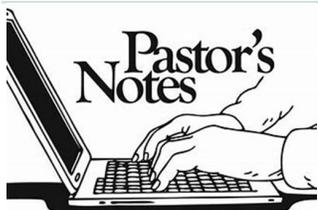




Glimpses of Grace



"Be strong and courageous. Do not be fearful and anxious, for I am with you every step of the way." -Joshua 1:9

Friends of Grace,

A new year has begun. What this upcoming year holds is known to us in so many ways. We already have a calendar set for 2019. Things will be added and removed as time passes. However, there are so many things that will occur that are not on our calendars or included in our plans. Life unfolds with the expected and the unexpected. Either way we remain people of faith who trust our Lord.

The sermon series that is planned to start the New Year has the focus of PRAYER. How do we pray? When do we pray? How often should we pray? Does prayer work? Does it matter?

Our joy is "Sharing Christ's Love, Grace and Community with You".

We invite you to draw closer to our Lord in the new year. We plan to draw closer together as we draw closer to God. Place yourself in settings that matter--Worship and study, fellowship and ministry. God is going to do wondrous things among us. The Spirit is working here and promises to continue. Do you see it? Can you feel it? Will you believe?



SPOTLIGHT OF GRACE



Patchwork Quilt Guild donates to Haven House

Bobby Grove, Pastor Randy, and Roberta Johnson stand next to the 37 quilts made and donated by the Patchwork Quilt Guild.

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LOVE IS A FIVE LETTER WORD
GRACE

The 4th-6th grade class concluded their study on Wednesday night about patriarchs and especially Joseph. They learned that when people mean things for harm,



Lighting the Advent Candle



Grace Notes Musical



THANK YOU to the members of the Patchwork Quilt Guild! They not only donated 37 beautiful, hand-made quilts but also pillowcases and other assorted personal items to Haven House.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Halcomb	1
Chris Jordan	2
Floyd Baker	3
Frank Tonner	5
Mitchell Flannery	6
William Caldwell	7
Jackie Brown	12
Jan Landreth	12
Paula Copeland	14
Jean Stitsinger	15
Cruz Silva	17
Leah Vangen	17
Julianna Silva	20
Addison Ward-Grimm	20
Pam Morningstar	23
Ailey Justice	24
Shirley Smith	24
Pat Lipscomb	25
Jonathan Roy	26
Hunter Shaw	26
Carson Ungerbuehler	27
Sarah Parsons	30
Ginny Johnson	31
Mary Lee Porter	31



Keith & Jackie Brown 5



We celebrate the life of Doris Castator. She went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

From The Heart



Thank you to the choir for coming to my house and singing Christmas carols. You touched my heart.



Did you know that you can sign up for Kroger rewards to give to Grace UMC? It's easy and YOU still get your gas points! You will need to renew this program each year via instructions sent to your email account. Steps to signing up:

- ◆ Visit Kroger.com and enroll to the site with your email address
- ◆ Sign in and then select the Savings & Rewards dropdown
- ◆ Choose Kroger Community Rewards and then select Enroll & Manage—our organization is #YV571.

Need help signing up? Write down the following information and leave in the office mailbox for the church's treasurer

HamiltonGrace.org

Make sure to visit our new webpage where you will find the Sunday Services archived and easily accessible. You can also find them posted on our Facebook page.



Find Grace UMC on Facebook! Our page has inspirational quotes, funny cartoons, pictures of church events, and information regarding church closures due to inclement weather. Visit www.facebook.com/Grace-United-Methodist-Church-



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 844-1935.

GRACE KIDS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., January 2

- ◆ NO K.I.C.K. or C.O.D.E.

Wed., January 9—6:15—7:45pm

- ◆ K.I.C.K. for preschool—6th grades
- ◆ C.O.D.E. for 7th—12th grades

Wed., January 16 & Sun., January 20 at 10:30am

- ◆ Church Service & Grace Notes Choir

Wed., January 23—6:15-7:45pm

- ◆ K.I.C.K. for preschool—6th grades
- ◆ C.O.D.E. for 7th—12th grades

Wed., January 30—6:15-7:45pm

- ◆ K.I.C.K. for preschool—6th grades

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all who donated to our "Sharing Our Blessings" project. On Tuesday, December 18th, we invited our moms and Nana to church. After Melanie gave a beautiful, empowering prayer, we enjoyed an informal dinner.

We then presented them with their wrapped presents and showed them the gifts that were given for their family members. They chose to stay and have us help them wrap their gifts. It was a great time of sharing and getting to know each other. The concerns we talked about included being a single mom with several children trying to work and be there for the kids; caring for other children who needed a loving home while taking them in; caring for a special needs child; caring for a child undergoing treatment for leukemia; having been robbed of clothes, toys, and possessions; beginning anew.

