

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## “FROM WHENCE COMETH MY HELP”



**Donna Layne** – Donna came to Grace UMC when Tremont City UMC closed, and what a wonderful blessing she has been. Her cheerfulness is contagious, and she is always willing to go the second mile. Donna is a Trustee and Co-Treasurer – two jobs that are vital to the operation of Grace. At Tremont UMC Donna served as Trustee during the closure of the church – a very sad task. However, when she came to Grace, she was ready to do whatever is necessary to “open the doors of the church for ALL to come in.”

Donna grew up in Springfield. She graduated from Springfield South High School and earned a degree in Cosmetology and then in Nursing at Clark Community College. She retired from her nursing career while working at Springfield Community Hospital. Donna was married for 37 ½ years—and then widowed in 2006. She has three children and seven grandchildren. Donna and Greg, her best friend, met when he came to her home to repair an appliance. It was a memorable time for them as God played Cupid. They are a delightful couple and true witnesses. They have been together for 13 years.

Donna says the best thing about worshipping at Grace is to worship with such caring, friendly people.

**Favorite Scripture:** *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.*

**Favorite Hymn:** *In the Garden*

**Interests:** *Travel and getting together with family.*

**Favorite color:** *Red*

**Favorite Ice Cream:** *Black walnut and butter pecan.*

**Advice:** *Always be kind to others.*

**Testimony:** I believe in the power of praying and trusting in God



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**Greg Hosier** – Greg serves as a Trustee, Assistant Sound Board Operator, and Usher. He has a lively spirit and makes everyone feel welcome and comfortable. He has a multitude of skills and has done a variety of jobs to maintain the church building. He’s ever willing and always looking for ways to save the church repair money. Look around the church, you’ll see many of Greg’s wall repairs. In 1979 he graduated from Grenon High School/Springfield Clark County JVS—Auto Mechanics. He also attended Clark State for a course in Electrical PLC Controls and Auto Cad engineering drawings. Greg works as a Supervisor at Logistics Management Service in Springfield.

Greg was born in Enon, Ohio—his Dad was from Jamestown and his Mom was from Tremont City. He has a brother, Michael. He served as a fire fighter for the Pitchon Fire department for about 10 years. Greg married his middle school sweetheart in 1981. They had a daughter, Katlin. They were divorced in 2010. On November 19, 2021, they were blessed with a grandson, Jonathan Alan Fink, Jr. Greg met Donna Layne in 2012, and they have been together for 13 years.



Greg says Grace means a lot to him as this is the first and only church he has attended as an adult. At Grace Greg has discovered what being able to worship God really means. He says it is wonderful to have met so many great members and friends since he began attending Grace.

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 Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

Interests: Classic cars and trucks—talking about classic cars.

Favorite Sport: Auto & boat racing

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Ice Cream: Salted caramel.

Advice: Be kind to all and treat each other as you would like to be treated.

Testimony: Put your trust and faith in God. He will guide you in the right direction.



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**BETTY PROSSER** – Betty is a Springfield native—one of six children (Quote – A full-blooded Italian). She was named Elizabeth Ann at birth--but since everyone called her Betty, she went to Court to have her name changed to Betty. Betty’s husband, Tom, passed away from a serious illness in 2013. She graduated from Springfield North High School and has an Associate Degree in Horticulture from Clark State College. Betty was a supervisor at Hill’s Department Store for 30 years before she retired. She is currently employed at the Clark County Board of Elections and Clark’s Farm Market.

At Grace UMC Betty serves as a Trustee, Free Store Representative, Kitchen Coordinator, Communion Steward, Choir member and is on the Nominations and Outreach teams. Betty is extremely devoted to her church and does any and every job she can do to be of help. She assists in the office with the mailing of the get-well cards for the shut-ins, constantly cleans and maintains the kitchen, and is active in the Women of Faith. Betty says the happiest time

of her life was when she was working with Mike Amos and Tom Martin on the “roof project”. She spent countless, dedicated hours working every day with them until each job was completed. Betty is well known throughout Springfield as a tireless volunteer – she serves at the Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry and the “Nearly New” shop , as a tutor at Clark County Literacy Cener and as “Granny Claus” during the Christmas holidays. She loves ministering to the children at Snyder Park School when Grace has activities for them.

Favorite Scripture: Psalm 23

Favorite Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Sport: Basketball, gymnastics, and disc throwing.

Favorite Ice Cream: Lemon Custard

Interests: Helping others and helping at church

Advice: Be all you can be.

