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February 2020 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: Mike Allen, Betty Baxter, Tanya Bobo, Margaret Calvin, Marianne Campbell, Harla Eutsler, Demmie Hanna, Rosemary & Brice Hanning, Bette Horan, Jean Houck, Rick & Jeri Howell, Leeanna Hughart, Robert S. Jones, Janet Johnson, Lou Long, Joan Krambeck, 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, Kari Saunders, Maxine Stutes, Ricky & Mary Swain, 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, 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, Chris Price, Mike Price, Gordon & Ruth Ann Roth, Dusty Roush, Paula Roush, Nikki Spangler, Karen Stickler, Steve 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.

Help Needed!

The Lutheran Social Services food truck will be here on **February 18**, 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.

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.

Lunch Bunch

We will not meet the months of February, March and April, but we encourage everyone to join us for the Lenten Services, we will meet again in May.

Name Change

Evangelism/Missions Committee will now be known as Outreach Committee. During the month of February, the Outreach Committee is asking our church family to pray for each other. A basket of paper hearts will be placed in the chapel and sanctuary. Put your name on a heart and place it in the basket. Pull another heart out of the basket and pray for that person throughout the month. You may take more than one name.

Thank you for your donations! In 2019, 523 socks/hats/gloves were collected. The items were dispersed in December and the Outreach Committee would like to thank you for your continued support of this mission. We will continue to collect socks/hats/gloves throughout the year and will once again give them away in November.

Food Pantry Report: We spent \$10,035.08 serving 2,842 individuals through 800 volunteer hours at our church food pantry! This mission is solely run on donations of food, money, dedicated volunteers, prayers, congregational and community support. The recipients of your generosity are so appreciative and blessed by this ministry.



Something New



Do you ever wonder who is that woman that sits on the other side of the church or who that man is that sits up in the balcony?

The Worship Committee wants to start a new "get to know your church" program. We are calling it Dinner for Eight. There will be 8 people in each group, groups will be made from a random drawing of names (singles and couples). One person will be the coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for calling the members and organizing the first meeting. Your group will then decide the next meeting together. Your group will eat one meal together once a month, for 6 months, then we will redraw names and shuffles the groups. Don't want to drive after dark? Meet for lunch after church or for breakfast. Your group could decide to have a potluck, go to a restaurant or meet for dessert or coffee. If you would like to participate, please contact the office, names will be drawn March 1, 2020.

*Prayer is the road to Heaven,
but Faith opens the door.*

Death in the Church Family

~Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Glenn Smith, on his passing December 30, 2019.

~ Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Elsie Craigo, on her January 9.



passing

Bob's Babble

People who know me often ask why I attend a Methodist church. I often respond with an answer and ask them about their church. So, we usually share ideas and beliefs, or at least how we understand them. Quite often, we find little difference, which may be only a misunderstanding. So, we may part with more in common than we thought. The Lenten services will soon be upon us. We join in songs, prayers, and messages, and food. Our differences are mostly man or woman made on how we allow our leaders in the local church or national denomination lead us.

As I listen to other folks, most of them would like a modern church so long as it follows the way they were taught. On the other hand, many want the old way. Some disagree about scripture and how it's presented. Others want the old hymns. I've had some discussions that were challenging, but we always left on good terms. I wonder why one of the fastest growing denominations in the world has changed the least. They cling to the old ways. In their church services, adult women sit on one side, adult men on the other. Young people sit separate. Children sit quietly, because that's the way they have always done it. Services are several hours long. No instruments, singing mostly by memory. At the end, they leave, get in their buggies and ride slowly home, slowing down the Methodists and others who are in a hurry to get someplace. Dresses and suits for the adults, similar clothing for the children. What about the buggies? In the U.S. there are over 90 different kinds of them, and some are yellow or white.

As we move toward Lent, plan to take part. There will be a service each week starting soon. Plenty of seats and an opportunity to sit and eat with another Methodist or someone who isn't. you might make the difference. As has been said, "You might be the only Bible that someone sees." ~Bob

Today will never come again.

Be a blessing. Be a friend. Encourage someone.

Take time to care. Let your words heal, not wound.

Youth & Young Adults

Greetings Grace Church!

