



As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. (Proverbs 27:17)

More Like Jesus

Becoming more like Jesus does not depend on our hard work but is strictly a function of God's grace. You might ask then, "How do I position myself most effectively to receive God's grace at any given time?" That is a great question! The answer is by practicing / participating in any number of what we call the means of grace. (As a further explanation, means of grace are spiritual disciplines or practices in which the church has consistently seen and witnessed to God's grace being present.)

Let's talk about some of the traditional ways in which the church has seen God's grace manifest itself. We will start with the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. God's grace is present in both of these practices. In Baptism God's grace is equally present to both the believer and the infant. In Communion we understand that God's grace is somehow present in the blessed elements and is imparted to us in the taking of the bread and the cup. We also believe that God's grace is made available to us in corporate worship, through the liturgy, the prayers, the hearing and preaching of God's holy scriptures, and the fellowship of the saints. These means of grace have been confirmed through out the history of the church.

There are some means of grace that are newer developments within the history of the church. By newer I mean they have recognized for only two or three centuries. The first among these is the private reading or study of the scriptures. For much of the church's history the scripture was not accessible to the average believer for a number of reasons. The chief reason being a very high percentage of the population was illiterate. Secondly, purchasing scrolls, codices, or books, which were hand copied by monks, was very expensive. Another means of grace would be gathering together in class meetings or small groups. Small groups are particularly useful when the members hold one another accountable for the other means of grace, such as public worship, taking Holy Communion and reading of the scriptures. However, the church has found that both of these practices are channels through which the Holy Spirit travels, and which I would commend to you.

If you long for God's sanctifying or transformative grace to work in your life take part in as many means of grace as you can. Discipline yourself so that daily you are exposing yourself to God's grace!

Pastor Jared

The trustees met on April 23 for their monthly meeting. It was a quiet night. Not much was discussed.

- We are working on selecting paint colors and estimates on the cost to paint the rooms in the education wing. We are looking for volunteers to do the painting. If anyone is interested please see Kathy McCallion.
- We decided to remove the small stove and refrigerator from the old parlor (Room 118) as they no longer work.
- There will be a walk-thru of the parsonage as rent time is coming up.
- A group of college students that walk across America for a fund raiser will be staying in our church overnight on July 20. We will provide their Saturday evening dinner and Sunday morning breakfast. If you can help provide food please see Carol McKelly.
- Due to the outside mulch being so thick, we decided to not mulch this year. But some lawn work will be done.
- A shorted outlet in the old parlor was tripping breakers and it was repaired.
- Several light bulbs were replaced in class rooms.
- Howard Thompson performed some much needed maintenance on the pup-pet trailer.

Leland Spencer- Trustee Chairperson

A Thank You From the Trustees

The trustees of Grace Church would like to thank Sally Ranalli for the tedious job of cutting and trimming the rose bushes in the Jacob Judy Rose Garden. They were looking terrible. And she did it before Easter Sunday.

Also a big thank you to Kathleen McCallion for edging the lawn and pulling the weeds around the church. She had help from her husband Daniel. Thank you Kathy and Daniel. That was a big job.

We still have outside work to do. If several people would like to help clean out the garage, please see Leland Spencer or Todd Law.

Small Group Leader Training Meeting Minutes

Purpose

The purpose of Grace UMC's small group ministry is to help the people of Grace to love God, love their neighbors, and love themselves.

DNA

Care – Group members should provide care for one another both at meetings and in between meetings. (i.e. How is it with your soul? How is life going? Etc. . .)

Prayer – Every meeting should have a time of prayer.

Service – Every group should engage in at least one time of service each year either at Grace UMC or in the local community.

Study – Every meeting should have at least a short devotional from the Bible or another Christian book / resource.

Composition

12 members

Leader – in charge of making sure that a plan is in place for each meeting and that meetings are regularly scheduled. Help the apprentice leader learn to lead.

Co-leader / Leader Apprentice – to help the Leader perform her/his duties while learning to be a group leader.

Hospitality Coordinator – In charge of finding meeting hosts if the group meets in members homes, having members sign up for food and drinks for the meetings, and making sure that child care is provided as necessary.

Structure

The structure can vary widely depending on which of the piece of Grace UMC's small group DNA is dominant within a given group. It is important that all four pieces of Grace UMC's small group DNA are present in every small group.

Multiplication

When the co-leader / leader apprentice is ready she/he will start their own group with one or two others from the original group.