Testimony: My son, John, and I were in the hospital chapel praying for Tom, our beloved husband and father, as he lay seriously ill not knowing what our future would be. Suddenly the stained-glass picture of the Sermon on the Mount in the Chapel lit up. It was a rainy, dismal day, but after seeing that light a calm feeling came over us and we knew everything would be okay. Later, we were able to talk with Tom and he told us that he felt that God was in charge—he was no longer afraid. Betty recently went on a Walk to Emmaus retreat which reaffirmed her deep faith that God is always with her and He’s in charge!





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**Mary Olmstead** – I grew up in Springfield. I attended first and second grades at Snyder Park. It was held in two small gray buildings that were in front of Snyder Park Jr High. For third and fourth grades the Board of Education went to Bushnell Elementary School. Then for fifth and sixth went back to Snyder Park to the building that was no longer a Junior High, but an Elementary school.

My previous church was Highlands U. C. C. where I was Chairman of Diaconate for 15 years. I was a chaperone at Solid Rock Church Camp. I worked on the Women’s Blitz Build for Habitat for Humanity. I was a choir member.

I was a Girl Scout leader for 17 years and a neighborhood chairman. I was also a Day Camp Site Director for 7 years.

I worked for Springfield City Schools as a teacher’s aide for 30 years. During that time, I worked at Northside Christian Child-care part time. After I retired, I worked full time as a pre-school teacher.

I was born July 29, 1944, and lived on Bechtle Avenue until I married Mike. We were married on December 28, 1963. I am a widow now, but we had 57 years together. We have 3 daughters, 2 granddaughters, and 1 great granddaughter.



I visited Grace church for the first time on October 10, 2021. My neighbor, John Ahlborn, was preaching. I was very impressed and decided to come back to hear the pastor. She spoke on my level, and I liked the topics she chose. Pastor Vicki has a sense of humor and a loving personality. I became a member June 9, 2024, and have grown closer to the Lord since being here. I have enjoyed all the Bible studies I’ve been a part of. Pastor Vicki is a great teacher, and she doesn’t mind taking a few side trips to help us understand. I like helping with the soap ministry and really enjoy being a greeter. I introduced the church to Fellowship Hour, where we eat lunch together and spend time with old and new friends.

**Favorite Scripture:** *Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns and yet your loving Father feeds them. Matthew 6:26*

**Favorite Hymns:** *Watch the Lamb* by Ray Boltz & *I Can Only Imagine*

**Favorite Color:** Green    **Sport:** Steelers Football

**Interests:** Reading and gardening.

**Advice:** One of God’s greatest gifts is the nature around us. So don’t just look out the window. Be a part of it.

**Testimony:** I like being outside. Being in nature is where I feel closer to God. I went on an Emmaus Walk retreat last November. It was a wonderful experience.  
By: Mary Olmstead



# Happenings at Grace:

Sunday, May 11th 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



**Synder Park Elementary School** is asking for donations for teacher appreciation day, due May 4

And

For their field day, due May 13th



## May 26th is Memorial Day

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words but to live them”

-John F. Kennedy



## May Scriptures

May 1	2 Kings 18:32
May 2	Joshua 24:15
May 3	Isaiah 30:19
May 4	Romans 15:4
May 5	1 Kings 8:61
May 6	Psalms 37: 5
May 7	Psalms 86:15
May 8	Proverbs 3:28
May 9	Isaiah 30:15
May 10	2 Corinthians 3:4-5
May 11	Ecclesiastes 4:6
May 12	Philippians 4:11
May 13	Psalms 3:3
May 14	John 16:33
May 15	Colossians 2:6-7
May 16	Ephesians 5:15
May 17	Proverbs 16:19
May 18	1 Corinthians 2:16
May 19	Proverbs 13:4
May 20	Psalms 37:4
May 21	2 Chronicles 15:7
May 22	Hebrews 10:23
May 23	Deuteronomy 6:5
May 24	Psalms 86:2
May 25	Hebrews 10:24
May 26	John 10:27-28
May 27	1 Timothy 4:12
May 28	Philippians 2:15
May 29	Psalms 5:3
May 30	Luke 12:40
May 31	1 Corinthians 16:13-14

## Prayers Needed:

Phyllis & Larry Garber

John Shough

Janet Blazer

Ron Stevens

Jeann Powell



## Shower of Blessings

Recipient for May:

**Jane Shough**  
**6d Consistory St.**  
**Springfield OH, 45504**



# Congratulations!

## Joclynn Keeton

Joclynn is the granddaughter of Ramona and Bob Keeton. Joclynn started attending church at Medway Methodist as a toddler then moved to St. Mark Church through her teenage years. Joclynn enjoyed attending St. Mark, where she made a lot of friends, helped out with Vacation Bible School, and attended Sunday services often. One year, Joclynn was chosen as granddaughter of the year.

