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November 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, 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, Pat & Jim O'Dell, Carol O'Rourke, Bruce Pennington, Barb Richards, Dick & Sally Roberts, Edie Ross, Bambi Roush, 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, Paulette Hogg, Linda Kay Houck, Bob Kyger, Dale Lamphier, Judy Maxwell, Jeff O'Dell, 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.

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 **November 19**, 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 –Dianne & Jacob Wheeler

10:45 – Greg Smith, Jack Saunders, Becca Loscar & Ryan Weber

Liturgist

<u>Date</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:45</u>
November 3	Karen Bryant	Marlene Stout
November 10	Deborah Compton	Josie Bapst
November 17	Carolyn Haner	Nancy Smith
November 24	David Brown	Rick Howell

Death in the Family

~Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Jack Richards on his passing, October 17.

Lunch Bunch

Will meet at noon, on **November 21** at the church. Marlene Stout will present our program on the different activities she is in charge of at Grace Church.

Orders

Forms for brick orders are now available, they are \$75 a brick. If you would like one in honor or memory of someone, contact the office or Carolyn Haner for more information.



UMW News

~In October, the Women collected and prepared 40 hygiene/health kits that will be distributed to those in need.

~On November 14 from 2-6:30, we will have the ham loaves ready to be picked up and paid for. Dry noodles will be available at this time for purchase also.

Anniversary Parties

The church is invited to help Jim & Bertie Roush celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 10 from 12-2. Richard & Ann Brown will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Saturday, November 16 from 1-4. Both will be in the church dining room, no gifts please, just come and wish both couples a happy day!



Congratulations

Mary and Ricky Swain celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary and Mary her 68th birthday on October 23.

Bob's Babble

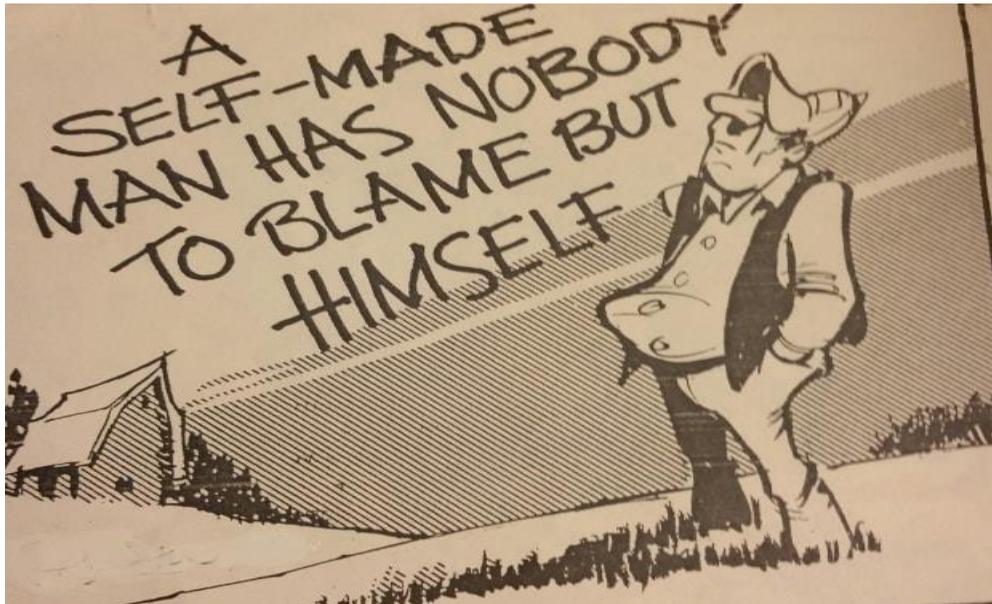
Here we are, another holiday! Holidays are viewed differently by different people. Giving thanks should cause us to take inventory and see what we have to be thankful about. It's easy to think about stuff, one of my favorite words. Most of us can remember how we celebrated in our youth. For others, it's long forgotten. The world would have us believe that it started in November when a bunch of Pilgrims met to share their food, perhaps with some local Indians. Maybe that's the one way. But the mere suggestion of giving thanks goes way before that.

