

# GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

September 2016

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

*"We Are the Body of Christ"*

Dear Grace Church family and friends,  
It happened so quickly and quietly. I was sitting in a meeting and simply shifted my position on the padded wooden seat. Suddenly, my body reacted, by struggling to sit, stand or walk. Yes, I did it again! I twisted or turned, tweaking my body in such a way as to aggravate my chronic back issues. This simple shift led to a slow, painful recovery, requiring reduced mobility. I soon discovered that the saying is true – *"When one part of the body suffers, the whole body suffers."* It's amazing how one small part can shut down the whole operation!

As members of the Body of Christ, we are all one. And when one member suffers, the entire body suffers. When one part rejoices, the entire body rejoices. As members together of the Body of Christ, each one is important and needed. Sometimes we may think that we have little or nothing to offer. And so, we may choose not to participate or offer our gifts. Other times we may think too highly of ourselves. And that may lead some to de-value the contributions and gifts of others.

I like how the Apostle Paul described the Church: [1 Cor. 12:12, 26-27]  
*12 The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. 26 If one part suffers, all the*

*parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. 27 All of you together are Christ's body and each of you is a part of it.*

Paul reminds the Church that everyone is an important part of the Body of Christ. Some have gifts of leadership. Others are gifted as teachers. Some may be gifted in healing, helping, or serving. All are part of the Body, and all are needed.

You are an important part of the Grace Church family. You are needed for the church's ministry of worshiping God, making disciples and serving others.

**Pastor Mark**

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

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

What a welcome! Margaret and I have been richly blessed by the warm welcome we have received at Grace. Thank you all so much!

Choir rehearsals begin on August 31 at 7:30 p.m. We will rehearse again on September 7 and kick off the official choir season by singing on Sunday, September 11.

Past choir members – welcome back!

Former choir members – we would love to have you rejoin us!

Never been a member – the door is open and now is the time!

**Tony Merry – Music Director**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!**

Douglas A. Waltman – 1275 Stonington Pl., Zanesville, OH - 740-704-3642

Doug is a Zanesville native. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati. He is a Certified Public Accountant at Hamilton, Waltman, Obenour, Melsheimer & Assoc., LLC. Doug has three sons and one grandson. He is Past President of Zanesville Daybreak Rotary. He enjoys playing golf. He joined by transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church. Doug is married to Carla Waltman.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to our youth, young adults and youth leaders who led worship through word, witness and song on the last Sunday in July. They remind us that we are forgiven and can offer forgiveness to others. Thank you to Coty Brown and Deborah Chow for boldly bringing the Word of God. Thank you to all who participated in the video project on 'forgiveness' (especially Cassie Burris and Dana Christine Swope). Thank you to Lexi Oldfield for the wonderful and inspiring "Adult's Moment." Thank you to our musicians (Brady Brennan, Deborah Chow, Molly Chow, Elizabeth Wood). Thank you to all who served as acolytes, greeters, ushers, readers. Thank you to our wonderful technical team (Sarah Burris, Cindi Swope, Craig Hill)

**IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Address Changes**

Jane Ludman – 4212 Northpointe Dr., Apt. 229, Zanesville, OH  
Jim & Sue Thorne – 4212 Northpointe Dr., Apt. 117, Zanesville, OH

**Wedding**

Amanda Woods and Chris Allen were united in marriage on July 30.  
Amanda is the daughter of Bill & Becky Woods;  
granddaughter of Carol Woods.

**Birth**

A son, Jack Michael, was born on July 26 to Kevin & Hillary Butterfield.  
Grandparents are Jack & Marcie Butterfield.

**With Sympathy**

. . . to Melissa Paap and family following the death of her mother, Joy Hannon, on August 3.

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**MORE THANKS**

Thank you to all who provided excellent leadership in worship last month!  
Acolytes – Lexi Oldfield, Carley Oldfield, Izabella Lazar, Quinton Lazar  
Liturgist – Todd Sands  
Children's Moment – Cindy Lawyer, Christy Swope, Tom Swan, Sarah Burris  
Musicians – Deborah Chow, Molly Chow, Jim Gillespie, Bob Paap, Joyce Cooper, Justin Rigsby, Tony Merry, Sarah Burris, Tom Swan, Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Wendy Cochran, Erin Forshey, Nancy Chow, Margaret Merry, Elden Hudson, Phyl Cerney, Debby Johnston, Zephyr Baker, Nancy Hynds, Crystal Engle  
Communion Stewards – Janet Hill, Julie Sands, Todd Sands  
Kid's Own Worship leaders – Cassie Burris, Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Adult Class:

**The Disciples' Class** This month we will explore how Isaiah views the reign of God over the whole world as a peaceful kingdom, a mountain of God, the foundations of the earth, and in a new and everlasting covenant.

