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## April 2020 Grace Notes

HE IS RISEN  
Forgiven  
For God so Loved the World  
LAMB <sup>of</sup> God  
love  
He is Risen Indeed  
CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY  
HALLELUJAH  
Eternal Life  
Redeemer  
my savior



**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**OUR VISION: MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST**  
**OUR MISSION: TRANSFORMING PEOPLE INTO THE**  
**LIKENESS OF CHRIST; BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM.**



### **Keep these Church members and friends in prayer**

**Church Members:** Mike Allen, Betty Baxter, Tanya Bobo, Bill & Wilma Brown, Sandy Bledsoe, Margaret Calvin, Marianne Campbell, Harla Eutsler, Demmie Hanna, Rosemary & Brice Hanning, Bette Horan, Jean Houck, Leeanna Hughart, Robert S. Jones, Janet Johnson, Lou Long, Joan Krambeck, Jane & John Milhoan, Reva Mullins, Vic & Mary Niday, Pat & Jim O'Dell, Carol O'Rourke, Bruce Pennington, Dick & Sally Roberts, Edie Ross, Bambi Roush, Penny Sager, Gail Smith, Nancy Smith, Jack Saunders, Maxine Stutes, Ricky & Mary Swain, Ruth Synder, Phyllis Thomas, Leo & Clarice Valentine, & Eloise Ward

**Family Members & Friends:** Our country and its leaders, our military, all caregivers, all homeless, Leland Brehm, Daniel Brown, Dick Brown, Mike Brown, Kala Sue Bush, Pat Dressel, Roberta Duncan, Mary Edmonds, Beth Sager Gearhart, Cindy Harris, Patricia Hern, Paulette Hogg, Linda Kay Houck, Rodney Kitchen, Bob Kyger, Dale Lamphier, Judy Maxwell, Jeff Middleton, Chris Price, Mike Price, Gordon & Ruth Ann Roth, Dusty Roush, Paula Roush, Nikki Spangler, Karen Stickler, Steve Thomas, Robert Whittington, Faye Young & Kayla Ziemnik

### **Prayer List**

Please remember to give us updates on those you put on the Family Members and Friends Prayer list. We will start taking those off at the end of the month if we haven't heard anything about them by then. You can always add them back on by calling the church office and giving us their name and a brief update.

### **Help Needed!**

The Lutheran Social Services food truck will be here on **April 21**, and we could use your help! Please show up at the church by 10:00 and we will find a job for you, questions, please call the office for more information.

### **Deaths in the Church Family**



Our prayers and sympathy go out to:  
~Steve & Tanya Bobo on the passing of his mother, Lora Jeannette Bobo, on February 19.  
~Andy Milstead on the passing of his grandmother, Leota A. Milstead, on February 23.  
~Lois Simms and Jane & John Milhoan, on the passing of Lois's husband and Jane's brother, Jay Simms on February 26.  
~Brady Hayes on the passing of his wife Barbara on February 27.

### **Grace Notes & Call-Em-All**

Information for Grace Notes needs to be in the office or emailed to [galliagrancenotes@yahoo.com](mailto:galliagrancenotes@yahoo.com) by the **20<sup>th</sup> of each month**. If you change your email, or would like to be added, please let us know. If you would like to be notified of upcoming events and important information from the church via phone or text, contact the church office.

### **Liturgists**

	8:30	10:45
April 5	Margret Calvin	Terry McKinniss
April 12	Rick Howell	Aaron Hoover
April 19	David Brown	Nancy Smith
April 26	Bev Young	Faith McKinniss



### **Ushers**

8:30	10:45
Fred & Marlene Childers	Richard Brown, Bob Woodward, Tom Saunders, Jim Roush

If you are unable to be liturgist or usher on the day you are listed, please contact someone on your list to replace you for the appropriate service, thank you.

### **Church Camp**

Dates have been released for church camp to be held at Evans Christian Outfitters. Scholarships are available, please contact the church office for more information.

