



⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today
our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our
debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil
one.’” (Matthew 6:9-13)

Prayer is our source of strength. For the Christian trying to go through a day without prayer is like to trying to go through a day without drinking water. We can do it once in a while but it certainly is not good for us.

Prayer is not a difficult thing to do, nor does it need to be intimidating. Prayer is simply a conversation with God. Just like a conversation there should be times of speaking and times of listening. In fact Jesus gives us in the Lord’s prayer not only as a wonderful prayer that we can pray, but we can also use it as a model for prayer.

According to the Lord’s prayer, prayer should consist of:

1. Worship / Adoration
2. Prayer for the coming of God’s Kingdom and Kingdom Values
3. Prayer for our daily needs and the needs of those we know.
4. Prayer for forgiveness for our sins and reconciliation within our relationships.
5. Prayer for personal holiness and steadfastness against sinning.

As I said before prayer does not have to be difficult or intimidating, it is simply a conversation with the God who created us and loves us. However, prayer does require patience and discipline. It takes time to develop our prayer life. The best way to develop your prayer life is to spend time each day in prayer. Start with short periods of time devoted to prayer each day. As you become more comfortable in your prayer time slowly increase the amount of time in prayer. I would recommend starting with prayer in the morning or evening, but not both. If you are a morning person then start with morning prayers. If you are a night person then start with evening prayers. I would also recommend short breath prayers through out the rest of the day. For instance I pray the Jesus prayer, “Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

Remember prayer is about patience, trial and error. What works for one person in their prayer life may not work for another. So keep trying new things until you find a way of praying that works for you.

In Christ,

Pastor Jared

Canton Calvary Mission Dinner

Saturday July 13, 2019

Wow!!! What a great group of volunteers!!

Grace UMC can be very proud of our “Volunteers in Mission” right here in our community. We had many good cooks that donated food which was enjoyed by all who were there.

Volunteers:

- Baked bean brigade: Mike Crowl, Shirley Kalb, Cheri Braucher
- Pasta salad potters: Dottie Davis, Stephanie Boli, Claire Aitken, Sally Ranalli
- Watermelon carvers: Kathy Peters, Jane Crist, Ted Pasco, Don Royer
- Cookie crowd: Tricia Davis, Faye Pickens, Stephanie Boli, Gale Spatafore, Bonnie Gonter, Anne Herron, Sherry Cini-Putnam, Kathy McCallion, Sandy Lutz
- Coney Sauce: Diane Spencer, Cathy Green
- Famous deviled eggs: Patty Takacs
- Grill Chefs: Ken Hetrick, Scott Takacs, Glen Kalb, Todd Law, Ed Crist
- Servers/clean-up crew: Glen & Martha Hookway, Kathy Peters, Sandy Lutz, Judy & Henry Leszczynski, Randy & Cheri Braucher, Kathy McCallion, Jane and Ed Crist, Sam & Kelli Law, Tapanga Gaver, Tina Takacs, Patty Takacs
- Grill hauler and setter-upper: Scott & Tina Takacs
- “Surprise” duty: Pastor Jared Williams (the preacher didn’t show up for the Saturday night service so Jared preached a wonderful sermon on hope!!)

I think I speak for everyone when I say that we were all blessed during that evening of service. The meal we served was well received and several said that was the best dinner they had ever been served there. So to all who participated in any way, “thank you”. If I missed your name, please forgive me!! And to Grace UMC, thank you for supporting this mission event.

Sincerely,

Patty Takacs & Jane Crist

Flowers

Each week there are flowers decorating the altar at the 8:00 and 10:45 services.

These flowers cost us \$25.00 every week.

We have a chart in the hallway outside of the church office to sign up to donate these flowers in memory or in honor of someone. There are still a lot of spots open for the rest of 2019. Please consider picking a spot to have the flowers in your name. You can place your \$25.00 in with your regular Sunday offering but make sure you mark it for FLOWERS, or just drop it off or send it to the office and we will take care of it.

At the end of the 10:45 service you may take the flowers with you or come back and pick them up first thing on Monday morning if that is more convenient,

Let us know if you would like them to be donated to our shut-ins.

Thank you for making our church more beautiful with live flowers!

YOUR TRUSTEES ARE BUSY WITH UPKEEP OF CHURCH

Grace Church trustees are really sprucing things up around the church. We ask that you support them and assist where needed.

Barley's Heating service has gotten the air conditioners all working. Office employees are happy that it is cool in the offices.

Kathy McCallion has gathered together an outstanding painting crew. They have painted three class rooms in the west in of the building. They moved everything from the walls and painted the entire areas. If you get a chance check them out. It has been over 17 years since they were last painted.

Ed Crist reported that we cannot make any student loans as the Kiehl Fund is too low. He has sent out letters to several former students that are not paying.

The garage area is being cleaned out and lots of items are being donated to Habitat for Humanity. Several new lights are being installed in the youth kitchen area, plus LED bulbs are being placed in the hall ways.

The parsonage lawn has been sprayed for weeds. And the air conditioner and furnace have been serviced. Chipmunks living in the heating ducts have been removed.