Tips

- The leader is not the group expert on every subject.
- Regular meetings help to form the bond between members.
- All members should be invited to every meeting.
- Not all members need to be available at a given time to have a meeting.
- Curriculum / subject matter should be discussed with the entire group before being decided upon.
- Not every group has to be the same.
- Groups can and should evolve over time.

What is Tithing?

Tithing is the donation of one-tenth of one's income to God's Church. This commandment has been known since Old Testament times. The prophet Malachi taught the importance of tithing and the blessings that come from obeying this law:

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, ... and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10).

Great blessings are promised to those who obey the commandment to pay tithing. In 1838 the Lord reiterated this commandment through the Prophet Joseph Smith:

“My people ... shall pay one-tenth of all their interest annually; and this shall be a standing law unto them forever” (Doctrine and Covenants 119:3–4). *Interest* is understood to mean income.

Your tithes are holy to the Lord, and you honor Him by paying tithing. Paying tithing is an expression of your faith in God and His work.

Why Should I Contribute Tithing?

Everything that is good in your life is a gift from your loving Heavenly Father. When you contribute 10 percent to Him in return, you express your love, faith, and gratitude. You show God that you will follow Him even when it may be difficult; you show Him that you will rely on Him rather than trusting in money or material things. Because of your faithfulness, your Heavenly Father promises you blessings that are far greater than anything you give up.

Paying tithing shows your faith in Jesus Christ. As you rely on Him, you will receive the strength, guidance, and support you need in your life.

Although some people have difficulty believing that they can afford to contribute one-tenth of their income, faithful tithe payers learn that they cannot afford not to pay tithing. In a very real and wonderful way, the windows of heaven are opened, and blessings are poured out upon them. As one widowed mother explained to her son, “I cannot [raise you children] without the blessings of the Lord, and I obtain those blessings by paying an honest tithing. When I pay my tithing, I have the Lord's promise that he will bless us, and we must have those blessings if we are to get along” (Dallin H. Oaks, *Ensign*, May 1994, 33).

7th Day Youth

Youth is quickly coming to the end of the school season. We had a great year and pray to keep growing in our faith even while we aren't meeting on a weekly basis. We do have our third mission trip to Mill Creek, West Virginia June 23-29. The cost is only \$50 and all ages are welcome. I know it's scheduled as a “youth trip” but it's more of an adult trip that I take the youth on. Please consider and talk with Kelli Law or Jim Blaine if you have any questions or interests. As always we love and thank you all for your support.

VBS Donations Needed:

This year, we have been hard at work to create a unique and one-of-a-kind VBS program here at Grace! However, we need your help. We are looking for the following donations:

- Money – Please mark your envelope “VBS Donation”
- Small glass jelly jars
- Box(es) of quart size and gallon size Ziplock bags
- Bag of rock salt
- Time – Volunteer for an activity, a day or the whole week!
- Prayers

If you have any questions, see Jane Crist, Judy Leszczynski or Amanda de Fays.

VBS at Grace United Methodist Church

God's Special Tent



Join us for a one-of-a-kind Vacation Bible School experience at Grace United Methodist Church! We will have many exciting activities as we learn about, build, decorate and worship in God's Special Tent! Each day will be filled with Art, Exciting Adventures, Story Time, Music, and Many Other Kid-Friendly Activities.

- June 24 - 28
- 9 am - Noon
- Grades K – 5th

Bring a friend - and we hope to see you at VBS!
To pre-register, contact the church at (330) 499-2330.

- PASTOR**
Rev. Dr. Jared Williams
- CHOIR DIRECTOR & ORGANIST**
Matt Brown
- DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY**
Kelli Law
- OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**
Lorrie Harbert
- MAILING COORDINATOR**
Judy Carl
- NURSERY CAREGIVER**
Linda Ferguson
- CUSTODIAN**
Paula Blaine
- CHURCH COUNCIL**
Diane Spencer
- STAFF PARISH RELATIONS**
Sandy Lutz
- TRUSTEES**
Lee Spencer
- FINANCE**
Bill Lacy

COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

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.

Crossroads UMC is holding its Annual Rubber Ducks Game Event and has asked us to join them. The information is listed below:

Rubber Ducks Baseball Game

The last day to order tickets is July 3, 2019. This is a fireworks night and the ticket location is very close to behind home plate.

The game is Saturday, July 13th.

