like to purchase one for a reduced after race price of \$5. God bless you all!!!

**Bob Moon & Becky Woods**

**THANK YOU** to Pastor Mark Chow for his wonderful support while I was in Riverside Hospital. He provided great comfort to all the family when waiting while I was in surgery. He also made other visits which were very much appreciated.

**Paul Jones**

I would like to thank my Grace Church family for all your love, prayers, care, and support during my mother's illness and her death. I appreciate your kindness, caring, and love you showed to her during the time she came to Grace for worship. God bless you all! **Linda Friel**

**“Manger Tales”**

On Sunday, December 11, our children, youth, young adults and musicians led us to the Manger. *Larry Prince Life*, a talk show featuring several of our puppets, puppeteers, readers and musicians, was a blessing and an inspiration as our church family came together in such a unique way to present the Nativity story.

Thanks to all who led us in worship through drama, puppets, word and song. Participants –

Leaders

Lucy Thorne  
Gabe Dolen  
Nora Dunn  
Jennah Flarey  
Jordan Flarey  
Elisa Simons

Readers

Libby Dolen  
Lexi Oldfield  
Dana Swope  
Lucy Thorne

Character

*Larry Prince*  
*The Donkey*  
*Clara the Cow*  
*Sam the Sheep*  
*Cody the Camel*

Puppeteer

Tom Swan  
Avery Dunn  
Noelle Flarey  
Carley Oldfield  
Nick Flarey

Voice

Tom Swan  
Bill Cochran  
Christy Swope  
Cindi Swope  
Coty Brown

Musicians

String Musicians – Mark Chow, Jim Gillespie, Bob Lentz, Margaret Merry,  
Tony Merry, Bob Paap, Tom Swan  
Grace Chancel Choir

Crew

Coordinator/Artistic Director – Sarah Burris  
Music Director – Tony Merry  
Sound Technician – Craig Hill

Support Team

Lisa Flarey, Cindi Swope, Amy Dosch, Molly Dunn

***Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service***

Musicians – Marcie Butterfield, Joyce Cooper, Ann Lillie Briggs, Tony Merry, Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Strings Group, Libby Dolen, Molly Chow, Stuart Williams

Readers – Amelia Lepi, Coty Brown, Dan & Karen Vincent, Bill & Becky Woods, Tammy Vincent, Chase & Sarah Tippie, Todd Sands

Hospitality Team  
Rick & Cindy Lawyer, Frank & Amy Dosch, Dana & Cindi Swope, Tracy Miller, Ed Middaugh

Communion Servers  
Janet Hill, Carol Friel, Bev Dunworth, Tracy Miller, Cassie Burris, Frank & Amy Dosch, Tom & Susan Holdren, Bill & Becky Woods, Doug & Carla Waltman

Children’s Ministry (Grace Space / Nursery Care)  
Julie Sands, Cindy Lawyer

Support Team  
Sound Technician – Craig Hill  
Lighting – Tracie Moss  
Videographer – John Marks  
Staff – Sarah Burris, Judy Cranz

**Many Thanks**

Thank you to our Hospitality Team for demonstrating Radical Hospitality during the past month.

Providing space, hospitality and/or meals for various community groups – OWLS, Barbershop Chorus, Muskingum County Court, All-County High School Choir

Greeting people at the doors and elevator – Frank & Amy Dosch, Dana & Cindi Swope, Rick & Cindy Lawyer, Tracie Moss, Bob & Martha Lentz

Providing nursery care when needed – Julie McAllister  
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!

Acolytes – Avery Dunn, Nora Dunn, Noelle Flarey, Carley Oldfield, Lexi Oldfield

Hospitality Team [Ushers/Greeters] – Dana & Cindi Swope, Dana C. Swope, Rick & Cindy Lawyer, Ed Middaugh, Tracy Miller, Julie McAllister, Carl Minning, Pete & Corey Hamilton

Liturgists – Todd Sands, Coty Brown, Lexi Oldfield, Libby Dolen, Gabe Dolen, Elisa Simons, Lucy Thorne, Nora Dunn, Dana C. Swope

Children’s Moment – Tom Swan, Christy Swope  
Musicians – Marcie Butterfield, Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry, Sarah Burris, Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Cynthia Tuck

Communion Steward – Janet Hill  
Communion Servers – Mary Mason, Tom Swan, Susan Hendley, Janet Hill, John & Diane Marks

Advent Wreath Readers – Sarah Burris, Mary Mason, Dana & Cindi Swope, Dana C. Swope, Joe & Susan Tyson, Tom & Susan Holdren, Clay & Alice Graham, Courtney Jones, Steve & Halle Randles, Bill & Becky Woods, Amanda Allen, Jessica Woods

Children’s Ministry [Grace Space / Kids’ Own Worship] – Cassie Burris, Sarah Burris, Cindi Swope, Cindy Lawyer, Julie McAllister, Julie Sands, Allison Palmer, Dana C. Swope

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***HELP!!***

Following the worship service on **January 8**, the Christmas decorations will be taken down. The more hands we have the sooner it will be done! Please plan to help!!!!

