

# GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *No Magic Pill*

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

As we begin a new season, with changing colors and falling leaves, it may be time to reflect on who we are, what we have done and consider what we might do. It may also be time for us to consider our own physical health. We may find ourselves becoming less active. We may not always make healthy choices. Perhaps, it's time to see a medical professional, but we may hesitate visiting a doctor because we fear what we might hear. We may not agree with the physician's assessment.

Perhaps some of us might be able to relate with the patient who went to visit the doctor for the dreaded annual physical examination. After examining the patient thoroughly, the doctor said:

*"The best way to improve your health is for you to eliminate salt, reduce fat, cut down sugar, quit smoking, exercise 30 minutes a day, stop drinking, and get plenty of sleep every night."*

The patient thought about this for a few moments and then replied:

*"You know, Doc, I just don't deserve the best. What's the second best?!"*  
(from: Amusing Grace: Humor to Heal Mind, Soul and Body; King Duncan and Angela Akers; © 1993, 1996 King Duncan, Seven Worlds Corporation; p. 20)

Maybe some of us are looking for a quick and easy way to lose weight or just feel healthy, but without having to do much work. If only there were a Magic Pill to help us lose weight, build muscle, or feel good.

In a similar way, our church also needs to consider its health and do some extensive self-examination. We need to look at ourselves and consider our next steps. Sometimes it is helpful for us to hear from an expert in this area. And, like some patients, we may not like or agree with the prognosis.

To this end, our Administrative Board recently approved our Church's participation in a coaching and resourcing process to assist us in considering our next steps in ministry and mission together. Bishop Gregory Palmer of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church has invited our congregation to a resourcing process that will provide training and guidance as we move forward into our next chapter in ministry. This involves monthly training for the Pastor, as well as other training opportunities for our church leaders and church family.

I am excited about what God has in store for Grace Church. For over 200 years, we have touched lives in this community. Our work is not done. We still have tremendous potential for mission and ministry in our community. I believe our best days are yet to come.

I invite you to covenant to pray for Grace Church and its leaders as we embark on the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) through the West Ohio Conference. Let us pray boldly:

God of Miracles, we praise Your Holy name and thank You for loving us.

**Awaken** Grace Church to Your calling...

**Unleash** Your power within us...

**Break through** our hearts and minds...

so we will be open to Your God-sized plans.

Let Your light shine through us, so we may be an example of Your love to others. In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16 NRSV)

Hopeful for God's preferred Future!

**Pastor Mark**

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

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

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Address Change

Libby Dolen – 650 Woodland Ave., WG2-429-A Woodland Glen II,  
Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40526-0120  
Kylee Hamilton – 640 N. High St., Lancaster, OH 43130-2651  
Joy Kanavel – 4212 Northpointe Dr., #120, Zanesville, OH 43701

### Births

A daughter, Berkeley Jane, was born on September 6 to Kevin &  
Hillary Butterfield. Grandparents are Jack & Marcie Butterfield.  
A son, Henry Richard, was born on September 8 to Brian & Amy Smith.  
Grandparents are Bill & Jennifer Stewart.

### With Sympathy

. . . to Barbara Hardesty and family following the death of her  
husband, Richard Hardesty, on September 9.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

- > Monday, October 1 — 7:00-8:30 p.m. — The Zanesville Civic Chorus begins rehearsals at Central Trinity UMC preparing for *Messiah*. The performance will be December 9 at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to join this group.
- > Sunday, October 14 — 3:00 p.m.  
21st Annual Organ Recital performed by James McLaughlin and friends — Central Trinity UMC (7th & South Sts.) — free and open to the public.
- > Thursday, October 25 — 11:00 – 1:00  
Sauerkraut Luncheon – Immanuel Church Downtown  
[105 S. 7th St.] — Information – call 740-454-1294
- > Saturday, November 3 — 7:00 p.m.  
Married People presents *Your Best Night Out* with Ted and Nancie Lowe, a one-night event hosted by Rolling Plains UMC. To be held at Secrest Auditorium; cost - \$15 per couple. Contact Rolling Plains for tickets – 740-453-4192.

## ATTENTION – WOMEN!

Last year we put together a Men's Chorus for a Sunday.

This year, it's the women's turn!

We are putting together a women's chorus to sing Sunday morning, **October 28**, at the 10:30 service. We will have two rehearsals [30 to 60 minutes each, depending on our progress] on October 17 and October 24 at 7:30 p.m.

If you used to sing but don't anymore.

If you would like to sing but don't have time to sing regularly.

If you've never sung but want to give it a shot.

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!**

We are excited to announce the 11th annual **RACE FOR GRACE** will be held on Thursday, November 22. We are looking for volunteers, runners, and sponsors! You may contact Becky Woods – 740-683-4529 for more information. To register, go to — <https://raceroster.com/events/2018/19873/race-for-grace-5k>

### **CROP Hunger Walk 2018**

Zane's Landing Park — **October 14** — 2:00 p.m.

[registration begins at 1:30]

See Susan Tyson, Linda Friel, 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.

22nd SOUPER BOWL BENEFIT LUNCHEON  
"A simple meal to meet basic needs"

Sunday, October 21, 2018  
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

You can help by purchasing a PAY IT FORWARD ticket and donate  
it so someone unable to afford a ticket can also enjoy a hot  
lunch and enjoy the fellowship.

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

***Worship Celebrations at Grace UMC***

Season of Pentecost – Worship Series – *Mystery*

**October 7** – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture – Job 1:1; 2:1-10 – *Disoriented* – Sacrament of Holy Communion

**October 14** – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. — 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture – Job 23:1-9 – *Deserted*

**October 21** – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture – Job 38:1-7 — *Silenced*

**October 28** – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture – Job 42:1-17 – *Restored*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

November 11 — Veterans will be recognized in the worship service.

