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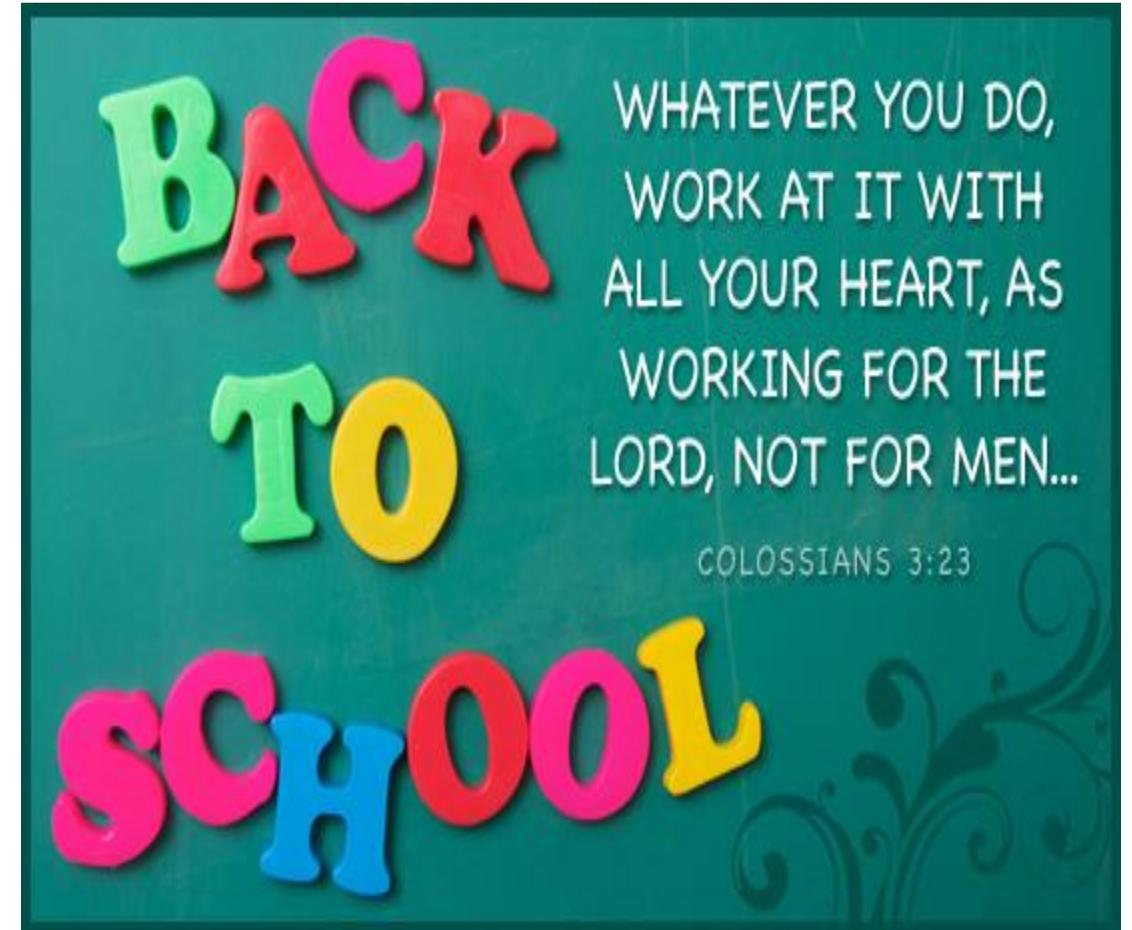
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August 2019 Grace Notes



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: Betty Baxter, Tanya Bobo, Margaret Calvin, Marianne Campbell, Harla Eutsler, Family of Jewel Evans, Demmie Hanna, Rosemary & Brice Hanning, Bette Horan, Jean Houck, Rick Howell, Leeanna Hughart, Janet Johnson, Joe & Lou Long, Joan Krambeck, Reva Mullins, Kandy & John Nuce, Pat & Jim O'Dell, Malcolm Orebaugh, Carol O'Rourke, Bruce Pennington, Dick & Sally Roberts, Edie Ross, Penny Sager, Glen & Gail Smith, Kari Saunders, Maxine Stutes, Ricky & Mary Swain, Phyllis Thomas, Leo & Clarice Valentine, Eloise Ward & Tombo Woodward

