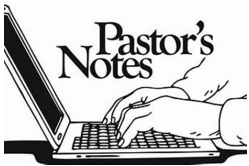




# Glimpses of Grace

*Worry about nothing, pray about everything Philippians 4: 6-7*



## Friends of Grace,

A few items to share with you this month –

We are re-igniting our welcome to visitors during worship. Each week we will highlight our hope that those visiting will experience God’s presence and our greeting.

Our prayer partners are re-established. Please use the prayer cards in the pews to share a prayer concern or joy. These will be passed along to our partners each week so that they can bring this specific need to God – together. If you would like to be a prayer partner you can use the prayer card to put your information and request.

The month of Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to celebrate a grateful heart. We will enjoy an emphasis on gratitude and giving that will include our annual Commitment Sunday. A challenge I gave during our last sermon series was – Pay attention to “One Another”. The New Testament is filled with this phrase. May our church family become all the more aware of “One Another,” as we move forward in God’s wondrous love and grace!

God is doing a work in our midst. We long to see it and to experience it – together.

**Enjoying Grace with you,**

*Pastor Randy*



## Spotlight of Grace



**Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner!**

**Join us on November 15th!  
Don't forget to make a reservation.**

**November is Giving & Stewardship month!!**

Commitment Sunday is Nov. 19th!

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# Church Family News



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**PRAYER MINISTRY UPDATE!** When you have a prayer request please use one of these options to communicate:

1. Contact the church office
2. Text/call the new prayer coordinator  
-Barb Zellner (513-258-2360)
3. Fill out the new prayer card in the pew and place in the offering box.

**Please consider joining us on the prayer team!** Use one of these options to let us know if you are interested. There is power in prayer!



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.

# Missions Committee News



Many thanks for the generous donations to the Blanket Drive! The amount totaled about \$730.00, which is phenomenal!! Thanks to you, our love will be felt all over the world, where the need is great!

**Please Consider Donating!** We will begin collecting food to feed 50 families on October 22. These items are necessary for each box to make a suitable Thanksgiving dinner. Canned green beans, canned corn (not creamed), boxed cake mix, can of frosting, Stove Top stuffing. If you desire to buy more please limit your choices to this list: cereal, canned soup, peanut butter & jelly, canned tuna, boxed macaroni & cheese, rice/noodles. Your donations can also be brought to the church during office hours.



**CHANGE\*** November 19<sup>th</sup> will be Spud Sunday, we will be collecting 5-10 lb bags of potatoes.

**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!*



Don't forget to visit Made to Love to shop for Christmas gifts this year!! This local non profit has unique one of a kind items and every purchase goes to send kids to school!! Located on the corner of High Street and 2nd, open Tue-Sat 11-4.

# Grace's Financial Committee Update

Annual budget needed	\$242,916.00
General funds monthly need	\$20,243.00
September income (Gen Funds)	\$25,080.85
September expenses (Gen Funds)	\$18,539.25
YTD income (Gen Funds)	\$174,680.75
YTD expenses (Gen Funds)	\$176,945.69
YTD income over/short	-\$2264.94
Apportionments:	
1. Ohio River Valley District	
Paid YTD	\$2779.47
2. West Ohio Conference	
Paid YTD	\$16,228.44
Checking account 9/30/23	\$52,859.16



Respectfully submitted, *Al Lipscomb, Finance Chair & Kari Shaw, Grace Treasurer*

*November is Giving & Stewardship month!*

Commitment cards will be passed out on November 12th and returned on Sunday the 19th at Commitment Sunday!

**TAKE  
NOTE**

All Committee Chairman's please submit your budget request to Al Lipscomb for the 2024 budget no later the November 15th!

***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](mailto:gumctreasurer@fuse.net) for assistance.

Peace Be With You!



The Christmas Offering will go to the Little White Church and Missions fund this year!

## Worship Committee

**Hello** from the Worship Committee and welcome to the beginning of winter. Things really start moving in November!

**All Saints' Day** is 11/5, carnations will be available to place on cross in memory of any loved ones you wish to memorialize.

**Poinsettia order** forms for Christmas will be in bulletin 11/26 & 12/3. I'll order them on the 4th.

The kitchen committee ladies will have **Thanksgiving dinner** at 5:30 on 11/15.

**We will hang the greens** and decorate for Christmas on 11/25 at 9:00am. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Hope your fall season was good and see you at Sunday service.

*In His service, Jeff Shaw*

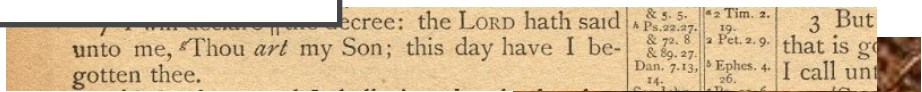
## Library Committee

**Hello fellow readers,**

This month I am featuring 'Kingdom Values' by Tony Evans. Interesting study of the Beatitudes!

As described on his website, "Dr. Evans provides insights based on biblical virtues found in the Beatitudes as well as throughout the rest of Christ's teachings. When you live life God's way, demonstrating His values to those around you, you will usher in authentic change not only in others but in the culture as well. Kingdom values are contagious. Pass them on. "

*Nancy Zimmerman*





# Choir News

**Hello!** Hope this finds you enjoying your Fall activities and anticipating Thanksgiving! The Fall season finds our choir working on service music in addition to music for Advent. As is tradition at Grace, we will present a Christmas Cantata titled "*Come Let Us Adore*" on December 17th during the worship service. I hope you will join us on that Sunday and perhaps invite a friend!

The Cantata is beautifully written with traditional carols you'll recognize woven with some more contemporary music. We love it and you hope you will too!

If it is on your heart to join us, come find me after church, or call me and we'll talk about it!