November 11 — 2:00 p.m. — Breakthrough Prayer Workshop —

Waynesville UMC. For those who attended an earlier one, this  
will be a review and it will not be necessary to create a prayer this  
time. Others are invited to attend this as a learning experience.

If you are interested in going, please let us know.

In September we received a grant from the United Methodist Communications to have a company called "Burlap" media create posts for our Facebook page for a year. Feel free to let us know how you like this service.

Did you know we broadcast the 8:15 AM service LIVE! If you're away for a week, and don't want to miss the service, you can tune and watch live, or watch the recorded version at a later time. Let us know how you like this and if you want more!

**For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7**

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### **Random Acts of Kindness — Tuesday, October 9**

On Tuesday, October 9, members of the Outreach Committee will be performing *Random Acts of Kindness* throughout the community — Bethel Hour after school program — Muskingum Behavioral Health — Children's Services — Morrison House Hospice. We invite members of the congregation to join in with us — come along for the fun on October 9 — or perform your own Random Acts of Kindness during the month. Just a few ideas — visit a shut-in — offer to do an errand for your 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 — the possibilities are endless!!! We will meet at Grace at 4:30 p.m. before setting out to thank those who perform such important services in our community and then enjoy dinner, fun, and fellowship at Adornetto's!! Please challenge yourselves, your family members and friends to extend a kind gesture to someone who is not expecting it!!! You will be greatly rewarded!!!!

One act of kindness would be to donate a nonperishable food item or other needed item for *the Free Little Pantry Boxes* that are currently placed around our community by Becky Clawson [spoke at worship on September 23 to inform us about the program]. If you prefer not to shop or don't have time, you may make a monetary donation by placing it in the offering plate during the month of October marked *Free Little Pantry Boxes* and I will shop for you. There will be a bag in Fellowship Hall and in the back of the sanctuary for your donations. Some suggested items are: Peanut Butter — Jelly — Cereal — Granola Bars — Pop Tarts — Instant Oatmeal — Macaroni & Cheese — Ramen Noodles — Canned Soups — Boxed Pasta — Fruit or Vegetables — Crackers — Graham Crackers — Peanut Butter & Cheese Crackers — Diapers — Wipes — Detergent — Dryer Sheets — Individually packaged Hand Wipes — Tissues. If you have any questions, let me know. Thanks in advance for your support of this outreach project.

**Julie McAllister**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Disciple Class** — The Disciples' class has concluded its study of God's Urgent Call to Various individuals, in different situations for specific purposes. We now are entering an in-depth study of the book of Romans, written by Paul to the believers in Rome, giving them a concrete theological foundation on which to construct their faith, and to live and serve God effectively. You already have the study book, the Bible. You are welcome to come join our discussions as we look to Paul's directions to the early believers.

**Teens and young adults** — continue to study the books and stories of the Bible based on the Lectionary Scriptures with Todd Sands in the HS classroom.

**Grace Space:** During the Grace Space time, all children are taken to the nursery for short lesson. We are finishing our time with the creation story and will cover other great Bible stories. The older kids will help the younger kids! This is truly God at work at Grace.

**Women's Book Study Group** - All women are welcome, we meet at 6:30 on Thursday evenings in the High School classroom. Our next study is called "Listen, Love, Repeat" by Karen Ehman. Hope to see you there!

**Coloring** — In the back of the sanctuary or on the table as you enter the Fellowship Hall, are some coloring pages. They are not just for kids! Studies have shown that coloring can help you concentrate or even help to relieve stress. Feel free to take a sheet, some colored pencils and a clipboard [for the sanctuary] and color away.

**Downtown KidZ** — sponsored by Grace, Grace Wesleyan, St. John Lutheran and Immanuel. We will have monthly events for families. Stay tuned for more information

### **Social Media and Website**

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.

## **THANK YOU**

We can't thank you enough for allowing us to use the Fellowship Hall. It was greatly appreciated!

**Mindy Darst – Muskingum Co. Children's Services**

## **MANY THANKS!**

Thank you to our Hospitality Team for:

Providing space, hospitality and/or meals for various community and United Methodist groups [OWLS, Barbershop Chorus, various family celebrations, Club Jesus, Foster Parent group].

Extending hospitality at the doors, elevator, and during worship [Dana & Cindi Swope, Dana Christine Swope, Tracie Moss, Dan & Karen Vincent, Cindy Lawyer, Susan Tyson, Doug & Carla Waltman, Diane Marks, Bill & Becky Woods, Debbie Moore, Ann Longstreth, Phyllis Cerney, Judy McAllister, Maryanna Fenton, Frank & Amy Dosch, Lexi Oldfield, Carley Oldfield, Halle Randles, Tracy Miller].

Tending to the audio/video/computer needs [Craig Hill, Cindi Swope, Sarah Burris, Debbie Collett].

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

Acolytes – Cindi Swope, Margaret Merry, Carley Oldfield

Lay Leader – Cindy Lawyer, Todd Sands

Liturgist – Todd Sands, Coty Brown

Children's Moment – Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris, Marcie Butterfield, Alex Burris

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

Communion Steward – Janet Hill, Cassie Burris, Sarah Burris

Communion Servers – Mary Mason, Bill & Wendy Cochran, Maryanna Fenton, Jaynellen Sharp, Tracy Miller

Children's Ministry [Grace Space, KidsOwnWorship, Nursery] – Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer, Julie McAllister, Sarah Tippie, Amelia Lepi, Laura James, Cassie Burris, Allison Palmer, Julie Sands

Christian Witness – Jack & Marcie Butterfield, Becky Clawson

## **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 4** 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/](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 \$9 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.

**October 7, 2018**

**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.