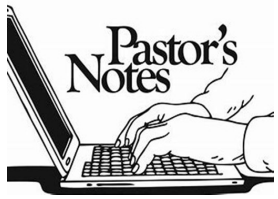


Glimpses of Grace

Grace United Methodist Church, Hamilton Ohio



Friends of Grace,

I mentioned earlier that the final work of the Legacy projects would begin soon. Well, now we are on the other side. As I write this the work is almost complete and by the time you read this it should be finished. What a gift to our programming as well as to our stewardship of heating and cooling. The difference is amazing, to say the least. What a joy to know your gifts and prayers made this happen.

We are also enjoying our Lenten journey as you read this month's Glimpses. Week by week we prepare for the amazing Easter Celebration. Every Sunday is a little Easter, of course, but Easter Sunday resounds with celebration and joy. Please consider inviting someone you know to this amazing event.

It is good to be amazed!

Enjoying Grace with you, Pastor Randy



**Great changes
are
happening!!**



**EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 31ST**

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Church Family News

CELEBRATE
* MARCH *
BIRTHDAYS!

Joan Young	5
Carol McGoldrick	9
Rose Weik	9
Finn Chenoweth	13
Elizabeth Fagin	14
Clifford Stearns	14
Joseph Copeland	15
Cullen Perry	15
Christy Giliberto	17
Eli Pence	17
George Marsh	21
Carol Stocker	22
Carole Ballinger	23
Pat Crosby	23
Caroline Rulon	24
Elizabeth Breehne	25
Terri Lee	26
Sondra Caldwell	27
Pamela Jewell	31

March
Anniversaries

Dick & Christy Giliberto 26

GIVING
THANKS

Your empathy is so kind
during my time of sorrow-
Elza Sapp

LIFE is not
measured by
HOW MUCH you
own. -LUKE 12:15, NLT

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HEY
you!

If anyone has any photos or notes for the glimpses, please send them our way! We love to see what everyone is up to!!! Send them to Jen at graceumc@fuse.net

Missions News

We had a very productive meeting on Feb. 12th! We looked at our resources and decided on two allocations at this time, for Graceful Steps and Serve City. Thank you for making this possible. We are in the midst of Love Your Neighbor Month and the shelves are filling up. We voted to donate our non-perishable goods to the New Life Mission serving the Riverview neighborhood. The director is so happy, gracious and pleased that we are helping this area of great need. Their biggest need is for cereal, but any and all nonperishable foods are appreciated!

Upcoming is our "On-ear headphones for students" project in March. As was mentioned in my Mission Moments, students at Highland Elementary are taking their required tests late in March and need functioning plug-in headsets with microphones. A donation of just \$10 will buy one of these headphone sets. Your donation can be placed in an envelope marked "Headsets" and dropping it into the donation box at the back of the sanctuary or into the Little White Church.

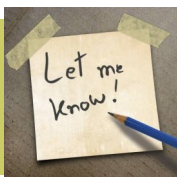
Thank you for all you do to make our community a better place!

God Bless,

Your Mission Team



PLEASE remember that the first Sunday of each month is our time to contribute to missions. The "**Little White Church**" that you see as you enter the Sanctuary is a symbol of the vitally important work that our church does for missions. When you donate each month your gift goes to support various projects around our community!



If you or someone you know is not receiving the Glimpses Newsletter or if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed, please contact the Church office at 513-844-1935 or at graceumc@fuse.net.

Choir News



Greetings from the Loft-

Tis the season of.....Lent!! Starting with Ash Wednesday service in February and ending with Easter Sunday. A time of reflection for all of us. The Choir has been working on special music for this special season beginning with "Lord Through These 40 Days" on Ash Wednesday all the way to the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "Coronation Medley" for Easter Sunday! We'll continue with Praise music twice monthly through the month of May. Your Grace Choir is a dedicated group and I am so thankful for them!

Want to join us? Come find me, or speak to one of the choir members!

Musical Blessings,

Tami Thompson

Library Committee



Hello fellow readers,

Instead of featuring a book this month I am featuring an activity. Looking up your birthday bible verse. Just take the month and day of your birthday and look up the corresponding verse throughout the bible.

Mine is 8:16. My favorite verse was Romans 8:16; *'God's spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children.'* Some books are short with short chapters so you might not find a verse in every book. What is your favorite verse?

Nancy Zimmerman

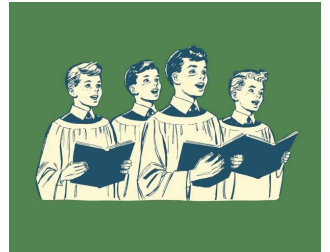
Worship News

Hello Grace family.

March is a great month; hopefully your Lenten season has drawn you closer to Christ as we look forward to Palm Sunday on March 24, Holy Thursday service at 7:00pm on March 28, and finally to Easter Sunday on March 31. Spring is in the air as we celebrate one of the two greatest days in the year, the day Jesus made it possible for us to live with Him for eternity!!

Invite a friend sometime this month as we are "Easter People".

