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June 2020 Grace Notes

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PROVIDER
encouragement
strong **LOVING**
hero **hero** **hero**
COMFORTING ARM
brave *patient* **INSPIRE**
understanding
HARD WORKING
thank you **DEVOTED**

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, Bob O'Dell, Pat & Jim O'Dell, Carol O'Rourke, Bruce Pennington, Dick & Sally Roberts, Edie Ross, Bambi Roush, Penny Sager, Phyllis Sheets, 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, first responders, caregivers, homeless, Leland Brehm, Daniel Brown, Dick Brown, Mike Brown, Kala Sue Bush, Roberta Duncan, Mary Edmonds, Beth Sager Gearhart, Cindy Harris, Patricia Hern, Paulette Hogg, Linda Kay Houck, Rodney Kitchen, Bob Kyger, Dale Lamphier, Dutch & Lois Lyday, 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.

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.



Liturgists and Ushers

Since services have been combined to one, for the time being, and if you aren't comfortable attending, please contact someone on your list to make arrangements for them to take your place and please inform the office.

Liturgists

June 7 Josie Bapst
June 14 Deborah Compton
June 21 Faith McKinniss
June 28 David Brown

Ushers

David Tawney, Steve Bobo, Gene Rees, & Jack Saunders



Outreach

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

Lunch Bunch

Keep an eye out on the bulletin when we get back to services as to when we will be meeting next. Take care.

Thank You

I want to thank you for the swift and tremendous response to our call for items for the food pantry. I have been humbled and very appreciative of the volume of items we have received. I knew our church would answer the call, I just didn't expect the level of response. We serve an awesome God, a provider who answers prayer above all expectations! 27 bags of chicken were also donated to our food pantry.

Church Camp

As of now, church camp at Evans Christian Outfitters has been cancelled. They are looking at ways to have one camp for 1st-6th grade and one for 7th -12th grade at the end of July, first of August. Check with their Facebook page for further updates.

*Every day may not be good,
but there is something good in every day.*



LLS Food Truck Update

The May truck served 90 people. It was Tom, a registration lady, one Nazarene volunteer, Bev Young, Carol Cremeans, Adam and Marlene Stout. And yes, it rained most of the time. Thank goodness Tom had coverings set up and were able to keep semi dry with our raincoats on.

The next LSS food truck will be June 16 at the Nazarene church parking lot with a noted time change of 11-12. Only one hour and an hour earlier! They would like people to continue registering ahead of time. The drive thru services will most likely continue through the Summer but no confirmation on that as of yet. They are continuing to have meetings and discussions.

Starting Back

For Men Only will be starting back to their meetings on June 10, 7:50 am, in the dining room.

It's All About "Long-term Planning" or Is It?

I learned in college & seminary about "long-term" planning to accomplish major personal and professional goals. We were taught to have a 20-year plan, a 10-year plan, and a 5-year plan. Now leadership experts talk in terms of month-to-month "short-term" planning.

Due to the pandemic, our short-term planning is now measured week by week. And so that's how Grace Church leaders are preparing. Currently Sunday School and Vacation Bible School are postponed until we see further results of our state and local communities re-opening businesses and services.

Our June program ministries and committees will resume meeting: Staff-Parish on the first Thursday; Trustees on the second Monday; Finance and Administrative Council on the second Thursday. (For other meetings, please check with your specific ministry leaders.) I'm confident we will return to some form as "business-as-usual", but with a greater appreciation for one another and our community needs. ~ Pastor Ray

VBS

We regret to inform you that VBS at this time has been cancelled. We are looking at ways to have it later this summer, watch for announcements at a later date.



Greeting Grace Church!

June 2nd marks my one-year anniversary serving with Grace Church. While many of my experiences have not looked like I thought they would have, I am amazed by how much our church expressed and projected grace within our family and our community over the last year. Some of the more recent expressions and projections of grace include:

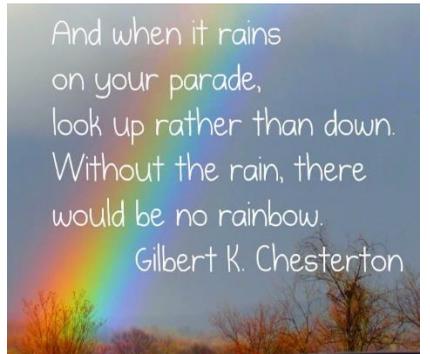
Several weeks ago, at the request of Marlene Stout, I posted a call for help from our food pantry to our Family and Friends of Grace United Methodist Church Facebook group page. Ohio's response to COVID-19 has both increased the number of families we serve and has created some difficulty in acquiring canned goods as several stores have limited the quantity that can be purchased on one receipt. Within a week, more than 5 shopping carts full of groceries and other supplies as well as several financial gifts were donated by our church family. Marlene and the Outreach Committee expressed their amazement and gratitude toward your response to the call for help! Our pantry is adequately stocked presently. If more supplies are needed in the near future, another request for help will be posted on our Facebook group page.

