



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 Crawl, 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

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM)

Prayers for Puerto Rico and the work of the Methodist Church in Puerto Rico continues! Partnering with local folks rebuilding from Hurricane Maria and folks from East Ohio being the hands, feet and heart of Jesus is on the move! Are you ready to be a part of the relief efforts?

Primetimers 2020 Schedule

Primetimers offers educational and mission service experiences for older adults. The 5- to 10-day events offer educational forums, cross-cultural exposure, faith-filled reflection and greater exposure to the work of The United Methodist Church and the church universal. In 2020 opportunities include mission service events to Tucson, Arizona; Prague, Czech Republic; Holy Land: Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

The above mission information came from the **East Ohio Enews**. For more information on mission and other things happening in the United Methodist community, go to the following link: <https://eocumcnews.com/2019/08/26/august-26-2019/>.

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 serviced all the air conditioners and they are currently working. Our office staff is happy that it is now cool in their office.
- 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 bushes were removed in front of the sanctuary as they were destroyed by the ice this past 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

Our church is missing our corn hole boards which were located in the church garage, and need them returned asap. They were needed for the picnic and were not there when we went to use them. It is in the best interest of the church that anything borrowed or removed from church be noted with the church office and trustees.

Card Ministry Team

The next class will be held on Tuesday, September 24th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Room #112. RSVP (required) to Tricia Davis at 330-936-1856 to reserve your spot and materials. The material fee is \$5.00. You will make 3 cards, of which 1 will be donated to a ministry here at the church. RSVP by Friday, September 20th. Come join the fun!

Puppets of Grace



The Puppets of Grace will begin their rehearsals on Sunday, September 8th, 2019. We will meet weekly from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Anyone from grades 4 and up are invited. We can also use adults. For more information contact Diane Spencer at 330-499-3860.

9/2	Amanda Garaux	9/16	Maggie Lathrop
9/2	Joel Sponseller	9/16	Chasen Wirth
9/3	Samantha Harbert	9/17	Michael Ball
9/4	Greg Brock	9/17	Sarah McCully
9/4	Atlee Haynam	9/17	Mianna Schut
9/4	John Malik	9/18	Marie Dunkle
9/4	Gary Nelson	9/18	Alex Evanoff
9/5	Megan Arvidson	9/18	Caleb Kovach
9/5	Joshua Massaro	9/19	Dennis Pellegrino
9/5	Phil Smith	9/19	Mark Spears
9/6	Michael Bowman II	9/19	Garnet Wilson
9/6	Brooke Brady	9/21	Donna Federer
9/7	James Duckworth	9/21	Makenna Soule
9/7	Stefany Kinch	9/22	Samuel Schut
9/7	Grant Miller	9/24	George Kutinsky
9/9	Kristen DeBois	9/24	Dottie Wolf
9/9	Andi Gross	9/25	Ron Ault
9/9	Grace Kovach	9/25	Isaac Barker
9/10	John Engell	9/25	Daniel Kinch III
9/10	Jill Natkin	9/25	Jennifer Olin-Hitt
9/10	Jim Whitehouse	9/26	Jeremy Adair
9/11	Matt Daugherty	9/26	Jennifer Duckworth
9/11	Anthony Gross	9/26	Kathryn Johnson
9/13	Annamarie Alessandro	9/27	Lathan Carl
9/13	Kenneth Hetrick	9/27	Leeann Kalkoff
9/13	Zachary Kennedy	9/28	Tina Barker
9/13	Carol Ohlemacher	9/28	Jill Ewers
9/14	Brandon Bowman	9/28	Maureen Kerr
9/14	KrisAnne Lawson	9/28	Vivian Selinsky
9/15	Heather Brock	9/29	Paula Blaine
9/15	Michael Casey	9/29	Gwen Ohlemacher
9/15	Luke Sponseller	9/29	Carol Rondini
9/16	Ryan Casey	9/30	Donald Raskow
		9/30	Tom Strain

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7th Day Youth

Mission Trip News

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.

