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**2026**

## From the Pastor's Desk

June 1, 2026

### Proverbs 1:8 (NIV)

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction  
and do not forsake your mother's teaching.



Dear Grace Church Family,

As we move into the summer season together, I find myself reflecting on the quiet and steady ways God continues to work among us here at Grace Church. The calendar may become a little less crowded after Pentecost and Memorial Day, but ministry itself never truly slows down. In many ways, summer is a season of tending, nurturing, and growth, and maybe that's just one of the reasons we all treasure it so.

One of the blessings I continue to notice is the growing sense of stability and connection within our congregation. More and more, it feels as though we are settling into life together as pastor and church family. I remain grateful for the kindness, patience, and encouragement so many of you have shown Amanda, Doree and me over this past year. It has also been encouraging to see several who had once stepped away from Grace begin returning to worship and fellowship. My prayer is not only that they return to our pews, but that they rediscover the joy of discipleship, stewardship, and active participation in the life of Christ's Church. Every member of the Body matters, and every gift has a purpose in God's kingdom.

We recently celebrated Pentecost Sunday together with a wonderful spirit of worship and better-than-average attendance despite the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Pentecost reminds us that the Church was never meant to stand still. The Holy Spirit continues to breathe life into God's people, empowering ordinary believers to do extraordinary things in Christ's name. I believe that same Spirit continues to guide Grace Church as we move forward together.

Our Mother's Day celebration was also a meaningful time of gratitude and remembrance, and now we look ahead toward Father's Day later this month. Proverbs reminds us of the importance of wisdom passed down through generations. Whether as parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, or spiritual guides, we all leave a legacy through the lives we touch. The Church itself becomes a family where faith is taught, shared, and lived out together.

I also want to express appreciation for those continuing to work behind the scenes caring for our facilities. The replacement air conditioning project is progressing, and work continues on repairing the church water heater. These projects are not always glamorous, but they are important investments in the future ministry of Grace Church. I know there are still projects awaiting completion both at the church and the parsonage, and while I sometimes wish they could move faster, I also recognize and appreciate that our trustees and volunteers faithfully give their time and energy alongside many other responsibilities. Ministry is always a shared labor of love.

Looking ahead, I am excited for our upcoming Hymn Sing service on May 31st. Music has always been one of the great ways the Church carries faith from generation to generation, and I look forward to worshipping together through song. We are also grateful for the Haitian Ladies Ministry, who will be sharing special music through their choir and providing food for a fellowship hour following the service o breathe life into God's people, empowering ordinary believers to do extraordinary things in Christ's name. I believe that same Spirit continues to guide Grace Church as we move forward together.

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Opportunities like these remind us that the Church is at its best when we gather not only in worship, but also around the table in fellowship and community.

This week also marks the gathering of the West Ohio Annual Conference in Columbus. By the time you read this, conference will have concluded, but I ask that you continue praying for our churches, pastors, and leaders across the conference as we seek to faithfully serve Christ in changing, and oftentimes challenging times.

As we enter the summer months, the pace of church life may seem more routine, but routine is not the same thing as unimportant. Some of the most meaningful growth in life happens quietly, steadily, and faithfully over time. Seeds planted in faith eventually bear fruit. The Worship Team and I will be meeting soon to discuss just a few possible things to do during the summer, especially knowing that not having any air conditioning in the church won't be a factor. Summer is a great time for any congregation to gather and share fellowship times, watch movies or play games together, or participate in special evening worship. Stay tuned – Grace is not going to sit still and just watch the summer roll past.

Thank you for continuing to worship, serve, pray, give, and walk together in ministry here at Grace Church. I truly believe God is still writing new chapters in the life of this congregation, and I am grateful to be part of that journey with you.

In Peace and Love,

Pastor Rob Stufflebeam

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**Scripture Readings for JUNE 2026**

June 1 Romans 6:4

June 2 Psalm 73:28

June 3 Psalm 51:10

June 4 Philippians 4:13

June 5 Psalm 149:4

June 6 Proverbs 4:6

June 7 1 Chronicles 16:27

June 8 1 Corinthians 2:7

June 9 Psalm 22:26

June 10 Colossians 3:23-24

June 11 Romans 8:27 J

June 12 Hebrews 10:22

June 13 Romans 7:22

June 14 Romans 12:6

June 15 Romans 8:1

June 16 Romans 8:6

June 17 2 Timothy 2:6

June 18 Proverbs 27:17

June 19 Psalm 25:12-13

June 20 James 1:5

June 21 Psalm 77:6

June 22 1 Timothy 4:15

June 23 Ephesians 2:8

June 24 Psalm 25:3

June 25 Proverbs 12:5

June 26 Proverbs 16:9

June 27 Proverbs 16:3

June 28 1 John 2:5

June 29 Isaiah 12:2

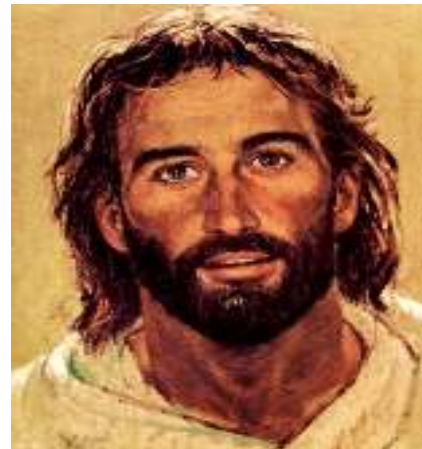
June 30 Romans 8:4

**PRAYERS NEEDED**

**Bob Keeton**

**Jeanne Powell**

**Larry & Phyllis Garber**



**SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS FOR JUNE**

**Norma Herring**

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## **GO AND DO LIKEWISE**

“Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

**Desmond was raised in a home where his dad was a carpenter and his mom a housewife. In his growing up years, he became a God-loving and faithful follower of Jesus.**