In His service,
Semper Fi, Jeff Shaw



Kitchen Committee

Our Wednesday evening meal season is quickly coming to a close after a great year of meals and fellowship. We hope that you have been able to participate in the Wednesday activities.

We will start off March with the annual Lasagna dinner on Saturday, March 2nd. This is our annual fund raiser for kitchen improvements. If you haven't made your reservation please contact the church office.

Please join us the month of March for the Wednesday evening dinners. We have some great meals planned, including breakfast for dinner. After the month of March we will be taking a break from the Wednesday evening meals until September.

In addition to the Wednesday evening meals the Kitchen Committee also has provided several funeral luncheons and provided a lunch for the congregation to celebrate Pastor Randy and Melanie. In November we had the largest attended Thanksgiving dinner, filling our gym to capacity.

We are looking forward to providing meals for our children this summer for Graceful Steps and snacks for Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in joining the Kitchen Committee please let me know. It can be hard work but we have a lot of fun.

God is good, *Mindy Chenoweth*

Grace's Financial Committee Update

Annual budget needed	\$260,608.00
General funds monthly need	\$21,717.33
January income (Gen Funds)	\$11,318.00
January expenses (Gen Funds)	\$16,872.19
YTD income (Gen Funds)	\$11,318.00
YTD expenses (Gen Funds)	\$16,872.19
YTD income over/short	- \$5554.19
Apportionments:	
1. Ohio River Valley District	
Paid YTD	\$259.58
2. West Ohio Conference	
Paid YTD	\$1984.00
Checking account 01/31/24	\$61,750.29

Respectfully submitted,

Al Lipscomb, Finance Chair
Kari Shaw, Grace Treasurer



Proverbs 3:9 says "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of your crops."

WAYS of GIVING:

1. You may *mail or bring in a check/cash* during office hours.
2. Contact your bank/credit union or set up an *online billpay* that goes directly to Grace. Grace's information: routing/ABA #244077323 and our address is 1200 Main St., Hamilton, OH 45013.

ALL of these ways will securely tie your name with giving records for your year-end statement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church treasurer Kari Shaw at 513-284-9671 or email gumctreasurer@fuse.net for assistance.

Peace Be With You!

Ladies of Grace

Ladies of Grace,

As you know, we didn't have a meeting in February due to the possibility of inclement weather. Little did we know that spring was coming early! But we will meet on March 12th at our regular time of 11am. The devotional is to be determined, snacks are provided by Tami, Mindy and Lois and we will have a speaker from the OSU Extension Services on Seasonal Planting. If you have never joined us, this would be a great time to come.

All ladies of Grace (and beyond) are welcome!

Christy Giliberto

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**



We will be collecting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt! We will have a basket in the Narthex to put the donations in. We would like the candy to be small enough for the Easter eggs, and no peanut products please.

**MARCH 31ST
DIRECTLY AFTER SERVICE!**



Easter Sunday, during Sunday School, the children will be going through the stations of Holy Week!

KIDS ZONE



A few of our dedicated leaders worked hard to get this room in shape and organized for the mentorship program!



Jan Grimm with Elocyn



Melanie Stearns and her buddy Jolyne after reading about DW's new glasses!

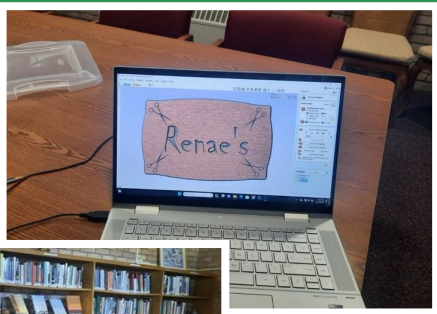


Pam Morningstar & Hunter



Nursery Schedule

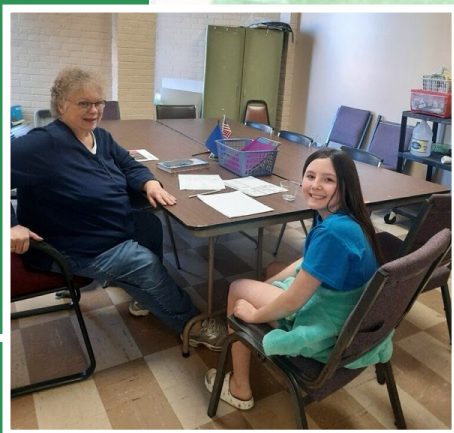
- March 3- JoAnne Breehne**
- March 10th- Russ & Beth Stearns**
- March 17th- Savannah Shaw**
- March 31st- Jackie Brown**



Russ Stearns helping Sammie with blending letters to make words.



Arnie Elam and Cullen designing a sign on his computer.



Donna Burnett helping Alainia with her math.



Linda Conrad with Riley and Elocyn improving reading skills!



Children from Graceful STEP served as Jesus did by serving. They gave out God Loves you Cards personalized with each person's name and candy as a treat on Valentine's day!



Our very own Grace Notes singing from their hearts- directed by Maren Crawford!