*Blessings Through Music,*

*Tami Thompson*



# Kitchen Committee

We have had a beautiful Fall and Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner! The Kitchen Committee is already planning the church family Thanksgiving Dinner for Wednesday, 11/15. Although, there is no charge for this dinner, reservations are required. We will be taking reservations beginning Sunday 10/29, and again on Wednesday 11/1 and 11/8 and Sunday 11/5. We met our limit last year so please register early.

*There will be no Wednesday evening meals on 11/22 or 11/29.*

## **IMPORTANT INFO REGARDING WEDNESDAY DINNERS IN DECEMBER**

In the past the December Wednesday dinners have been poorly attended. For those of you who would like to come to dinner on 12/6 and 12/13 we will be cooking. What we need from you is to make a reservation for the December dinners. This is only for those 2 meals. We will be accepting reservations for those dinners when we take the Thanksgiving reservations or you can call the church office to make the reservations by 12/4.

*Mindy Chenoweth*

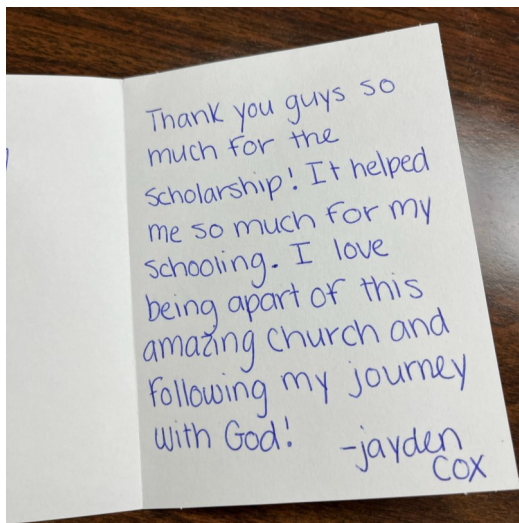
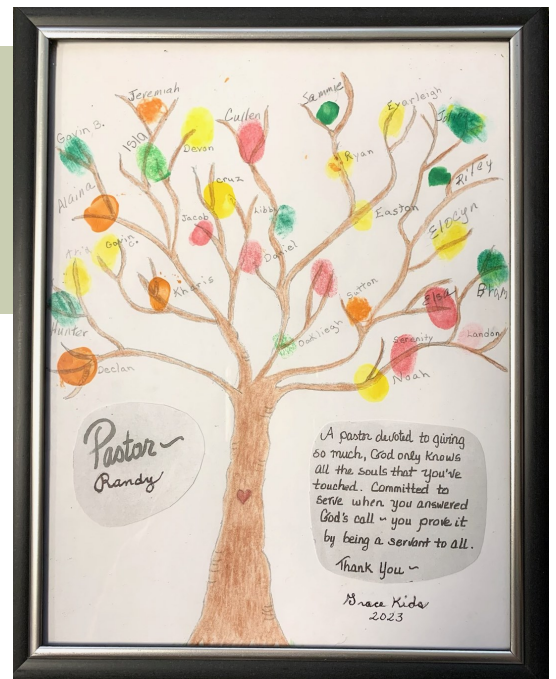
# Ladies of Grace

The Ladies of Grace met on October 10th. Jan Grimm shared a moving devotional and Claudia and Hazel served a wonderful lunch. I guess we have to admit it, ladies we do not have 'snacks' but a wonderful light lunch! Let's call it what it is! We had a packed meeting and since our speaker canceled, we had fun with a get to know you activity. What fun!

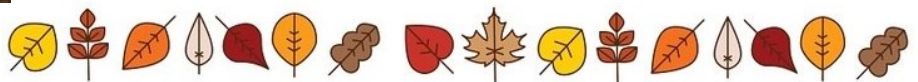
Our next meeting is November 14 @11am in the Parlor. The devotional is to be led by Lori and light lunch is provided by Jan Grimm. If you have never joined us, please plan to come. We are open to all women at our Grace community!

*Christy Giliberto*

Pastor Randy received a sweet gift from the kids and teachers of Grace Kids! Each little fingerprint represents our future church generation. Thank you Pastor Randy for being a great leader to these kids!



Sweet letter we received from one of our scholarship recipients! Blessings for a bright future!



## Be "Leaf" in Yourself!

# Kid's Zone



**KICK club study  
time and fun!**



## Nursery Schedule



- Nov. 5-** Robin Sims
- Nov. 12-** Russ & Beth Stearns
- Nov. 19-** Rita Francis
- Nov. 26-** Jackie Brown

## September Birthdays



**Brayden Justice- Nov. 12th**



## Important Kids Zone Dates:

**Sunday November 12th**, the KICK club kids will preform their song and dance for the congregation.

There will be no Wednesday night activities on **Wednesday November 22nd.**




# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 1st Sunday Communion All Saints Day Little White Church	6 Ladies Bible Study 10:15-12:15 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym Pickleball 5-6:30	7 Trustee Meeting @6pm Choir @6:30pm	8 Mentoring 3:30p-5:30p 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	9 Gym & kitchen in use 11-3:30 Pickleball @7p	10 Church Office <b>Closed</b>	11
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19 Commitment Sunday KICK Performance	20 Ladies Bible Study 10:15-12:15 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Pickleball 5-6:30	21 Patchwork Quilt Guild @10:00am Choir @6:30pm	22 No Activities	23 <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	24 Church Office <b>closed</b>	25 Hanging of the Greens @9am
26	27 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym Pickleball 5-6:30	28 Choir @6:30pm Finance Budget Meeting @5:30pm	29 No Activities	30 Pickleball @7p		

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*Fear thou not; for I am with thee;  
be not dismayed; for I am thy God;  
I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee;  
yea, I will uphold thee with the  
right hand of my righteousness.*

*Isaiah 41:10*