**The Second World War had begun and he wanted to go to help his country. However he went as a conscientious objector and refused to carry a weapon into combat because of his personal beliefs. He became a medic after being court-martialed and almost thrown out of the military. During his training he was made fun of, had shoes thrown at him, and was physically attacked because the men viewed him as a coward because he would not touch a rifle. He was given the opportunity to be discharged but he refused.**

‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’ and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

**Desmond served in the Pacific theatre in the Philippines and Guam where he won a couple of Bronze Star medals with a V for his courage and determination while saving lives.**

**In May of 1945, Desmond participated with his platoon in the Battle of Okinawa. A part of his division was ordered to capture Maeda Escarpment, a steep plateau slope called Hacksaw Ridge by the Americans. He was with his platoon when they were deployed to secure the ridge. The Japanese attacked his unit and only 1/3 of the men escaped back down the escarpment. Desmond Doss stayed behind and under the noses of the enemy took 75 men through the night back to the ridge and using a knot he had learned in training dropped them down to the troops below. Before the troops would attack again, they demanded that a man who stayed true to his beliefs pray for them before they went into battle.**

**Desmond was wounded three times during the war and was diagnosed with tuberculosis which cost him a lung. He was discharged from the service in 1946 and received the Medal of Honor from President Truman in 1945.**

**Jesus sent out the 72 and we are an extension of those that went that day. We, too, are to be like the Good Samaritan and take care of those who need us. Desmond Doss did both in the worst of times and is an example for all of us that as Christians no task is impossible with Jesus as our guide.**

**Prayer – Please help all Christians be faithful to the words we say we believe. Help us as you did Desmond Doss to overcome when it seems almost impossible. Let us be a light to others through our actions.**

**Entry from Dave Speas**

## Graduates of 2026

### Stewart Tatro



Stewart Tatro (Jayme Tatro's grandson) Graduated from Global Impact STEM Academy where he has attended since the 7th grade. This is written by Stewart.

" I will be graduating from Global Impact STEM Academy this May and as the year comes to a close I can't help but think about all the different opportunities that I have been handed and blessed with over the last four years. I believe because of these opportunities I have been able to learn both about myself but also found my passions. My future plans are to attend Ohio State University and pursue a degree in geology in order to become a Paleontologist to dive into research about dinosaurs and to make little ol' me proud."

**HUGE congratulations to Stewart!!!**

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### Preston Jackson

Preston (grandson of Pattie Mumma) Graduated from Wright State University on May 2.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in Health Science/Education. He has accepted a position in Columbus Ohio with Gooseneck Insurances.

While attending WSU he also ran for the

Raiders Track and Field Team.

Congratulations to Preston!



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### James Edward Williams "Eddie"

Eddie is the grandson of Donna Layne. He graduated from Shawnee High School in May. He hopes to study Culinary Arts in the fall. Congratulations to Eddie!



**JUNE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>NAME</u>
<b>ACROLYTE</b>	<b>June 7 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Doree McAdams</b>
	<b>June 21 &amp; 28</b>	<b>Doree McAdams</b>
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<b>COMMUNION SET UP</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>Pastor Rob</b>
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<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>Bruce &amp; Gail Eckler</b>
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<b>COMMUNION CLEAN-UP</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>BETTY PROSSER</b>
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<b>GREETER (FRONT DOOR)</b>	<b>June 7 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Dave Speas</b>
	<b>June 21 &amp; 28</b>	<b>Kim Stehle</b>
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<b>GREETER (SANCTUARY DOOR)</b>	<b>June 7 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Marilyn Martin</b>
	<b>June 21 &amp; 28</b>	<b>Gene &amp; Pat Hart</b>
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<b>LITERGIST</b>	<b>June 7 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Jackie Brewer</b>
	<b>June 21 &amp; 28</b>	<b>Becky Frantz</b>
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<b>USHERS</b>	<b>June 7 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Greg Hosier &amp; Donna Layne</b>
	<b>June 21 &amp; 28</b>	<b>Larry Campbell &amp; Dave Speas</b>
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<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>?</b>
	<b>June 14</b>	<b>Jim Mayhhugh &amp; Larry Campbell</b>
	<b>June 21</b>	<b>Jayme Tatro</b>
	<b>June 28</b>	<b>Jayme Tatro</b>

**Counters**

**June 1 Marilyn Martin & Deb Cooke**

**June 8 Connie Mitchell & Ramona Keeton**

**June 15 Kim Stehle & Pam Smith**

**June 22 Mary Alhborn & Gail Eckler**

**June 29 Marilyn Martin & Ramona Keeton**

***Thank You All for serving!***

# June 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4 <i>6 PM TRUSTEE MT</i>	5	6 <i>5 PM HAI- TIAN WOMEN GROUP</i>
7 <i>7 pm NA</i>	8 <i>7 PM MENS BS</i>	9 <i>7 pm NA</i>	10	11 <i>6 PM ALL CHURCH MT</i>	12	13 <i>12 N TATRO FAMILY PAR- TY HERE</i>
14 <i>7 pm NA</i>	15 <i>7 PM MENS BS</i>	16 <i>12 N WOMEN OF FAITH 7 pm NA</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>5 PM HAI- TIAN WOMEN GROUP</i>
21 <i>7 pm NA</i>	22 <i>7 PM MENS BS</i>	23 <i>7 pm NA</i>	24	25	26	27
28 <i>7 pm NA</i>	29 <i>7 PM MENS BS</i>	30 <i>7 pm NA</i>				

Enjoy your day!!!

