

GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

October 2016

PASTOR'S PAGE

Equipped for Every Good Work

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

A number of years ago a young pastor began a new appointment in a small town. There were about 250 members with about 100 in worship each Sunday. It was a farming community and many of the members were related to each other and had been members for many years.

Soon after the pastor got settled into this new role, it became clear that the expectation of this church was that the Pastor did all the work. Not only was the Pastor expected to lead worship, but also Bible Studies, prayer groups, youth group, new member classes, confirmation classes and, of course, attend all the committee and board meetings.

In worship, the Pastor offered all the prayers, read the scripture, did the Children's sermon, preached and greeted the people. Well, it didn't take long for the Pastor to make a few adjustments. Before the congregation realized it, other individuals began taking some of the responsibilities. A rotation was established for the Children's sermon, reading scripture, offering prayer. There was even a team that would take turns preaching when the Pastor was out of town. It seemed scandalous for that small town church, but in a good way.

Of course, not everyone liked or understood these changes. One member asked the Pastor why these changes were being made. The Pastor simply said: *"The most important thing I can do while I am your Pastor is to equip you to be the Church. I won't be here forever. I want you all to continue being what God has called you to be, even when I am not here."*

Isn't that what the Apostle Paul said of the Church:

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the

church, the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4. 11,12 NLT)

Little by little I strive to be an equipper. Sometimes I have been able to accomplish this. Other times I have not. I believe my most important responsibility is to equip you to be the church. To this end, there are several applications. The **Lay Leadership Team** has been meeting and praying over the membership of this congregation. The team is prayerfully discerning how to engage each and every member of this body to use the gifts God has given you to do the work of ministry.

In addition, you might have noticed that there are several folks who assist in the worship ministry each week. Besides the liturgist, who leads in a variety of ways, we are blessed with a gifted Lay Servant, Todd Sands, who recently completed the Lay Speaker certification courses with the intent to continue in Lay Ministry. Todd has been invaluable to me and to our staff in a variety of ways. He is being equipped to serve in God's Kingdom.

You are a gifted member of this Family. It is my fondest hope that you will find a unique and meaningful way to live out your giftedness and to serve Christ as we reach our community.

Pastor Mark

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

October 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

OCTOBER GREETERS

— Paul & Lois Dearth

MEMBERSHIP / DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Sunday, October 16 – 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. — Church Parlor

Open to anyone interested in learning more about being a disciple in the United Methodist Church. A light lunch will be included.

Sunday, October 23 – 8:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

New members will be received into the Grace Church family.

For more information, please contact Pastor Mark at 740-452-9317 or at mark.chow2@gmail.com,

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Birth

A daughter, Vivian Grace, was born on August 20 to Joseph & Taryn Nemeth. Taryn is the daughter of Chuck Schiele and the late Laura Schiele; granddaughter of Mary Probasco.
A daughter, Layla Rose, was born on September 22 to Casey & Amelia Lepi. Grandparents are Steve & Tammy Vincent.

With Sympathy

- . . . to John Wood and family following the death of his grandmother, Betty Dodson, on September 4.
- . . . to Carol Taylor and family following the death of her brother, Henry Cross, on September 20.

IN THE COMMUNITY

- > Tuesday, October 4 — 6:00 p.m. — Secrest Auditorium
Sam Quinones – Journalist, Author, Speaker
Dreamland: the True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic
He tells the personal journeys of addicts, drug traffickers, doctors, law enforcement and families affected by this disease. Learn about the path from pain killer to addict, how we got there and where we are now.
- > Sunday, October 9 — 3:00 p.m.
20th Annual Organ Recital performed by James McLaughlin and friends — Central Trinity UMC (7th & South Sts.) — free and open to the public.
- > Thursday, October 27 — 11:00 – 1:00
Sauerkraut Luncheon – Immanuel Church Downtown
[105 S. 7th St.] — Information – call 740-454-1294

INTRODUCING Joyce Cooper

Hello Grace Church Family!

I am so happy to be a part of the music team at Grace. It is wonderful to see so many familiar faces and I look forward to getting to know all of you.

I am a native of Zanesville and have three grown children and a cat. I work at Genesis Digestive Disease Specialists and am currently enrolled in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Zane State College. Last year, I discovered I like zip-lining even though I'm afraid of heights. Hiking, especially in the fall, is another favorite activity.

When I was 11 years old, my parents bought a piano and I began taking lessons and have loved playing ever since.

It is truly a blessing to share my God given talent with you.

