

Grace United Methodist Church

600 Second Avenue
Gallipolis, Ohio
740-446-0555

Office Hours:
Monday- Friday 9am- 3:30 pm

Contact Us:

Pastor Ray Kane
rkanebob@aol.com

Financial Administrator
Dianne Wheeler
dianne356@yahoo.com

Office Administrator
Sandy Bledsoe
sbledsoe45631@yahoo.com

Youth Director
Nate Sherren
nate.sherren@gmail.com

Grace Notes Editor
Jessica Weber
galliagrancenotes@yahoo.com

Church website
www.gallipolisgrace.com

FaceBook
Family and Friends of Grace United Methodist Church

May 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, 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, 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.

Graduates

If you have a student who is interested in applying for one of our scholarships, the forms are available in the church office. They must be a member and the form should be returned by May 14. Also, if you are a senior, either high school or college, please see Gwen about a paper to fill out, so you may be recognized. Graduation/promotion Sunday will be May 17. Contact the office or Gwen McGuire at 740-645-7074 for more information.



Liturgists

	8:30	10:45
May 3	Karen Bryant	Marlene Stout
May 10	Carolyn Haner	Jeri Howell
May 17	Dianne Wheeler	Aaron Hoover
May 24	Vickie Powell	Terry McKinniss
May 31	TBA	Nancy Smith



Ushers

8:30	10:45
Bob & Carolyn Haner	John Cremeans, Bryce Smith, Dannie Greene, Ryan Weber

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		



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.

Bob's Babble

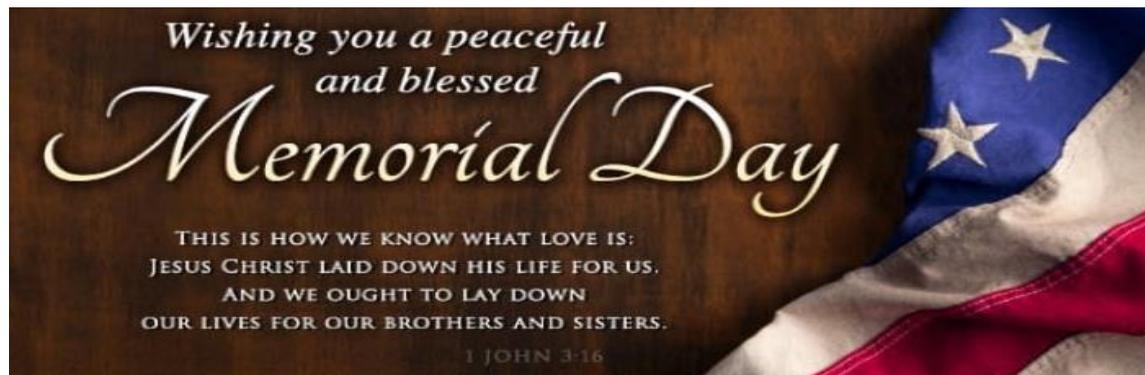
Ever think what the Bible would be like if written today? Like Paul's email to the Romans? The Tower of Babel. Things Moms might have said: "Sampson, get your hand out of that lion, you don't know where it's been!" "Abraham, stop wandering around the country and come home for supper!"

What is there to say these days? Most of us know about God, Jesus, His birth, life and death, the Commandments, our role and mission and much more. Many of us have lived long lives, others have lived a bit less, and some are just getting started. Bible stories seem as though they were written for yesterday, some others seem to be about things unknown in our modern world, yet Christ is as alive today as He was when He walked the streets. In fact, we have to wonder what He would say to us about our modern world, which is really His. Especially today when much of His world is strangled by some medical issue, He would have the answer as He always did and still does.

Remember in Matthew 22 where there was a discussion among the pharisees when they tried to trick Jesus with a question regarding His treatment of others as He tried to teach them His ways, yet tried to teach without regard to who they were or their station in life? This led to the question about paying taxes, and a denarius, a coin that was part of their money. He asked them whose picture was on it and what the words were. Caesar was the answer. Jesus' response? Pay Caesar what is due him and give God what is His portion.