Several old bushes in front of the sanctuary have been removed as they were been over from ice this pass winter.

The trustees have approved the purchase and installation of a new LED electric sign for in front of the building. We are accepting donations towards the \$19, 000 it will cost.

Estimates are being gathered to seal and repair the parking lot.

Missing Items

Whoever borrowed the Corn Hole boards from the church garage, please bring them back. We needed them for the picnic and they were not there. It is in the best interest of the church that anything borrowed or removed from church be noted with the church office and trustees.



COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

August 18th

Come and join us on the 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 9:15am service in the Youth Room for some good old Christian Fellowship over coffee and cookies!

All are welcome!

Our Coffee Hour will run from 10:15 am - 10:45 am.

We would like to have this event to bring our congregation together. Please see Amanda de Fays or Diane Spencer if you have any questions or would like to get involved.

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Rev. Dr. Jared Williams

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A Big Thank You

THANK YOU

The trustees and Grace Church members would like to give a big thank you to these hard working people: Tiffany DeBois, Ed Crist, Don Royer, Kathy Peters, Louise and Bob Miller, Steve Klausner, and Lynn Schaffner.

They, under the leadership of trustee, Kathy McCallion, painted three classrooms in the west education area. Kathy even scrubbed one of the carpets and washed down the hall walls. Carol McKelly brought in vegetables and snacks for the workers. They did all three classrooms in about three days.

That wasn't enough. They then moved to the narthex area next to the sanctuary and removed the wallpaper and painted that area. Kathy McCallion deserves a big thank you from everyone. When people say you can't get anyone to help, ask Kathy. These volunteers were right there to help. Thank you to all of you.

We have a great group of trustees this year and we are getting very much accomplished. We can always use more help.

You're Invited

AMAZING GRACE SENIOR

The Amazing Grace Seniors met on July 11th at Scrambler Marie's with 17 people present. We had a great time meeting some new friends and visiting with each other. There was lots of discussions and laughter.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 1st at Scrambler Marie's at 11:30 am. Scrambler Marie's is in Belden Village. Enter the main entrance off of Everard Road and go straight in . It is located just to the right of the driveway. No reservation are necessary. We order from the menu. Breakfast is served all day, as is regular menu items. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE. AND BRING A FRIEND.

August Birthdays

North Canton Grace United Methodist Church
Treasurer Report
June 2019

- I. June Year-to-Date (6 months) 2019 Financial Results:
- A. Total Receipts- \$179,138.31 or 104.70% of budget (better). Identified giving/pledges accounted for 91% of total receipts. Through June 2019 identified giving/pledges were \$161,755.00 or 105.72% of budget (better).
 - B. Total Expenses- \$166,744.18 or 87.19% of budget (better).
 - C. Income less expense \$12,394.13.
 - D. Apportionments- We have paid \$2,121.62 of \$23,985.48 Conference Apportionments (8.85%). We have paid \$1,399.98 of \$1,399.98 District Apportionments (100%).
 - E. 2018 Capital Campaign- Second quarter collections of \$5,982.00 were used to reduce principal balance by an additional \$5,982.00 taking our principal balance to \$367,567.99.
- II. In the fourth quarter of 2019 the Finance Committee will be finalizing a budget for 2020. As Treasurer I field many questions from members and Ministry Teams about what their budget is “so they know what money they have to fund their ministry”.

A **budget** is a financial plan for a defined period, often one year.

A budget is the sum of money allocated for a particular purpose and the summary of intended expenditures along with proposals for how to meet them. It may include a budget surplus providing money for use at a future time, or a deficit in which expenses exceed income.

Over the last several years our Church budget has reflected a budget deficit and as a result it has been necessary for us to continue to watch expenses and adjust allocations.

An ongoing budget deficit is not a sustainable long term strategy and will be detrimental to the Church's ability to grow and survive.

We took an important step to reduce our mortgage debt (\$367,567.99) and adjust our monthly mortgage payment (\$5,725.00) without extending our maturity.

A LITTLE GRACE HISTORY FROM 1982

January 10, 1982 was designated as Pledge Sunday. Our operating budget was set at \$73,641.00. Building and capital improvement was \$9500.00 making total \$83,141.00

We had a dream.

God had already worked a miracle at Grace Church. In a span of just 20 short years He has built a community of faith numbering 425 members, plus children, youth and friends of the church. He has provided the faith for us to build a sanctuary with adjoining education facilities, purchase a parsonage and to retire the debt for both ventures.

We held an all family church picnic at Hoover Park this year.

No records or history could be found for 1983. If anything comes up, it will be added at a later date.

7th Day Youth

The Seventh Day Youth along with leaders and Don Royer had a very successful mission trip to Mill Creek, West Virginia. We were able to help 5 families as well as do cleaning jobs at the mission. Please ask Parke Blaine, Rhiannon Blaine, Jayden Fry or Sam Law about their experiences. This was the 3rd trip and we are already excited and planning for next year. Please consider lending your time to join us. Youth will be starting soon and we are thinking and planning for the fun and learning we will have in this upcoming school year.

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OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

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 Service in the
Chapel

9:15 Casual Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:45 Traditional Service in the
Sanctuary