

“Reaching people with the love and teachings of Jesus Christ”

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Hello Friends,

You're probably used to hearing people in church talk about giving. But when was the last time in church that you talked about earning or saving? Is it unchristian to earn money? Is it wrong to save for ourselves and our families?

John Wesley didn't think so. Wesley, the Christian evangelist and founder of the Methodist movement, gave a sermon called "The Use of Money." In it, he said that **the important thing isn't money itself but how we use it.** Wesley's surprising advice still rings true today: earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

From April 22 to May 20, our church will experience an exciting new generosity program series, **Earn. Save. Give.: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money**, this series describes Wesley's surprising advice and introduces us each

week to faithful Christians who, like all of us, struggle with money. There will be opportunities to engage with the program series in worship and small group discussions.

You'll be hearing about the program in worship, in Grace Notes, Facebook, and our weekly emails.

In the coming weeks you will receive service and financial commitment cards for you to think about and pray over during the four weeks of this program series. You will have the opportunity to drop off your card in the designated boxes located at the main entrance and narthex/lobby on Commitment Sunday May 20.

Join us during the program as we learn about earning, saving, and giving.

In Christ,

**Reverend Paul Hahm and
The Generosity Team**

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

Subs are needed for Southside Kitchen, during the day, and Rescue Mission Family Center, evenings. Contact Mona at 323-3779 or mmorgan1226@yahoo.com if you can help!

VALULAND

South Lansing Ministries (SLM) has the opportunity to earn \$1,000 every time we collect \$150,000 in receipts from shopping at ValuLand! If you shop there, please save your receipts and drop them in the bucket we have provided that is located Fellowship Hall. ValuLand is next door in Colonial Village Shopping center and on W. Saginaw. We have collected \$12,000 so far! Keep them coming!

ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

This annual event raises money to support the Blue Rose Mission Trip to Mansfield, Ohio.

Date: Friday, April 6th

4:30 – 7:00pm

Grace UMC in the Fellowship Hall

TICKET COST:

Adults: \$7.50

Children under 10: \$4.50

Family with 2 kids: \$17.50

*There will be **no** advance ticket sales. Sign-up sheets to work this event will be in Fellowship Hall. Questions? See Jim Kleiver.



BLUE ROSE MISSION TRIP

The mission trip to Blue Rose Mission in Mansfield, Ohio is scheduled for Sunday, July 8th-Saturday, July 14th. There will be two information meetings Sunday, April 8th and Sunday, April, 22nd in between services at the east end of the Fellowship Hall. The last day to decide if you are going on the trip will be Sunday, April 29th. Questions? Please see Jim Kleiver.

CASS COMMUNITY OUTREACH TRIP

Grace will be sending a group down to Cass Community Social Services (in Detroit) for a one-day mission trip on Saturday, May 19th. To sign-up, or if you have questions, please reach out to Jay Young.

JaysonYoung415@gmail.com.

ENERGIZE! YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM – Summer Mission Experience

The tentative dates for the summer mission experience are Sunday, July 15th through Saturday, July 21st. Students will be serving and exploring LANSING, MICHIGAN! Stay tuned on ways you can support our young people. If your student (grades 6th – 12th) are interested in serving, please reach out to Jamie Young.

GIVING TREE

APRIL through JUNE

Just a reminder, we have changed how we do the Giving Tree! Instead of doing a different monthly collection, we focus our efforts on one thing for 3 months!

For our seconds quarter, we will be reaching out to serve the needs of our community. Stay tuned for specific needs time, materials, and ways you can help with basic home projects and repairs for our neighbors!

MAKE THE CHANGE OFFERING

The **Make the "CHANGE" Offering**, formerly known as the Noisy Can Collection, will be taken on **Sunday, April 22nd**. Monies collected will go to the 100 Club of Greater Lansing. Learn more here: www.100clubofgreaterlansing.org



SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

-explore the resources to grow and mature in faith-

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." - 2 Peter 3:18

BOOK STUDY

"Earn. Save. Give.
Wesley's Simple Rules for Money"

The next study is an *all church* book study. We will focus our thoughts and fellowship around "Earn. Save. Give.: Wesley's Simple Rules of Money."

Classes will begin the week of Sunday, April 22nd.

Continue to page 5 for more information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join Rev. Nancy Fancher each Sunday. The class gathers following the 9:30 worship service and fellowship time. The topics and books change periodically. Class goes from 11:00 - 12:00 each week.

ENERGIZE!

Sundays from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

at the Youth Center for food and fun!

Jr. High – Grades 4th – 7th Sr High – Grades 8th – 12th

Contact Jamie Young for more information –
jameiyoung1028@yahoo.com

NURSERY NEWS

We offer care in our nursery for infants through 3 year olds. Our staff person, Elizabeth Simpkins, is the lead in addition to our rotating Grace volunteers.

