

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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“FROM WHENCE COMETH MY HELP”

Gail Eckler – a faithful, loving member of the Grace family with an in depth Biblical knowledge. Gail has served as a Sunday school teacher, on the SPPRC committee, taught in the Nursey, participates in Bible studies, and sings in the Choir. Gail grew up in Enon and has four sisters (when all five of the sisters are together—the earth *s h a k e s*!!) She and her husband, Bruce, have been married for 47 years. Gail transferred from High Street UMC to Grace UMC in 2004. Gail was a Mortgage Loan Underwriter for 37 years—retiring at the end of 2022.



They have two daughters (Stacey, who is a para-legal and Morgan, who is a deputy sheriff) plus six grandchildren from ages 8 to 27. A personal aside: In all of my years at Grace church, I have stood in admiration and thankfulness for The Eckler family. Bruce and Gail are the most authentic and loving parents I have ever known. Their witness of loyalty and steadfastness has drawn me and others closer to Jesus. Gail went on the Springfield Walk to Emmaus in 1993. She has served as a team member and a Lay Leader of a weekend plus as team member on the worship and hospitality committees.

Favorite Scripture: *Weeping may remain for a night, but joy comes in the morning.* Psalm 30:5

Favorite Hymn: *Hymn of Promise*

Interests: Studying scripture, reading and spending time with family.

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Ice Cream: Salted caramel

Advice: What is not said, can't be repeated.

Testimony: Trust and obey. I am not entitled to an explanation.



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Bruce Eckler – brought his family to Grace in 2004 after having served at High Street UMC. Bruce sings in and serves as narrator for the Choir, leads the Audit Team, Co-leads the Men's Bible study, has often led the Grace Family in serving Community meals, volunteers to help all who need a ride to church, supports people when they need to move, to buy and deliver groceries, and to say, "Sure, I can help you" when asked. Bruce co-led the Disciple Bible studies at Grace. He is currently serving on the Clark-Shawnee LifeWise Academy Board of Directors. He previously served as Director of the Leadership Board of Eagle & Dove Academy. He has been the Lay Director of the Springfield Emmaus Community as well as weekend Lay Director. Bruce's Christian example of availability and perseverance gives all who he witnesses to an "I Can!" attitude of inspiration.

Bruce grew up in Cincinnati, OH as an only child. He met Gail, his wife, while working in the finance business (they worked for competing companies around the corner from each other). When he married Gail, he gained an instant family (she has four sisters). They often have family dinners on Sundays after Worship services for their two children, six grandchildren + mates, and whoever shows up. Bruce recently retired after spending 55 years in financial services.

Favorite Scripture: *Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.* Isaiah 40:30-31

Favorite Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

Interests: *Current events, reading, Men's Bible Study and attending the present Bible study on the Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

Favorite Color: *Red*

Favorite Ice Cream: *Butter Pecan*

Advice: *Speak less and listen more.*

Testimony: You cannot out give God, His mercy and kindness are endless.



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Larry Campbell – Head Usher, Choir, Jim Mayhew Praise Band-, Monday Night Men’s Bible study--always ready to help carry a load or assist parishioners with steps, move cars or supplies -- whenever he seems someone needing help Larry makes himself available. Larry gave Jeanne Powell support throughout the months of her illness—emptying her trash every week and running errands for her. In fact, she fell and laid on the floor of her home without being able to seek aide for days until Larry decided to check on her. When he found her and called for medical help, he probably saved her life – God loves His Helpers like Larry. Larry invites everyone he meets to come to Grace !!



Larry is a Springfield “lifer.” He graduated from Springfield South and attended Clark State to learn how to read blueprints. Larry has a brother, Craig, and a sister, Sherry. He works as a press operator at Yamada North America. He and Jayme Tatro have enjoyed being together for 20 years.

Favorite Scripture: John 3: 16

Favorite Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Sport: Mixed Martial Arts (MAA)

Favorite Ice Cream: Butter Pecan

Interests: Fishing

Testimony: In 2013 I attended an Emmaus retreat. During that weekend I found the love of Jesus that I had been searching for and desperately needed. Jesus’ love wrapped around me and filled my heart and soul. I always want to give Him my best!



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Kimberly Stehle (Kim) — is a talented choir member, an outstanding witness to the lost, homeless, school children, family, church members, and is open to serve anyone who needs Christ. While she says she has no “job in the church”, she is the first to volunteer and to offer whatever is needed and more to ensure Jesus is well represented. Kim has many talents, e.g., crocheting, cooking, making jewelry, sewing, crafts, and decorating—but best of all making others feel loved by her and Jesus. She is drawn to the needy and hopeless and is a valiant witness. Her often saying, “Thank You, Jesus!”

Kim grew up in the Springfield area and graduated from North Springfield High School. She had a very happy life with her husband, Joe and her son, Joey, plus twin girls, Kristy and Ginny. She and Joe were married for 44 years and have two awesome

grandchildren—Caden and Callie. Kim was widowed when Joe was fatally injured in a car crash in 2018. Kim retired from Berner’s Auction in 2020. She is on the Board of Clark Shawnee LifeWise Academy. Her retirement years have been filled with many, many ministries to express and share her love for Jesus. Kim says that being at Grace UMC affords her another loving family.

