

Grace United Methodist Church

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2023

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All Church Meeting
January 12, 2023

Devotions and opening prayer were given by Dave Speas.
The minutes from the October 13, 2022 were approved and stand as read.
The church calendar was reviewed.

Church information: Pastor Vicki announced that she met with District Superintendent Jim Wilson. He will look into getting us \$17,300 from Tremont to pay for our parapets.

Discipleship: Dave announced that the Monday night men's Bible study is going well. Cards are going out to 24 homebound as well as 15 that he sends personally. He has found a stamp wholesaler for Pennies Plus. Clark Shawnee has accepted the program Lifewise to begin in the district starting next August (2024?). It is a program for grades 1-3 about Jesus tied to character development. They do not put any money into it.

Finance: Barb McCoy and Donna Layne

There is a problem with the part of church windows that does payroll. They are not able to pay employees. They can't get a response when they call. Donations are down, but we are holding our own. The decision was made to move the Eagle and Dove money to Lifewise.

Outreach: Connie Mitchell is now chairman. Interfaith, now known as Sheltered Incorporated, has moved women and children back into the main building. We are still very involved in Open Hands. We will get more. Information on the Soup Kitchen.

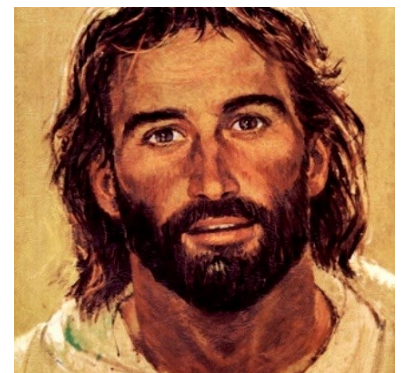
SPPRC: Marilyn announced that raises have been approved for staff members.

Trustee Report: Gene Hart is now head trustee. A new white board is in the hallway. It lets people know who they are, what they are doing, and what the needs are in the church. Christmas decorations were organized as they were put away. The aim is to clean every room. Greg Hosier will take care of snow removal and will speak to his brother to look onto lawn care. The trustees want to get members involved. They are looking into moving the finance office into the room downstairs that is now the library.

Closing prayer was given by Pastor Vicki.

Next meeting: February 9, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Frantz
Recording Secretary



PASTOR'S NOTE

Love-Love-Love Love, the Gospel in one word is love.

February is when we celebrate Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. The two days have one thing in common. They are both about love. On Valentine's Day small children still make Valentine boxes, so their school friends can put a Valentine in their box. I remember when I was in elementary school one year we had a contest of sorts and someone got a ribbon for best box. I didn't get the ribbon for best Valentine box but I remember getting wonderful Valentines, and the party with cupcakes with red and white sprinkles and decorated cookies and candy.

Valentine day invites us to think about people that we love and to tell them so. Feeling loved is critically important to one's well-being and self-esteem. If we know that we are lovable and that we have friends and family, who love us that's about as good as it gets in this life.

The second important date in February is Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 22. We will have Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 and 7:00 PM. Ash Wednesday is the day in the church year that marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Like Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday is all about love. It is about God's love for humanity. God's love for humanity was so great that the Lord was willing to sacrifice his beloved only begotten Son to save us from our sins. **John 3:16** says it this way, **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but will have eternal life."**

During February I invite you to take a few minutes each day to think about how blessed you are, how awesome you are, how loved you are by God and the people in your life. When that feeling of being blessed and loved comes over you thank God, first. Then I invite you to start a love fest in your own circle. Send a Valentine and invite someone to come to our Ash Wednesday service. Call someone and tell them you appreciate them. Give someone a hug, a smile and share a laugh.

Happy February to All! Let's get out there and prove what good lovers we are.

Blessings with hugs, Pastor Victoria Downing



SCRIPTURE READINGS for FEBRUARY

- Feb. 1 Psalm 6:3-4
- Feb. 2 Psalm 86:16
- Feb. 3 Psalm 119:28-29
- Feb. 4 Psalm 28:7-8
- Feb. 5 2 Peter 1:5
- Feb. 6 Psalm 29:11
- Feb. 7 2 Corinthians 2:15
- Feb. 8 Luke 6:38
- Feb. 9 Deuteronomy 4:39
- Feb. 10 Deuteronomy 10:20-21
- Feb. 11 Psalm 85:12-13
- Feb. 12 Proverbs 11:26-27
- Feb. 13 Galatians 6:9
- Feb. 14 Psalm 26:6-7
- Feb. 15 Psalm 25:10
- Feb. 16 Isaiah 1:19
- Feb. 17 2 Corinthians 9:8
- Feb. 18 Hebrews 4:6
- Feb. 19 Colossians 3:8,10
- Feb. 20 Ephesians 1:12
- Feb. 21 Psalm 18:3
- Feb. 22 Psalm 32:2
- Feb. 23 Mark 1:35
- Feb. 24 Matthew 6:6
- Feb. 25 Proverbs 8:6
- Feb. 26 Psalm 91:14
- Feb. 27 1 Chronicles 28:9
- Feb. 28 John 6:32