In His Love, **Joyce**

INTRODUCING Ann Lillie Briggs

What a surprise and honor it was for me to receive a call from Marcie Butterfield, asking me to fill in as interim handbell director for Grace UMC! I taught music for the Tri-Valley Local School District for thirty years and retired in May, 2015. I am a member of Central Trinity UMC and am active in their music ministry. I have never “studied” handbells but have played them at Central Trinity for a number of years [and have been a part of the Handbell Festival every year since it began]. Directing the Grace Handbell Choir is like having fun with friends since I've known most of the members for quite a few years.

We could still use at least one more member for the high bells [flute or clarinet players would love those notes] and would love to have a few extras. If you've ever wanted to ring, come join the rest of us ding-a-lings on Wednesday evenings – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

We Protestants trace our love of music in worship to Martin Luther and the Reformation. In contrast to established church doctrine at the time, Luther believed that music provided an opportunity for worship that was matched only by the word of God. “Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul,” he wrote. “It is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.” We have a number of musical opportunities at Grace. Whether it's the Bell Choir or the Chancel Choir, we gather not just to make music but to laugh, to pray, and to care for each other. If your soul is agitated (and whose isn't from time to time), please join us!

Tony Merry – Music Director

RACE FOR GRACE 2016

It is not too soon to start training for the Race for Grace 5K. It will once again be held on Thanksgiving morning [November 24] at 9:00 a.m. Online registration will be available this year at <https://raceroster.com/events/2016/9899/race-for-grace-2016>. If you are not up to running or walking, we always need lots of volunteers to make this event successful. All proceeds will go to Eastside Community Ministry's Food Pantry. Please feel free to contact Becky Woods - 740-683-4529 / 740-828-6094 or Bob Moon - 740-454-9925 if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your support!

20th SOUPER BOWL BENEFIT LUNCHEON "A simple meal to meet basic needs"

Sunday, October 16, 2016
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OUZ-Zane State Campus Center

Tickets available from Judy McAllister or in the church office
Adults \$5 in advance / \$6 at the door / Children \$4

Cookies and volunteers are needed for this event.
See or contact Judy McAllister [740-452-3525] if you can help in any way.

CONTRATULATIONS!!

The Free Store at First United Methodist Church opened its doors on October 10, 2006. They have been blessed by all the wonderful support received from friends in the community. Volunteer servants keep the doors open and serving neighbors year after year. They are blessed by those faithfully giving to the Free Store, the Homeless Shelter, or the free monthly community meals.

Grace members sharing their time at the Free Store include
Anne Goodrich – Margaret Smith – Jerry Smith –
Dorothy Schenk [until her death in June].

You are invited to a Tenth Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 1, meet at 5:30 p.m.; eat at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to 740-452-7117 or email to zanesfirstumc@sbcglobal.net.

Sharing the free gift of God's abundant grace.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

On Tuesday, October 11, members of the Outreach Committee will be performing *Random Acts of Kindness* throughout the community – Hospice, Animal Shelter, Free Store, Emergency Room, and more. We invite all members of the Grace family to participate in this project and perform your own *Random Acts of Kindness* during this month. Just a few ideas — visit a shut-in – offer to do an errand for a neighbor – pay the bill for the person behind you in line at the drive-thru – invite someone to come to church with you at Grace – cut and/or tie a blanket for the Cancer Center – water a neighbor's flowers or rake their leaves – volunteer at a school or a community agency – the possibilities are endless!!! Please challenge yourselves, your family members and friends to extend a kind gesture to someone who is not expecting it!!!! It is so much fun!!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee would like to remind the church family that the LifeWell Free Store is always in need of gently used blankets, small appliances, clothing, infant/children items and socks for all ages. There is a basket at the rear of the sanctuary to receive your donations. Thanks for your support in this project.

CROP Hunger Walk 2016

Zane's Landing Park — October 9 — 2:00 p.m.
[registration begins at 1:30]
See Susan Tyson or Cynthia Tuck to sign up.

One-fourth of money raised locally is divided between
Christ's Table and the Salvation Army.
The remainder is used by Church World Service to help fund
hunger and water projects in the U. S. and around the world.

What is a CROP Hunger Walk?
CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events
sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local
volunteers to raise funds to end hunger.

What does CROP stand for? When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today, it is retained as the historic name of the program.

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 Grief Share series meets on Monday 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 (740-452-9317).

NEW SOURCE COUNSELING CENTER. . . an organization of Christian professional counselors providing healing and hope for individuals, couples, families, and the community by addressing psychological, social, and spiritual needs through quality integrated counseling and education.