Family Members & Friends: Our country and its leaders, our military, all caregivers, all homeless, Leland Brehm, Daniel Brown, Mike Brown, Pat Dressel, Roberta Duncan, Mary Edmonds, Beth Sager Gearhart, Jackie Graham, Virginia Harder, Paulette Hogg, Linda Kay Houck, Bob Kyger, Dale Lamphier, Judy Maxwell, Jeff O'Dell, Chris Price, Mike Price, Gordon & Ruth Ann Roth, Dusty Roush, Karen Stickler, Valerie Thomas, 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.

Grace Notes & Call-Em-All

Information for Grace Notes needs to be in the office or emailed to galliagrancenotes@yahoo.com by the **20th 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.

Help Needed!

The Lutheran Social Services food truck will be here on **August 20**, 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.

Ushers

8:30 – August 4 & 11, Bob & Carolyn Haner; August 25, Esta & Paula Childers
10:45 – Mike Allen, Aaron Hoover, Jessica Weber, & Marjorie Wood

Still Needed

We are in desperate need for volunteers to be Liturgists for the 8:30 and 10:45 services. If you are interested in or want more information, talk with one of the present Liturgists, Pastor Ray or call the church office.

Liturgist

<u>Date</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:45</u>
August 4	Avenue Gospel Trio	Gospel Avenue Trio
August 11	Bev Young	Rick Howell
August 18	Deborah Compton	Faith McKinniss
August 25	Margaret Calvin	Jeri Howell

Lunch Bunch

On August 15, the Lunch Bunch will meet at Zack & Scotty's on Court Street at noon, hope to see you there.

Evangelism/Missions Projects



Missions Committee is updating the College Care Package address list. Please notify the office or Marlene Stout of your college student's address, even if it has stayed the same. New additions to the list are welcome and encouraged. Last year 20 students received 4 packages through the school year.

~Hat, socks and glove drive will be ongoing until the end of the year

Needed

Our youth ministry is in need of an additional adult volunteer/chaperone in order to comply with our safe sanctuary policy. Family members are especial encouraged to show interest. Please see Nate to discuss this opportunity, a safe sanctuary class will be held if needed when enough interest has been gathered.

Choir Schedule

Chancel Choir will start on August 28 and the bells and chimes will start back in September. Musicality is not necessary, as they say, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."



FYI

Some members may not know or even realize that the pastors take calls at all hours of the day and night. If you know about an illness, upcoming surgery, or have an emergency, or would just like a visit, please let one of them or the office know! Hospitals may ask for religious preference, but may not contact us and we would like to be there for you if we are needed.



GROWING IN THE SPIRIT



You are invited to join in a study designed to show how the Holy Spirit helps us grow in our Spiritual life. We will be using a workbook edited by Jack Hayford, well-known pastor and author. The book has twelve lessons and we will begin on September 9th, and will finish before the busy holidays. And hopefully any bad weather. The class is open to those interested, not just Grace members. Participants will need a Bible, a notebook, and a desire to learn more about the Holy Spirit and His leading. The cost of the book is \$10. To keep to the schedule, we will begin with the first lesson. It is important to have the book prior to the beginning date. You may contact Sandy at the office for information or call Margaret Calvin at 740-669-4005.

Bob's Babble

Ran across a few hymn titles from earlier days plus suggestions who they might be sung to. For our dentists, "Crown Him with Many Crowns." To the golfers, how about "There is a Green Hill Far Away." For the Librarian, "Whispering Hope." Enough!

Mark 7:5 – Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?" Earlier verses talk about how Jews taught about daily living, especially eating. I'll leave you to your habits, but reflect upon our daily life as it relates to habits, or more correctly, traditions. Each of us have certain things that we encounter as we journey through life. When we meet others, we may not agree with them which sometimes leads to misunderstandings or disagreements, or worse. One of the more popular phrases for such events is "We've always done it that way before" or "We've never done it that way before."