- POINTS OF INTEREST:**
- C.O.D.E. is a Bible Study for youth grades 7th - 12th
 - Grace Notes is a Children's choir
 - K.I.C.K. is a program for children grades pre-school -6th

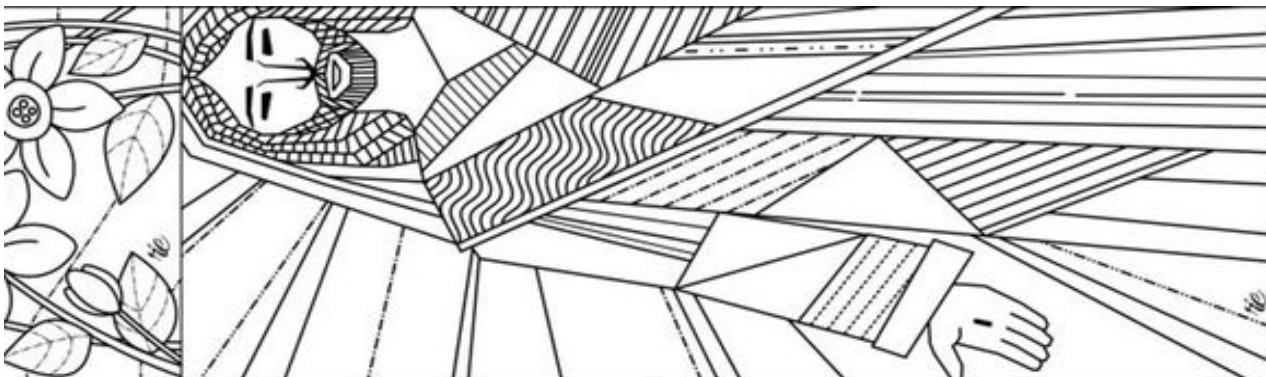
Easter Word Search

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R L K F W E E C I O J E R C K
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SON

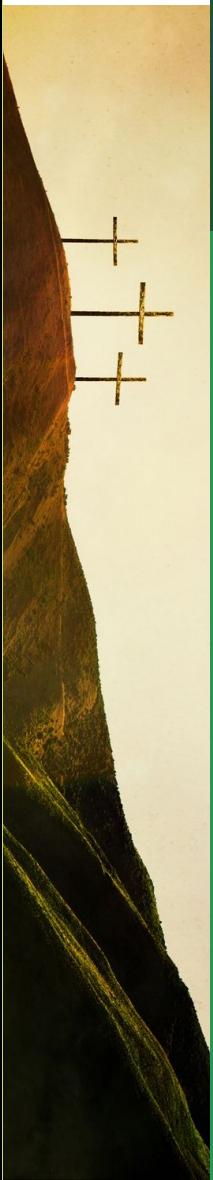
CHURCH
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CROSS
JESUS
MIRACLE
REJOICE
SAVIOR
TOMB



Color your
own
bookmark!

MARCH 2024




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 1st Sunday Com- munion Little White Church NO Confirmation Class	4 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Pickleball 5-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym	5 Choir @6:30pm Trustee Meeting @6pm	6 Church Family Dinner @5:30pm Grace Notes @6:15pm NO Pastor's Bible Study K.I.C.K. @6:45pm C.O.D.E. @6:45pm	7 Pickleball @6:30p	8 Church Office Closed	9 Pickleball @10-12
10 Confirmation Class 1- 2:30p Daylight Savings Time	11 Bible Study 12:45- 2:45p T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Pickleball 5-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym Missions Meeting @7pm	12 Ladies of Grace @11am Choir @6:30pm	13 Church Family Dinner @5:30pm Grace Notes @6:15pm Pastor's Bible Study @6:30pm K.I.C.K. @6:45pm C.O.D.E. @6:45pm	14 Pickleball @6:30p	15 Church Office Closed	16 Pickleball @10-12 Gym & Kitchen in use 1-4p
17 Confirmation Class 1- 2:30p Saint Patrick's Day	18 Bible Study 12:45-2:45p T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Pickleball 5-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym	19 Patchwork Quilt Guild @10:00am Choir @6:30pm	20 Church Family Dinner @5:30pm Grace Notes @6:15pm Pastor's Bible Study @6:30pm K.I.C.K. @6:45pm C.O.D.E. @6:45pm	21 Pickleball @6:30p	22 Church Office closed	23 Pickleball @10-12
24 Palm Sunday Confirmation Class 1 - 2:30p	25 Bible Study 12:45-2:45p T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Pickleball 5-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym	26 Choir @6:30pm	27 Last Wed Night Activities until Fall Church Family Dinner @5:30pm Grace Notes @6:15pm Pastor's Bible Study @6:30pm K.I.C.K. @6:45pm C.O.D.E. @6:45pm	28 Pickleball @6:30p Holy Thursday @7pm	29 Church Office closed Good Friday	30 Pickleball @10-12
31 Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt						

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REV. DR. RANDY STEARNS



They will be like a tree
planted by the water that
sends out its roots by the
stream. It does not fear when
heat comes; its leaves are
always green. It has no
worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”

JEREMIAH 17:8