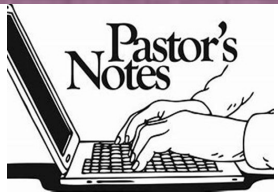




# Glimpses of Grace

*Grace United Methodist Church, Hamilton Ohio*



**Friends of Grace,**

Easter People! We are Easter People!

What a wonderful way to describe our community of faith here at Grace UMC. We celebrated Easter with so many sounds of praise. The Grace Notes Children's Choir sang on Palm Sunday--The communion on Holy Thursday--The Hallelujah Chorus, the prayers and liturgy of the season, the scriptures and messages all culminated into a crescendo of praise and thanksgiving. We are truly Easter People!

May this season after Easter be rich with the power of Christ's resurrection! May you continue to be encouraged to live a life that is abundant and full in Christ. Together we move into the future with a hope that is rooted in the greatest hope of history---The resurrection of Jesus Christ!

**Enjoying Grace with you,**  
*Pastor Randy*



## Spotlight of Grace

**NO MORE  
WED. NIGHT  
ACTIVITIES  
UNTIL FALL!**



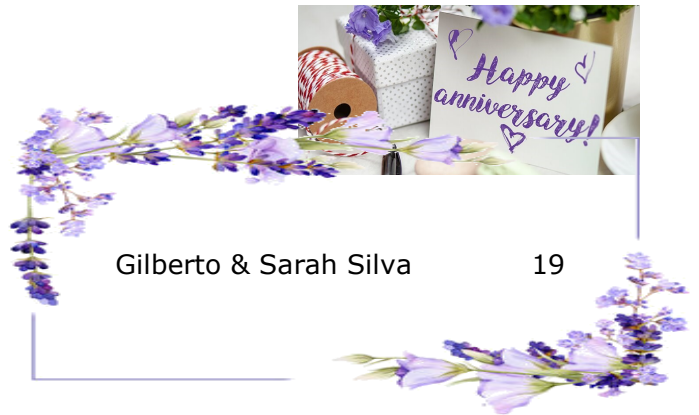
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# Church Family News

CELEBRATING  
*April*  
BIRTHDAYS!

Lyle Conn	2
Clara Riggio	5
Ethel Brashear	6
Kelli Chenoweth	6
James Sims	7
Joy Fry	8
Bob Kerby	8
Jonathan Copeland	12
Joyce Long	16
Carrie Pence	16
Bettie Braun	17
Carter Allen	18
Judy Logsdon	18
Bentley Moyer	18
Quinn Cozad	19
Jen Eickelberger	19
Donna Burnett	23
Steve Francis	23
Huston Sims	23
Shelby Stearns	29
Kenny Grimm	30



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](mailto:graceumc@fuse.net)



# Missions News

## ***Blessings from the Mission Outreach Team!***

The non-perishable food donation was delivered to the New Life Mission on Henry Street. They were so happy to receive our gift. I can't even describe the joy they expressed and they asked me to convey that to all of you! They are constantly in need of volunteers, so if you feel so inclined you can either stop in or ask me for their contact number. They do so much for that community.



The committee voted to order the headsets now so that they would be here in time for testing week. I did and they have just been delivered to the school. We donated sets to an entire grade level! Again I was able to witness the joy that our gift has made. Your donations have covered those costs as the committee thought would happen. Any additional donations will be used to purchase more headsets. I am constantly in awe of the difference our church has and continues to make in this community. Thank you is not quite enough. The love of Jesus shines!!

**Thank you for your generosity,**

*Christy Giliberto & 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:

- ◆ Graceful S.T.E.P.S.
- ◆ Mission trips
- ◆ Backpacks for the Homeless
- ◆ Youth projects
- ◆ Thanksgiving baskets
- ◆ **and more**



# SPRING

## Word Search

Search for the twelve Spring themed words below.