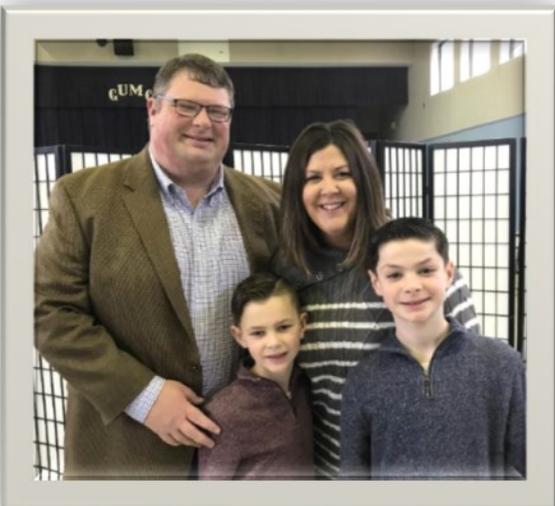
Amid tears and hugs, our families were extremely appreciative and couldn't say "Thank You" enough. This Christmas, three families will enjoy a wonderful day because of your love and very generous spirit!

Blessings,
Jan Grimm

Thank you!



**Breakfast
With
Santa**





USHERS

6 — Richard Laubenstein, Ray Cook, Darius Bowling, Don Weik
 13 — Steve Francis, Bill Steurer, George Marsh, Doug Tolley
 20 — Bill Stearns, Dick Giliberto, Jeff Shaw, Doug Tolley
 27 — Barb Curtis, Shirley Smith, Paula Hedgepeth, Nancy Zimmerman

SOUND

Dave (1st Sunday)
 Jeff (4th Sunday)

LITURGIST

6 — Kelli/Lilly Chenoweth
 13 — Mindy Chenoweth
 20 — Kari Shaw
 27 — Ali Roy

NURSERY

6 — Robin Sims
 13 — Beth Stearns
 20 — Cathi Current
 27 — Leah & Chasity Knox

VALETS

6 — Phil Chenoweth
 13 — Don Weik
 20 — Cliff Stearns
 27 — Chad Chenoweth

GREETERS

6 — Jim & Sue Day
 13 — Harry & Pat Pallant
 20 — Bettie Braun & Shirley Smith
 27 — Dick & Christy Giliberto

JUNIOR CHURCH

3 years—Kindergarten

6 — Connie Shaw & Jeanne Griffith
 13 — Sharon Hartman & Pam Morningstar
 20 — Shelby & Cliff Stearns
 27 — Amberleigh Ungerbuehler & Judith Pugh

1st—6th grades

6 — stay in Worship Service
 13 — Kristin Sims
 20 — Shelbie & Savannah Shaw
 27 — Shelby & Cliff Stearns

ACOLYTES

6—Cooper Moyer & Bentley Moyer
 13—Lilly Chenoweth & Lyla Roy
 20—Julianna Silva & Ryder Parsons
 27—Timothy Copeland & Clara Riggio



Worship

Happy New Year from the "Worship" Committee,

2019 will be even better than 2018 and we will start the year off by taking down the greens on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 9:00am. Donuts, coffee and orange juice will be provided. Please consider assisting. It's super easy and the fellowship is fun.

If you haven't noticed, attendance is soaring on Sunday morning and why, you may ask? The answer is, the Holy Spirit is moving and it's great to be part of this! Invite someone to church and let them experience the energy that's alive at Grace United Methodist Church.

Richard Laubenstein could use one more usher to be a "fill-in" when needed. Please contact Richard if you would like to be a part of this ministry. Please consider becoming a sound tech for one Sunday a month, it's a very easy way to contribute to the ministry of Grace Church.

Sincerely,
Jeff Shaw

CD recordings are available of Pastor Randy's Sunday morning sermons.

Contact Mary, in the church office to request a copy.

Missions

Greetings from the Missions Committee,

In January the Missions Committee reviews, plans, and disperses our funds. We owe a HUGE thank you to our congregation for their help and generous donations in 2018. As always we continue to do OUR part to help OUR neighbors!

Thank you and have a blessed New Year,
Ray Cook

Kitchen/Community

Family dinners will start back on January 9th at 5:30pm. If you have never attended the Wednesday dinners, the new year is a great time to join other church families on Wednesday evening for a good meal and great fellowship.

2018 was another year of growth, including several new members that joined or transferred membership to Grace. There will be a new member reception immediately following morning worship on Sunday, January 13th. Please plan on staying after church to welcome our newest members.