Luke Sargent is a Professional Counselor concentrating in individual, adolescent, marriage and family counseling. Luke is a graduate of Ashland Theological Seminary with a Master of Arts degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Luke is currently providing counseling services in Zanesville at Grace Church. You may reach Luke at 1-800-323-7174, ext 10.

October 2, 2016

World Communion Sunday – celebrated the first Sunday in October – is one of the most venerable of 'special Sundays.' The day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice – and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day, we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

World Communion Sunday (originally World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in a Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh in 1933 - the darkest year of the Great Depression. The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during World War II that the spirit caught hold because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Disciples' Class will be studying the images of the reign of the resurrected Christ from Hebrews, where Jesus is described as the imprint of God, the owner of a household, the great high priest, a priest forever, and the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Come, join with us, as we take an exciting look at these pertinent scriptures.

Kid's Own Worship – In September, we started our trek through the Bible beginning with Genesis and learning what God has provided for us in the Bible to live our lives according to the plan! We will continue through the Bible until the end!

The Women's Book Study meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. We started a new study called *Joseph*. All women are invited at any time!

Mark your calendars –

WORSHIP SERVICE – The next youth led service will be the fifth Sunday of October [October 30].

CHRISTMAS PARTY / PROGRAM – Party – December 10 and Program – December 11.

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!!!!

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. [Philippians 2:1-2]

Grace UMC Prayer Ministry Team

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!



Grace has an Instagram page! Tag your pictures of Grace and follow us: [graceumchurch_zanesville](https://www.instagram.com/graceumchurch_zanesville).

YouTube Channel: Search for Grace United Methodist, Zanesville. We've posted some of the sermons, and special music.

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It all began in the summer of 2007 when Rev. Ralph Bauserman led us in a series of discussions called “Foundations for the Future: A Biblical Perspective”. At the end of these sessions, various task groups were formed. One task group was called Spiritual Growth and in 2008 the task group ended and the Prayer Ministry Team began.

The Prayer Ministry Team has brought to Grace a greater awareness of the importance of prayer and has shared prayer ideas and learning opportunities through: annual seminars, Sunday School classes on prayer, prayer meetings, adding prayer and devotions to our meetings, prayer walking, prayer blessings, Children's moments, prayer vigils, creating a Prayer Room, a long running monthly prayer focus for our area churches, Prayer Pages for our own congregation, and the Prayer Chain.

Where do we as a congregation go from here?

Prayer is vitally important; hopefully the foundation of all we do at Grace. Our goal as a Prayer Ministry Team has been to encourage our entire congregation to pray and to grow spiritually. Is this still happening or are we all stopping too soon, feeling better with the improvement and maybe too comfortable with a few new changes? In a devotion by Oswald Chambers he states, *“Prayer is the way that the life of God in us is nourished ... We look upon prayer simply as a means of getting things for ourselves, but the biblical purpose of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.”*

The Prayer Ministry Team is asking for a “Season of Prayer” during the month of October. Take time to look deep inside and evaluate where you are in your prayer life. What prayer events or classes left a lasting impression or gave new vitality to your relationship with God? Would you be willing to share a testimony? Are there other fresh ways to add a spark to Grace's unique spiritual personality? What could be added to our worship, to our gatherings? How can we as a congregation make prayer a priority and keep growing closer to God?

During this month – pray.

Encourage one another and pray without ceasing!

Pour out a spirit of grace and supplication upon Your Body the Church! Build us and transform us to become a house of prayer for all nations! We long to be a dwelling place for Your Spirit as You shape us into a purpose-filled, kingdom-advancing disciples! May Your house be known for and characterized by prayer that delights Your heart and moves Your hand!

Operation Christmas Child

Imagine a little boy opening a gift of things he can't even imagine. Add into that the joy of learning that there is someone that loves him, so much that He would give His life for him. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Operation Christmas Child boxes give us an opportunity to reach out to children in a way that would not be possible otherwise. The boxes begin as a way of getting the child's attention and then while he is listening they are provided a book that explains who Jesus is and to share the Gospel with them.

This small shoe box full of little gifts along with the booklet full of the teachings of Jesus Christ gives children something deeper than physical help. It is a blessing to see the powerful change in their hearts.

Grace Church's goal is to put together 55 boxes this year. The deadline is **November 6** to get them to the church. If you are unable to shop and put together a box, financial donations are gratefully accepted as well.

Please pray for this important demonstration of how God's love can change the world, one child at a time.