If you haven't heard by now, our New Year's Lock-in was A HUGE SUCCESS! We had 18 youth from Grace, Gallipolis First Naz, The Gathering, the GAMS lunch group, and their friends, and the friends of their friends! My favorite game of the night, and most interactive game of the night, was Extreme Bingo! Jesse Rivers joined us after midnight, and we tag team taught the message on the Grace Youth word for 2020: "Release."

In times past, large ocean fairing ships did not have capability of drawing their anchors up after they were dropped down to the ocean floor. In order to move forward, the ship needed to "release" the anchor that weighed it down. We talked about six things that many people have trouble releasing in their lives in order to move forward: unforgiveness of self, unforgiveness of God and others, clinging to (or living in) the past, fear of the future, shame, and pride. After the message, the youth were provided with a time to respond to what they heard and an alter call. Five youth asked for prayer for various things, and almost all of the youth wrote down something that they plan to release in 2020 in order to move forward in the new year. While they could have decided to give up one of the six things we discussed, they were also free to come up with something that we did not talk about, such as anger, addictive behaviors, underage drinking, or lustful tendencies. Perhaps there might be something that you should consider releasing in 2020 as well?

Grace hosted our first Safe Sanctuaries training session of 2020 on January 26. 26 adults signed up, 25 showed up, and 4 youth attended as well! Thank you so much for demonstrating your faithfulness to Grace Church and the children, youth, and vulnerable adults in her care!

The youth plan to host the annual Sweethearts dinner fundraiser on Sunday, February 16th from 6PM to 8PM in the dining hall. Singles are most welcome, and encouraged, to attend! More details to follow, please watch the bulletin or contact the church office for more information.

God smiles,
Nate Sherren
Director of Youth Ministries

Prayer point for February: Please pray for those who are single, at any age and for any reason, within our community. (Genesis 2:18)

Liturgists

	8:30	10:45
February 2	Deborah Compton	Jeri Howell
February 9	Vickie Powell	Faith McKinniss
February 16	Margaret Calvin	Nancy Smith
February 23	Dianne Wheeler	Terry McKinniss

Ushers

8:30	10:45
Gene Johnson & Steve Chapman	Bill Thomas, Jessica Weber, Jack Saunders & Marjorie Wood

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.

Thank you to the Trustees for redoing to floor and painting around the offices, leading up to the ramp. The light grey and the hardwood flooring look fantastic!



Grace UMC UMW will be holding a



*On Saturday November 7
from 9-3 in the
Church Dining room.*

Tables are \$30 and open to **ALL** Church members first,
then will be opened up to the public.

For more information contact: Jessica Weber, Carolyn Haner or Marjorie Wood

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1. *Phyllis Sheets *Judy Dillon *Carol Norris
2. *Jean Houck Bonnie Stutes	3.	4.	5. Penny Sager	6. Kandy Nuce	7.	8.
9. Rich Saunders Stephanie Purcell Andrew Sager	10. Burt Wood Lindsey Wheeler	11. Jimmy Carpenter	12. *Gail Smith	13. *Dan Henderson Bob Haner Bruce Pennington	14. 	15.
16. Gwen McGuire	17. 	18.	19.	20. Dennis McGuire	21. Hannah Hoover	22. *Mickie Calhoun
23. Rick Howell Josh Bodimer John Stout	24. <i>Michael & Katrina Northup</i>	25. Jaiden Shadwick	26.	27.	28.	29. 

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<p>Music Practice times: 5:30 Hand Chimes 6:00 Hand Bells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p> 						1.
2.	3. 5:00 Threads of Grace 6:30 FPU	4. 10:00 UMW Executive 6:00 1 st Aid Training 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	5. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 5:30 Music practice	6. 4:00 SPR	7.	8.
9.	10. 5:00 Threads of Grace 6:00 Trustees 6:30 FPU	11. 1:00 Mary of Bethany 7:00 Esther Circle 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	12. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 5:30 Music practice	13. 6:00 Finance 7:00 Ad Council	14. Valentine's Day	15.
16. 5:00 Youth sponsored Sweetheart dinner	17. 5:00 Threads of Grace 6:30 FPU	18. 12:00 LSS Food Truck 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	19. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 5:30 Music practice	20. 6:00 Worship 6:00 Outreach	21.	22.
23.	24. 5:00 Threads of Grace 6:30 FPU	25. 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	26. Ash Wednesday 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	27. 12:00 Lenten Service	28.	29.