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Grace UM Church Outreach

We wanted to share how the Outreach Ministry has impacted so many people through our kindness and donations.

Soup Kitchen

The 4th Monday of the month is our Volunteer night from 4:45-6pm. There are usually 5-6 of us who serve the Homeless a hot dinner while they are picking up Hygiene Bags, Warm Clothing, Blankets, Sleeping Bags, and Bread. Come and join us! The experience helps you realize how Blessed we all are!

Snyder Park Elementary School

We have been serving the school in several ways. All lead by the Lord. After the Home Made Christmas cookies, everyone loves the Church Ladies! There are 375 students plus Faculty and Staff.

Mr. Sledge asked the Church Ladies to help monitor during the recent Book Fair. Thank you, Kim and Fonda! The Teachers have requested items for the "Snack Walk" on March 6. A notice was sent to have items(Bag of chips, Cookies, 2L Soda, apples, etc) by March 2. The Snack Walk is a Fundraiser for the Student Leadership Club to learn Finance.

As a Nurse, the Health Department and the Optometric Association of Ohio were able to provide 16 Students @ Snyder Park Elementary with 2 new pairs of glasses on February 14, 2025. Glasses will be fitted in 2 weeks. Those 16 students will be able to read!

We firmly believe that the Church Ladies are making a difference in those students' lives.....Actually, we are making a difference in the Teachers and Staff also.....as we do the Lord's work.

Stay tuned for what is next!

Connie Mitchell, and Team members,

Kim Stehle, Betty Prosser, Marilyn Martin, Fonda Setters, Pastor Vicki

Come and join our team! Free Hugs! Free Smiles!

“FROM WHENCE COMETH MY HELP”

In anticipation of a new pastor joining our community, we will be including mini-biographies in the monthly newsletter.



Rebecca “Becky” Frantz, Lay Leader, Staff Pastor Parish Relations Team, Choir member, and Praise Team. For many years Becky was the Grace UMC representative to annual conference. Becky was born in Springfield and has lived here all her life. Her parents, Charolette and George, were faithful members of Grace church and enrolled Becky in the Grace Cradle Roll when she was born. Becky was an active member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the Youth Choir, taught Sunday school, and participated in a circle of the UMW. After Becky graduated from college and later received her Master’s Degree, she taught in the Northeastern School district for 38 years. Most of those years were as a teacher for the second grade. Becky’s Dad always said he got her through 18 years of school but never could get her beyond the second grade. The people of Grace have always been an extended family for Becky. She forever acknowledges their love, caring, and support for her when she lost her beloved sister, Susan, to cancer. Also, for when God called her dedicated parents home. Becky makes every effort to remain active with her sister’s daughters and their children. Becky credits and tells everyone of her love for her Grace family and willingly invites them to the church on West Main Street with the shepherd in the front yard.

Favorite Scripture: *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.* John 3:16 **Favorite Hymns:** *Standing on the Promises and How Great Thou Art* **Favorite Color:** Light blue **Favorite Interests:** Reading, knitting, quilting, and cross stitching, but most of all being involved in Sweet Adelines International chorus group. They are like a second church family to Becky as they have sung, prayed, loved, and cared for one another for 43 years. **Advice:** Find a church that teaches the Bible and opens your heart up to freely worship, Jesus, our Lord. Bring your family to church so they can join you in all these experiences.

Testimony: As a youth I attend Camp Wesley, a church camp. One night after a moving worship service we wrote our names on logs and used them as symbols of our dedication to Jesus, our Lord. We placed the logs in the fire and as they burned we became less while Jesus became more in our lives. I have never forgotten this and have sincerely tried to make Jesus my first priority in life.



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Jayme Tatro, Worship Team Co-Leader, Choir Team Leader, Pianist, and Staff Pastor Parish Relations Team. Over the course of Jayme’s church life she has served on many committees, acted as Lay Leader, Youth Group Leader and Sunday school teacher. Jayme was born in Hicksville, Ohio. She grew up on a farm in Indiana. Jayme is a widow and has seven children, five stepchildren, 34 grandkids, and 35 great-grandchildren with two more on the way. She is also known as a sensational cook. Jayme moved to Springfield, Ohio in 1984. She was a stay-home mom and a volunteer at her children’s school for 20 years. After her husband passed away, she worked at a printshop for a year and then was employed at Eby-Brown in several positions. Her favorite was working in customer service. She has been retired for nine years and still talks to some of the customers she worked with at Eby-Brown.

