

GRAPEVINE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zanesville, Ohio

September 2018

PASTOR'S PAGE

Crazy Family Fun

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

What an exciting summer it has been for so many! Travels, reunions, mountains, beaches, cruises, relaxation, golfing, biking... loads of fun with family and friends.

Our family had the opportunity to gather this past month for a couple weeks. It began with our daughter's wedding. Deborah is the Vocal Music teacher in Columbus and also the youth music director at Church of the Messiah in Westerville. (Many of you may have heard the youth bell choir and youth choir this past June on their summer tour.) She married Brady, who is also a Vocal Music teacher in another school in the Columbus area. We are thrilled to officially welcome Brady to our family. In addition to their wedding, they also bought a house, painted the entire interior, refinished the floors and moved into it - all within a few short weeks, leading up to the wedding day. It was a crazy time indeed!

What a blessing to have my entire family together (from California, Illinois and Ohio) for a fun-filled time of laughter and feasting. Some enjoyed watching a baseball game between the Cincinnati Reds (my Dad's favorite) and the Cleveland Indians at Great American Ball Park, as well as visiting the Reds Hall of Fame. Some checked out the Air Force Museum. Some took comfort in the nearby shops, with some much-needed "retail therapy" (credit: Tony and Margaret Merry). Some also reminisced with trips down Memory Lane, revisiting important places from the past.

While we were on our own during the day, each evening we came together and shared a meal, taking turns each night. A variety of culinary options pleased our palates with every meal.

A week after the wedding, we received news that our daughter (Jenn) was going into labor. And by early the next morning, we received the news: our grandson was born! How our lives changed in that moment! We quickly prepared and packed up for a quick trip to Chicago. It was almost

surreal. We had longed for this moment for so long, and now it was here. We entered a new chapter.

We are Grandparents!

What a joy to see and hold our new grandson. Henry Brice came into this world and filled our hearts! God's miracle of life never ceases to amaze me, but there is something special, unexplainable about a grandchild. We soaked up as much time with Henry as we could before returning home. But we are thankful for the time we had.

It has been a wonderful summer for many, with loads of Crazy Family Fun. We have loved every minute!

And now, we are thankful to continue the Grace Church Family fun and whatever God has in store for us.

"So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Then God blessed them and said, 'Be fruitful and multiply...'. Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!" (Genesis 1:27-28, 31 NLT)

Thankful for the Gift of Family!

Pastor Mark

The OWLS will be meeting on Wednesday,

September 5, 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, **September 10**, 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).

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Address Changes

Brady & Deborah Brennan – 77 Edgevale Rd., Columbus, OH 43209
Kevin & Beth Upton – 25 Wilers Creek Way, Hilton Head, SC 29926

Wedding

Deborah Chow and Brady Brennan were united in marriage on August 9. Deborah is the daughter of Pastor Mark & Nancy Chow.

Birth

A son, Henry Brice, was born on August 17 to Brett & Jennifer Poydence. Grandparents are Pastor Mark & Nancy Chow.

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Worship Celebrations at Grace UMC

Season of Pentecost – Worship Series – *Seasons of Creation*

September 2 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture – Song of Solomon 2:8-13 – *Good Beginnings* – Sacrament of Holy Communion.

September 9 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture – Psalm 125 – *Protection and Care*

September 16 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture – Psalm 19 – *Dominion and Exploitation*

September 23 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture – Psalm 1 – *Cultivation and Fruits*

September 30 – 8:15 a.m./10:30 a.m. – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture – Psalm 124 – *Blessing All Creatures*

Special THANKS to everyone who made this year's BLOCK PARTY a wonderful community event! Thank you to Cynthia Tuck, Susan Tyson, the Outreach Committee and the Block Party Planning team for taking the lead and to everyone who gave of themselves in so many ways! What a beautiful witness of being and sharing the light God's love to our community!

