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# BECOMING

“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be, has not yet been made known. But we know that when God appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.” 1 John 3:2 (NIV)

The theme of Annual Conference 2022 was **BECOMING**. Each of our worship services centered around this theme. Friday morning was Becoming More Like Jesus Christ. Friday afternoon was Becoming Community. Saturday morning was Becoming Spirit Filled. We were reminded that we need to become a beloved community. Beloved is to be loved. Fellowship matters. Growth requires faith. We need to practice Christian friendship and become a community of support. We need to practice that kind of support. One example of this is that it was announced that we have already raised a quarter million dollars for Ukraine. Praise God! To become spirit filled we need to become spiritual so that we can reach out to those who are not. The language of grace is the language of the Holy Spirit. We have to show acceptance, love, and grace to love others as God loves us.

I know the above paragraph sounds like a lot of rambling, but they are ideas that I wrote down to remember as the conference took place.

During the day and a half, we heard the reports of the many conference committees who work tirelessly all year long. Many of you know that our yearly conference was held for many years at Lakeside, Ohio. We have been online for two years because of Covid. One of these committees has researched other sites and it was announced that in 2023 it will be held at Otterbein University.

We also carried out the work of the conference by voting on several recommendations, most of which were approved. Recommendation #1 dealt with structure, procedure and annual conference rules and policies. It passed. Recommendation #2 dealt with the 2023 budget. It passed. It was reported that the conference is financially sound at this time. Recommendation #3 dealt with the board of pensions and health care. It passed. Recommendation #4 dealt with equitable compensation and established suggested minimum salaries for pastors. It passed. Recommendation #5 dealt with reducing the number of districts in the conference taking them to 6 in July 2023. It passed. Recommendation #6 dealt with an amicable separation of churches wishing to leave the annual conference. It passed. Recommendation #7 was titled, “Call to West Ohio Annual Conference to Recognize and Validate Persons’ Calls to Ordination Without Prejudice Toward Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity.” This did not pass. Recommendation #8 dealt with the path for a congregation to take to separate from West Ohio. A vote was not taken on this matter as the Bishop was asked to check on the legalities of some of this recommendation.

The Becoming theme was summarized in the Bishop Palmer’s Episcopal Address.

Who do I want to become? Who do we want to become as a church? We must keep Jesus at the center of who we are. We must follow a path of nonviolence and peace in our lives.

Who does Grace Church want to become as we grow in our faith?

It was an honor to represent Grace Church again at conference.

Becky Frantz



## JULY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 1	Deuteronomy 10:19
July 2	Galatians 2:14
July 3	Ruth 2:10
July 4	Job 31:32
July 5	Matthew 25:38
July 6	Matthew 25:44
July 7	3 John 1:5
July 8	Deuteronomy 26:16
July 9	Leviticus 19:34
July 10	Leviticus 25:35
July 11	Hebrews 13:2
July 12	Deuteronomy 14:29
July 13	Leviticus 23:22
July 14	Deuteronomy 24:19-21
July 15	Genesis 47:4
July 16	Exodus 22:21
July 17	Exodus 23:9
July 18	Jeremiah 7:6
July 19	Jeremiah 22:3
July 20	1 Thessalonians 4:12
July 21	1 Timothy 3:7
July 22	Colossians 4:5
July 23	Ephesians 2:19
July 24	Exodus 12:48
July 25	Hebrews 11:13
July 26	Matthew 27:7
July 27	James 1:27
July 28	Psalm 67:4
July 29	Zechariah 7:10
July 30	Psalm 146:9
July 31	Psalm 94:6

## PRAYERS NEEDED



**LARRY GARBER**

**MARDELLA HESSON**

**JAMES MAYHUGH**

**PHYLLIS GARBER**

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## SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS FOR JULY

**BECKY VOGUL**

**1611 MEMORIAL DR.**

**SPRINGFIELD, OH 45505**

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## BLUEBERRY SUNDAY

**BLUE BERRY SUNDAY!** In honor of Father's Day the Women of Faith (UMW) made home-made blue berry muffins, cakes, loafs, cobblers, and pies to present to the Dads of the Grace family after worship services on Father's Day!! All the ladies presented creativity in their presentations with a wide variety of blue berry treats. Everyone enjoyed an after service treat and many Dads took home goodies to be shared later.

Also, Ramona Keeton and Mary Ahlborn took many more of the blue berry treats to the Narcotics Anonymous (N/A) group that Sunday night. They went as representatives of the Women of Faith (UMW) to welcome and invite the N/A group to participate in all the activities and worship services of Grace. Their response was gratifying.