Favorite Scripture: The book of Romans; especially “*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” **Favorite Hymn:** Loves so many hymns; cannot pinpoint one. **Favorite Color:** Purple. **Favorite Interests:** Knitting, cross-stitch, puzzles, and family times. **Favorite Sport:** Baseball and whatever sport my family is playing. **Favorite Ice Cream:** Vanilla—dressed up with “other delights.” **Advice:** Keep your eyes steadfastly on Christ. Hold tight to your faith and surround yourself with godly people.



David Speas, Lay Speaker, Church-Wide Team Leader, Discipleship/Education Team, Card Ministry, Choir Member, Sunday school teacher adults/children, and Men’s Group Co-Leader. David is married to Karen. They have a son Brent, a daughter Elaina, and two grand girls, Drew and Reagan. David was born in Lima, Ohio. His mother ran away from home in order to have him. When he was six weeks old, his mother took him to a Mennonite family home (the Dillers) where he stayed until he was nine years old. David then went to live with his maternal grandparents in Tiffin, Ohio. David graduated from Tiffin Columbian High School and Heidelberg College. He taught in the Tiffin School District for six years. After he and Karen were married, they moved to Springfield, Ohio where he taught a variety of subjects (math, history, geography, reading, and language arts) in the now Clark-Shawnee School District until he retired. David also coached basketball, football, track and college level basketball for women and baseball for men. Upon retirement, David became the director of Eagle and Dove (an afterschool program for children with learning challenges) for 26 years.



Favorite Scripture: *Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.* Matthew 19:24 **Favorite Hymn:** *The Lighthouse* **Favorite Interests:** Classic cars, children’s causes, family, designing newsletters and cards, my Ohio prairie and Monarch butterfly habitat, and my church. **Favorite color:** North Carolina blue **Favorite ice cream flavor:** Reese cup blizzard **Favorite sport:** Football **Advice:** “Smile at people as it may be the only smile they see that day -- and remember, no matter what happens to adults, if children are involved it affects them the most. “

Testimony: I became a Christian because as I grew up I never heard an angry word until I left Mama and Papa Diller’s home. I saw that everything the Diller family did was because of Jesus’ guidance. I felt the love of God through them. Although my Grandparents were not church goers, when I moved to their home I went to church every Sunday and they knew where my heart was. My Grandmother said, “You may be our blood, but you belong to the Diller family in your heart.”

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Marilyn Martin, Chair of Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Grace Representative to the Open Hands Free Pantry Board, Treasurer for Women of Faith, Outreach Committee, and has served as Vacation Bible School Director. Marilyn has been married to Tom for 52 years. She grew up in New Carlisle and has lived in Clark County all her life. She worked in Early Childhood Education for 13 years, the last eight as a Center Director. After completing a degree in Social Services at Clark State University, she worked at United Way in the information and referral division for 26 years. Marilyn says, “Although I do not have any children, I feel as if I have helped to raise hundreds during my childcare career.” Shortly after Marilyn retired, she decided to take a job at the Eagle & Dove Academy as the principal. She was there for the school year and loved every minute of it.

Favorite Scripture: *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* Philipians 4:13. **Favorite Hymn:** *Amazing Grace* **Favorite Interests:** Reading, cooking, and watching basketball on TV **Favorite Color:** Blue **Favorite Ice Cream:** Chocolate—also in cake and any other desserts. **Advice:** Take the time to enjoy your life as the days spin by.

Testimony: I recently attended a spiritual retreat, “Women’s Walk to Emmaus.” I had often been invited to go but had no interest. Many years later, Pastor Vicki asked me to think about it as she was going to be the Co-Spiritual Director of the



Tom Martin, Trustee for many years. During 2020 he enjoyed working with Mike Amos and other Trustees on renovations in the sanctuary. Tom and Mike had been long time friends and were happy to be together again with the great purpose of restoring God’s house. Tom grew up on a farm and has lived in Clark County all his life. He and Marilyn have been happily married for 52 years. Tom started his career as an auto mechanic after completing the auto mechanics program at JVS. As he changed careers he worked in numerous positions in maintenance manufacturing. Tom retired from Rittal Corporation in 2019 where he worked as an Industrial Controls Technician.

Favorite Scriptures: The Book of John **Favorite Hymn:** *I’ll Fly Away* **Favorite Color:** Rip-tide Blue **Favorite Interests:** Gardening, taking care of my yard, and travel. **Favorite Sport:** Basketball. Watching any basketball, NBA, college, or my 11year old nephew playing basketball at school. **Favorite Ice Cream:** Chocolate and a good banana split. **Advice:** Relax—chill, and stay away from meetings (except safety ones)

Testimony: I truly believe in Jesus, the Christ. I definitely felt the Holy Spirit when I was in Mercy Hospital during the COVID crisis. The doctor had told me I had blood clots in both lungs and in my left leg. He said that I may not make it through the night! There was a cross on the wall in my room where I fixed my eyes and prayed throughout the night. It was then I felt the Holy Spirit.