CHOIR SEASON IS HERE AGAIN! I want to welcome our “regulars” back to Wednesday evening rehearsals starting September 5 at 7:30 p.m. We'll begin singing on Sunday, September 9.

And I want to particularly welcome any of you who would like to give choir a try. If you can't commit to every Wednesday night — or every Sunday morning — don't worry. It's not a requirement. Just come when you can. We have a lot of fun and a lot of fellowship.

Last year we recruited some additional men from the congregation to join our “Men's Chorus.” This year we're hoping some of the women of the congregation will join us for a “Women's Chorus” event in October.

We're looking forward to a fun and fulfilling musical experience this fall. Please join us when you can!

Tony Merry – Director of Music

IN THE COMMUNITY

'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 9 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.

We would be pleased if Grace members would join to honor those who have given so much to keep us safe. A reception, sponsored by the Olive Garden, will follow.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Disciple Class – This adult class is using the Bible in Life curriculum to study the Bible. They are looking at God's urgent call to ordinary people from diverse backgrounds and how they make a difference. They are looking at the book of Judges in Israel's continued history after Joshua's death. God raised up a series of national leaders called judges. Empowered by God, judges delivered the people from their enemies. Come join us as we delve into Biblical history. See you Sunday!

Children & Teens – Continue to study the books and stories of the Bible based on the Lectionary Scriptures.

Starting in September – During the Grace Space time, all children will be given a short lesson in the Nursery. 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 in the basement. In September, we'll be finishing an online series called, *the Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi* by Kathie Lee Gifford. The next study has not been determined. Hope to see you soon!

Sunday Morning Group – will also study, *the Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi* by Kathie Lee Gifford at 10 a.m. beginning August 12. Contact Sarah for the online link.

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. Grace's website www.graceumcz.org

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!

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless.
2 Samuel 22:31

THANK YOU!!

I would like to thank the Grace Church family for their prayers and cards during my recent surgery. To those who provided home meals, many thanks for the good food. I appreciate Pastor Mark's prayers and visits.

Barbara Moon

We wish to thank Cindy Lawyer for making arrangements for our mother, Juanita Jones, to be transported from Brookdale to and from dialysis at Country Fair Center. This allowed our family to have a special time at Lake Erie [Marblehead area]. Those who provided assistance include Linda Friel, Paula Jasper, Cathy Smith, Wendy Cochran, Susan Tyson, and Judy McAllister. Thank you all!!

**Paul & Linda Biddle, Larry & Reese Jones,
Debbie Crawford & Family**

I want to thank Bill & Wendy Cochran for the collection they took up to replace my lawn mower that was stolen from my garage. As I left that morning, I put the door down. Due to some dirt, it went back up and I didn't see it happen. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this blessing!

Mary Mason

Thank you for your support for Eastside's Tools for School project. Thanks to you, we were able to supply 441 families with 1,031 backpacks full of school supplies. We appreciate your generosity.

Betsy Thomas – Tools for School Committee

Dear Grace Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your thoughts, prayers, flowers, food, visits and support during these challenging and difficult weeks after Joe's passing and during his sickness.

Mike went quickly with cholangiocarcinoma bile duct cancer. It is very rare and there are no survivors yet. Mike signed papers with The James Cancer Research at Ohio State University and donated his organs to research for a cure that would help others. Mike graduated from OSU with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science. Later, he attended Mount Vernon Nazarene University earning a Master's in Business Administration.

I would like to thank Pastor Mark for all the many phone calls and visits during Joe and Mike's illness. They were so very much appreciated. Thank you Pastor Mark many times over!

My new address is 465 N. State Rt. 741; Apt. 220; Lebanon, OH 45036; Cell – 740-624-4736; land – 513-970-1020.

I will certainly miss all of my Grace Church friends and family! Stop and say hello. In Christian Love – **Laile McBride and Family**

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, Zanesville Concert Assn., ZHS Band Boosters, Tour Group, various family celebrations, Club Jesus, community of Zanesville].

