



## Grace Notes-News from Grace UMC—April/2018

5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” (Romans 28:5-7)

### People of the Resurrection

When viewed as a single unified event the crucifixion and resurrection are the defining event of all of history. Neither event would be as meaningful if without the other. The crucifixion would at best be a sad story which ended with a great teacher who was put to death for no good reason. While the resurrection would not offer us the hope it currently does with out Christ’s death being sacrificial in nature.

However, as a unified whole the crucifixion and resurrection become a pole which all of history rotates around. They feed meaning into each other as well as draw meaning out of each other. It is in the crucifixion that sins are forgiven. Yet it is the resurrection that we receive hope in life eternal, as we will one day be resurrected as Jesus has been. As we celebrate Easter together, having made it through the darkness of Good Friday, let us decide to live as people of the resurrection. A people which has been forgiven of our sins and has hope in the resurrection to come. That through this we might show everyone the love of Jesus Christ!

Below are the Titles and Scriptures for my messages in April. 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.

- 4/1/18            The Greatest Story Ever Told – He’s Alive – Luke 24:1-12
- 4/8/18            John Clark Preaching
- 4/15/18          Transformed – Before! – John 1:9
- 4/22/18          Transformed – Made Right! – Romans 3:23-24
- 4/29/18          Transformed – Transformed and Transforming!  
2 Corinthians 5:17

In Christ,  
Pastor Jared

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# HISTORY OF GRACE UNITED METHODIST

FROM OUR HISTORIAN LELAND SPENCER

## 1963-1964:

The first Youth Sunday was held the first Sunday in February, 1963.

April 28, 1963, the first Catechism class of the new church was confirmed.



### **First Catechism Class of Grace E.U.B. Church—1963**

*Left to right: Rev. Allen Zagray, Pamela Everhart, Linda Roush, Deborah Davis, Denise Raymont, Deborah Snyder, Judy Crawford, Tyrol Everhart.*



### **2<sup>nd</sup> class from 1964**

*Rev. Allen Zagray, Alexis Cucerzan, Donna Kalkreuth, Cheryl Rush, Betsy Thomas, Bille Kay Rush, Kermit Ruegamer.*

March 1963, the 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding took place. It was the union of Daniel E. Secrest and Linda L. Hale. In June, 1963, the first vacation church school saw 60 boys and girls attending the 10 day session. Mrs. Marjorie Snyder, Mrs. Norma Raymont and Rev. Zagray were the directors.

January, 1964, we held an Evangelism Crusade with Rev. Kenneth Pohly as guest missionary. Our congregation accepted the responsibility for partial support of a Missionary Family. Our director of music and organist, Howard and Virginia Longamire's moved to Westerville. We had to search for replacements. Eleanor Wallet became Director of our Choralier Choir.

In 1964, our membership stood at 128 with 124 members attending regularly. Our church school enrollment was 140 members. Average attendance at church school was 92 members.

James L. Kenny and Sondra J. Carani were united in marriage on June 27, 1964. In 1965, we began a Sunday Evening Vesper series. Otterbein College Chancel Drama Group presented, "The Signs of Jonah." Rev. Zagray and Rev. Richard Appel led a "Dialogue" sermon series during Lent.

The Rainbow girls of Canton were guest at morning worship in April. We had our first Father and son banquet in June.

Tom Kalkreuth was hired as organist and Nancy Smith was hired as Choir Director.

### **1965-1966**

On March 20, 1965, we had our fourth wedding with James D. Kirkbride and Brenda K. Hurford being united.

On May 22, 1965, Karl Lewis and Sarah Jane Bird were joined together in marriage. Our average attendance in 1965 was 141 people in worship with church school averaging 99 members.

The year 1966 was a year of celebration for us as we celebrated our Fifth Anniversary on September 11, 1966. In this year the youth presented "Twelfth Nite" service. We held a 4-C mission with Rev. James Wolf as guest leader. The choir presented "The Crucifixion". Our first service of Memory in our church building was held for Robert Slentz.

Our congregation recommended Gerald Crawford as a candidate for Christian Ministry. We held an Immersion Baptism Service and our Missionary family, Rev. And Mrs. Donald Appleman and their children visited us.

#### **Some statistics for our church up to September, 1966:**

- Number of persons uniting with Grace Church—187
- Present membership—167
- Total number of conversions—77
- Highest worship attendance—258 (Easter 1966)
- Lowest worship attendance—37 (Sept. 24, 1961)
- Lowest church school attendance—36 (Oct. 1961)
- Highest church school attendance—161 (April 3, 1966)
- Highest regular offering—\$405.85 (June 6, 1965)
- Lowest regular offering—\$28.85 (Dec. 10, 1961)
- Our average attendance in 1966 was 156 for worship and 113 for church school.

Rev. Zagray was appointed to serve as a delegate to General Conference in Chicago.