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|-------|-----------|----------|
| APRIL | BUTTERFLY | RAINBOW  |
| BIRDS | FLOWERS   | SPRING   |
| BLOOM | GARDEN    | SUNSHINE |
| BUNNY | MAY       | WARM     |



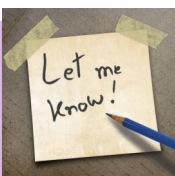
## Library Committee

***Hello fellow readers,***

A while ago I featured a book "about" Peter called 'The Fragile Stone' by Michael Card. This time I want to feature a couple of books written "by" Peter. They are of course 1 & 2 Peter. They are, as you know, about his best friend Jesus. He talks about our hope of Heaven and the rich blessings God has for His people. And about why we have to suffer in this life and how to deal with it. How husbands and wives should treat each other. And about how we are to watch out for false teachers. He finishes his book with the promise we have of the Lords coming. The day when there will be a New Earth and a New Heaven. Great books to read again.



***Happy Spring,*** *Nancy Zimmerman*



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.



## Worship News

***Welcome back Spring, we are so glad to see you again!***

I hope your Lent/Easter season was meaningful and you are renewed for the year.

Enjoy this beautiful weather we are going to experience this month and I look forward to seeing everyone in church or online on Sunday.

**In His service,**  
*Jeff Shaw*



## *Ladies of Grace*

The Ladies of Grace met on March 12th with 13 of us in attendance. We had a wonderful speaker from the Ohio University Extension branch located here in Hamilton. He led us through the process of attracting butterflies, honey bees and other pollinators and shared the benefits of each. We had a delicious lunch provided by Lois, Tami and Mindy. Thank you ladies!

We also had a short devotional led by Kay and we learned what a 'God Wink' is and how to recognize one. There was lots of sharing and talking and just having fun. It was so nice to be in the parlor with the new windows. It feels so clean and fresh. Thank you to all who had a hand in making it so wonderful.

Next month we will meet on April 9th at 11am. This will be our last meeting until September. Mindy will lead the devotional and Aileen and Carol will provide our lunch. Thank you each for volunteering to help with these important activities! We look forward to seeing everyone there!



# Grace's Financial Committee Update

Annual budget needed	\$260,608.00
General funds monthly need	\$21,717.33
February income (Gen Funds)	\$16,058.35
February expenses (Gen Funds)	\$17,404.71
YTD income (Gen Funds)	\$27,376.35
YTD expenses (Gen Funds)	\$34,276.90
YTD income over/short	-\$6900.55

Apportionments:

1. Ohio River Valley District  
Paid YTD \$519.16

2. West Ohio Conference  
Paid YTD \$3968.00

Checking account 02/29/24 \$62,579.12

Respectfully submitted,

*Al Lipscomb, Finance Chair*

*Kari Shaw, Grace Treasurer*



Thanks for using your  
Kroger Rewards card  
to donate  
to our church!

**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!



# KIDS ZONE



## It's that time of year to start preparing for this summer's Vacation Bible School!

We are in need of volunteers to help with prep, decorating, and during the week of VBS June 25-28. Please check out this VBS website for more information. There is a link to sign up as a volunteer and one to register your child to attend VBS. Please talk with Shelby Stearns if you have any questions! Her contact info is on the website, too.

**Thank you!!**

<https://hamiltongrace.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- C.O.D.E. is a Bible Study for youth grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>
- Grace Notes is a Children's choir
  - K.I.C.K. is a program for children grades pre-school -6<sup>th</sup>

