



<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.  
(Philippians 2:3-4)

### **Church at a Distance**

I understand that the social distancing thing can be a little bit irritating at times but remember that as Christians we are to put the needs of others above our own needs and wants. Keep in mind Philippians 2:3-4 and use it to remind yourself that what you want is not as important as what others may need.

So how do we continue to be the church in a time of social distancing? Well here is a helpful list:

- 1) Go through the church directory and pray for people by name.
- 2) If you are in good health and able to drive contact our elderly members and see if they need groceries delivered.
- 3) Stay in touch with one another through phone calls and email.
- 4) Call your elderly neighbors and check on them.
- 5) When you have the chance to talk to somebody be positive and share good news.
- 6) Watch Grace UMC's live streamed messages on our Facebook page. You can watch them live at 9:15 or later when it is convenient with your schedule.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe!

In Christ,

Pastor Jared

### **CHURCH SIGN PROCEDURES**

I'm sure everyone has noticed our new sign. Thank you to Lorrie Harbert for getting it up and running. The sign will be a great tool to let people in our community know what is happening at Grace Church. We encourage you to use the sign for church sponsored events. Please give information to Lorrie in writing a least 2 weeks before the event. Please put information in Lorrie's box in the work room or email it to her. If you have questions, please respect Lorrie's worship experience and contact her during working hours. Looking forward to seeing your next event on the sign.

Diane Spencer, Church Council Chairperson

**Canton Calvary Mission Dinner**

Our next dinner at Calvary will be May 9, 2020. Mark your calendars. It is a great opportunity to fulfill the mission of our church and bring the love of God into our community.

**Eye Glass Ministry**

We have a new contact for used eye glasses. Rev. John Ferris now picks up glasses donated through the Lions Club program. There is a box on the table by the Church Office entry. Unlike our earlier mission contact, the Lions take only glasses with lenses.

I do thank all of you who helped our United Methodist missionary work in Central America by donating lenses, frames and cases.

Sandy Lutz

**Stark County Children Services:**

There are no unwanted children, just un-found families. Our agency needs foster and adoptive families. If you are interested in being a foster and adoptive family, please contact our agency at 330-451-8789. Starkjfs.org

Canton Calvary Mission is hiring an Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant is under the general supervision of the Executive director and is responsible for providing general secretarial duties and administrative support for the Mission. Phone and people skills are required, as well as knowledge of Quickbooks On-Line. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with a ½ hour paid lunch. Salary is \$14,820.00. Applicants may send a resume to [cwendell@neo.rr.com](mailto:cwendell@neo.rr.com). Along with a resume, please provide a list of 3 references, professional references preferred. By providing this list, the applicant is giving permission to the search committee to contact the references prior to the interview. The deadline to apply for this position is April 17, 2020. For a complete job description, please send request by email to [cwendell@neo.rr.com](mailto:cwendell@neo.rr.com).

**Thank you**

Grace Friends,

Thank you for having a meal for us to celebrate my father-in-law. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

The Davis' & The MacMillan's

Chris, Thom, Aarika, Thommy, Lillian, Amelia & Kayla

**April 3rd** Lisa Casey  
**April 4th** Gavin Brown  
**April 5th** Elaine Armbrust  
**April 6th** Shirley Kalb  
**April 6th** Landon Carl  
**April 8th** Leigh Ball  
**April 9th** Michael Hanna  
**April 9th** Christopher Hailey  
**April 10th** Joan Mohler  
**April 13th** Lynda Schaffner  
**April 14th** Nancy Reppart  
**April 15th** Robert Ott  
**April 15th** Paige Ailing  
**April 15th** Kyle Bucklew  
**April 15th** Tyler Stryffeler  
**April 15th** Toni Powell  
**April 17th** Pamela Holdren  
**April 17th** Katie Fry  
**April 17th** Thomas Armbrust  
**April 18th** Gale Spatafore  
**April 18th** Tony Ridolfi  
**April 20th** Judy Leszscynski  
**April 21st** Thomas Moyer  
**April 22nd** Katrina King  
**April 22nd** Stacey Warburton  
**April 22nd** Carter DeBois  
**April 23rd** Martha Hookway  
**April 24th** Janet Franks  
**April 24th** Gina Strain  
**April 25th** Katie Marshall  
**April 26th** Laryssa Beatty  
**April 27th** Evelyn Weaver  
**April 27th** Pat Ridolfi  
**April 28th** Howard Thompson, Jr.  
**April 29th** Rachel Evanoff  
**April 30th** Cameron Turner

**PASTOR**  
*Rev. Dr. Jared Williams*

**CHOIR DIRECTOR &  
 ORGANIST**  
*Matt Brown*

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH  
 MINISTRY**  
*Kelli Law*