Tickets: \$8.00

Options to add to tickets:

Perfect Game Coupon--\$5.00

Hot dog, chips and 12oz drink

The MVP Coupon--\$8.00

Hamburg or Cheeseburger, chips and 24oz drink

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office or Kelli Law.

Amazing Grace Seniors

The Amazing Grace Seniors planned road trip to the Amish Door has been postponed until further notice. They had a concert scheduled there at 11:30 am and couldn't get us in. We will meet on **June 6th at our regular time of 11:30 am at Scrambler Marie's at Belden Village**. I hope that we have a bigger turnout than we had in May. We will discuss our next two meetings. If you are retired, not working or just off that day, please join us. We have some lively discussions. If you would like to share a reading, jokes or whatever, bring them and share with us.

Ron and I would like to thank our church family for all of the help that they have given us. For the first time, I became immobile due to my recent knee surgery. What would I have done without Marilyn Gibbs, Robin Mayhew, Jim Blaine and George Kutinsky driving Ron and me to our many doctor appointments? These wonderful people went to the grocery store and delivered my order to me. They carried out the trash. They came and visited to lift our spirits. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for all of the beautiful cards that have been sent to us. Thank you so much to our Grace Church Family for keeping us in your prayers. Thank you.

Evangeline "Evie" and Ron Riegler

Dear Grace Church Family,

I just wanted to thank all of you for the support and love you have shown me over the years. Thank you for allowing me to share my joy of interpreting and always encouraging Signs of Grace. Although this chapter of my life is over it will never be forgotten.

Love, Jennifer Duckworth

To Grace UMC,

I would like to thank you on behalf of all the dedicated TSA public servants at Akron Canton Airport. Your kindness and generosity was a great help to ensure our employees could continue to support their families during the recent government shutdown. It is good to know there are individuals like yourself to provide those in time of need.

During the recent partial government shutdown our employees continued to come to work and provide the community with World Class security. Your prayers, kindness and generosity helped to ensure that the officers could continue to ensure that their families had food on the table. We are blessed to be able to serve in a community that supports us and our families.

As always, we continue to be dedicated to the TSA Mission and the safety of the traveling public.

Rickey Jones
Assistant Federal Security Director
Akron Canton Airport

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generous donations of food for the Transition Workshop on May 18th. I am always awestruck at how our members come through when we ask them and they find we have a need. You are the best example of what Christ wants us to be to the world. The event was awesome and everyone was so appreciative of all the good food we provided with your help. You make this church a great community!

Lorrie Harbert
Secretary

June Birthdays

6/1 Logan Spencer	6/21 Amanda deFays
6/2 Frank Turner	6/21 Susan Murray
6/3 Carole Atkinson	6/22 Hannah Arvidson-Stryfeler
6/3 Julie Hatfield	6/22 Jessica French
6/3 Cindy Smith	6/22 Michael French
6/4 Jean Baum	6/22 Sharon George
6/5 Randy Wilson	6/23 Sarah Burns
6/6 Shari Shackle	6/23 Edward Danford
6/9 Linda Kennedy	6/24 Stephanie Cole
6/9 Ric Shackle	6/25 Faith Kemp
6/11 Doug Turner	6/27 Dennis Bucklew
6/12 Randy Braucher	6/28 Linda Ferguson
6/12 Carole Grinstead	6/29 Anita Gardner
6/14 Karen Mitchell	6/30 Amanda Labak-Bell
6/16 Kathleen McCallion	6/30 Taylor Lundin
6/17 Jessica Dunkle	
6/20 Jennifer Cramer	
6/20 Pamela Forsea	
6/21 Dottie Davis	

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, June 1, 2019	6:30-7:30am	Snead BB/FLC
	8-9am	Saturday Morning Breakfast/FLC
	10-11am	Holy Yoga/FLC
Sunday, June 2, 2019	8-9am	Service/Chapel
	9:15-10:30am	Contemporary Service/FLC
	9:15-10:30am	Sunday School for all ages
	10am-12:30pm	All Saints/Chapel
	10:45-11:45am	Service/Sanctuary
	3-7pm	Jeff SneadBB/FLC
Monday, June 3, 2019	6-7:30pm	Snead BB/FLC
	6:30-8pm	Scouts/All Rooms
	7-8:30pm	Tiny Tots Board Meeting/118
Tuesday, June 4, 2019	12-1pm	AA Meeting/103
	6-7pm	Finance Meeting/115
	6:30-7:30pm	Holy Yoga/FLC
Wednesday, June 5, 2019	1-3pm	Covenant Group/Parlor
	6:30-8pm	Quilt Ministry/103
Thursday, June 6, 2019	11:30am-12:30pm	Amazing Grace Senior
	6:30-9pm	Alanon/112
	7-8:15pm	Alateen/Parlor
Friday, June 7, 2019	4-6pm	Snead BB/FLC
Saturday, June 8, 2019	6:30-7:30am	Snead BB/FLC
	8-9am	Saturday Morning Breakfast/FLC
	10-11am	Holy Yoga/FLC
Sunday, June 9, 2019	8-9am	Service/Chapel
	9:15-10:30am	Contemporary Service/FLC
	9:15-10:30am	Sunday School for all ages
	10am-12:30pm	All Saints/Chapel
	10:45-11:45am	Service/Sanctuary
	3-7pm	Jeff SneadBB/FLC