As people change, so does the Church. There was a time when men wore suits, a shirt and tie. Women wore dresses and maybe even a hat. Children sat with their parents or some other

Bob's Babble Continued...

family member, and sat quietly. Telephones never rang or made music unfamiliar to most of us, and the soft glow of cell phones didn't appear in our evening service. My point is, we have made a lot of changes in ourselves, but the changes in ritual and the services sometimes aren't very well accepted. Ever wonder what God thinks of all this?

As I Thought about such situations, something reminded me that as we travel through life, we are often faced with having to make decisions about a lot of things. In fact, we live our life following things that for want of a better term are called traditions. You know, family reunions, summer trips, getting together with certain groups, etc. I've spent a lot of time on church committees and plans. That doesn't make me an expert, but rather an observer. For example, find a really old hymnal, and you won't recognize most of the hymns. Hymnals from the '50's and a bit later might be a bit more familiar. For a lot of us, the Contemporary music of today is still different. For those of you just starting out in a Christian life, 20 years from now you will wonder how you survived.

Back to God and tradition. Take communion. When I was young, it was always in the pews, bread and juice or wine. More recently, we have intinction, plus a few other ways. Which way is right? Communion is a part of a worship service. Every Sunday, first Sunday, twice a year. Is when we have it a part of worship, or some kind of tradition? What about baptism? In the United Methodist Church, we christen babies, some churches only baptize those who understand what they are doing and when they accept Christ into their life. In the 1500's some men were imprisoned because the government insisted that everyone be baptized. Fathers went to jail and were often killed for refusal. They became known as Anabaptist and today are Mennonites and Amish. The Baptist shared the same belief regarding baptism, but apparently didn't suffer much persecution. Our country made sure that the right to worship freely was included, although today, some want that set aside. Watch the news for that story.

As we go through our church days, weeks, months, and years, we seem to agree on a lot of things that are important because they are part of Christianity and have developed as the Church grows, but we disagree on how to do it. There is nothing wrong with traditions, but it should not be followed at the expense of other people, whether in our church lives, or our individual lives. Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy. ~Bob

Dear Grace Church family,

Have you ever “hit the wall?” Athletes know the feeling far too well. Marathon runners hit the wall at about the twenty-mile marker. Tour-de-France cyclists feel it in the fourth-hour as they ride into a headwind with an hour to go. Physical energy has bottomed-out and the circumstances are against them.

Perhaps you’re staring at the wall right now: a large, unexpected expense; a sudden health concern; a looming legal issue; thoughts of returning to school this fall. If so, take comfort, for you are not alone. Generations of God’s people have hit walls of all kinds.

Moses could certainly testify to the pain and discouragement of hitting life’s walls. When confronting Pharaoh, and demanding (or strongly requesting) that he “let God’s people go,” Moses must have been fearful and discouraged. Rather than convincing Pharaoh, each plague only hardened Pharaoh’s heart. And when finally released, the stiff-necked people of Israel did nothing but complain during their travels. They even wished to return to Egypt!

How grateful we can be that God speaks encouragement and hope through His Word when we hit the wall. “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength” (Isa.40:31). Each day the Lord promises to renew your strength. In fact, He Himself is that strength!

When we are weak, when we recognize our needs and our failures, then He is strong. “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor.12:10).

Whenever you hit the wall of defeat, just remember the One who defeated death and the devil. By becoming weak and by dying on the cross, Jesus destroyed the power of sin over you and destroyed its consequences. So you can wait upon Jesus and renew your strength!

In His grip, *Pastor Ray*

Avenue Gospel Trio

Will be returning to Grace Church and will lead worship on **August 4 at 8:30am & 10:45am in the Sanctuary**. A love offering will be received for their ministry and their music can be purchased from their promotion table.

The trio is composed of 3 young men who love Jesus. **Jacob Lagesse** (lead vocal), **Kasey Kemp** (baritone) and **Corey Lackey** (tenor) blend rich harmonies in their original songs and gospel favorites. Their latest CD is titled “**Songs for Every Mile**” and features the single “One of These Mornings”. You can check out their music on **Facebook** and at **avenuetrio.com**.