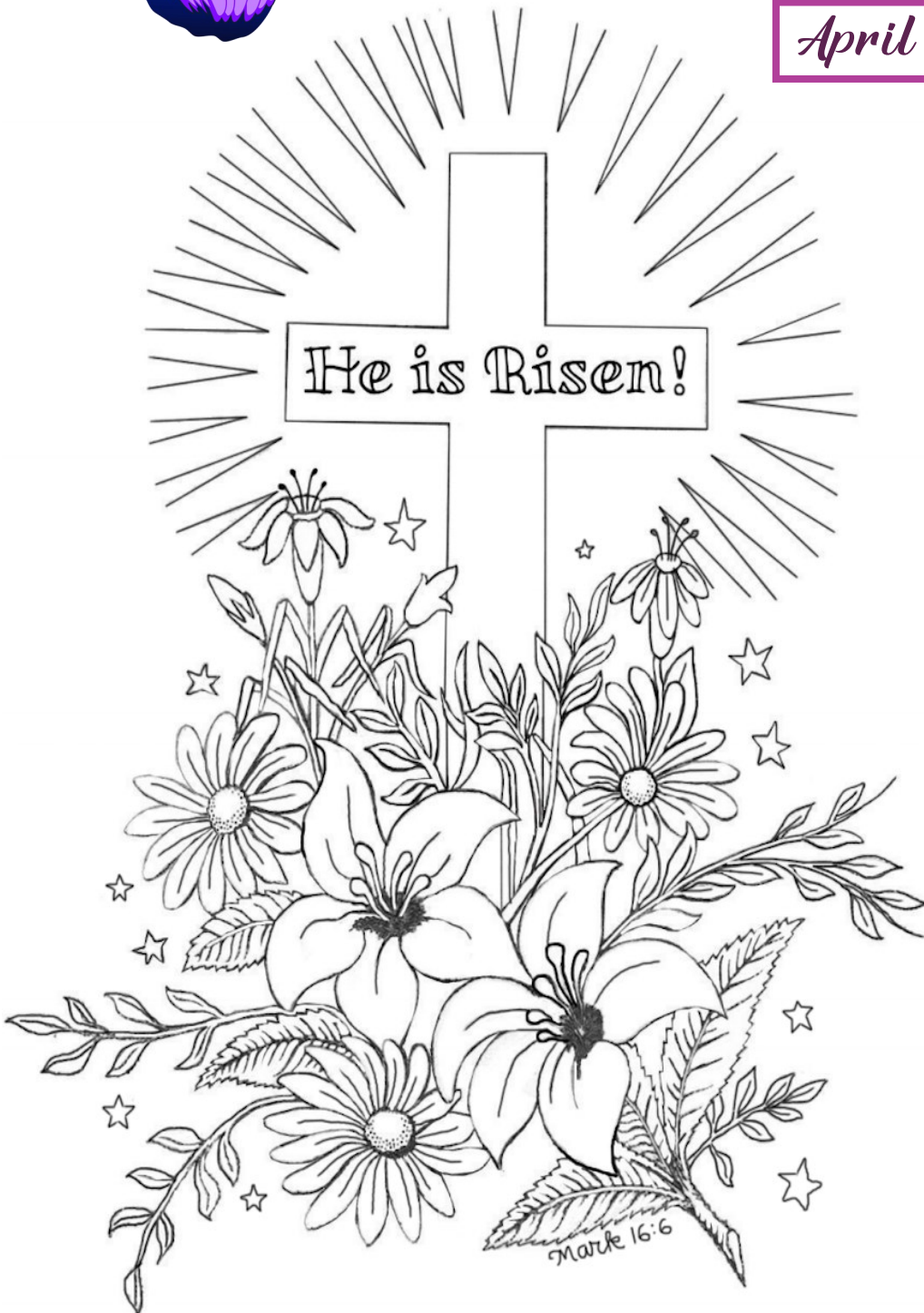


*Grace Notes did a wonderful job singing at Palm Sunday!*



## April Nursery Schedule

- April 7-JoAnne Breehne
- April 14-Russ & Beth Stearns
- April 21-Lyla Roy
- April 28-Jackie Brown



A huge thank you to everyone that volunteered and donated to help with the Easter egg hunt! The kids will be very happy to find all those delicious eggs!!



# APRIL 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym Bible Study 1-2:30p Pickleball @5-6:30pm	2 Trustee Meeting @6pm Choir @6:30pm	3	4 Pickleball @6:30pm	5 Church Office <b>Closed</b>	6 Pickleball @9:30-12 Ladies Bible Study @10:30-12
7 1st Sunday Communion Little White Church	8 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym Missions Meeting @7pm Pickleball @5-6:30pm	9 Ladies of Grace @11am Choir @6:30pm	10	11 Pickleball @6:30pm	12 Church Office <b>Closed</b>	13 Pickleball @9:30-12
14	15 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym Pickleball @5-6:30pm	16 Patchwork Quilt Guild @10:00am <b>No Choir</b>	17	18 Pickleball @6:30pm	19 Church Office <b>Closed</b>	20 Pickleball @9:30-12 Gym & Kitchen in use 2-4pm
21	22 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym Pickleball @5-6:30pm	23 Choir @6:30pm	24	25 Pickleball @6:30pm	26 Church Office <b>Closed</b>	27 Pickleball @9:30-12
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**REV. DR. RANDY STEARNS**

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our  
transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:12

