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June 2023 Newsletter

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

This is a comforting scripture for any of us as we face changes in our lives, families, jobs, and church. We have collectively faced changes in the past year in each of these areas of life. We have lost key church leaders such as John Ahlborn, Ad-Council chair, and Michael Amos, long-time Head Trustee Chair. I have lost the love of my life and husband of 50 years, Dan Downing.

Change is often difficult and sometimes heart-breaking. Still, this scripture reminds us that God is with us at all times of life; in times of joy and sorrow, good health and sickness, wealth and poverty; in all the seasons and changes of life God is with us. God is with us, and we are being continually renewed because we are in Christ. That means we are living in the grace, love, and power of Christ every day. Whatever happens in our personal lives or in the life of Grace Church, the Lord is with us, and God is both good and faithful. God will see us through and will carry us when we cannot carry ourselves.

God always makes a way for us to move forward when we are moving under God's direction in the way God wants us to move. When John Ahlborn went to heaven, David Speas took the Ad-Council Chairmanship. When Michael Amos went to heaven Gene Hart took the Head Trustee leadership role. Over the years other many leaders have served in various roles and passed their leadership while staying in the church, continuing to serve in other capacities. When Betty Stanly stepped down from Altar Guild, Pat Hart brought her love for God and talent sewing and decorating to her leadership as Alter Guild Chair. Pattie Mumma has served as Grace Church office manager for the last five years. I have never had the pleasure of working with a more pleasant, able, and intelligent person than Pattie Mumma. A reception celebrating Pattie's retirement and move from staff to volunteer servant here at Grace Church will immediately follow the service May 28th. I hope many can attend to share in thanking Pattie and wishing her well in the future.

Pattie is currently training our new office manager, Aileen Wasser. Aileen has been helping with the Grace Church laundry soap ministry for over four years. She has the education, aptitude, and personality that I believe will allow her to fit well here at Grace Church. A brief Bio is included in this newsletter, so that you may learn more about our new office manager. When you have the opportunity stop in to welcome Aileen.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
June 1	Romans 6:4
June 2	Psalms 73:28
June 3	Psalms 51:10
June 4	Philippians 4:13
June 5	Psalms 149:4
June 6	Proverbs 4:6
June 7	1 Chronicles 16:27
June 8	1 Corinthians 2:7
June 9	Psalms 22:26
June 10	Colossians 3:23-24
June 11	Romans 8:27
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	Psalms 25:12-13
June 20	James 1:5
June 21	Psalms 77:6
June 22	1 Timothy 4:15
June 23	Ephesians 2:8
June 24	Psalms 25:3
June 25	Proverbs 12:5
June 26	Proverbs 16:9
June 26	Proverbs 16:3
June 28	1 John 2:5
June 29	Isaiah 12:2
June 30	Romans 8:4



PRAYERS NEEDED

Lois Stroble

Ken Cooke

Jennifer Webster

Barry LaPrise



JUNE SHOWER OF BLESSINGS

Norma Herring

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Wednesday June 21 is the
Summer Equinox

Welcome Summer!



June 2023

				1	2	3
				6 PM Trustee Mt		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7 pm NA	7 PM Mens BS	11 am Soap Making 7 pm NA	6:30 PM West End Mt			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
7 pm NA	4:30 PM Soup Kitchen 7 PM Mens BS	7 pm NA				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
7 pm NA	7 PM Mens BS	7 pm NA				
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Lay Speaker Dave Speas 7 pm NA	7 PM Mens BS	7 pm NA				



JUNE 2023 WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
<u>ACROLYTE</u>	JUNE	LARRY CAMPBELL
<u>COMUNION SET-UP</u>	June 4	BETTY PROSSER
<u>COMMUNION SERVERS</u>	June 4	Mary Ahlborn & Becky Frantz Bill Pinkerton & Dave Speas
<u>COMMUNION CLEAN-UP</u>	June 4	BETTY PROSSER
<u>GREETER (FRONT DOOR)</u>	June 4, 11 June 18, 25	Donna Myers GREG HOSIER
<u>GREETER (SANCTUARY DOOR)</u>	June 4, 11 June 18, 25	GENE & PAT HART Gail & Bruce Eckler
<u>LITURGIST</u>	June 4 June 11 June 18 June 25	Marilyn Martin Connie Mitchell Mary Ahlborn Pat Hart
<u>USHERS</u>	June 4 June 18, 25	Larry Campbell & Bill Pinkerton LARRY CAMPBELL & DAVE SPEAS

COUNTERS

June 5 Mary Ahlborn & Jennifer Sabo
June 12 Marilyn Martin & Jackie Gregory
June 19 Cindy Yeager & Barb Sheehan
June 26 Kim Stehle & Connie Mitchell

SPECIAL MUSIC

June 4 Jayme Tatro
June 11 Francoise
June 18 Jim Mayhugh & Larry Campbell
June 25 Becky Frantz

Congratulations to our 2023 Graduates!

Alexis Eckler, granddaughter of Gail and Bruce Eckler graduated from The Ohio State University on 05/07/2023 with a degree in Fashion and Retail studies.

During her time at Ohio State, Alexis worked multiple jobs and launched an online boutique with her sister Deja and was also on the Dean's list. Alexis is a 2019 graduate of the Stem Academy in Springfield with a 4.0 GPA.