Elementary Camp entering grades 3-6 Sunday May 31, 4pm Friday June 5, 11:30 am \$100	Intro Camp entering grades 1-4 Saturday, June 13, 4:00pm Monday June 15, 7:00pm \$50	Middle School camp entering grades 6-9 Sunday July 5 4:00pm Friday July 10 11:30 am \$100
High School camp Entering grades 9 – college Freshman Sunday June 21, 4:00 pm Friday June 26, 11:30 am \$100		



## UMW News

~Craft and Vendor Sale: We are taking reservations for tables from church members and outside vendors! Tables are \$30, with a limited number available for electricity. Also, we will be allowing only one each of persons that sell things, such as Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Avon, ect. If you are a crafter, wood worker, baker, candle stick maker, we are looking for numerous different crafters and vendors to make this a successful event! Contact Jessica Weber, Marjorie Wood or Carolyn Haner for more information or to reserve your table.

~We are collecting money to purchase gifts for Lakin Women Prison, We are asking that if you would like to help, to please mark your offering envelopes for Lakin Prison. There are over 600 women currently incarcerated and all the items have to be the same, or as close to the same as possible, that is why we ask for monetary donations, so all the same items may be purchased.

~All of these activities and others that may come up throughout the year are to make money for the many missions that we support, and we thank you for supporting us in these endeavors.

## Birth in the Church

Arlo Carter Hodge was born on February 14, 2020 to Blair Simpson and Jason Hodge. Proud grandparents are Dick and Tandy Simpson, congratulations to all!



UPCOMING  
EVENTS

## Bob's Babble

Good morning, or at least that's what it is here. Here is at home, out on the farm, looking at young grass and weeds, and lots of work ahead. It look like that's about all there will be for a while. Chaplain duty at Holzer Hospital is over for a while, as is visitation and worship at our church. Out in the world, I've heard lots of opinions, attitudes and feelings. A question that seems to come up when some catastrophe comes about related to God. Where is He or why is this happening? I never know why such questions are ever asked. We sing that this is my Father's world. Early in the written word we are taught that He made things as they are, the earth, the water, the flowers, the trees, animals, even people, and more.

For a moment, then, let's take a look around and see if we can find His presence. To make it easy, let's start with where you are. If there's any wood around, it came from a tree somewhere. The Bible tells us that God planted trees, even fruit trees. While you're reading this, eat an apple. Eventually trees are harvested and used for their wood, and there's your furniture. Who hasn't sat by an open fire, in a fireplace, a stove, or a bonfire? Next time you do that, remember where trees come from.

What about your clothes? Very early people wrapped in animal skins. They were warm and easy to harvest along with some food. Today, we still harvest wool from sheep plus other animals. Skins from animals provide leather for shoes, coats, etc. By now though, you have thought about clothes, shoes and coats that never met an animal.

Today's world has tons of synthetic material. Some last better than the earlier materials. What are they made of? Things from the earth. Plastic and other such materials are often called man made. Is there such a thing? Or has man and woman made such materials by drawing from what God has created?

That's probably enough to make you think about God. Look around and think about God. Name something that didn't come from His creation and was combined with something that did. I'm reminded of a fellow teacher who worked with students who had some special needs. This was about 40 years ago when those students were largely ignored, so she and three other teachers set up special classes. One day she said to me, "You know, we teach them to make something out of nothing because when we start with something, it usually becomes nothing."

Look around, especially since most of us now have extra time. God is everywhere, and has allowed us to have most everything. This is indeed our Father's world.



Dear Grace family,

As of this writing, we still find ourselves wrestling with the reality of a viral pandemic. It is affecting us daily with social-distancing; school, church and business closures; financial distress; and worse yet, sickness and death. None of us have ever experienced anything like this before.

How can we live with a positive attitude amidst such unprecedented happenings? The answer is: by being people who trust the Lord! One of God's great gifts to us is His Word – promises that are for us, not against us; promises that we can trust.

“If God is for us, who can be against us” (Rom.8:31).

“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength” (Phil.4:13).

“And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil.4:19).

“Greater is He that is in You than he that is in the world” (I John 4:4).

And though we were not able to fully celebrate Lent with all the fanfare, we are embarking on the holy days of Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday. On what we call Good Friday, death proclaimed a victory. Jesus was nailed to a cross and He died. But that was a short-lived victory. For when Sunday came, the tomb was empty! Jesus had risen! Death was not the end of the story.

Jesus shows us that the end of this earthly existence is not the end of the story. It marks the beginning of new life. And because there is so much more to come, we can face every day with victory. Jesus told us that He came to give us life – abundant life!

Easter is not just a day, or a season, it is a way of life. It is the mystery of the risen Christ living inside the human heart. I encourage you all to do more than worship on Easter Sunday – live out the Easter victory as a witness of Christ producing abundant life in you and share that with the world! Be Easter people!

“Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring

Christ has brought us heaven's choices, heavenly music let it ring

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people let us sing!

(Hymn #304 United Methodist Hymnal)

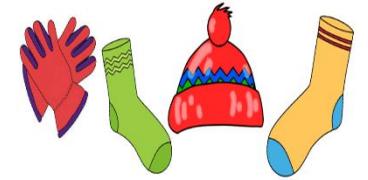
With abundant hope, grace & peace,

*Pastor Ray*



## Outreach

We are still collecting hats, socks and gloves to be given out around Christmas time, thank you for all of your support.



## Youth & Young Adults

It seems that everyone in our community is handling the Stay-At-Home order differently. Sure, we all have some level of cabin fever, us extroverts are a bit lonely, the introverts are celebrating their respite and enjoying nature, and some of the track & field students I had been coaching reached out and told me how bored they are; however, the frustrations, anxieties, fears, worry, etc., are affecting us differently. Among a multitude of response, some have started yelling at their TVs, yelling at our local, state, and national governments to the point of rebellion, taking a sudden interest in keeping up with the Jones's with regard to lawn manicuring, or, like me, have become more clumsy around the home and forgetful.

One pressure release valve that is becoming more common across the United States and around the world is that some are complaining the Church (whatever denomination or creed) either does or does not do something or anything because their response to COVID-19. The statement that stung me the most when I read it was something to the effect of “It’s a shame we can’t go to the House of the Lord to worship.” My dander was instantly raised, and I wanted to yell at my iPad: “(For those that are in Christ) Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God?” (1 Corinthians 6:19a, NLT), followed by “You know you can worship at home with your families and neighbors, right?!?! Where ever two or more are gathered in His name, He will be in their midst!”

Several weeks after I first read the statement that ticked me off, I read the most peaceful, reflective, loving, and hope giving response that someone else gave regarding a similar complaint... the one I wished I would have been able to speak in love: “The Church is not empty, the Church has been deployed.” Perhaps another way to say it would be “The Church (the temples of the Holy Spirit) is not closed, the Church (the temples of the Holy Spirit) has been released into the community for such a time as this.” The challenge issued in love for both young and old alike for April is: Ask God what He would have you do now that you would not have been able to do before He adjusted or cleared your schedule. It may be nothing more than cultivate your relationship with Him. God has given us a gift. Let us make full use of it.

Peace, Passion, Purpose,  
Nate

## April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 5:30 Music practice	2. 12:00 Lenten Services 1:00 SPR	3.	4.
5. Palm Sunday  After Services Esther Circle Bake Sale	6. 5:00 Threads of Grace	7. 10:00 UMW Executive 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	8. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 5:30 Music practice	9. 6:00 Finance 6:30 FFF Committee 7:00 Holy Thursday Service	10. 12:00 Lenten Service 7:00 Good Friday Service	11.
12. Easter Sunday	13 5:00 Threads of Grace 6:00 Trustees	14. 1:00 Mary of Bethany Circle 7:00 Esther Circle 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	15. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 5:30 Music practice	16. 6:00 Worship	17.	18.
19. 6:00 Youth	20. 5:00 Threads of Grace	21. 12:00 LSS Food Truck 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	22. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 5:30 Music practice	23. 6:30 Emmaus	24.	25.
26. 6:00 Youth	27. 5:00 Threads of Grace	28. 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	29. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 5:30 Music practice	30.	<b>Music Practice times:</b> 5:30 Hand Chimes 6:00 Hand Bells 7:00 Chancel Choir	



~ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE! CHECK WITH COMMITTEE CHAIR OR THE OFFICE~

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1.	2.	3. Terry Shamblin	4. Melissa Howell
5. *Jack Saunders Rodney Stout Nick Tabor	6. Jody Brannen	7.	8. Sandy Bledsoe	9. Cindy Fellure	10.	11. Kathy Thomas
12. *Keith Sheets	13. Becky Nesbitt Harold Montgomery	14. Tina Haney	15. Jerry Eutsler	16.	17.	18. *Joe Anderson
19. *Steve & Tanya Bobo	20. *Bill & Wilma Brown	21.	22. *Vic & Mary Niday	23.	24. *Jim & Maxie Oliver	25.
26. *Craig & Penny Sager	27.	28. Todd & Morgan Houck	29.	30. *Dr. Bill Thomas		