Joclynn is graduating from Northwester/CTC Medical Assisting. Joclynn has attended school at Northwestern and has played volleyball since fourth grade. After graduation, Joclynn will attend the University of Toledo majoring in Health Science Pre Physical Assistance.

We wish her luck!

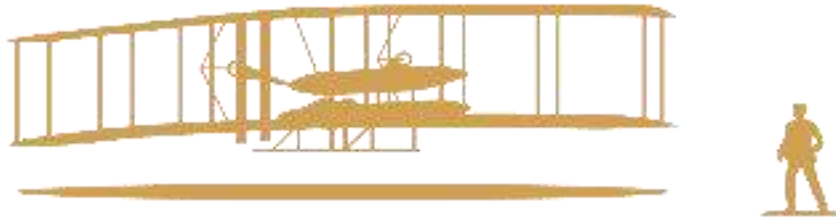
## Ashlyn Steinbrink

Ashlyn Steinbrink, granddaughter of Donna Myers, will graduate from Oakwood High School. She will be attending Savannah College of Art & Design in Savannah, Georgia. Her major will be Film and Television Production.

In high school, Ashlyn was involved in the Arts Program at Oakwood. The past two years, she has been costume director for the plays and musicals. She was also involved in Ax Media and produced several short films and articles.







# WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

## **Katelyn Brown**

Katelyn Brown, granddaughter of Donna Layne and Greg Hosier, was a 2017 graduate of Shawnee High School. At Shawnee, Katelyn discovered her love of helping others when she became a mentor in a Girls Support Group. This gave her the opportunity to become certified in Mental Health First Aid for adolescents through Wittenburg University.

In the fall of 2017, Katelyn began her journey in psychology at Wright State University. She was able to complete her BS in psychology in 3 years thanks to the College Credit Plus program offered at Shawnee. Throughout her undergraduate, Katelyn was able to do an internship through Rocking Horse Community Health Center.

In 2020, Katelyn applied at Wright State's School of Professional Psychology and was one of only 25 candidates accepted in the program. She completed her Masters Degree in Psychology in 2022.

Since then, Katelyn has been working towards her doctorate. In her practicum, she worked as a counselor in Wright State Student Services and as an intern at Forum in Columbus. Her experiences in Forum opened her eyes to the court system and she conducted assessments of youth and adults to determine their ability to defend themselves in court.

Katelyn is serving as a staff psychologist intern at Tallahassee Federal Prison and will graduate with her PsyD in May of 2025.

## Jessica Erne

Jessica Erne will be graduating from Northwestern High School. After high school, she will be attending college at Wittenburg with a major in accounting.

Throughout her high school career, Jessica was a member of the tennis team and a part of cheerleading where she competed at the national level, something she and her family are very proud of.

Jessica also played the flute in the Marching Band, Symphonic Band, and the Pep Band. Overall, she is proud of her high school years and looks forward to the future.



## Lizzy Erne



Lizzy Erne is a senior at Northwestern High School. She has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio and is planning to major in Motorsport Marketing, as she has a passion for racing

Lizzy has been playing softball since she was a little girl and is finishing her final year in softball now. For the last four years, she's played baritone in Northwestern High School's marching band, concert band, and symphonic band, as well as playing valved trombone in the

Jazz Band.

Lizzy says, "During my high school career, I've had many ups and downs but I've persevered and learned. From the support of my friends, teachers, and family. Without them, I wouldn't have made it"