How to pack a box —

1 – Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. We have a limited amount of Operation Christmas Child boxes that you can use. If you use your own box, you can wrap the box (but do the lid separately). Wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

2 - Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Mark the correct age category on the label and tape the label to the top of the box. The labels are found in the brochure available from the church or on line at http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack_A_Shoe_Box/

3 – Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

4 – Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online by using the EZGIVE option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note 'OCC' on the memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside the box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

MANY THANKS

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

Hosting meals for various community and clergy groups

Greeting people at the doors (Cindy Lawyer)

Providing assistance to any in need (Dana Swope, Jim Schumacher, and the usher team)

Assisting folks with the elevator (Bob & Martha Lentz, Dan & Karen Vincent, Doug & Carla Waltman, Tracie Moss)

Providing nursery care when needed (Julie McAllister)

Tending to the audio/visual/computer needs (Bill Woods, Craig Hill, Cindi Swope, Sarah Burris, Dan Vincent, Debbie Collett, Pat Burkhart)

Thank you to all who provided excellent leadership in worship last month!

Acolytes – Dana Christine Swope, Gabe Dolen

Ushers – Dana Christine Swope, Coty Brown, Gabe Dolen, Libby Dolen

Liturgist – William Black, Todd Sands

Children's Moment – Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris

Musicians – Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry, Sarah Burris, Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Cynthia Tuck, Marcie Butterfield

Communion Stewards – Janet Hill, Maryanna Fenton, Linda Friel, Becky Woods, Tracy Miller, Mary Mason, Dana Swope

Kid's Own Worship leaders – Cassie Burris, Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer

Dear Grace UMC,

Thanks so much for allowing us to use your Fellowship Hall for our annual Foster Parent appreciation pizza party. Everyone always has a great time and your church is the perfect place for us to be able to accommodate everyone! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We appreciate your kindness and support.

Donna Cole – Foster Care Coordinator

Melissa – Lisa – Beth – Abby – Susie – Renee – Mary

Music and Worship Ministry

The Worship Planning Team met recently and reviewed the coming months. There is a lot going on at Grace Church and you won't want to miss out.

October 2 - World Communion Sunday. Join us as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion with our brothers and sisters around the world. Rev. Scott Johnston will be preaching at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

October 9 - We welcome back Rev. Steve McGuire, Assistant to the District Superintendent, as our guest preacher at both services.

October 16 - New Member class beginning at 9:30 a.m., concluding by 3:00 p.m.

October 23 - New member reception following worship

October 30 - Fifth Sunday Service led by our youth and young adults

November 6 - All Saints Sunday. We will remember those who have passed on to eternal life since November 1, 2015. We will also celebrate Holy Communion.

November 13 - Veterans' Day Remembrance.

November 20 - Foothills District Superintendent, Dr. Dennis Miller, will preach at both services and conduct our annual church conference at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. In the evening, we will host the Annual Handbell Festival in the Sanctuary.

Season of Advent

November 27 - First Sunday of Advent.

December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent. Sacrament of Holy Communion.

* December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent. Worship will be led by our children and youth. There will be **ONE** Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

* December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent. **ONE** Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Season

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve. 7:15 p.m. - Music of the Season. 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Celebration in the Sanctuary.

* December 25 - Christmas Day. **ONE** Worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

* January 1 - New Year's Day. **ONE** Worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the **Fellowship Hall.**

- For **FOUR** Sundays between December 11 and January 1, we will have ONE Worship celebration. The first of these is worship led by our children and youth and will include a meal following worship. Since Christmas and New Year's occur on Sunday this year, we felt that it would be a great opportunity for us to worship as One Big Happy Family on these great days. That left one Sunday in between (Dec 18th). After lively discussion, we felt it would only make sense to maintain a consistent Sunday Schedule for this four week period. We trust this will only enhance our worship as the Body of Christ during this blessed season. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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Dear Friends of the Zanesville area Children!

This year I am asking everyone to join me in giving to the children of the Zanesville area through **Romney's Bike Drive**. I would like to assure every child in need in the Zanesville area has a bicycle this Christmas! The joy of watching a child receive a bicycle as a gift at Christmas time is pretty hard to beat!

Romney's Bike Drive is to be community-wide, embraced by all the generous people of the Zanesville area and will continue now through November 30. I would appreciate it if you would consider helping me provide bikes to these children.

A suggested donation is \$80 as that covers an average bike cost. I will gladly accept any donation, of course! If you donate \$80, we will put your name on a bike! If you are part of an organization, consider donating several bikes. You can donate through Paypal at romneysbikedrive.org or mail to Romney's Bike Drive – 38 N. Fourth St., Suite 208, Zanesville. Romney's Bike Drive qualifies as tax exempt 501(c)(3) charity so donations are tax deductible!

With Zanesville Pride!

Romney Garner

Romneysbikedrive.org — 740-607-8155 —