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August

2023

August 2023 Newsletter

1 John 4:16, “God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”

Lately, I have been thinking about how many people are lonely and feel isolated. Two things prompted me to think more about loneliness and isolation. First, several church members and several people from the community have called recently wanting to talk about loneliness and isolation. Second, my beloved husband, Dan, died unexpectedly on March 29.

I have always felt sympathy and empathy for people who are hurting. I will admit I now have a much deeper understanding of what loss, loneliness, and isolation feels like. I am one of the fortunate ones, I have family, friends, and our Grace Church family, who have all been a great support to me. Still, none of this support helps much when I roll over at night and see that Dan isn't there.

Many people became lonelier and more isolated during Covid. I think many of us are hungry for fellowship. When Grace Church scheduled a painting class, 21 people signed up. I think we need to work together to find more ways to be together in community. It will help us as individuals and as a faith community to support each other and share God's love.

1 Peter 4:8, “Above all, keep one another earnestly.”

One of the ways that we can feel closer to each other is to pray for each other daily. When I was at South Park United Methodist Church a group gathered weekly, each opened our pictorial directory and prayed silently for each person or family. This can also be done at home. I am asking for helpers to work with me to plan monthly fellowship gatherings, so we can spend more time together. If you are interested in serving on this fellowship team, please contact me.

Another way we can feel closer is to serve together. Each month on the first Tuesday of the month we make laundry soap in our kitchen. Grace Church has produced and distributed over 14,000 gallons of laundry soap in the Springfield community. Each month on the second Monday we help serve food at the Springfield Soup Kitchen. It's hard to feel lonely and isolated if we stay busy and engaged. If you want to be more involved, let someone know. Sharing rides to help with activities is an option. At the end of the school year a Grace Church team baked 600 cookies and attended Snyder School's Field Day, giving out smiles, cookies, and pop cycles. More details of upcoming ministry's efforts will be available soon. Connie Mitchell, our Outreach Chair, is always dedicated to finding new ways to serve. Let's get involved, let's try to help ourselves be less lonely and isolated.

2 Corinthians 5:17, “If anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!” May God bless us everyone.

- Pastor Vicki Downing

Painting at Grace United



On Thursday, July 20th, we had our first ever painting party. We had a wonderful turn out and it was a lot of fun! A big thank you to everyone who came, everyone who brought food, and everyone who helped get the event together! We hope to hold another such event later this year.



Scriptures August 2023

August 1	Luke 12:21
August 2	Isaiah 26:3
August 3	Jeremiah 31:9
August 4	Ruth 4:15
August 5	John 8:28
August 6	Psalms 119:94
August 7	Psalms 23:4
August 8	Proverbs 3:5-6
August 9	Deuteronomy 8:2
August 10	Psalms 3:3
August 11	Deuteronomy 1:21
August 12	Jeremiah 16:21
August 13	1 Kings 8:23
August 14	Ephesians 2:4-5
August 15	Deuteronomy 8:18
August 16	Romans 5:1
August 17	Deuteronomy 6:7
August 18	Philippians 1:6
August 19	Psalms 29:2
August 20	1 Peter 3:3-4
August 21	Ezekiel 34:27
August 22	Galatians 5:1
August 23	Psalms 80:14
August 24	Zechariah 8:12
August 25	Psalms 68:20
August 26	2 Timothy 4:7
August 27	Jeremiah 20:13
August 28	John 10:10

Prayers Needed:

Millie Luttrell
Phyllis & Larry Garber
Jeanne & Shelley Powell



Shower of Blessings

Recipient for July:

Ruby Williams
Oakwood Village
1500 Villa Rd
Springfield, OH 45403





August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1–11 AM Soap Making 7 PM NA	2 6:30 West End Meeting	3 6 PM Trustee Meeting	4	5
6 7 PM NA	7 7 PM MENS BS	8 Voting Day 7 PM NA	9	10	11	12
13 7 PM NA	14 7 PM MENS BS	15 7 PM NA	16	17	18	19
20 7 PM NA	21 7 PM MENS BS	22 7 PM NA	23	24	25	26
27 7 PM NA	28 7 PM MENS BS	29 7 PM NA	30	31		

General Announcements

UMWC Swim at the Parsonage

For the first time since 2019, the women of Grace Church got together to enjoy the pool and excellent company at the parsonage. We had a great turn-out and are really looking forward to next time!

Blood Pressure Check

On August 6, our wonderful volunteers will be helping people check their blood pressure in the Love Room.



Soap Ministry

Our soap-making ministry is always in need of more volunteers, donations for supplies, and clean, washed gallon jugs. If you haven't tried making soap before, join us

August 1st.

August Worship Participants

<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Acolyte		Larry Campbell
Communion Set-up	Aug 6	Vicki Downing
Communion Servers	Aug 6	Donna Layne, Betty Prosser, Marilyn & Tom Martin
Communion Clean-up	Aug 6	Betty Prosser
Greeter - Front Door	Aug 6	Mary Ahlborn
	Aug 13	Gail & Bruce Eckler
	Aug 20	Karen & Dave Speas
	Aug 27	Marilyn & Tom Martin
Greeter – Sanctuary Door	Aug 6	Donna Layne & Greg Hosier
	Aug 13	Kim Stehle
	Aug 20	Pat & Gene Hart
	Aug 27	Paulette & Bill Pinkerton
Liturgist	Aug 6	Barb McCoy
	Aug 13	Barb McCoy
	Aug 20	Barb McCoy
	Aug 27	Connie Mitchell
Ushers	Aug 6	Larry Campbell
	Aug 13	Mike McCoy & Larry Campbell
	Aug 20	Bill Pinkerton & Dave Speas
	Aug 27	Greg Hosier & Larry Campbell

Counters

Special Music

Aug 7	Marilyn Martin & Jackie Gregory	Aug 6	Jayne Tatro
Aug 14	Cindy Yeager & Jennifer Sabo	Aug 13	Francoise Juillet
Aug 21	Kim Stehle & Connie Mitchell	Aug 20	Jim Mayhugh
Aug 28	Mary Ahlborn & Deb Cooke	Aug 27	Djenika



HAPPY AUTUMN

WORD SEARCH

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Thanksgiving

Harvest

Autumn

Fall

September

October

Leaves

Pumpkins

November

August

Acorn

Trees

Football

Apples

Rake

Hay