New Members received at Grace Church



Grace is excited to receive four young men as new members of the Grace UMC congregation! Brothers John Stout and Adam Stout are the sons of Dr. Rodney & Marlene Stout. John is a graduate of Gallia Academy High School and a returning sophomore at the

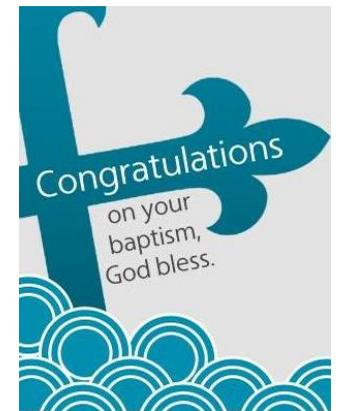
University of Cincinnati. Adam is a current junior at Gallia Academy. Cody Wooten is the son of Eric & Trish Wooten and a sophomore at River Valley High School. Braden Simms is the son of Bob Simms & Carol Simms, (grandson of John & Jane Milhoan and Jay & Lois Simms), and is a college sophomore.

Future membership classes will be held by Pastor Ray in his study office for three consecutive Sundays in August (Aug.11,18 & 25). This three-week class will cover the topics of 1) Christian Beliefs, 2) Gifts of the Spirit, and 3) United Methodist Values. Please contact the church office or Pastor Ray rkanebob@aol.com to ask questions for register for the August sessions.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, recognizing God’s call and claim on an individual. It is also a personal identification with Christ in His death and resurrection. The waters of baptism represent a washing away of a self-centered, sinful life and receiving a purification in the righteous life of Christ. To state it another way, at baptism an individual is saying, “Since Jesus died for me, I will live for Him.” The event of baptism marks an initiation into the Christian faith and into the body of Christ.

Baptism was recently celebrated Sunday, July 28 for four young people. Grace Church congratulates Kasey Brannen, Kyle Brannen, Layla Hairston, and Owen Shortridge, and welcomes them into the family of God! If you have questions about baptism or seek to be baptized, please contact the church office or Pastor Ray.



Loaves and Fishes

3 9x13 pans of Macaroni and cheese, 6 Dozen brownies and 2 dozen cookies are needed for August 25, thanks!

Free Concert



Saturday, August 10, in Logan, Ohio, there will be a free “Disciple Concert” for all who would like to attend. Money for food, a lawn chair, bug spray and ear plugs, if you like. It is an outdoor show. Contact Nate for more information.

Death in the Church Family

Our thought and prayers go out to the family of Jewel Evens who passed away on July 24.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

Dishes

If you have brought food for any of the recent events that have occurred at the church, please collect your dishes, they are starting to overtake the kitchen!

Orders



Forms for brick orders will be available starting in September, and will be \$75. If you would like one in honor or memory, contact the office or Carolyn Haner for more information.

Needed

The small food pantry that happens at our church on Mondays and Tuesdays is in need of plastic bags! If you would like to save them and get them to the office or Marlene Stout, that would be a great help, thanks!

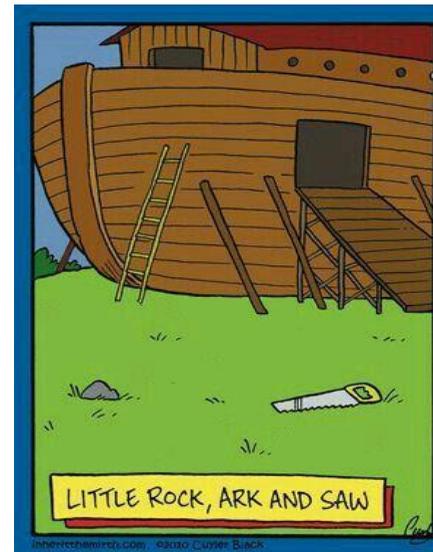


Thank you



Thank you to all who sent me birthday cards for my 91st birthday. ~Mary Allie

Thank you for your support, prayers, gifts and encouragement during my scouting journey and Eagle Court of Honor. ~ Adam Stout



Greetings Grace Church!