Happenings at Grace:

Lenten Bible Study

Everyone is welcome Pastor Vicki's last Lenten Bible Study, which meets each Wednesday at 10 am, from now through to Holy Week.



March Fellowship Hour

Sunday, March 9th will be the next **Fellowship Hour** at Grace! Please join us in the Wesley Room after Sunday Worship Service to mingle and chat with the members of our community.



Everyone is invited to bring something to share, such as a casserole, salad, or dessert. This is a great time to meet new friends and learn more about your fellow Grace members.

Snyder Park Elementary School

Thank you all of those who donated supplies to Snyder Park Elementary School's Snack Walk!

Keep tuned for our next collaboration. If you would like to be more involved, contact Connie Mitchell to see what else the Community Outreach Team is up to!



Ash Wednesday

The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday. Let us all prepare for this journey of reflection and contemplation.



March Scriptures

March 1	Isaiah 35:8
March 2	Psalms 119:127-128
March 3	Psalms 56:13
March 4	Joshua 21:45
March 5	Deuteronomy 7:6
March 6	Proverbs 16:16
March 7	Deuteronomy 12:7
March 8	Psalms 145:7
March 9	Proverbs 1:7
March 10	Romans 12:1
March 11	1Chronicles 22:19
March 12	James 1:12
March 13	Ephesians 1:4
March 14	Psalms 119:114
March 15	Colossians 3:12
March 16	Psalms 132:16
March 17	1Chronicles 29:17
March 18	Psalms 70:4
March 19	2Timothy 2:22
March 20	Colossians 1:6
March 21	Ephesians 2:21
March 22	Matthew 8:26
March 23	Psalms 61:4
March 24	Psalms 91:2
March 25	1Peter 2:5
March 26	1Peter 2:9
March 27	Deuteronomy 12:5
March 28	Isaiah 42:6
March 29	Jeremiah 29:13
March 30	Hebrews 10:10
March 31	Psalms 139:1

Prayers Needed:

Phyllis & Larry Garber

John Shough

Janet Blazer

Ron Stevens

Jeann Powell



Shower of Blessings

Recipient for February:

Jean Ann Baldwin
401 Capri Circle
Springfield OH, 45505





March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI-DAY	SATUR-DAY
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2 Last Day For Synder Donations 7pm NA Meeting	3 6pm Men's Bible Study	4 11am Soap Making 7pm NA Meeting	5 10 am Bible Study 11:45 am Choir Practice	6 6pm Trustee Meeting	7	8
9 Fellowship Hour 7pm NA Meeting	10 6pm Men's Bible Study	11 7pm NA Meeting	12 9 am Bible Study 11am & 7pm Ash Wednesday Ser- vice	13 6pm All-Church Meeting	14	15
16 7pm NA Meeting	17 6pm Men's Bible Study	18 7pm NA Meeting	19 10 am Bible Study 11:45 am Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 7pm NA Meeting	24 4:45pm Soup Kitchen 6pm Men's Bible Study	25 7pm NA Meeting	26 10 am Bible Study 11:45 am Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 7pm NA Meeting	31 6pm Men's Bible Study					

MARCH

<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Acolyte	March	Larry Campbell
Communion Set-up	March 2	Pastor Vicki
Communion Servers	March 2	Becky Frantz & Bruce Eckler Deb & Ken Cooke
Communion Clean-up	March 2	Betty Prosser
Greeter - Front Door	March 2, 9 March 16- 30	Kim Stehle & Mary Ahlborn Pattie Mumma & Dave Speas
Greeter – Sanctuary Door	March 2, 9 March 16- 30	Donna Layne & Greg Hosier Pam Smith & Mary Olmstead
Liturgist	March 2, 9 March 16- 30	Barb McCoy Connie Mitchell
Ushers	March 2, 9 March 16- 30	Dave Speas & Larry Campbell Donna Layne & Greg Hosier

<u>Counters</u>		<u>Special Music</u>	
March 3	Marilyn Martin & Pam Smith	March 2	Choir
March 10	Connie Mitchell & Jackie Gregory	March 9	Jim Mayhugh
March 17	Kim Stehle & Deb Cooke	March 16	Choir
March 24	Mary Ahlborn & Pam Smith	March 23	Becky Frantz
March 31	Marilyn Martin & Jackie Gregory	March 30	Hymn Sing

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GIRLS WRITE NOW DAY
ARTICHOKE HEARTS DAY
GODDESS OF FERTILITY DAY
SPINACH DAY
IRISH FOOD DAY
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