I have a Bible, New King James version, that titles Psalm 100 as a Psalm of Thanksgiving. The man in the cartoon is like many people today. Either he never knew God, or forgot Him as his life became successful. Frank Sinatra made a fortune doing it "his way." If you don't know who he is, ask someone older. For most of us, we try to do it God's way.

Find a quiet place in the next few days and read the words of the Psalmist, who is named "Unknown" in the version I have. How does it read? "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, everybody. Serve Him with gladness. Join together and sing. Find out who the Lord is, because He is God. He made us, we are not self-made after all. WE are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. (Don't be an old goat!)

Come to Him with thanksgiving and to His house with praise. Be thankful for Him and use His name properly. Why? Because the Lord is Good. He has mercy for us, and His truth will survive.

~Bob



Reverse Advent Calendar

The UMW invite the congregation to join us in participating in a reverse Advent calendar. If you aren't familiar, what you do, purchase each item, and then on each day place one item in a box or bag. Then on December 24, bring it to church to the Christmas Eve service and place in the Dining Room, or if you can't make it, bring it when you can. After Christmas, everything that has been collected will then be given to our little food pantry to be used for those in need.



box of cereal	peanut butter	stuffing mix	boxed potatoes
macaroni & cheese	canned fruit	canned tomatoes	canned tuna
dessert mix	jar applesauce	canned sweet potatoes	cranberry sauce
canned beans	box crackers	package of rice	pack of oatmeal
pack of pasta	spaghetti sauce	chicken noodle soup	tomato soup
can of corn	can mixed veggies	can of carrots	can of green beans

Prayer Focus

Thankfulness. Pray with a thankful heart for the blessings and faithfulness of our Lord toward us. Let us ever be Thankful for what He provides for us.

Upcoming



There are several events coming up in November. All Saints Sunday, Veterans Sunday, Hanging of the Greens, 2 anniversary parties and numerous other goings on. Please refer to the calendar so you don't miss anything coming up, leading into the Advent season.

Thank you

Grace Church, for the gift card for Bob Evans and the gift card for Courtside during Pastor Appreciation month. We will enjoy using those, especially as the busy Christmas season gets underway. Thank you for the love and support you show us year round. We are blessed!

~Pastor Ray and Robin



Bet You Didn't Know

The following is a list of items in a copper box placed in the cornerstone of the church, June 17, 1979, that will be opened after a hundred years or more. Bonus points if you know where it is located.

- ~History and membership list
- ~Youth play programs
- ~Grace United Methodist Church hymnal
- ~Roster of Trustees and church committees
- ~The latest charge conference report and budget
- ~Roster of the church organizations and their officers
- ~Church directory dated 1973 containing photos of family groups composing the congregation as of 1973
- ~Program for the dedication of the Education Building (May 1963)
- ~Program for Consecration Sunday (Sept. 1974)
- ~Twenty selected Grace Notes and church Bulletins covering significant events in the life of the church between Sept. 1974 and today.
- ~A letter from Pastor Frazier and a letter from District Superintendent Wesley Clarke to the Grace United Methodist Church congregation a hundred years or more from now.
- ~A small cross from the alter and a copy of the poem that goes with it.
- ~A tape recording of the services when the crosses were introduced
- ~Appeal letters and Pledge card for the Building Fund Drive
- ~The Building Construction contract
- ~A page of Note Paper with etching of the church
- ~A coin that went through the fires (quarter)
- ~A chart of the Athens District organization and its officers
- ~A copy of the Athens District "Circuit Rider" for May 1979
- ~A picture postcard of the Gallipolis City Park
- ~A Church School membership list and organizations
- ~Roster of Church School teachers (1978-1979)

~The publication adult bible studies, middle elementary student, the Cokesbury Catalog (Forecast) seven newspaper clippings from the fire, the razing of the old sanctuary and the approval of the Building program and the Groundbreaking ceremonies.

