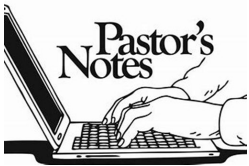




Glimpses of Grace

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



Friends of Grace,

As we continue our series on "The Soul" I thought it appropriate to share another story from Chicken Soup for the Soul, that reminds us of a marvelous truth.

You Are a Marvel

Each second we live is a new and unique moment of the universe, a moment that will never be again.... And what do we teach our children? We teach them that two and two make four, and that Paris is the capital of France. When will we also teach them what they are? We should say to each of them: Do you know what you are? You are a marvel. You are unique. In all the years that have passed, there has never been another child like you. Your legs, your arms, your clever fingers, the way you move. You may become a Shakespeare, a Michelangelo, a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel. And when you grow up, can you then have another who is, like you, a marvel? You must work — we must all work — to make the world worthy of its children.

-Pablo Casals

Enjoying Grace with you,

Pastor Randy



Spotlight of Grace

Pastor Appreciation lunch will take place on October 8th after church service! Please join us to celebrate our Pastor!



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Church Family News

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Samuel Copeland	1
Jack Zellner	4
Chasity Knox	7
Shirley Mainous	7
Jack Silva	10
Pat Pallant	11
Elza Sapp	14
David Morgan	20
Timothy Copeland	22
Betty Zellner	23
Daniel Allen	25
Cooper Moyer	27
Robert Patterson-Moore	27
Sutton Bowling	29
Paula Hedgepeth	29

October

Anniversaries

Elza & Maxine Sapp	2
Gary & Sharon Hartman	3
Jeff & Kari Shaw	13
Patrick & Sheila Crosby	14
Daniel & Sara Allen	28



October's Party

October gave a party;
 The leaves by hundreds came -
 The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
 And leaves of every name.
 The Sunshine spread a carpet,
 And everything was grand,
 Miss Weather led the dancing,
 Professor Wind the band.

George Cooper

Ramblings of the Clairy



LET US
KNOW

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



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.

November 19th will be fruit Sunday, we will be collecting hardy fruit like apples and oranges.

"Thank the almighty for all that He gave in life, for the food that you eat, for the people you greet, for the love in the heart, for that wonderful start. Thank the Lord for everything, because it is Thanksgiving Day!" - author unknown

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
August income (Gen Funds)	\$14,379.70
August expenses (Gen Funds)	\$22,110.79
YTD income (Gen Funds)	\$149,599.90
YTD expenses (Gen Funds)	\$158,406.44
YTD income over/short	-\$8806.54
Apportionments:	
1. Ohio River Valley District	
Paid YTD	\$2470.64
2. West Ohio Conference	
Paid YTD	\$14,425.28
Checking account 8/31/23	\$48,066.57

Respectfully submitted,

Al Lipscomb, Finance Chair



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 party



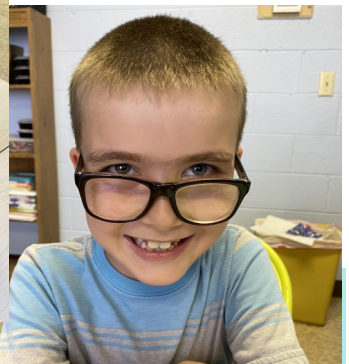
Ladies of Grace

Our September meeting was enjoyed by 15 ladies. Kay Campbell led the devotional, which was truly meaningful and heart felt. After covering some business, Christy showed a few of the lap quilts that were given to us by the Patchwork Quilt Guild, which meets in our church each month. I wish I could have brought all 39 of them as each one is more gorgeous than the next. Plans were made to distribute them to members of our congregation. Wow, what a memorable gift!

The speaker this month was Maddie Watkins from the 17Strong organization. She showed us how to find our particular neighborhood, how to travers the web site and how to get involved. The booklet she gave us had a wealth of information about each neighborhood and a brief history of each one. During our fantastic lunch prepared by Tami and Mindy, Jan Landreth showed us her grandmother's wedding dress and her grandfather's tux from their wedding in 1897! The dress was made of wool and they were married in June! Obviously our ancestors were a hearty bunch!!

With sharing, good food and fellowship, we hesitated to leave. If you have never joined us, please come to the next meeting on October 10th @ 11am. Jan Grimm is sharing the devotional and Claudia and Hazel are providing the light luncheon.

See you there! Christy Giliberto



Kid's Zone

Graceful Steps

Our first session of Graceful Steps Wednesday Tutorial Program was a success! God blessed us with 10 precious students and 8 amazing mentors. Our goal is to fill in some learning gaps to help our kids become more successful and to know the presence of God in their lives. We had lots of fun too!



Nursery Schedule

October 1- Robin Sims

October 8- Russ & Beth Stearns

October 15- Rita Francis

October 22- Jackie Brown

October 29- Lyla Roy

October Birthdays

Oct. 29- Sutton Bowling

Oct. 31- Dylan Pence

K.I.C.K. KICKOFF! Our children enjoyed learning a dance routine from our instructors Isla Weekly, Alaina Harris and Riley Finrock!



October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday Communion Little White Church	2 Ladies Bible Study 10:15-12:15 T.O.P.S. @5:15-6:30pm Cub Scouts @7 - 8pm Classroom & gym	3 Trustee Meeting @6pm	4 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	5 Choir @6:30pm Pickleball @7:30pm	6 Church Office Closed	7
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