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: *Amazing Grace*

Interests: Crocheting, and fishing at Norris Lake with my son, Joey.

Favorite Color: Teal

Favorite Ice Cream: Reese’s peanut butter and chocolate.

Advice: Trust and obey, for there’s no other way!

Testimony: I grew up from kindergarten and onward in church. I finally realized that going to church didn’t make me a Christian. After I had my son, Joey, I knew I needed to make a authentic commitment to God and raise my children to know Jesus. Therefore, I rededicated my life to Jesus and ensured that my children and grandchildren were raised in the church and knew about our wonderful God and His son, Jesus Christ.



June Scriptures

- 1 Peter 1:3-5
- 2 John 10:27-29
- 3 Romans 8:38-39
- 4 Philippians 1:6
- 5 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- 6 John 6:37
- 7 Isaiah 40:26
- 8 Psalm 23:6
- 9 2 Corinthians 1:22
- 10 Ephesians 1:13
- 11 Ephesians 4:30
- 12 Hebrews 6:11, 12, 18-20
- 13 2 Corinthians 9:8
- 14 Philippians 4:19
- 15 Mark 11:24
- 16 2 Corinthians 3:5
- 17 Philippians 4:13
- 18 Ephesians 1:19
- 19 2 Corinthians 12:9
- 20 Romans 8:37
- 21 Ephesians 1:3
- 22 John 15:7
- 23 John 14:13
- 24 John 16:23-24
- 25 Matthew 21:22
- 26 Romans 8:2
- 27 2 Peter 1:3-4
- 28 Psalm 103:2-4
- 29 Matthew 5:6
- 30 John 6:35

Prayers Needed:

Phyllis & Larry Garber

John Shough

Janet Blazer

Ron Stevens

Jeann Powell



Shower of Blessings

Recipient for June:

Betty Smith
758 Oneida Ave
Springfield OH, 45502



Happenings at Grace:

Celebration of Pastor Vicki



Pastor Vicki is retiring at the end of this month, with June 22nd being her last day preaching. To celebrate her years at Grace United Methodist Church and all the joy and dedication she has brought to the church.

Pastor Vicki's retirement party will be after the worship service on June 22nd. Everyone is invited and encouraged to invite anyone they know whose life Pastor Vicki has touched.

Seeking Volunteers to drive our Homebound Members

We are looking for people who are able and willing to transport some of our Homebound members to and from worship service and Pastor Vicki's retirement party on June 22nd. If you are able, please contact the church office at graceumchurch@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you



The Fellowship Hour is cancelled for the month of June.
Look forward to joining us again in July!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI-DAY	SAT-URDAY
1	2 6pm Men's Bible Study	3 7pm NA Meeting	4 10am Bible Study 11:45 am Choir Practice	5 6pm Trustees Meeting	6	7
8 7pm NA Meeting	9 6pm Men's Bible Study	10 7pm NA Meeting	11 10am Bible Study Choir Practice Cancelled	12 6pm All-Church Meeting	13	14
15 7pm NA Meeting	16 6pm Men's Bible Study	17 7pm NA Meeting	18 10am Bible Study 11:45 am Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 Pastor Vicki Retirement Party 7pm NA Meeting	23 4:45 Soup Kitchen 6pm Men's Bible Study	24 7pm NA Meeting	25 10am Bible Study 11:45 am Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 Choir Cantata 7pm NA Meeting	30 6pm Men's Bible Study					



Worship Participants

<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Acolyte	June	Greg Hosier
Communion Set-up	June 1	Pastor Vicki
Communion Servers	June 1	Fonda Setters & Dave Speas Donna Layne & Bruce Eckler
Communion Clean-up	June 1	Betty Prosser
Greeter - Front Door	June 1, 8 June 15, 22 June 29	Pattie Mumma & Mary Ahlborn Marilyn & Tom Martin Mary Olmstead & Kim Stehle
Greeter – Sanctuary Door	June 1, 8 June 15, 22 June 29	Connie Mitchell & Larry Campbell Deb Cooke & Pam Smith Dave Speas &
Liturgist	June 1, 8 June 15, 22	Pattie Mumma Mary Ahlborn
Ushers	June 1, 8 June 15, 22 June 29	Larry Campbell Dave Speas & Bruce Eckler Donna Layne & Greg Hosier

<u>Counters</u>	<u>Special Music</u>
June 2 Marilyn Martin & Pam Smith	June 1 Choir
June 9 Connie Mitchell & Mary Ahlborn	June 8 Jim Mayhugh
June 16 Kim Stehle & Deb Cooke	June 15 Choir
June 23 Mary Ahlborn & Pam Smith	June 22 Choir
June 30 Marilyn Martin & Mary Ahlborn	June 29 Cantata



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**COCONUT DAY
JUNETEENTH
LGBT PRIDE DAY
GO FISHING DAY
VCR DAY
COLOR TV DAY
MARTINI DAY**

**SELFIE DAY
EYEWEAR DAY
YOYO DAY
REPEAT DAY
UFO DAY
BLOOD DONOR DAY
GIN DAY**

**FOOD TRUCK DAY
FATHERS DAY
EGG DAY
WIDOWS DAY
CHEESE DAY
OLIVE DAY
SAFE DAY**