~Photographs as follows: Church Staff, Choir, Trustees, each of the 14 church school classes, building committee, the nursery, church school staff at work, the latest confirmation service and baptismal service and several pictures of the congregation here in early June during the morning Worship service.

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Dear Grace Church family,

November is known as the final harvest month and thanksgiving time. What blessings are you counting? What are you thankful for?

I am grateful to God for pilgrims who helped establish this great nation. I thank God for farmers who toil, for truckers who deliver, and grocers who sell - that we may be well fed. And I honor God for American soldiers who keep our freedoms secure.

I am also grateful to God for His free gift of salvation, offered through faith in Jesus. Christianity can be spelled "D-O-N-E". We don't work for salvation. The work has been "done" by Jesus. All we have to do is respond to that in faith. The Lord makes it simple. Even John3:16 can be simply understood as:

"God loved – God gave. We believe – we receive."

A simple concept that like can change a person's whole world. That's definitely something to celebrate with a grateful heart.

Giving thanks,

Pastor Ray

Sow a thought – reap an act

Sow an act – reap a habit

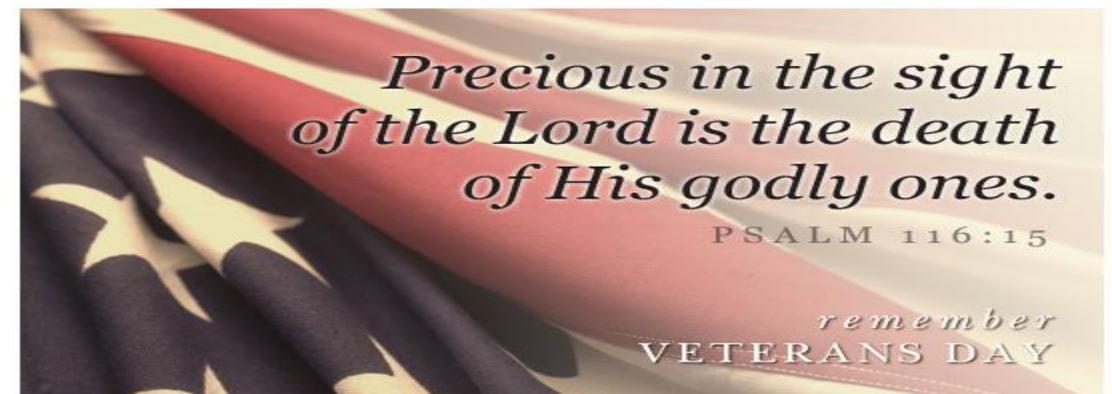
Sow a habit – reap a character

Sow a character – reap a destiny

- Author unknown

Christmas Sale

Abigail Circle is holding their Christmas Items Sale on Friday, December 6, from 9-2. New & gently used clothing, trees, bulbs, wreaths, decorations, ornaments and more! Bring items into the church by Thursday, December 5th.



Youth & Young Adults

October was here and gone! Trunk-or-treat was a huge success in terms of public engagement! A big THANK YOU to Nicholas Sheets and the effort that he put in to coordinating the event. Another big THANK YOU to those who donated more than 11,000 pieces of candy and other giveaways for the event! (We gave away all of it!!!!) I heard from multiple people, including Jeri Howell, that Grace Church was spoken very well of in the community that evening, and that ours was the favorite stop on many on their quest for candy! We would also like to thank Papa Smurf and Smurfette, The Riddler, The Doctor, #40, The Gideons, and anyone else that helped! You've done your church proud!