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**  
*Lorrie Harbert*

**MAILING COORDINATOR**  
*Judy Carl*

**CUSTODIAN**  
*Paula Blaine*

**CONTEMPORARY  
 WORSHIP LEADER**  
*Alex Evanoff*

**CHURCH COUNCIL**  
*Diane Spencer*

**STAFF PARISH  
 RELATIONS**  
*Doug Lane*

**TRUSTEES**  
*Lee Spencer*

**FINANCE**  
*Bill Lacy*

**March 21, 2020**  
**North Canton Grace United Methodist Church**  
**Members, Supporters and Community**  
**A message from your Treasurer, Gregory T. Harbert**

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I am so grateful for my Church family; especially, during these times of uncertainty for all of us, everywhere.

At no other point in my lifetime has the opportunity been greater for us to be the light of the world.

This is a time that we can live out our vision to love God, love our neighbors, and love ourselves.

Social distancing does not mean social isolation and being alone. I encourage each one of you to make contact via phone or Facetime. Reach out to your loved ones, friends from Grace, your social circles and let them know that you are okay, that you love God and that they matter.

As your Treasurer I wanted you to know that I am healthy and that I will continue to work behind the scenes to maintain the Church as a good corporate citizen, by paying our obligations. We do not want our temporary disruption to impact others.

My prayer is that you and your family have not yet experience financial hardship as a result of this health crisis; however, the reality of the matter is that individuals and households have felt immediate impact as a result of job layoffs and business closure. North Canton Grace United Methodist Church has also had an immediate economic impact with events being cancelled and groups not able to use our facilities. In addition, Church services have gone virtual our ability to collect tithes and offerings has been impacted.

We need your support now more than ever to keep our vision alive. Please mail your offerings to the church office, consider using your bank's bill pay service through online banking, or sign up for North Canton Grace's online giving (enrollment instructions attached).

The majority of our expenses are fixed expenses and regardless if our doors are open or not we must meet our obligations. We have very few variable expenses that can be eliminated. In order to continue to meet our salary obligations, mortgage obligations, and utility obligation we must make every attempt to keep our giving up to date.

I appreciate your faithfulness and consideration during this time. I love God, I love you and I am taking care of myself the best that I know how so I can be there for you and anyone else that may be in need.

For God is good all of the time, all of the time God is good!!

## THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER

A mother of a 9 year old boy, Mark, received a phone call in the middle of the afternoon. It was the teacher from her son's school.

"Mrs. Smith, something unusual happened today in your son's third grade class. Your son did something that surprised me so much that I thought you should know about it immediately."

Mother seldom want to hear from their child's teacher in the middle of the day. The mother was uneasy and nervous by such a beginning to a phone call. "What now?" the mother wondered.

The teacher continued, "I have been teaching for many years and nothing like this has happened until now. This morning I was teaching a lesson on creative writing. And as I always do, I tell the story of the ant and the grasshopper. The ant works hard all summer and stores up plenty of food. But the grasshopper plays all summer and does no work.

Then winter comes. The grasshopper begins to starve because he has no food. So he hops to the ants house and begins to beg. 'Please Mr. Ant, you have much food please let me eat, too.' Now boys and girls your job is to write the ending to the story.

Your son, Mark, raised his hand. "Teacher, may I draw a picture?"

"Well, yes, Mark, if you like, you may draw a picture. But first you must write the ending to the story."

The papers came in. As in all the years past, most of the students said that the ant shared his food through the winter and both the ant and the grasshopper lived.

As always, a few children said, "The ant said, "No, Mr. Grasshopper. You should have worked in the summer and not played. Now, I have just enough food for myself." So the ant lived and the grasshopper died.

But your son ended the story in a way different from any other child, ever. He wrote, "So the ant gave all of his food to the grasshopper; the grasshopper lived through the winter. But the ant died."

And the picture?

At the bottom of the page, Mark had drawn three crosses. "He gave everything to us so that we might live; but Jesus died."

-- Author Unknown

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OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

**MISSION:**

*The mission of Grace UMC is to take the love of Jesus Christ to all people.*

**VISION:**

*The vision of Grace UMC is to love God, love our neighbors, and love ourselves.*

**SERVICE TIMES:**

8:00 Traditional Service in the Chapel

9:15 Contemporary Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:45 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

**Chimes**

**April 1st** *"He Lives"* In honor of the family of Lee Spencer III

**April 2nd** *"He Leadeth Me"* In honor of All the Missionaries

**April 15th** *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* In Honor of Jr. High Youth

**April 17th (6:00PM)** *"Blessed Assurance"* In Honor of Matt Mohler

**April 17th (6:15PM)** *"How Great Thou Art"* In Memory of Beverly Palmer

**April 28th** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God"* In honor of Howard and Terri Thompson Family