PRAYERS NEEDED

JEANNE POWELL

PAUL LUTTRULL

JACK YEAGER



SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS FOR FEBRUARY

BETTY STANLEY

7200 S. EXCALIBUR DR

PAINSVILLE, OH 44077



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

BILL POOLE FEB 5

2615 DERR RD (ALLEN VIEW HC)

SPRINGFIELD, OH 45503



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR FEBRUARY



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9:30 AM SERVICE

ACROLYTES

Larry Campbell

COMMUNION SET-UP	Feb 5	PASTOR VICKI
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP	Feb 5	BETTY PROSSER
COMMUNION SERVERS	Feb 5	PATTIE MUMMA & KIM STHELE CONNIE MITCHELL & ?
GREETERS FRONT DOOR	Feb 5,12	JOHN GILMARTIN/BILL PINKERTON
	Feb 19, 26	GREG HOSIER & DONNA LAYNE
GREETERS SANCTUARY DOOR	Feb 5, 12	PAM SMITH & DEB COOKE
	Feb 19, 26	BRUCE & GAIL ECKLER
LITERGISTS	Feb 5, 12	Barb MCCOY
	Feb 19, 26	MARY AHLBORN
USHERS	Feb 5, 12	GREG HOSIER & LARRY CAMPBELL
	Feb 19, 26	BARB MCCOY & LARRY CAMPBELL

SPECIAL MUSIC

Feb 5	DAN DOWNING
Feb 12	JIM MAYHUGH
Feb 19	JAYME TATRO
Feb_26	PATTIE MUMMA

COUNTERS

Feb 6	MARILYN MARTIN & JACKIE GREGORY
Feb 13	CINDY YEAGER & BARB SHEEHAN
Feb 21 (TUESDAY)	KIM STHELE & CONNIE MITCHELL
Feb 27	MARY AHLBORNE & DEB COOKE

***We could use more volunteers to be door greeters and ushers. Please contact Pattie Mumma.

Thank you for serving Grace. ***

February

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			10 BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM CHOIR	6:30 P TRUS-TEE MT	CLOSED	Pastor Vicki at training
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Lay Speaker 7 PM NA	7 PM MENS BS	7 PM NA	10 BIBLE STUDY NO CHOIR	6:30 PM ALL CHURCH	CLOSED	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
7 PM NA	7 PM MENS BS	7 PM NA	10 BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM CHOIR		CLOSED	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
7 PM NA	Presidents day Banks closed 7 PM MENS BS	12 P UMW 7 PM NA	10 BIBLE STUDY 12 NOON ASH WED 7 PM ASH WED SERVIC		CLOSED	
26	27	28				
7 PM NA	7 PM MENS BS	7 PM NA				

TRUSTEE REPORT

We welcome Gene Hart as head trustee . The team met on January 5. You may have noticed a white board in the hallway outside the sanctuary. This is a new communication board which will be kept updated per trustees so the congregation will be aware of projects and things needed done for the church. One of Gene's goals for 2023, is to get everyone in the church involved with any knowledge and help in whatever capacity they can.

Grace's trustees are : Dan Downing, Betty Prosser, Barb McCoy, Mike McCoy, Donna Layne, Greg Hosier, Tom Martin, Kim Stehle, Ken Cooke.

Contact any of these individuals if you have a question or concern about the church or parsonage maintenance.



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Our group celebrated the Christmas Season on Dec 13, with a Christmas Brunch. We had 25 beautiful ladies attend. Jan Stevens led us in offering stories about each of "Our Favorite Christmas". It was fun to hear other ladies' stories. The Money Christmas Tree made by the UMW was won by Pattie Mumma (I was thrilled and thankful!)

Our February Meeting will be held on Feb 21 at 12:00 noon. Our guest speaker will be Marilyn Martin. She will speak on the Open Hands Free Store.

There will be a light lunch, devotions, and great fun fellowship.

We hope you can plan to attend this event.



2 Kings 12

- breaches
- conspiracy
- hole
- Jehoshaphat
- scribe
- snuffers
- vessels of gold
- bowls of silver
- chest
- Hazael
- Jehoiada
- priests
- sin money
- trumpets
- workmen
- carpenters
- forty years
- Jehoash
- Jerusalem
- servants
- trespass money
- vessels of silver

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CONSIDER SENDING A VALENTINE TO SOME OF OUR GRACE PEOPLE WHO CAN NO LONGER GET TO CHURCH. IF YOU'D LIKE A LIST OF SOME HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS, CONTACT PATTIE MUMMA. OR, GO THROUGH YOUR DIRECTORY AND SEND OUT TO SOMEONE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IN CHURCH FOR AWHILE.