Jesse Rivers from Gallipolis First Church of the Nazarene and I have continued to have lunch with GAMS students twice a month and have taken the next step in our outreach plan: Pizza with the Pastors! We have been granted access to a conference room at the school in order to host youth and have conversations in a comfortable and quiet environment. The room allows us to host 10 youth during each of the 2 lunch periods. Event tickets were

given to our youth group members to use as invitations for their friends.

Our first event drew in 17 youth, 13 of which are not currently apart of the Naz or Grace churches, 12 of them, as far as we can tell, have not been involved with either church in the past. Even more amazing is that 7 of those 12 were all invited through Dylan Sheets or the friends that Dylan invited! Church, that is compound interest on your investment into Dylan's life! Breakthrough is coming! (For those of you interested, the direct circle, or first level, of influence God has given us outside of Grace Church walls in the life of youth since August currently numbers about 48!)



Cross Country is over for most of our local athletes, except Sarah Watts from GAHS and Lauren Twyman from RVHS who have qualified to race in the state meet on 11/2 at National Trails Raceway. Please pray for both young ladies (whether before or after the meet) that they would, as Olympian Eric Liddell put it, feel God's pleasure when they run.

Hannah Hoover and the GAHS Marching Band qualified for state level competition as well, and will be competing, I believe, in Dayton on 11/10 around 12:30/12:45PM. Please pray for the entire band that they would be able to perform to the best of their abilities, and remember Hannah, Gabe, Logan, Eliza, and Madison and pray however God would lead you to pray for them. Adam Stout and the GAHS football team will be in the playoffs, remember them in prayer as well and attend their games as you are able.



There are several activities in the coming months to make Grace Church aware of:

Friday November 15th we are planning a young adult/adult trip to see OU Bobcat Hockey host Slippery Rock! This is an 18 and up event. Childcare will not be provided by the church, so please plan appropriately. General Admission tickets are \$8 each and are available for pre-purchase through www.ohiobobcathockey.com. We will share a late dinner in Athens following the game (everyone goes stag.) Plan to meet at Grace Church at 5:45PM so we can leave by 6:00PM if you wish to carpool with us, otherwise feel free to meet us at the game which starts at 7:30PM. Please contact me for additional information.



The youth have started fundraising for Kids for Christmas. Donations may be placed in the KFC buckets in the adult Sunday School classrooms on Sunday morning or dropped off at the church office during the week. So far, including the proceeds from Communion Sunday Luncheons, we are at \$943.84 of our \$1,500 goal. Any donations received beyond our goal will be placed into the youth account for future ministry opportunities.

A new version of our safe sanctuaries policy has passed the Administrative Council and has been adopted by Grace Church. We are planning to hold safe sanctuaries training sessions on both Sunday, January 5 and Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 12:30PM. Registration is encouraged as lunch will be provided for attendees. All church volunteers who currently work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults should plan to attend either training. Youth age 12 and older are also encouraged to attend as they should know what to expect of the adults in their service. One of the updates to the policy is a shortened period of time between background checks from 5 years to 3 years. If your background check will be made invalid by this update, please plan to be re-screened in January.

Now that the new safe sanctuaries policy has passed, we will start actively recruiting volunteers to assist with the youth program. Rich Nathan, pastor of Vineyard Columbus, has said that the Church (with a big C) is unique in that it is the one of the few organizations that exist for the benefit of its non-members. Numerous pastors, professors, business leaders, and motivational speakers have said churches (and other organizations) should treat the planning and execution of their endeavors for those that they hope to reach, not just for those they currently serve. In other words, if our youth ministry currently serves ten youth weekly on Sunday evenings but we have a goal of serving 100, we need to start having enough volunteers on hand weekly to facilitate a group of 100. Fish in captivity tend to grow up to the size that their aquarium will allow. The best zoos and aquariums probably wouldn't put a baby shark in a 10-gallon tank. Grace Church, are we not one of the best churches in our community? Should we not put our best foot forward for those who will inherit the church and community that God has developed and placed in our care? For youth ministry to be successful, we must have volunteers that both are and are not related to the youth. In fact, non-parents are essential.