Monthly Calendar of Events (Continued)

June 2019

Date	Time	Event
Monday, June 10, 2019	6-7:30pm	Snead BB/FLC
Tuesday, June 11, 2019	12-1pm 6-7pm 6:30-7:30pm	AA Meeting/103 Church Council/112 Holy Yoga/FLC
Wednesday, June 12, 2019	11:30am-1pm 1-3pm 6:30-8pm	Ladies Group/Parlor Covenant Group/Parlor Quilt Ministry/103
Thursday, June 13, 2019	6:30-9pm 7-8:15pm	Alanon/112 Alateen/Parlor
Friday, June 14, 2019	4-6pm	Snead BB/FLC
Saturday, June 15, 2019	6:30-7:30pm 8-9pm 10-11am 11am-6pm	Snead BB/FLC Saturday Morning Breakfast/FLC Holy Yoga/FLC Cathleen Turner/Picnic Pavilion & 103
Sunday, June 16, 2019	8-9am 9:15-10:30am 9:15-10:30am 10am-12:30pm 10:15-10:45am 10:45-11:45am 3-7pm	Service/Chapel Contemporary Service/FLC Sunday School for all ages All Saints/Chapel Coffee Time/103 Service/Sanctuary Jeff SneadBB/FLC
Monday, June 17, 2019	6-7:30pm	Snead BB/FLC
Tuesday, June 18, 2019	12-1pm 5-6pm 6:30-7:30pm	AA Meeting/103 Staff Meeting/112 Holy Yoga/FLC
Wednesday, June 19, 2019	10am-2pm 1-3pm 6:30-8pm	Sewing Ministry/103 Covenant Group/Parlor Quilt Ministry/103

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, June 20, 2019	6:30-9pm	Alanon/112
	7-8:15pm	Alateen/Parlor
Friday, June 21, 2019	4-6pm	Snead BB/FLC
Saturday, June 22, 2019	6:30-7:30am	Snead BB/FLC
	8-9am	Saturday Morning Breakfast/FLC
	10am-4pm	Buckeye Rug Crafters/103
	10-11am	Holy Yoga/FLC
Sunday, June 23, 2019	8-9am	Service/Chapel
	9:15-10:30am	Contemporary Service/FLC
	9:15-10:30am	Sunday School for all ages
	10am-12:30pm	All Saints/Chapel
	10:45-11:45am	Service/Sanctuary
	3-7pm	Jeff SneadBB/FLC
Monday, June 24, 2019	6-7:30pm	Snead BB/FLC
Tuesday, June 25, 2019	12-1pm	AA Meeting/103
Wednesday, June 26, 2019	1-3pm	Covenant Group/Parlor
	6:30-8pm	Quilt Ministry/103
Thursday, June 27, 2019	6:30-9pm	Alanon/112
	7-8:15pm	Alateen/Parlor
Friday, June 28, 2019	4-6pm	Snead BB/FLC
Saturday, June 29, 2019	6:30-7:30am	Snead BB/FLC
	8-9am	Saturday Morning Breakfast/FLC
	8:30-10am	Lunch with Jesus/Youth Kitchen
	10-11am	Holy Yoga/FLC
Sunday, June 30, 2019	8-9am	Service/Chapel
	9:15-10:30am	Contemporary Service/FLC
	9:15-10:30am	Sunday School for all ages
	10am-12:30pm	All Saints/Chapel
	10:45-11:45am	Service/Sanctuary
	3-7pm	Jeff SneadBB/FLC

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OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

MISSION:

We are a community of
Christians reaching up to God in
Faith and our 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