Sincerely,
Mindy Chenoweth



Grace's Financial Update

Annual budget needed	\$221,665.00
General funds monthly needs	\$18,472.00
November income (Gen Funds)	\$25,580.88
November expenses (Gen Funds)	\$10,278.11
YTD income (Gen Funds)	\$205,947.15
YTD expenses (Gen Funds)	\$192,243.80
YTD income over/short	\$13,703.80
Apportionments:	
Ohio River Valley District Paid YTD	\$4182.75
West Ohio Conference Paid YTD	\$15,000.00
*2018 100% of budgeted amount	
Checking account for bills 11/30/18	\$22,831.50

Respectfully submitted,

Al Lipscomb, Finance Chair
Kari Shaw, Grace Treasurer



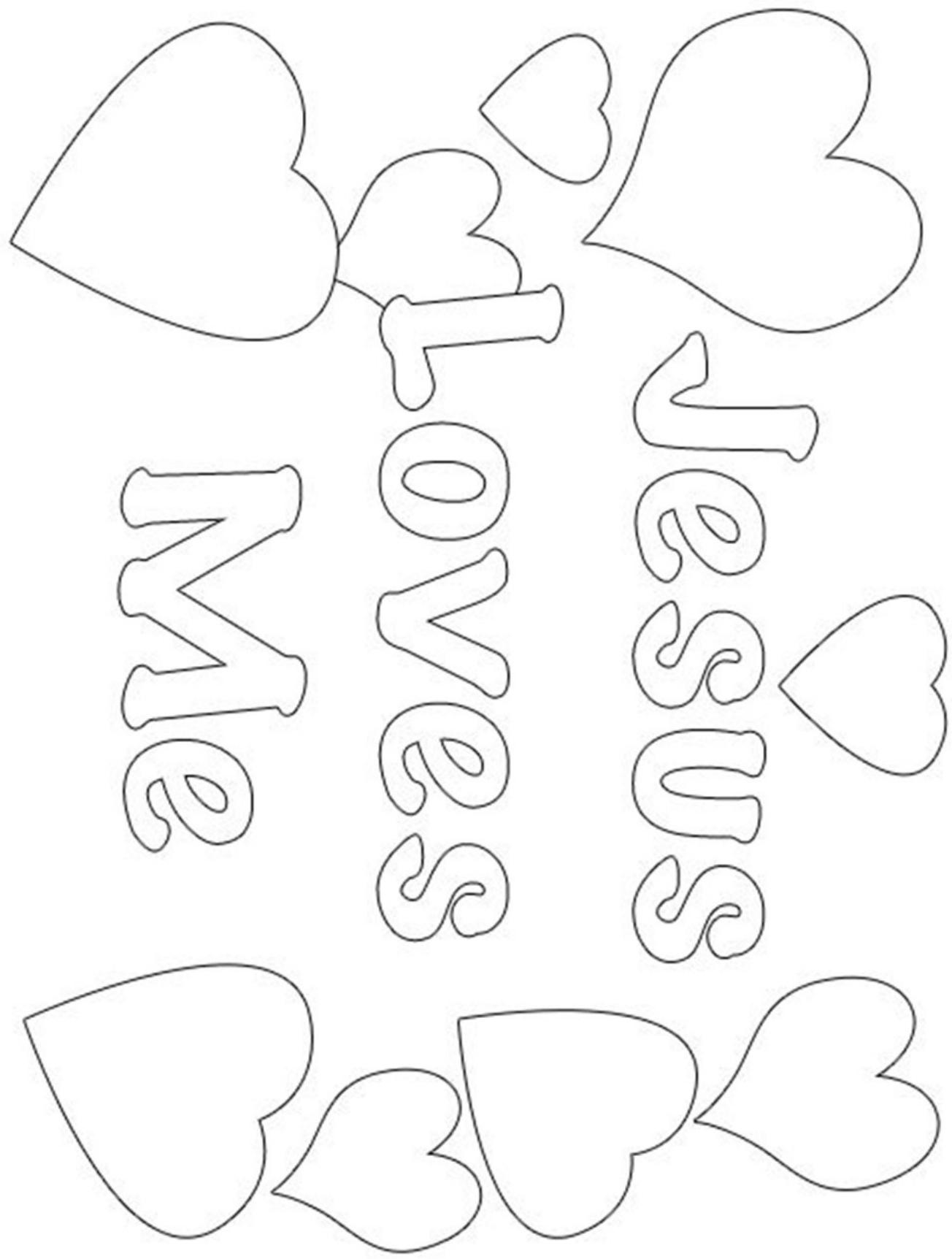
from the front
of the choir

On December 9th, the Chancel Choir blessed us with their cantata, "Jesus, There's Something About That Name". Familiar hymns woven amongst Christmas carols and narration gave us the clear story for the birth of Jesus. Special thanks to Jeff Shaw for always being our narrator and doing an excellent job. Thank you to our choir members for all their efforts and dedication. Practice began in September. Yes! September! What a blessed and joyful celebration of our Savior!

For His Glory,
Tami Thompson

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Little White Church is a ministry of Missions.
- C.O.D.E. is for youth grades 7th—12th
- K.I.C.K for children pre-school to 6th grade
- Grace Notes is a Children's choir



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