As an aside note: *Where did all the blue berries come from? Larry Campbell had contact with someone who had a bunch of bags of frozen blue berries to give away. Larry thanked him and brought all the bags of blue berries to Grace. What to do with them?? The Women of Faith came up with a sweet solution!*

*God is good all the time.*

*All the time God is good!*



## **NEW MEMBERS**

***On June 5, Pentecost Sunday, 3 people joined the membership of Grace United Methodist Church. We are pleased to welcome Donna Myers, Jennifer Sabo,***

***and Greg Hosier. Greg is active with the Trustees, serves as an usher and acolyte and is always ready to help with keeping the church well maintained. Donna is active in the UMW, is always willing to help on committees, and is our official Grace gardener. She donates much time at the Open Hand free store/pantry as well.***

***Jennifer is the daughter of Cindy Yeager and she designed and completed our 2022 Church Directory. She dedicated many hours to preparing and designing the***

***Directory. She is also good with photography.***

***They are all a great addition to our Grace family.***

***Please take a moment some Sunday to welcome them.***



## JULY 2022 WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### 9:30 am SERVICE

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>NAME</u>
ACROLYTE	JULY 3,10,17	LARRY CAMPBELL
	JULY 24,31	DAVE SPEAS
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COMMUNION SET UP	JULY 3	PASTOR VICKI
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COMMUNION SERVERS	JULY 3	MIKE AMOS & KIM STEHLE
		BRUCE & GAIL ECKLER
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COMMUNION CLEAN-UP	JULY 3	BETTY PROSSER
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GREETER (FRONT DOOR)	JULY 3,10,17	BETTY PROSSER
	JULY 24,31	JOHN GILMARTIN
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GREETER (SANCTUARY DOOR)	JULY 3,10,17	DONNA MYERS
	JULY 24, 31	TOM & MARILYN MARTIN
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LITERGIST	JULY 3, 10,17	BARB MCCOY
	JULY 24, 31	BRUCE ECKLER
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USHERS	JULY 3, 10, 17	LARRY CABBELL & MIKE MCCOY
	JULY 24, 31	LARRY CAMPBELL & DAVE SPEAS
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<u>COUNTERS</u>		<u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u>
JULY 5 MARY AHLBORN & DEB COOKE		JULY 3 BECKY FRANTZ
JULY 11 KIM STEHLE & CONNIE MITCHELL		JULY 10 JIM MAYHUGH
JULY 18 CINDY YEAGER & BARB SHEEHAN		JULY 17 PATTIE MUMMA
JULY 25 MARILYN MARTIN & JACKIE GREGORY		JULY 24 DAN DOWNING
AUG 1 MARY AHLBORN & DEB COOKE		JULY 31 JAYME TATRO

THANK YOU FOR SERVING GRACE CHURCH !

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE FOURTH OF JULY

Did you know ?

**\*\*John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. \*\***

**\*\*John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826- The 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. \*\***

**\*\*Thomas Jefferson is often called the “author” of the Declaration of Independence, but he wasn’t the only person who contributed important ideas. Jefferson was a member of a five-person committee appointed by the Continental Congress to write the Declaration. The committee included Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman. \*\***

**\*\* There were 2.5 million people living in America in July 1776. last years population on the same day, was 332 million!**



# JULY

# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Closed	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
7 PM NA	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Office closed	7 PM NA	6:30 WEST END ASSOCIATION MTING	6:00 PM Trus- tee Mt	Closed	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
7 PM NA	7 PM MEN'S BS	7 PM NA			Closed	9:00 AM church work day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Lay speaker 7 PM NA	7 PM MEN'S BS	7 PM NA			Closed	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
7 pm NA	7 PM MEN'S BS	7 PM NA			closed	
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7 PM NA						

# GRACE NOTES

Please note I have posted 4 months of Worship Participants on the bulletin board outside the church office. (June, July, August, September).

Please check these lists and if you are unable to be here on any of the dates, please find someone to fill in for you or trade. Then let me know.

Thank you, Pattie Mumma

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On Saturday, July 16, 9:00 AM, there will be a work day at the church. All are invited to come help in any capacity you can. There will be a sign up sheet in the hallway by church office.

Many hands make less work !!

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United Methodist Women will resume meetings on September 20,2022. This group of vibrant women are planning a 'Ladies Day Out' in September so watch for this information.

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## Trustee's Update

1. Wesley Room makeover : The Trustees have accepted a bid for removal of carpet and tiles and new flooring to be installed. The Trustees will be painting the walls themselves before the floor work begins on October 1st.
2. Parepets : The trustees have approved a bid from Durable Slate to cover the Parepets with metal. This is scheduled to be done mid October.
3. Handicap door and Entrance : We have an approved bid for this work. This work has not been scheduled yet.

Thank you to our Trustees for all your work in these matters.