**Kid's Own Worship** — In September, we will begin with Genesis and learn 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!

**WORSHIP SERVICE** — Mark your calendars! The next youth service will be the fifth Sunday of October [October 30].

**The Women's Book Study** meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. We are resuming on September 1 with a new study called *Joseph*. All women are invited!

**New Study Group** — There is interest in a young[ish] adult male/female study. If you're interested, please talk to Sarah. We want to pick a day, time, and study that would be meaningful. Free childcare would be provided!

**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!!!!*

*You are valuable because you exist. Not because of what you do or what you have done, but simply because you are.* - Max Lucado, author/pastor

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).

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

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### **FRIENDLY CALLERS**

Do you enjoy getting a call from a Grace Church friend on your birthday or anniversary? Would you like to be a *Friendly Caller*? I try to keep the call list to 12-15 weeks so you only make calls for four weeks a year. With the loss of active callers, I need more help.

Also, members – please keep the church office updated with phone numbers for your family; those at home or away.

This ministry started in March 2003 – let's keep it going!

Thank you.

**Judy McAllister**

### **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, **September 12**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parsimar Classroom across from the Fellowship Hall. It is open to anyone in the community. For more information and/or to register, please contact the church office (740-452-9317).

### **RACE FOR GRACE 2016**

Attention all runners, walkers, sponsors, and volunteers of  
Grace Church –

It is once again approaching the time to start preparing for the 9th annual RACE FOR GRACE 5K run/walk. It will be held on Thanksgiving Day - **November 24**. We are going to give t-shirts this year for our swag so we will be looking for sponsors for these shirts. And, as always, we need participants and volunteers. We feel that our awesome volunteers is what keeps people coming back so we thank you in advance! Look for more information as race day gets closer. Questions--Becky Woods--740-683-4529 / Bob Moon--740-454-9925

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

in honor of *Doug Vinsel*

MUSKINGUM RECREATION CENTER GYM

1425 Newark Rd.

**Saturday, September 10 — 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Appointment – call 1-800-RED CROSS or  
visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) – sponsor code: MRC

Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood. Blood is needed for many different kinds of patients. You'll feel good knowing you've helped change the lives of patients in need.  
Information – contact Susan Tyson - 740-704-3771

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

A report from the LifeWell Free Store —

There are 4902 families that shop.....they need help. They need plastic bags [regular size and bigger] so when you shop save your bags. You may bring them to our office and they will be taken to LifeWell.

The Outreach Committee would like to remind the church family that the LifeWell Free Store is always in need of gently used clothing, infant/children items and socks and shoes for all ages. They need men's shirts [long and short sleeve] and t-shirts. There is a basket at the rear of the sanctuary to receive your donations. Thanks for your support in this project.

### **'BLUE MASS'**

Our neighbor, St. James Episcopal Church, is offering a special service to honor police, firefighters, and emergency services for their dedication to the safety of the public. It will also be a memorial to those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

The service is sometimes called a "blue mass" but is, in actuality, a memorial service based on the burial office and Holy Eucharist of the Episcopal Church. It is planned for Sunday, September 11 at 4:00 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church [155 N. 6th St.] The service will be solemn and dignified with combined choirs from local churches. It is open to the public and is especially intended for the officers in the various services. A ceremonial unit have been invited to participate as an honor guard. A reception will follow the service.

### **LifeWell @ 907 W. Main Kid's Program**

**ANNUAL HOG ROAST FUNDRAISER** — Sunday, **September 25** —

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost - \$8 [children 5 and under free]

Menu – Pulled Pork with roll; choice of two sides – green beans, baked beans, potato salad, mac 'n cheese; dessert; beverage.

Tickets available at the door or by calling 740-982-4846; leave message.

P.S. - Volunteers needed for education program. With kids K-12 on Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. from 4-7:30 p.m. for \$8.25/hr. or volunteer from 4:45-6 p.m. each day. Also need volunteer van drivers from 4-5 and 6:20-7:20 each day open. No CDL needed.

### **DO YOU HAVE GOOD SCISSORS?**

There is a need to have people do the **cutting** for making fleece blankets that are donated to the Genesis Cancer Center. These blankets are given to the patients when they receive chemo treatments. We have given them over 200 blankets thus far. As we know, there are always new patients receiving chemo and appreciate a blanket. The 'uncut' blankets are in the office waiting to be cut. We also have people who are waiting to do the tying. Can you help with this project???

