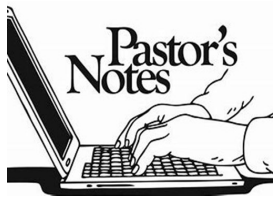


Glimpses of Grace

Grace United Methodist Church, Hamilton Ohio



Friends of Grace,

It is good to celebrate. God is good!

When I think back to Easter I am in awe. The Spirit was so powerfully felt. The seven confirmands up front professing their faith publicly was phenomenal. Ryder's witness about forgiveness was so moving. I stand amazed in the presence of God's handiwork, seen so obviously on that day.

I then celebrate our Lay Leader's willingness to preach while I was away on vacation. It is so good to have someone like Keith that partners with me in this way. I can be gone and know you all are in good hands. But on top of that joy, the next Sunday Maren Crawford and my daughter Lyndsey Klein teamed up to offer the good news of Christ. What a blessing from God.

Where have you seen God's power in your lives this past month? Where can you celebrate and give thanks? Like I said earlier, "It is good to celebrate. God is Good!"

Enjoying Grace with you,
Pastor Randy



Spotlight of Grace



5/27/2024



Every mother present will get a flower and hear a special poem read by Luke Crosby!

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Church Family News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Karen Tribby	2
Asher Roy	5
Robert Weigel	5
Deborah Wade	8
LaVada Fletcher	15
Megan Tonner-Robinson	17
Thora Patterson	24
Shirley Stewart-Wiant	25
Gene Erbe	27
Arline Wenning	29
Brett Noonan	30

May Anniversaries

Gene & Janet Erbe	6
Ron & Evelyn Silbaugh	15
Robert & Joan Young	18



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 will be bringing back the Backpack Ministry where we fill backpacks for the homeless and need your help! If you can help we will be accepting donations in May. Here is a list of needed items:

- Backpacks
- New Men's Socks
- Bar soap, comb
- Washcloth, Hand towels
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Razor, Shave Cream
- Deodorant, Nail Clippers
- Hat, Gloves
- Band-aid, Lotion

*Please place your donations in the box located in the Narthex or in the office.
Thanks for your help!*

The missions Committee met April 8th. We voted to make a \$500 donation to "Made to Love" which is a Hamilton organization that helps to educate children in Haiti. Can you believe that it only costs \$100 a year to educate one child?! We are helping 5 children with our donation! I encourage you to visit the Made to Love store on High Street in downtown Hamilton. All profits from sales go toward the school. Thank you for making this possible. We also discussed the Thanksgiving boxes and how that project will look in the future. More later about this project.



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**

Grace's Financial Committee Update

Annual budget needed	\$260,608.00
General funds monthly need	\$21,717.33
March income (Gen Funds)	\$34,586.35
March expenses (Gen Funds)	\$27,768.96
YTD income (Gen Funds)	\$61,962.70
YTD expenses (Gen Funds)	\$62,045.86
YTD income over/short	-\$83.16

Apportionments:

1. Ohio River Valley District
Paid YTD \$778.74
2. West Ohio Conference
Paid YTD \$5,952.00

Checking account 03/31/24 \$68,353.66

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!

Choir News

Hello From the Loft!!

Hello May! The last few months of our choir season seemed to rush on by. We will celebrate our choir on Mother's Day, May 12th. They voted for their favorite songs throughout our choir year and will sing them on Music Ministry Sunday along with a song from the Praise Team. I really hope you'll be there as we celebrate this special group of people. Praising our God through music is special and it takes dedication from our choir members! I hope you take a moment and thank them for that. Praise music will continue once monthly through Summer and choir will sing a Patriotic song for July 4th. Choir will reconvene in the Fall, do you want to join us?

Musical Blessings,

Tami Thompson



Ladies of Grace

Ladies of Grace met on April 11th in the parlor. There were 12 of us gathered. We had a wonderful devotional by Mindy and a discussion followed. It is so nice to have a group where you can express your heart's thoughts. Kay had a game that was absolutely hilarious after which we ate a delicious lunch prepared by Carol. Thanks to all of our ladies who have supported our group.

We will meet again on September 10th at 11am in the church parlor. More information will be posted later in the summer. If you have never come, please plan to join us! We have fellowship, fun and food!!

MOTHER'S DAY QUESTIONNAIRE

My Name Is _____

My Mom's Name Is _____

My Favorite Memory With My Mom Is

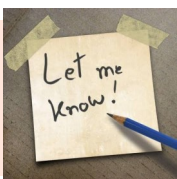
My Mom Makes Me Laugh When

My Favorite Food That My Mom Makes Is

I Love My Mom Because

I Think My Mom Is Pretty Because

A Picture of Mom and I



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.

KIDS ZONE



The Easter egg hunt was a success! Even if we did have to move it inside, the kids had a great time. They also got to imagine the empty tomb and celebrate that He is risen! Thank you for all the candy donations!



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!!



These teens completed a series of confirmation classes with Pastor Randy and showed their love for Jesus!