I am humbled by the warm welcome, notes of encouragement, and gifts I received, as well as the love and appreciation expressed to Gwen at the celebration brunch on Sunday July 21. Thank you!



July has seen several youth events take place: a successful kayak trip through Raccoon Creek Paddles & Oars, two pool parties, the introduction of three new games (Hose Nose, Iced-T, and Spaghetti & Marshmallows,) a combination of four youth and young adults became members of Grace Church (Adam and John Stout, Cody Wooten, and Braden Simms,) a dinner for parents of our youth, three basketball games featuring Dylan Sheets and Mt. Dew, and a young adult trip to Mongolian BBQ and The Book Loft of German Village.

As July ends and August begins, we will be working on updating our Safe Sanctuaries policy. Once finalized and approved we will schedule a Safe Sanctuaries training/annual review meeting. Looking ahead to September, we are planning to start a Financial Peace study for our youth (leading in to an adult study starting in the new year) and a trip with The Resistance (the youth group from the Gallipolis First Church of the Nazarene) to SonFest on the campus of Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

As school starts on August 21st for River Valley and August 22nd for Gallia Academy, please keep all of the youth, faculty, and school staff, not just our own, in your prayers. You may or may not know that our community has already suffered one tragedy going into this school year. Please join me in praying specifically for salvations, transformations, and an increase in hope among the youth and those that work with youth in Gallia County. Please remember our college students as well in praying for their safety, studies, and their witness this school year.

Peace, Passion, Purpose,
Nate

Upcoming Youth Events:

August 3, Saturday: Youth to prepare for fellowship luncheon.

August 4, Sunday: Fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 service in the dining hall, sponsored by Grace Youth

August 10, Saturday: Disciple Concert in Logan, Ohio

August 21, Wednesday: School begins at River Valley

August 22, Thursday: School begins at Gallia Academy

August 30, Friday: GA/Adam Stout football game @ Meigs

September 27, Friday: 5th Quarter hosted by RCF

September 28, Saturday: Tentative SonFest event @ MVNU with Gallipolis Naz

September, date TDB: Tentative start for Financial Peace study for teens

*At the time of writing, athletic schedules were not yet made available for other youth.



“A youth without God is like a painting in a world with no light.”
-G.S. Megaphone

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1. Donna Craigo *James Stutes *Eric & Tricia Wooten	2. *Leo & Clarice Valentine *Rick & Jeri Howell	3.
4. Katrina Northup	5.	6.	7.	8. *Pat Boyer *James & Bonnie Stutes	9. *Sally Orebaugh Nancy Smith	10.
11. *Betty Baxter	12.	13. Cheryl Enyart	14. Charles Gatewood *Larry & Pat Boyer	15. Lori Billings	16 *Dennis & Gwen McGuire	17.
18. Keith Hanning	19. *Anne Tarr *Judi Webster	20. *John & Kathy Thomas	21. *Mark & Suzanne Walker	22. James Crouse	23.	24. *Doris Lanham
25. *Jake & Josie Bapst	26.	27. *Norman Tarr Carolyn Haner Aaron Hoover *Steve & Linda Chapman	28.	29. Tyler Wooten *John & Kandy Nuce	30. *Richard Brown	31. Jeff Howell Julie Burnette Teagan Weber

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4. 8:30 & 10:45 Service, Avenue Gospel Trio 12:00 Youth Sponsored Luncheon	5.	6. 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	7. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah Group	8.	9.	10. 10:30 UMW brunch
11.	12. 5:00 Threads of Grace 7:00 Nominations	13. 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home 7:00 Safety Committee	14. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah Group	15. 12:00 Lunch Bunch at Zack & Scotty's 7:00 Evangelism	16.	17.
18.	19. 5:00 Threads of Grace 7:00 Nominations	20. 12:00 LSS Food Truck 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	21. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah Group	22.	23.	24.
25.	26. 5:00 Threads of Grace	27. 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	28. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah Group 7:00 Choir	29.	30.	31.