North Canton Grace United Methodist Church
Treasurer Report
July 2019

- I. July Year-to-Date (7 months) 2019 Financial Results:
 - A. Total Receipts- \$199,126.43 or 93.25% of budget (worse). Identified giving/pledges accounted for 91% of total receipts. Through July 2019 identified giving/pledges were \$180,185.12 or 93.49% of budget (worse).
 - B. Total Expenses- \$194,431.90 or 85.82% of budget (better, mainly because we have not fully paid our apportionments).
 - C. Income less expense \$4,694.53.
 - D. Apportionments- We have paid \$4,750.81 of \$27,983.06 Conference Apportionments (16.98%). We have paid \$1,633.31 of \$1,633.31 District Apportionments (100%).
 - E. 2018 Capital Campaign- July collections of \$1,539.00
- II. The Finance Committee has begun a strategy for North Canton Grace United Methodist Church to tithe on its giving from contributions and use these funds to pay on its Apportionment obligations. We will be paying District Apportionments first with any remainder going towards Conference Apportionments.

History

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.

Amazing Grace Seniors

The Amazing Grace Seniors met on August 1st at Scrambler Marie's. We had a great time meeting some new friends and visiting with each other. There was lots of discussions and laughter. Gale Spatafore presented us with one of her great readings. Two retired pastors were with us. Rev. Mel Lindbergh and Rev. John Ferris.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 5th at Scrambler Marie's. Everyone will be asked to share some great memories of their school days. Like where did they go to school and some activities during school years.

Scrambler Marie's is in Belden Village. Enter the main entrance off of Everard Road. It is located just to the right of the driveway. No reservation is 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 or EVEN TWO. They don't have to attend Grace to join us.

Welcome Back – A Note from Your 9:15 am Sunday School Teachers

We are looking forward to our new Sunday School year starting **Sunday September 8 at 9:15 am**. To celebrate, we are asking everyone (church wide!) to wear a shirt of their favorite sports team.

Exciting changes are coming this year:

We will have a combined aged group Sunday School Choir

Sunday School classes will be grouped by age:

Preschool

K-2nd Grade

3-5th Grade

Format:

All children will meet in the Chapel for choir and lesson kick-off

Station 1 – Storytime, lesson and fun activity

Station 2 – Going further with the lesson through art

Wrap up and closing activity in Sunday School Room

If you are interested in assisting our Sunday School Teachers this year with your talents, we would gladly appreciate you contacting Amanda de Fays at acrist2122@yahoo.com.



Sincerely, Jane Crist, Judy Leszczynski, Amanda de Fays

Summer Sunday School

We would like to thank all of our Sunday School volunteers who signed up to teach this summer. You were a blessing to the children and our program. When you touch the lives of children, you never know the impact it will make on the future. A very warm welcome to the following Summer Sunday School Teachers:

Kelly & Sam Law

Lorrie & Greg Harbert

Clare Aitken

Sharon Marshall

Erin Powers

Bobby DeBois

Mike & Brair Crowl

Jen Cramer

Tiffany DeBois

Martha Hookway

~Amanda, Judy & Jane

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.



7th Day Youth

Kick-Off Tailgate Party

Join us for the start of our Sunday Youth program Sunday,

September 8th from 6:00-8:00 pm

Wear your favorite sports team jersey or tshirt and bring your appetite because food and beverages are provided.



COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP



Come and join us on **Sunday, September 8th from 10:15 until 10:45**, in the Youth Room (Café Grace, room 103), for our **kickoff to Sunday School and Youth programs!** This event hosts some good old Christian Fellowship over coffee and cookies!

All are welcome!

This is an ongoing event and is usually the 3rd Sunday of each month unless otherwise advertised. Please join us and get to know other members of the church. Please see Amanda de Fays or Diane Spencer if you have any questions or would like to get involved.

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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