### **ATTENDANCE**

**2/4 129**

**2/11 162**

**2/18 141**

**2/25 173**

### **OFFERING- GENERAL**

**2/4 \$4,364**

**2/11 \$4,535**

**2/18 \$4,518**

**2/25 \$8,757**

### **CHIMES**

**4/1  
FAMILY OF  
LEE SPENCER III  
"HE LIVES"**

**4/2  
ALL THE  
MISSIONARIES  
"HE LEADETH ME"**

**4/15  
HONOR OF JR. HIGH  
YOUTH  
"CHRIST THE LORD  
IS RISEN TODAY"**

**4/17  
HONOR OF MATT  
MOHLER  
"BLESSED  
ASSURANCE"**

**MEMORY OF  
BEVERLY PALMER  
"HOW GREAT THOU  
ART"**

**4/28  
HOWARD/TERRI  
THOMPSON FAMILY  
"A MIGHTY  
FORTRESS IS OUR  
GOD"**



### **1966 CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Front row—Rev. Allen Zagray, Joan Byrnes, Janet Thomas, Jeff Adams, David Dilgard  
Back row—William Thomas, Gary Bush, Connie Raymont, Scott Snyder, Pam Hupp

In 1966, the choir presented “The Crucifixion” by John Stainer, a seven member long range study committee was appointed to study the future of the congregation. The prayer groups and growth groups continued to be active. During the year, the congregation recommended Gerald Crawford as a candidate for Christian Ministry . The congregation was visited by our Missionary Family, The Rev. Applemans. Plain Township Kindergarten began using our facilities for their kindergarten sessions.

In September, the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grace Church was observed followed by a time of fellowship.

### **LADIES OF GRACE**

You are cordially invited to a tea hosted by the Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Ladies. The tea will be held May 21, 2018 at 11:30 am in the Youth Fellowship Room (103).

For \$10 you will enjoy a delicious selection of delicacies. Please bring your favorite tea cup to enjoy the variety of teas offered. Please RSVP by May 10 to Cheri Braucher @ 330-497-5258, Peg Reitz @ 330-499-3222 or Era Lynn Tripp @ 330-494-3423.





## Card Ministry Team

### Caring & Ministering Together



I am looking for individuals interested in learning the art of making handmade greeting cards. We will be using rubber stamps and ink, and cover a variety of stamping techniques. These cards will be shared with other ministry groups within our church, such as “Our Journey of Hope” and the “Ministry of Caring” teams. You can make a difference in the life of a cancer patient, or a shut-in that needs to know someone else cares. You can also save money by having your own handmade cards to send for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays or just because.

You can view some of these beautiful creations on the “Our Journey of Hope’s” bulletin board located outside the parlor.

The first class will be held at Grace United Methodist Church on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. The class fee is \$5.00 to cover the cost of materials. You will make 3 cards, of which 1 will be donated to a ministry of the church.

**RSVP (required) to Tricia Davis at 330/936-1856, as this will ensure your spot and your materials.**

**Let’s Care and Minister Together as we have some fun!**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WITH GRACE

**March 28—May 16**

If you would like to attend a class please mark your choice below.

Dinner will begin at 6 pm and classes at 6:45 pm:

- ◆ \_\_\_\_ Disciple Bible Study (led by Pastor Jared)
- ◆ \_\_\_\_ Letters of Jude (led by Judy Carl)
- ◆ \_\_\_\_ Revelation: Comparing Two Interpretations (led by Joyce Gibbons)

- 3/28 Pasta, Garlic bread, Salad
- 4/2 Coney dogs, Potato salad, Salad
- 4/11 Chicken Casserole, Mashed potatoes, Salad
- 4/18 Taco Salad, Salad
- 4/25 Burgers, Cheesy potatoes, Salad
- 5/2 Sloppy Joe, Potato puffs, Salad
- 5/9 Ken's famous chicken bowl, Salad
- 5/16 Potato bar, Salad bar

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Mary Alice Tarr
- 4/3 Lisa Casey
- 4/4 Gavin Brown
- 4/5 Elaine Armbrust
- 4/6 Shirley Kalb
- 4/8 Leigh Ball
- 4/9 Christopher Hailey  
Mike Hanna
- 4/10 Joan Mohler
- 4/13 Lynda Schaffner
- 4/14 Marilyn Bonnell
- 4/15 Paige Ailing  
Kyle Bucklew  
Robert Ott  
Toni Powell  
Tyler Stryffeler
- 4/17 Thomas Armbrust  
Katie Fry  
Pam Holdren
- 4/18 Tony Ridolfi  
Gale Spatafore
- 4/20 Judy Leszczynski  
Jessica Richards
- 4/21 Caroline Hann
- 4/22 Katrina King  
Stacey Warbuton
- 4/23 Martha Hookway
- 4/24 Janet Franks
- 4/25 Katie Martshall
- 4/27 Pat Ridolfi
- 4/28 Howard Thompson Jr.
- 4/29 Rachel Evanoff
- 4/30 Cameron Turner



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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

**BIDS BEING ACCEPTED**

The trustees will be accepting bids until April 13 for 2018 lawn care. Contact Todd Law, [330 685-8413](tel:3306858413), or Dave Grinstead, 330 433-0323, to obtain specifications. Specifications can also be obtained from the church office between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm, weekdays.



Thank you for opening your doors for our community health screening in your community. It is because of your generosity that Life Line Screening continues to be able to bring these health screenings into your area and for that, we are very appreciative. We look forward to working together again!

We appreciate all your help and support with hosting this community outreach event.

Sincerely, Jill Taylor  
Life Line Screening