Extending hospitality at the doors, elevator and during worship [Dana & Cindi Swope, Dana Christine Swope, Tracie Moss, Dan & Karen Vincent, Cindy Lawyer, Susan Tyson, Pat Burkhart, Paula Jasper, Doug & Carla Waltman, Linda Friel, John & Diane Marks, Bill & Wendy Cochran, Elden Hudson, Bill & Becky Woods, Julie McAllister, Janet Hill, Debbie Moore, Ann Longstreth, Phyl Cerney, Judy McAllister].

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, Flarey Children

Lay Leader – Cindy Lawyer, Todd Sands

Liturgist – Cindi Lawyer, Amelia Lepi

Children's Moment – Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris

Musicians – Marcie Butterfield, Joyce Cooper, Tony Merry, Sarah Burris,

Christy Swope, Mary Mason, Dorothy Cronk, Margaret Merry, Wendy

Cochran, Jim Gillespie, Bob Lentz, Bob Paap, Tom Swan, Carrie

VanSickle, Nathan Zangmeister, Cynthia Tuck.

Communion Steward – Janet Hill

Communion Servers – Mary Mason, Dana Christine Swope, Cindi Swope,

Nancy Chow, Susan Hendley

Children's Ministry – Grace Space, KidsOwnWorship, Nursery

Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer, Julie McAllister, Sarah Tippie,

Amelia Lepi, Laura James.

Guest Preachers – Darren Wallace, Rev. Bill Cronk

“A simple meal to meet basic needs”

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 / 10 AM UNTIL 2 PM

Ohio University - Zane State College Campus Center

1425 Newark Road, Zanesville

TICKETS

Adults \$5 in advance/\$6 at the door / Students & Volunteers \$4

Twenty-two years ago Dr. David Klein and Bill Factor developed the idea of the “SOUPer Bowl Benefit Luncheon” with two goals in mind:

- to bring together churches of all denominations and their congregations, working side-by-side, in an ecumenical fashion and in the spirit of Christian fellowship. Many long lasting friendships and feelings of mutual respect have developed;
- to raise money for organizations that serve the less fortunate in our community.

In the past twenty-one years, the luncheon has raised over **\$209,333**. One hundred percent of the proceeds has been divided equally among local non-profit organizations. Each Sponsoring Church and Corporate Sponsor donates seed money and many vendors make donations of the products we use to prepare the luncheon. This makes the 100% distribution possible. Currently we have **(24) Corporate Sponsors** and **(23) Sponsoring Churches** participating, having started the first year with just two churches.

Once again this year, Rambo Memorial Health Center staff will be on site during the luncheon to provide **flu shots** for \$5 to Muskingum County residents and \$20 to out of county residents. There is no charge for Medicare Part B participants (with Medicare/Insurance card). This year's **FIVE** non-profit recipient organizations, which provide food to the hungry in our community, are: **The Salvation Army; Muskingum County Center for Seniors; Eastside Community Ministry; Fellowship of Christ's Community; and Christ's Table.**

How can you **HELP?**

- **Bake** 2 or 3 dozen of your **“special home-baked”** cookies;
- Be a **volunteer** at the SOUPer Bowl luncheon;
- Purchase a **carry-out** lunch & deliver it to a shut-in or friend;
- **Donate** a GIFT CARD for the SOUPer Bowl “Gift Card” Raffles;
- Buy and/or help sell **tickets** prior to the event;
- Purchase a **“PAY IT FORWARD”** ticket and donate it back so someone unable to afford to purchase a ticket can also enjoy a hot lunch and join the fellowship;
- Monetary **contributions** are also appreciated.
- If you would like to help or if you should have any questions please feel free to contact your church's SOUPer Bowl Representative or David or Sara Klein, 2018 Co-Chairs, at (740) 796-0003.

SOUPer Bowl Benefit Luncheon