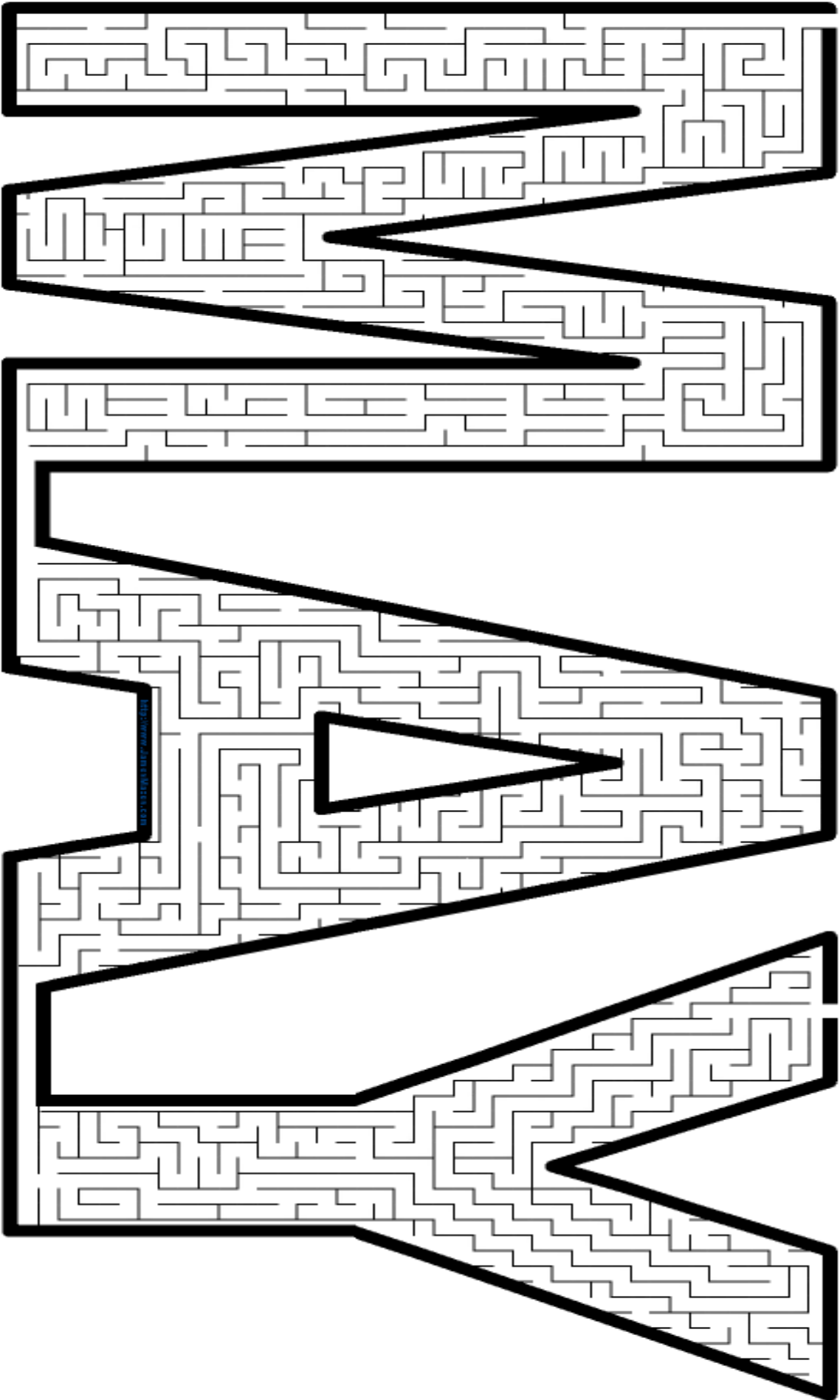
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6pm Trustees Meeting	2	3
4 Donations for Snyder Park due 7pm NA Meeting	5 6pm Men's Bible Study	6 11am Soap Making 7pm NA Meeting	7 11:45 am Choir Practice	8 6pm All-Church Meeting	9	10
11 Mother's Day 7pm NA Meeting	12 6pm Men's Bible Study	13 Snyder Park Field Day Donations due 7pm NA Meeting	14 11:45 am Choir Practice	15	16	17
18 7pm NA Meeting	19 6pm Men's Bible Study	20 12pm Women of Faith 7pm NA Meeting	21 11:45 am Choir Practice	22	23	24
25 7pm NA Meeting	26 Memorial Day 4:45 Soup Kitchen 6pm Men's Bible Study	27 7pm NA Meeting	28 11:45 am Choir Practice	29	30	31



## Worship Participants

<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Acolyte	May	Larry Campbell
Communion Set-up	May 4	Pastor Vicki
Communion Servers	May 4	Becky Frantz & Connie Mitchell Pattie Mumma & Kim Stehle
Communion Clean-up	May 4	Betty Prosser
Greeter - Front Door	May 4 – 11	Deb Cooke & Pam Smith
	May 18 - 25	Mary Olmstead & Connie Mitchell
Greeter – Sanctuary Door	May 4 – 11	Donna Layne & Greg Hosier
	May 18 - 25	Marilyn & Tom Martin
Liturgist	May 4 – 11	Bruce Eckler
	May 18 - 25	Barb McCoy
Ushers	May 4 – 11	Donna Layne & Greg Hosier
	May 18 - 25	Bruce Eckler & Dave Speas

<u>Counters</u>		<u>Special Music</u>	
May 5	Mary Ahlborn & Deb Cooke	May 4	Choir
May 12	Conne Mitchell & Pam Smith	May 11	Jim Mayhugh
May 19	Kim Stehle & Jackie Gregory	May 18	Choir
May 28	Mary Ahlborn & Deb Cooke	May 25	Becky Frantz



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