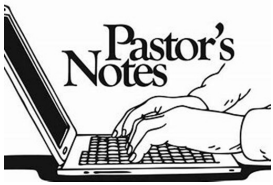




Glimpses of Grace

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



Friends of Grace,

A few moments ago I was walking around connecting with our children and mentors of Graceful Steps. This reading program is so well organized and helpful. The children are truly being served. As your pastor I am so proud of this congregation for making the space for this to happen. The commitment is a large one and the fruits from this effort are even larger.

As we work with children through Vacation Bible School and Graceful Steps we are blessed as a church. The blessing comes as we give to them and as we receive. When we serve we receive. God seems to have built this into our being human. We need to assist others around us.

Allow me to thank each one of you as you serve family, friends, and others we spend time with throughout the week. In this way God's Kingdom can come on earth as it is in heaven.

"Serve the Lord with gladness" Psalm 100:2

May our impact on others extend and grow through these summer months.

Enjoying Grace with you,

Pastor Randy



Spotlight of Grace



Meetings in July

Missions 7/10 @ 7pm

Finance 7/17 @ 6pm

Council 7/17 @7pm

SPRC 7/24 @ 7pm

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Church Family News



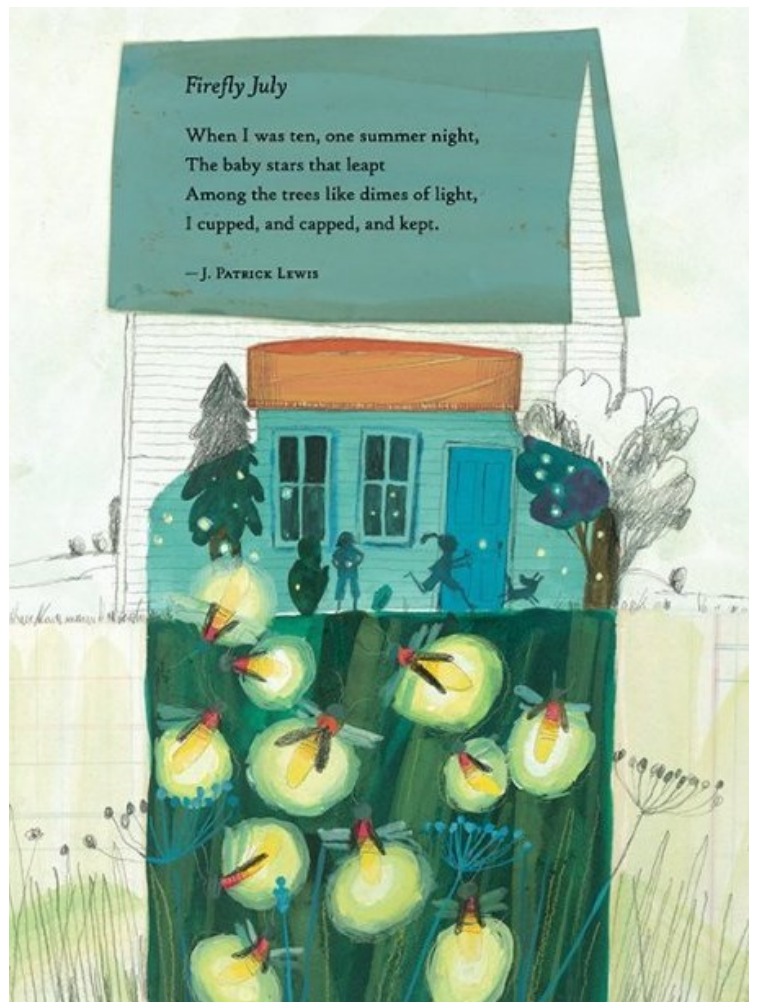
JULY BIRTHDAYS



Lori Clark	1
Helen Miller	1
Victoria Shaw	3
Marcella Frey	5
Pat Conn	8
Anne Bowling	9
Lois Baker	13
Richard Laubenstein	15
Pastor Randy Stearns	16
Isabel Padgett	17
Sue Sawyer	17
Aileen Gaynor	18
Wright Johnson	18
Jason Long	21
Judy Zinsmeister	22
Susie Dunkelberger	25
Jesse Moyer	27
Doug Stambaugh	30
Megan Boyer	31



Bret & Mary Noonan	2
Jon & Ali Roy	7
Michael & Tiffany Sekach	9
Bo & Paula Copeland	13



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

Thank you from the Mission Outreach Team!