Alexis lives in Atlanta, GA where she holds 2 positions as virtual assistant and social media manager. She is working toward establishing her own online publication focusing on fashion and lifestyle.

Tayden Steinbrink, grandson of Donna Myers, is graduating from Oakwood High School.


Tayden has been involved in marching band and concert band throughout high school, and has been part of Oakwood's Energy Team.

Tayden will be attending Sinclair Community College in the fall.



Valedictorian Perry Jackson, a Senior at Tecumseh High School, is the son of Natalie and Josh Jackson and the grandson of Pattie Mumma. Perry is the Vice President of the National Honor Society, Junior Optimist Club member, and Student Council member. He's a four-year member of the Cross Country team, Track team, and the swim team, where he holds two school records. Perry actively volunteers at a local clinic, the New Carlisle Public Library, and a youth softball/baseball park.

Perry will attend Ohio Wesleyan University as a member of Honors Program and plans to double-major in Nutrition and Pre-Med, with a minor in Spanish.



Salutatorian Callie Riley, daughter of Billy and Ginny Riley and granddaughter of Kim Stehle, is a senior at Tecumseh High School. She is a member of Student Council, serving as class secretary, and a member of the National Honor Society, serving as president. Callie has also played volleyball for four years and was member of the swim team, earning three varsity letters at each. Over the course of her high school career, Callie has earned 31 college credit hours by taking classes at Sinclair Community College.

She plans to attend the University of Kentucky this fall, majoring in Human Health Sciences on the pre-pharmacy track.

ALL CHURCH MEETING, MAY 11, 2023 - GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

David Speas, Chairman, opened the All-Church meeting with devotions and prayer. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as read and filed for audit. Calendars for June and July were reviewed and approved.

Barbara McCoy presented the Financial Report for April – May 11, 2023. All bills are paid. The Easter offerings of \$1,139 will be used to pay District apportionments. Proceeds for the Community Bean dinner were \$840.61 and will be transferred to the general fund. The Upper Room subscriptions fund is in arrears (these devotional books are mailed to shut-ins). Recycling of aluminum cans and donations support this fund.

Pastor Vicki Downing announced that Pattie Mumma has resigned as Office Manager. Aileen Wasser has been hired to replace her. A farewell social will be held for Pattie on May 21st.

Pastor Vicki and Betty Prosser recommended that the All-Church meetings should be cancelled for June and July. All agreed.

Pastor Vicki said that beginning in July 2023 the Miami Valley District will be renamed as the Western Lake District with Jim Wilson as Superintendent. The West Ohio Conference is extending boundaries under its jurisdiction while reducing the number of Districts from eight to six.

She also announced that the 2023 West Ohio Annual Conference will be held on June 1st and 2nd at the Dayton Convention Center, Dayton OH. Mary Beth Cheeseman, a former member of Grace UMC, will be ordained during the Conference.

Connie Mitchell, Outreach Chair, reported that we are partnering with Snyder Park School to help support their field day with bottles of water and cookies plus other activities as needed. Pastor Vicki recommended that the monies in the Youth Fund should be used for this ministry. All agreed. Grace members serving at the Springfield Soup kitchen has begun. At least four servers will be needed to serve each second Monday. Pastor Vicki is setting up a prayer table for participants for the Monday Grace volunteers serve. The church has joined the Care-Portal network (Nehemiah Foundation). Baby bottles from the Pregnancy Resource Center Fund Raiser are available for the congregation to fill with loose change between Mother and Father's Day.

Pat Hart spoke on behalf of the Trustees that the problem with the hot water temperature has been resolved. The business office has been moved downstairs to the lounge. The move was made to reduce utility bills. The flower beds are in need more upkeep.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F Ahlborn (sub for Becky Frantz)

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 -6:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Dave Speas, Pastor Vicki Downing, Barbara and Mike McCoy, Donna Layne and Greg Hosier, Betty Prosser, Connie Mitchell, Donna Myers, Pat Hart, and Mary Ahlborn

Meet the new Office Manager

Hello, my name is Aileen Wasser and I am excited to be joining The Grace United Methodist community as the new Office Manager.

I'm fairly new to the Springfield area, having grown up in Franklin, Ohio and attended college at Wright State University. My husband, Alex, and I moved just outside of New Carlisle in 2017. Since I have a life-long love of reading and education, I got involved at the Warder Literacy Center on High Street as a reading tutor. It's an honor and a delight to help share the love of reading with my students and to meet people who believe in the importance of literacy the same way I do.

One of the many wonderful people I've met at Warder is Betty Prosser. She had a lot of helpful advice for me as a new tutor and was quick to welcome me. After working her with on a few different events at Warder, she invited me to come and make soap at her church. I was not expecting the size of the project and was completely surprised to find out we would be making over one hundred gallons of laundry soap. That first time was hectic, hot, a bit messy, and a lot of fun. I've been back as often as I can for more.

Every time I've come to the church for any reason, I've been warmly welcomed and included as one of the group. It's wonderful to meet such inviting people and I am continually impressed by your dedication to serving others. I was truly honored to be considered for the position of Office Manager, and I'm looking forward to working with all of you to support our community and make the world a better place.

June Word Search

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Swimming

Camp

Father's Day

Vacation

Picnic

Longest Day

Summer

Flag Day

Graduation

Friends

Canoeing

Ice Cream

Beach

Weddings

Fishing

June

Celebrate

School