Around that same time, whether I complained to you personally or whether a parishioner appealed to you on my behalf, many of you learned about some car troubles I've been dealing with, and donated funds to help with the situation. The moment I learned what had been done I was shocked and didn't really know how to respond. Several minutes later I started crying as your generosity and grace were God's answer, I believe, to more than one of my prayers. I am overwhelmed by your concern for my needs, and so very grateful for your response. Thank you!

Due to our country's response to COVID-19 and the responses of different states, our planned summer mission trip has been affected. What started out as a fundraiser doing yard projects for one of our parishioners has taken on a life of its own and has become a mission outreach to our community. As of the date this was written, we have completed 15 projects, 5 of which were for people that do not attend our church, and have another 7 projects planned. Thank you to those that have provided opportunities for the youth to serve, and to those of you that have financially supported the youth group through these projects!

I am looking forward to seeing what other "Expressions and Projections of Grace" God may lead Grace Church to show in the coming year!

Peace, Passion, Purpose,
Nate Sherren Director of Youth Ministries



Bob's Babble

Memorial Day Thoughts

Just some thoughts about this special day, especially this year. Perhaps thinking about something else for a few moments will help time to pass.

Washington has a large assortment of peace monuments. They build one after every war. History shows that war is better at abolishing nations than nations are at abolishing war.

General Sherman defined war as h---, but the definition of a modern peace is unprintable. Remember when we went to baseball games? When there were extra innings, we cheered. A few extra minutes in a sermon brings a different reaction.

If you don't like the way you were born, try being Born Again.

On a still more serious note, find time to read a bit in the Bible. In fact, more than a bit is better. Large words sometimes confuse us if there are unfamiliar, but we often pass over short words as being unfamiliar or space fillers. Yet quite often we miss the very point when we pass them by. With the way things are in the world right now, let me suggest a short word that comes with a guarantee if used properly. You'll find it in Proverbs 3 verse 5 and 6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." Find the word? ALL! We can read, learn, memorize, and whatever else we want to, but that three letter word is a powerful word. I often talk to myself, and a while ago, in fact just this week, I came across these verses after an absence of several weeks. We seem to be always looking for some way to better understand what God wants from us, and sometimes we forget that we need to want Him. We'll not cure every problem, but the load will be lighter if we call upon Him for everything. Elsewhere it says, "Ask and you will receive." We're to be thankful. In between asking and getting, everything in our lives should be taken to God. Things that we do in our own lives should be taken to God. Things that we do in our own lives often are the ones that fail, or at least cause us to have a mediocre result. Many years ago there was a television commercial that said, "Try it, you'll like it." The Bible says ask and you shall receive. Seek and you'll find. He wants to be part of all of your life. Let him in.

Then for a moment, let's look at life from another angle. If everyone knew God and accepted Him, today wouldn't be like it is. In the early days of the virus, many people were scared. Many still are. We followed the rules for a while, but then it got old and many folks wanted things as they were. So people turned away from the new ways and went back to how it was. Some said they were willing to gamble that they were ok. We really don't know how things will turn out. It's wait and see (or suffer).

Those of you who have been around a while will recall a man named Frank Sinatra, singer, movie star, entertainer. He's been gone a long time, I think, but the song that made him famous is what a lot of people are trying to sing today, "I'll Do it My Way." "Trust in the Lord."

Dear Grace Family,

I'm so looking forward to experiencing corporate worship again with you! We are planning for a June 7 Re-Opening at 9:30am. We will try this for two weeks, and assess what our next safe move will be. If the pandemic curve stays flat-lined, we may return to our as-usual two Worship times on Sundays (8:30am & 10:45am). We are still not certain on when to re-start Sunday School classes. So stayed tuned in for more information.

When we do re-open worship, we will practice safe distancing. Face masks are optional at this point. We will continue to record portions of worship that will be posting Sunday afternoons. We are discussing & researching live streaming the sanctuary worship.

We do want to be as safe as possible, asking you to observe safe-distancing, and refraining from handshaking & hugging. Hand sanitizer dispensers are located on many walls & info tables. Beginning June 7, four entrances will be available for Worship: the Kitchen Door; Office Doors; Sanctuary Doors; and Cedar Street Duo Glass Doors (dining hall). The Education & Chapel Doors will remain closed as entrances, since we will not be having Sunday School & we wish to keep those areas sanitized. However, those doors can be used for emergency exits. All restroom are available.

This is all still temporary and experimental. Here are some other changes/alterations made for safety reasons: we will temporarily desist from a formal greeting; using printed bulletins; passing the peace & offering plates; holding pew hymnals & Bibles. (You are always encouraged to bring your own printed or digital Bible!)

Sanctuary seating (the first week back) will be in every other pew row. Those physically able to climb stairs are encouraged to sit in the balcony to free up main floor seating for others. The Dismissal of Worship will be staggered, hoping to alleviate overcrowding in the hallways. Please enjoy distance-fellowship in the dining room or parking lot.