It's always a pleasure to see the little ones waving their palms on Palm Sunday!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

GRACEFUL STEPS is underway for it's 8th year! Our sessions will be May 28-June 23rd, every Tue. & Thur. from 10-12:30. If you love children, have a few hours to share and want a rewarding and fun experience, please consider joining us! We need mentors and the more we have, the more children we can reach out to! Even if you can't commit for all the days or hours we will take your help! Our table & forms will be available in the Narthex.

READERS ARE HAPPY CAMPERS!!



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



May 5: Russ & Beth Stearns

May 19: Lyla Roy

May 12: Rita Francis

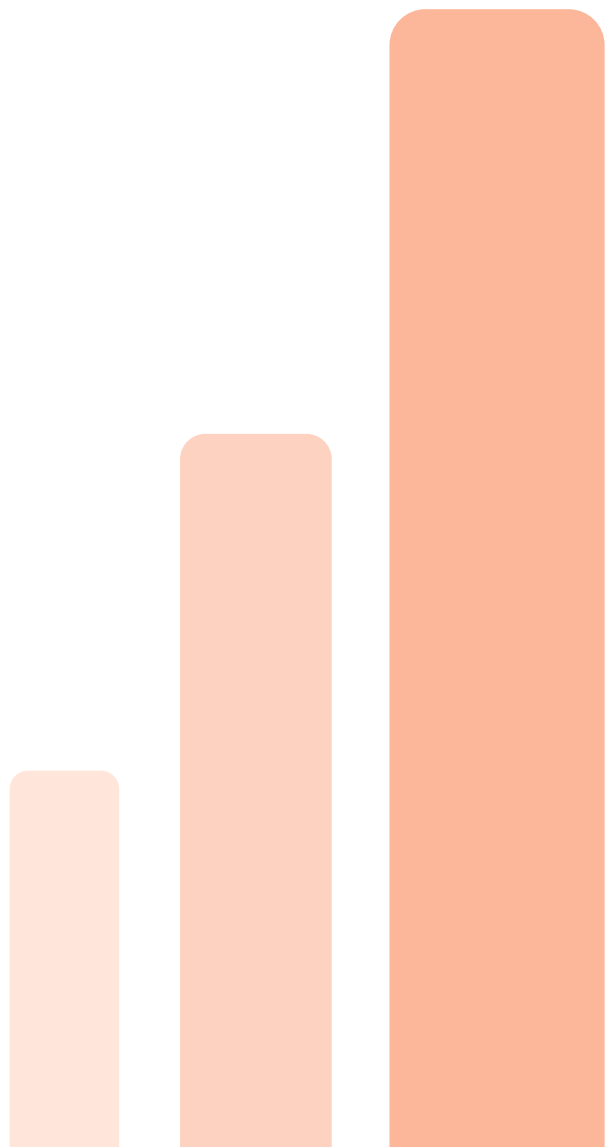
May 26: Jackie Brown

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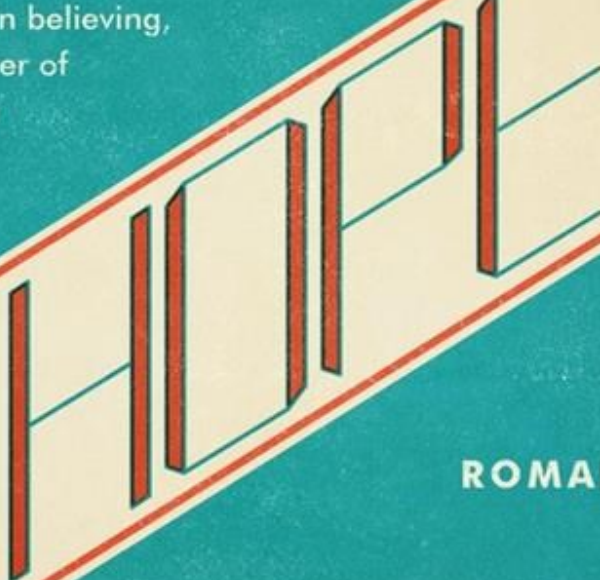
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Pickleball @6:30pm	3 Church Office Closed	4 Pickleball @9:30-12
5 1st Sunday Communion Little White Church	6 Pickleball @5-6:30pm T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym	7 Trustee Meeting @6pm	8	9 Pickleball @6:30pm	10 Church Office Closed	11 Pickleball @9:30-12
12 Choir Celebration Mothers Day	13 Pickleball @5-6:30pm T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym SPRC@7pm	14 Ladies of Grace @11am Gym & Kitchen in use 4-8pm	15	16 Pickleball @6:30pm	17 Church Office Closed	18 Pickleball @9:30-12
19	20 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Pickleball @5-6:30pm Finance Meeting @6pm Council Meeting @7pm	21 Patchwork Quilt Guild @10:00am	22	23 Pickleball @6:30pm	24 Church Office Closed	25 Pickleball @9:30-12
26	27 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Pickleball @5-6:30pm Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29	30 Pickleball @6:30pm	31 Church Office Closed	

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May the God of hope fill you with
all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of
the Holy Spirit you
may abound
in hope.



ROMANS 15:13