Today we pay taxes, or will have to in a few weeks, and there is no doubt where they will go. We are bound to follow the law whether we like it or not. There are things about government we may not agree with and can't change. Jesus' words will hold. In addition to taxes, we owe God. You know both sides. We are at a time when Christians have an opportunity to let their beliefs shine, a time when we can reach out to one another and use what we've learned all these years for a sister or brother that needs help- spiritual, physical, emotional, and maybe even financial. The faces on the coin differ, but the way we treat others continues to be as God would have it. With the mixed-up condition God's world is in, it's still His and so are we. Praise Him as he watches over us.

~Bob



Thank You

~John Stout, Eric Weber, Jenna Hanning and Braden Simms would like to thank Outreach for their college care packages.



~Dear members of Grace UMC,

Thank you so much for the care packages that you have sent. They are always a very welcomed surprise. I greatly appreciate the kind gesture. Sincerely Andrew Nack

~Grace,

Thank you so much for always thinking of me and sending care packages. Devin Henry

~Thank you for the packages I've received my 1st year of college. Derek Henry

Generosity of Grace

Thank you members and friends of Grace Church for your continued prayer support for our staff and church families and for your financial contributions. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We are able to maintain all staff positions, ministry outreach support, and building utilities and maintenance.

Some folks have asked, "How can I give financially during this pandemic, since we're not gathering on Sundays for worship?" There are several ways that Grace Church can receive your gifts. One way is to drop off your gift at the Church Office or use the secure Mailbox outside the Office Entrance. A second way is through postage mail to the church (Grace U M Church, 600 Second Ave, Gallipolis, OH 45631). And a third option is direct withdrawal/deposit you can establish with your bank. Again, your ongoing support is a demonstration of your faithfulness to Christ Jesus! Thank you!

Update

LSS Food Truck, which was held at the Nazarene Church on April 21, served about 115 families thru drive up service. Twelve volunteers from Grace, Nazarene and the community prepared bags of meat, bread and bananas. The truck brought prepackaged boxes of nonperishables. All the items were then placed into the trunks or back seats of the cars as they drove through the parking lot. Since the parking area is larger the LSS Truck will again return May 19 to the Nazarene as a drive thru service.

Grace Food Pantry has been able to continue serving through the shelter in place orders. It is a drive thru service. Three volunteers are used-one outside, one filling orders inside and a runner for in between. Pre pandemic, 100-105 families were served monthly. In March we served 76 families and in the first 2 weeks of April we served 34 families; for a total of 802 individuals this year. Thank you for the continued donations. Loaves and Fishes was cancelled in March. On April 26, seven volunteers from surrounding churches utilized freezer items from previous meals to prepare and hand out 176 hot meals.

Dear Grace Family,

Like you, I was hoping things would be “back to normal” by now. Yet, here we are, still social distancing, still limiting our trips out of the house, or just staying at home.

Still I pray you are “*trusting in the Lord with all your heart*” (Prov.3:5). Let me encourage you to continue good habits of spiritual growth, like prayer, personal devotions, and worship. Although we are not gathering as a large fellowship, you can worship with Grace Church via video. Nicholas Sheets is doing a super job recording, editing, and uploading our worship to digital media. You can access the church website, gallipolisgrace.com; go to the Ministry tab; then the Digital Worship tab. You can also view the worship from Facebook through the “Family and Friends of Grace...” page.

It’s also important during these times to maintain proper nutrition, exercise and sleep. And if you’re like me, you may also need to post a note on your refrigerator, “*You’re not hungry, you’re just bored!*” to ensure you don’t overindulge. Ha! Ha!

Our church staff is having conversations about what a new or short-term normal might look like once the “shelter-in-place” restrictions are lessened. We may need to implement “stages” of re-opening, like, Worship Only (with spatial distance in the pews), then later add Sunday School back into the Sunday lineup, etc. This is new territory for us all, so your prayers are appreciated. We want to do things safely.

Currently we are providing pastoral/ministry care via telephone calls and curbside visits. Besides the ministry of Bob Powell, Nate Sherren, and myself, many of the calls are being made by you, the folks of Grace Church. Thank you for caring and demonstrating your love for Jesus!

