



Grace Notes-News from Grace UMC March/2018

²⁵ It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. (Mark 15:25-26)

Christ On The Cross

The combination of the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday stand at the center of history. Without the resurrection Jesus would have been just another guy that the Romans executed on a cross. In light of the resurrection, Christ's work on the cross is what allows us to enter into the presence of God. Christ's sacrifice atoned for our sins and redeemed us so that we can stand blameless in front of God. The outcome of the events that occurred on Good Friday and Easter morning is hope; both in eternity, as well as in our present circumstances.

The question is how are you responding to God's free gift of salvation? As we move closer to Good Friday and Easter morning how are you inviting the Holy Spirit to work in you that you might live in God's love and grace? Furthermore, how are you sharing God's love and grace with others so that they might receive the same benefits you have already received? I invite you to move forward in this season of Lent mindful of Christ's work on the Cross and the impact of the resurrection, so that you can be an agent of God's love in our community.

Below are the Titles and Scriptures for my messages in March. I encourage you to take a few minutes on Saturday evening or Sunday morning each week to take a look at the scripture for the coming Sunday message and see where the Holy Spirit leads you.

3/4/18 – The Practice of Prayer – Simple Prayer – Matthew 6:7

3/11/18- The Practice of Prayer – Meditative Prayer – Psalm 1:1-2

3/18/18 – The Practice of Prayer – Healing Prayer – James 5:14-15

3/25/18 – The Greatest Story Ever Told – The Conquering King - Luke 19:28-44

In Christ,
Pastor Jared

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
WITH GRACE**

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The Sanctuary in 1962
by Church historian Leland Spencer



An eight foot cross suspended over a simple altar table dominates the chapel fellowship hall. It was hung in a manner that the shadows showed two crosses on both sides of the main cross. (Note the chairs instead of pews).



The narthex featured a stain-glass window with symbols representing the sacraments of Baptism and Communion on either side of the doorway. They were designed by Ed Sloane, of Nobis Studios, a member of the congregation. When an addition was add to the church they were moved to the location they are at now as the main entrance.

A kitchen is adjacent to the fellowship area. The educational wing includes a pastor's study, class departments and choir practice room. The cost of the entire project including land, building and equipment is estimated at \$120,000.



Our second parsonage at 404 Oak Park N.W. was purchased and dedicated on June 30, 1963. Dr. E.P. Eberly, conference superintendent, gave the message. In the afternoon members went to the open house of the new parsonage. The new residence is a six and a half room ranch style, built and constructed by two members of the church, Dave Whitmer and Mike Radazzo. The total cost was approximately \$23,000. It is still owned by the church today.

In February, 1962, a month after moving into the church building, the first wedding in the new building was held. On February 24th Diane Shipbaugh and Leland G. Spencer, Jr, began life together as Mr. and Mrs. Leland Spencer.



The dedication for the new church building and memorials was held on March 25, 1962. Bishop Paul M. Herrick presented the dedication sermon. Mrs. Virginia Longmire, our organist, presented a Dedication Recital on the organ in the afternoon. The first service of Baptism and Dedication was Jay and Tod Corzine and Susan Wiandt on April 15th. Our Church Quartet won Conference E.U.B. Contest in November History and records from 1962 to 1963 are scared. Not much was recorded during those times.

ATTENDANCE

1/7 129

1/14 122

1/21 173

1/28 143

OFFERING- GENERAL

1/7 \$4,642

1/14 \$3,849

1/21 \$7,671

1/28 \$4,644

CHIMES

3-10 "Amazing Grace"
Tim Armbrust

3-21 "In the Garden"
Memory of Tom Sacco

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MISSION:

We are a community of Christians reaching up to God in faith and out to others in love.

VISION:

We will spread the net of Jesus Christ to keep people from slipping through the cracks of life.

SERVICE TIMES:

8:00	Traditional
9:15	Casual
9:15	Sunday School
10:45	Traditional

All women are invited to attend. We will meet on March 14 @ 11:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Shirley Kalb will provide the program and the dessert. Please bring a sandwich to share.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WITH GRACE WILL RESUME MARCH 28.
MORE INFORMATION TO COME.**

Seventh Day Youth Updates

The youth have been busy with the congregation and selling subs for the Super Bowl and hosting the chili cook off . The cook-off was a success and the winner was Martha Hookway. A trophy will be placed in the hallway for all to admire. Our next event coming up for the youth will be the Easter Sunrise Service.

We meet weekly on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00. Please feel free to stop by and say hi or join in our fun.