### **THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to all my Grace family for the well wishes, cards, and prayers during my recent visit to the other side of the stethoscope! It is so comforting to have this safety net of support and Marcie and I greatly appreciate all of you.

**Jack Butterfield**

Dear Grace Church Family,

The Outreach Committee is grateful for the overwhelming outpouring of support of Jamera as she begins her quest to become a college graduate. With the donations, you can be assured that she has a wardrobe, school supplies, and dorm necessities to begin her freshman year at Wright State. Jamera has attended freshman orientation, registered for courses, opened a checking account, received scholarships, and applied for work-study. Steve & Halle Randles took her to Wright State on Thursday, August 25. She is both excited and nervous. Please keep her in your prayers.

This is not a sprint but a journey as we walk with Jamera.  
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

#### **SEND GREETINGS -**

Carroll Swope [father of Dana & David Swope] was nominated and accepted for an Ohio Veterans Honor Flight to Washington, DC. He leaves on October 1. The family is requesting friends to write a letter thanking him for his service and being part of the 'Greatest Generation.' These letters will be presented to him as *Mail Call* at a ceremony when they arrive home. If you would be willing to write a letter, mail it by **September 15** to Columbus Honor Flight – P O Box 12036 – Columbus, OH 43212 and include on envelope – *Carroll Swope – October 1, 2016*. He does not know about this part of the experience so don't mention it.

#### ***MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE***

The Music Search Committee has some “good news of great joy” regarding the search for a Handbell Choir Director as well as a Worship Leader for the 8:15 a.m. worship service.

**Joyce Cooper** will serve as the 8:15 a.m. Worship Leader/Pianist. In addition to this position, she is working almost full time for a medical group and is going back to school. For the time being, she will play two Sundays a month with the other Sundays covered by Diane Marks, Tony Merry, or Marcie Butterfield. We are excited to have Joyce share her music gift!

**Ann Lillie Briggs** has agreed to serve as Interim Director of the Handbell Choir. The choir will ring three times before the end of the year —  
Sunday morning, November 20  
Sunday evening, November 20 [Annual Bell Festival]

Christmas Eve, December 24

Ann is assistant director to Jim McLaughlin in the Zanesville Civic Chorus, plays trumpet in the orchestra during the *Messiah* performance, and is part of the music team at Central Trinity UMC. A recently retired choral music teacher from Tri-Valley Schools, Ann sings alto and plays the trumpet. We are thrilled to have Ann join our music team at Grace!

The Music Search Committee has accomplished its goals of hiring wonderfully qualified Christian musicians and we will enjoy watching our music program blossom under Tony, Joyce, and Ann! God has been working through us and we can thank Him for answered prayers.

We are thankful and blessed to have had our faithful and gifted musicians sharing their gifts over the past few months.

**Marcie Butterfield** – Chair, Music Search Comm.

**John Marks** – Staff-Parish Relations Comm.

**Mark Chow** – Pastor

**SAVE THE DATE — Sunday, September 11 – 1:45 p.m.**

Cry Out America!

*Restoring Our Nation: through Faith and Family*

at

American Pride – McIntire Ave.

(under the BIG flag)

#### **MANY THANKS**

Thank you to the entire Grace Church Family for another amazing Block Party! So many people stepped up to make this year's event a memorable one for all who participated! SPECIAL THANKS to Cynthia Tuck and Susan Tyson for heading up this major undertaking. Thanks to the Outreach Committee and the Block Party planning team as well as any and all who participated in offering energy, willingness and creativity.

Thank you to the following teams — set up, clean up, food and drink servers, grillers, cooks, runners, cookie bakers, worship team and musicians, welcome team [parking attendants, greeters, ushers], health fair, kid's activities, giveaways.

Thank you to all who purchased and wore the brand new Grace Church shirts! Thank you to Julie McAllister for her efforts in the ordering. Thank you to the artists who submitted design ideas.

Thank you to Rev. Matt Blau (Euclid Ave. UMC) for the use of the Bounce House.

Thank you to all who made contributions of any shape and size to be a blessing to our community [gift cards, cash, time, effort].

What a wonderful witness it was to our community!

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

Welcoming our new Music Director, Tony Merry, and his wife,  
Margaret

Hosting meals for various community and clergy groups

Greeting people at the doors (Jack & Marcie Butterfield,  
Jim & Judy Schumacher, Christy Swope)

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

Assisting folks with the elevator (Bob & Martha Lentz, Diane Marks,  
Doug & Carla Waltman, Tracie Moss)

Providing nursery care when needed (Julie McAllister)

Tending to the audio/visual/computer needs (Bill Woods,