Through your generous donations of supplies and money, we were able to deliver 42...**yes 42** "Welcome Home" kits to help those who are getting back on their feet. The love that went into each basket will be felt deeply by the people who receive them and by the Sojourner Group that administers the recovery programs. The donations were overwhelming! When I contacted Christine Birhanzi from recovery services, and told her about the number of kits we had, she was in tears (of joy). She and her helper Nate, came over and picked them up almost immediately. I



was thrilled to see them so happy and I have to admit, to get my side of the garage back!

We will be starting our blanket outreach drive in August. Tami Marsh will be the lead person on the project.

Thank you for all your help and support on this project. The **light of Jesus** just keeps getting brighter through this congregation!!



Ladies of Grace

The Ladies of Grace met on June 13. There were 9 of us. We were displaced by Graceful Steps and Pastor Randy generously stepped in and offered his office table to us. We enjoyed some fellowship, devotional led by Kay and snacks by Christy. We also colored 28 bracelets for the children attending Graceful Steps this summer. A fun and productive time was had by all!

Our next meeting will be on August 15, at 11am in the parlor. Snacks are offered by Kay and Marilyn F. and the devotional is open at this time. Please note that there is no July meeting.

If you have yet to join us, we meet regularly on the second Tuesday of each month in the parlor at 11 am. We would surely like for all women to join us. It is a good way to get to know other women in our congregation.



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	\$242,916.00
General funds monthly need	\$20,243.00
May income (Gen Funds)	\$14,055.00
May expenses (Gen Funds)	\$21,445.69
YTD income (Gen Funds)	\$100,098.70
YTD expenses (Gen Funds)	\$94,350.59
YTD income over/short	\$5,748.11

Apportionments:

1. Ohio River Valley District
Paid YTD \$1544.15
2. West Ohio Conference
Paid YTD \$9015.80

Checking account 5/31/23 \$63,964.56

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!



Library Committee

Hello fellow readers,

Since Summer is the time when most of us have more time to read, I thought I would just review 3 of the books I have featured over the last several months.

- Kingdom Women is a great book by Tony Evans and his daughter Chrystal.
- Psalms 91 by Peggy Joyce Ruth is a good book to learn to pray protection over someone.
- Battlefield of the Mind by Joyce Meyer is a great book to help you find peace of mind.

If you missed any of these books , now is a good time to grab one and hang out on the lawn chair.
Enjoy the Summer,

Nancy Zimmerman



Worship Committee

Hello from the Worship committee. Not much to report this month as it's summer and the living is easy.

Everyone enjoy **July 4th** and remember the independence of our great nation was paid for by men and women who had faith in an idea that had never been accomplished before. Just like our faith in a God we can't physically see, but can have a close relationship with, all you have to do is ask.

Please be patient with us concerning the stream, we are on a learning curve and having great difficulty. We will get it back to normal soon.

If you are travelling, have a safe trip and see you all soon.

In His Service,

Jeff Shaw

Meet the Graduates!



Jayden Cox

Jayden is so thankful to this church for helping her find her pathway to God. Her plan is to go to Miami Hamilton and major in criminal justice. After that she plans on going to law school to be a family lawyer so she can help kids get the life they deserve!

Hunter Shaw

Hunter Shaw graduated from Talawanda High School. He is in the Air Force Reserves leaving form Boot Camp in August then on to Aviation Hydraulics School for the Air Force. Thank you for your service Hunter!



Jonathan Copeland

Jonathan has played such an important part at Grace Church, his knowledge and help with the sound and worship team will be greatly missed! After he graduates, he plans on getting his CDL license and possibly get a driving job.





Kid's Zone



VBS was a huge success! The kids crafted, danced, sang, experimented and had a blast (literally)!! This amazing group of kids raised enough money to buy 15 desks for a school in Africa!! The week ended with a splash thanks to the Hamilton Fire Department and a lovely picnic, thanks to the ladies from the kitchen. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, donated, prayed and worked hard to make this happen!





GRACEFUL STEPS

We have been enjoying our seventh year of Graceful Steps! This year we had 26 children, 12 of which are new students. Our mentors were amazing!! They were so flexible as we had to find each new students reading levels and pair them with compatible mentors. They did such innovative things with the kids and showed such respect and love to each one. These wonderful moments were all possible because of our generous church family. Every year we are in awe of the gifts we receive of money, talent and time. Our sincere appreciation and thanks go out to our 18 mentors, 10 helpers, cafeteria helpers, and all those who supported us with their thoughts and prayers. Surely we felt the presence of God every day!



July 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 1st Sunday Communion	3 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Church Office Closed	8
9	10 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Missions Meeting @7pm	11	12	13	14 Church Office Closed	15
16	17 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Finance Meeting @6pm Council Meeting @ 7pm	18 Patchwork Quilt Guild @10:00am	19	20	21 Church Office closed	22
23	24 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm SPRC Meeting @ 7pm	25	26	27	28 Church Office closed	29
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