There are three signup sheets posted on the youth director's office door: One for parents of youth and current safe sanctuaries certified adults to provide supervision at Sunday evening youth meetings and other events, one for safe sanctuaries training in January, one to express interest in learning what opportunities are available and what would be required of a volunteer youth worker.

Youth event schedule wise, November is a month of transition between sports and other extracurricular/co-curricular activities. Please contact youth and parents directly for Fall post-season schedules.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Nate Sherren

Grace Youth & Young Adult Events, November 2019			
Date	Time	Event	Location
10/31-11/3	Nate will be on an Emmaus walk		
11/1, Fri	7PM	GA-V-FB	South Point
11/1, Fri	7:30PM	RV-V-FB	River Valley
11/2, Sat	TBD	GA/RV-XC	State Meet @ National Trails
11/3, Sun	November Communion Sunday luncheon postponed due to scheduling conflict		
11/15, Fri	Young adult (18+) trip to Athens for an OU Bobcat Hockey game and dinner		

Legend:

GA=Gallia Academy, RV=River Valley, FB=Football, XC=Cross Country, MB=Marching Band, V=Varsity, JV=Junior Varsity, **Yellow**=Church Event

Photo Credit:

"Gallipolis Best Dressed" by Erica Hoover

"I fought the 'La, la, la-la-la, la'" by Nate Sherren

"Standing Tall" by Samantha Reese

"Pre-race Prayer" by Nate Sherren

"My Three Sons" by Vicky Sheets

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday, November 2, so you aren't late for church!



November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p>					1. Tandy Flint	2.
3. Terry McKinniss Marlene Childers	4. <i>*Bob & Jane Woodward</i>	5. <i>*Reva Mullins Xavier Wansitler</i>	6.	7. <i>*Jay Caldwell Dylan Sheets Linda Orindo *John & Karla Carroll</i>	8. <i>*Jim & Bertie Roush</i>	9. Nancy Mullins
10. Kyla Carpenter Karastan Gatewood	11. <i>*Carol O'Rouke</i>	12.	13. Eric Wooten Leigh Anne Moore	14. Gary Harrison <i>*Richard & Ann Brown</i>	15. Gage Harrison	16. Kelly Cremeans
17.	18.	19. <i>*Juanita Sheridan</i>	20.	21.	22. <i>*Glen Smith</i>	23. <i>*Mike & Donna Allen *Jim and Dottie Chestnut</i>
24. <i>*Glen & Gail Smith</i>	25. <i>*Evalee Shank</i>	26. <i>*Mary Niday</i>	27. Oran Smeltzer	28. Mike Fulks Meredith Bradbury	29.	30. <i>*Lou Long *Phyllis Thomas</i>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>Music Practice times: 5:30 Hand Chimes 6:00 Hand Bells 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>		1.	2.
3. All Saints Sunday	4. 9:00 Growing in the Spirit 5:00 Threads of Grace	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 5:30 Music practice	7. 4:00 SPR	8.	9.
10. 12-2 Anniversary party for Jim and Bertie Roush	11. Veteran's Day 9:00 Growing in the Spirit 5:00 Threads of Grace 6:00 Trustees	12. 1:00 Abigail Circle 7:00 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 1:00 Mary of Bethany 5:30 Music practice	14. 2:00 Ham loaf pickup 6:00 Finance 6:30 Lunch Bunch Comm. 7:00 Ad Council	15.	16. 1-4 Anniversary party for Ann and Richard Brown
17.	18. 9:00 Growing in the Spirit 5:00 Threads of Grace	19. 12:00 LSS Food Truck 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 group 6:00 Worship 7:00 Evangelism	22.	23.
24. 12:00 Hanging of the Greens	25. 9:00 Growing in the Spirit 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. Thanksgiving Office Closed	29.	30.