Although things have changed, we are trusting in the One who never changes – Jesus Christ! So keep pressing on daily in faith!

Pastor Ray Kane

Happy Mothers Day to all
moms, grannies, great
grannies, step moms,
foster moms, and those
who lost their mom. Moms
are priceless!

Hello Grace Church!

April has been a busy month for our youth, taking care of our parishioners needs and tackling five yard projects for our church family and friends. We currently have another three yard projects being assessed, and welcome others to add to the list. So far we have done backyard land clearing, mulching, small and medium tree service, and mowing. We are keeping service crews to three teens or less (plus adequate adult supervision) and limiting our service to outside projects in order to observe social distancing. Thank you to those who have made donations to the youth group!

April has also been a busy month for me! I have been providing grocery shopping and prescription pickup and delivery for those in our church family who aren’t comfortable leaving their homes, delivering care packages to Grace Church’s youth and children (and several we hope to claim as part of our family in the near future,) leading the youth service projects, and just this past week started helping out with Poppy’s food pantry (special thanks to Nick, Liz, and Hannah who helped me shop for groceries.) If you are in need of shopping services for essentials, please reach out. Please note that this is not a fundraiser, all I ask is that you reimburse me for your purchases.

Congrats to the class of 2020! I know that this is not how you wanted 12 years of school, or more in some cases, to conclude. You are being handed a world in chaos, and it is a scary place. The word of encouragement I give to you is “shalom.” Many believe this word simply means “peace,” but it carries a much deeper idea. It means “may God bestow upon you all of the blessing that He can possibly give,” or more directly “order from out of chaos.” Some theologians believe that this is the word God spoke over the formless void, over chaos, when he created the world. Regardless of what the world throws at you, may God create in you shalom, peace and order in the midst of chaos.

In closing I would like to thank you, Grace Church for continuing to give tithes and offerings, and for allowing me to continue to serve in our community. In addition, please remember our food pantry in May by either sending a little extra in your offering earmarked for the food pantry or by donating food and other essentials. If you have extra canned goods to spare, I would be happy to pick them up and deliver them to the church.

Thank you for being warm and kind toward Sommer, she has enjoyed getting to know you!

Peace, Passion, Purpose

~Nate



May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1. *Jim Roush Tommie Vaughn Erica Hoover	2. *E. Kay Evans Bev Dunkle
3.	4.	5.	6. *Marcella Gilliam	7. *Lonnie Boggs *Harold & Sandra Montgomery	8.	9. Emma Nesbitt
10. *Claudia Babcock	11.	12. Karen Bryant	13.	14.	15.	16. *Rosemary Hanning
17.	18.	19.	20.	21. *Ann Brown *Sally Roberts John Thomas	22. * Leo Valentine Greg Smith	23. *Russ & Karen Shaw
24. Allen Ross Wendy Thomas	25. *Bruce & Nancy Pennington	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
31.						

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Music Practice times: 5:30 Hand Chimes 6:00 Hand Bells 7:00 Chancel Choir					1.	2.
3.	4. 5:00 Threads of Grace 6:00 Trustees	5. 10:00 UMW Executive 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	6. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 12:00 Mary of Bethany Circle 5:30 Music practice	7. 4:00 SPR	8.	9.
10. Mother's Day 	11. 5:00 Threads of Grace	12. 12:00 Abigail Circle 5:30 Esther Circle 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	13. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 5:30 Music practice	14. 6:00 Finance 7:00 Ad Council 6:30 Lunch Bunch Committee	15.	16.
17. Promotion & Graduation Sunday	18. 5:00 Threads of Grace	19. 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	20. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 5:30 Music practice	21. 12:00 Lunch Bunch 6:00 Worship 7:00 Evangelism	22.	23.
24.	25. Memorial Day 5:00 Threads of Grace	26. 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	27. 7:50 For Men Only 9:00 Yada Yadah 9:15 Faithful Friends 10:00 Friendship Bible 5:30 Music practice	28. 6:30 Emmaus	29.	30.
31.	~ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE! CHECK WITH COMMITTEE CHAIR OR THE OFFICE~					