We're all excited about worshiping together again! Let's be safe and patient in the initial weeks as we return. As scripture reminds us, "*these are momentary afflictions*" (2 Cor.4:17), therefore "*let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor... contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers*" (Rom.12:9-13).

Seeing you soon! *Pastor Ray*



High school

Daniel Martyn



Son of Danny & Karissa Martyn. Grandson of John & Kandy Nuce. Graduate of Gallia Academy High School. While in high school, Daniel was in the marching band, three yrs. and symphonic band, four years. He played the flute and piccolo in band. he was field sergeant in his sophomore year, and section leader in junior year. He also plays piano and violin, which he played for special occasion behind the scenes. He was in the school choir and the Madrigals show choir for three years. In 2019, he sang with the Madrigals in Carnegie Hall. He was tenor section leader in his junior year, He was president of the Madrigals in his senior year. He was also dance captain. He was in seven high school musicals. He played the part of Uncle Fester in "The Addams Family the Musical." The cowardly lion in "The Wizard of Oz." He will be attending Buckeye Hills Career Center pursuing a certificate in Surgical Technology.

Alex Russell

Daughter of Dave and Abbey Russell. Granddaughter of Peggy and Charlie Huber, Tom and Karen Russell and Susan Willis. Graduate of Gallia Academy High School. She will be attending Marietta College and Majoring in Psychology with a minor in Leadership Studies and Music.



Abby VanSickle

Daughter of Dale and Danella Newberry. Granddaughter of Dannie and Carlene Greene. Graduate of Gallia Academy High School. While in high school she was varsity cheerleader 3 years, Varsity letterman in track 1 year, Madrigals 4 years, A cappella 2 years, Theater tech 1 year. She was in all 4 high school musicals and won best supporting actress in the Addams Family. A member of Leo Club & Key Club, 13-year member of 4-H and 5-year member of



Jr Fair Board, 2016 River recreation queen and 2014 Junior River recreation queen, 2018 livestock queen and 2020 Miss Gallia County Princess, OVC all academic 4 years. She will be receiving the Jake Bapst University of Rio Grande Scholarship. The Brent and Teresa Eastman 4-H scholarship, The River Recreation Festival Queen University of Rio Grande Scholarship, The University of Rio Grande Cheerleading scholarship, She will Attend The University of Rio Grande this fall. Major: Special Education

Kathryn Bartko

Daughter of Albert & JoEllen Bartko, Granddaughter of Jim & Maxie Oliver. She has been accepted at NC State in Raleigh, NC. Majoring in Psychology



College



Mary Beth Kane

Daughter of Pastor Ray & Robin Kane

She is a senior at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky and is set to graduate in December. She is majoring in Theatre and Cinema Performance with an emphasis in musical theatre and a minor in music. She plans to return to Disney World after graduation and do a second internship in the Disney College Program, with the goal of acquiring a full-time position.

Emma Nesbitt

Daughter of John and Becky Nesbitt

Granddaughter of Carol and the late Dough Norris

She graduated from the University of Rio Grande with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree in Graphic Design. Emma is eager to begin a career that allows her to use her love of photography, film editing, and graphic design.



Benjamin Saunders



Son of Eric & Kari Saunders

Grandson of Phyllis Thomas

He is a graduate of Hocking College with an Associates of Applied Science, Program of Fermentation Science.

CONGRATS GRADUATES
2020
Class of
YOU DID IT!

June 2020

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

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7.	8. Cathy Greenleaf	9. *Steve Chapman Barbara Caldwell <i>*Dan & Bev Dunkle</i>	10. Robbie Smith	11. <i>*Carol Cremeans</i>	12. Kamerin Sager David Wansitler IV	13.
14. *Larry Boyer *Sherry Saunders Chuck Wood <i>*Terry & Faith McKinniss</i>	15. Gary Taylor <i>*Jerry & Ruth Ann Evans</i>	16.	17. Jane Woodward Alex Kyger	18. <i>*Jerry & Dianne Eutsler</i>	19. <i>*Irene Clark</i>	20. <i>*Demmie Hanna</i> <i>*Keith & Sara Sheets</i> <i>*Gene & Janet Johnson</i>
21. Morgan Houck <i>*Tombo & Jackie Woodward</i> <i>*Aaron & Erica Hoover</i>	22. Vivian Saunders <i>*Greg & Karen Smith</i>	23. <i>*Bill & Marilyn Kuhn</i>	24.	25. Nikki Summerlot Mackenzie Wheeler	26. <i>*Eloise Ward</i>	27. <i>*Tresa Ward</i> <i>*Rich & Bertie Saunders</i>
28. Jace Hoover <i>*Fred & Karen Bryant</i> <i>John & Becky Nesbitt</i>	29 <i>*Jim Clark</i> <i>*Jay & Barbara Caldwell</i>	30.				