If you feel God calling you to work with our infants and toddlers, contact Opal at: 517-490-3218. Once your application is complete (including background check), she will be able to add you to the schedule.

Willing hands and hearts make this ministry possible!

KIDS ON THE MOVE

Kids on the Move – Jr. & Kids on the Move

Come with us to have fun learning!

We begin in the 11:30am service and leave for Kids on the Move at 11:45am.

Kids on the Move-Jr.

(Preschool Children/4 years old through 1st graders)
Orange Room

Kids on the Move

(2nd graders through 6th graders)
Blue Room

Parents can pick their children up from these rooms following the worship service.

TEACHERS

We delight in teaching and serving the next generation of leaders. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Missy Bush (mimivee324@gmail.com).

Interested in Becoming a Member?

What does it mean to be a member at Grace United Methodist Church? Join us for a Membership Class and Q/A session on Tuesday April 24 or Thursday April 26 at 6:00pm.

We will welcome new members on Sunday, May 6th, 2018. Even if you're already a member, this will be a good time to rethink/reaffirm/recommit to what membership means.

For more information please contact Pastor Paul.

BIRTHDAY LIST

APRIL

Charmain Hull – 4/1
Brady Bush – 4/1
Doug Burruss – 4/3
Wanda Miller – 4/3
Bob Tyler – 4/4
Stacy Volkers – 4/4
Mary Jane Schuon – 4/6
Alaina Mansberger – 4/7
Annemarie Reik – 4/7
Lu Glatz – 4/9
Barry Demers – 4/9
Curtis Seibert – 4/11
Tammy Trew – 4/11
Dori Farnsworth – 4/12
Andrea Lindemeyer – 4/13
Andrew Barry – 4/13
Jay Young – 4/15
Gretchen Ferguson – 4/16
Gary Masters – 4/18
Steven Richards – 4/18
Barbara Laidlaw – 4/20
Cynthia Paul – 4/21
Kirk Bush – 4/23
Caden McDaniel – 4/24
Claudia Heineman – 4/26
Jay Glossop – 4/28
Dean Reik – 4/30
Ann McAuliffe – 4/30

ANNIVERSARY LIST

APRIL 26

Vern & Claudia Chubb



FAMILY CAMP

Grace has a circle reserved at Lakeview Family Campground for the following dates: **Friday, August 17th** through **Sunday, August 19th**. Make sure you get this on your calendar as you plan your summer adventures! We will have more details for you soon!

CHURCH CAMP

The camping booklets have arrived and are located on the Welcome table (near the main entrance). If you are interested in sending your child to camp this summer, email the church office for help walking through the process! There are mini-camp opportunities for young children and full week options for middle school and high schoolers! There are even some adult camping weekends/weeks!

SECURITY & ROAMERS

If you are interested in joining the security team or helping to keep our kids safe by serving as a roamer in between services, please reach out to Doug Burruss. Thanks.

THANKS!

Thank you for your generous contributions for the Small Household Needs Bank at the Ash Wednesday service. Your support is greatly appreciated. It enables our organization to provide support through giving of bedding, small appliances and kitchen items to those finding housing. – *Mona Morgan, SHNB*

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The church is comprised of many committees. One of those is the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). One of the main purposes of the committee, which is made up of church members, is to seek out, interview and recommend qualified individuals for employment positions within the church.

As part of the mission of Grace United Methodist Church, which is "reaching people with the love and teachings of Jesus Christ", members of the committee serve as liaison to the staff members. One of the main goals of the liaison person is to provide a working relationship with the assigned staff member, as well as developing an atmosphere of welcome to that individual so they feel an integral part of Grace United Methodist Church.

Following is a list of SPRC committee members along with their liaison staff person:

Bette Jo Brubaker and Kirk Bush
Margaret Brown
MaryJo Lott
Lucy U'Ren
Pam Fowler
Opal Ferkovich

Pastor Paul
Secretary/Youth Director
Choir Director
Accompanist
Custodian
Nursery Worker



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APRIL EXECUTIVE MEETING

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018 at 7:00pm

APRIL CIRCLE MEETING

The Grace Hope/Friendship Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 to hear Dorothy Frederickson share information on Baby Boxes for Haiti. Dorothy is a retired missionary to Haiti. We suggest bringing an item(s) for a box with you to this meeting: Onesies, diapers, sleepers, washcloth, burp cloth, socks, hat, blanket, bib, nightgown, soap or bassinet size sheets. All are welcome.

EARN. SAVE. GIVE.

Wesley's Simple Rules for Money

By: James A. Harnish

John Wesley believed money was important as a way of expressing and living out Christian faith. To Wesley, the task was simple: earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can. As a church we will explore through sermons, book study, video clips and conversations, how this too can be our way of living out our faith in Christ.

The sermon series will conclude on May 20th with our Commitment Sunday.

April 29 - "We Need Wisdom"

May 6 - "Earn All You Can"

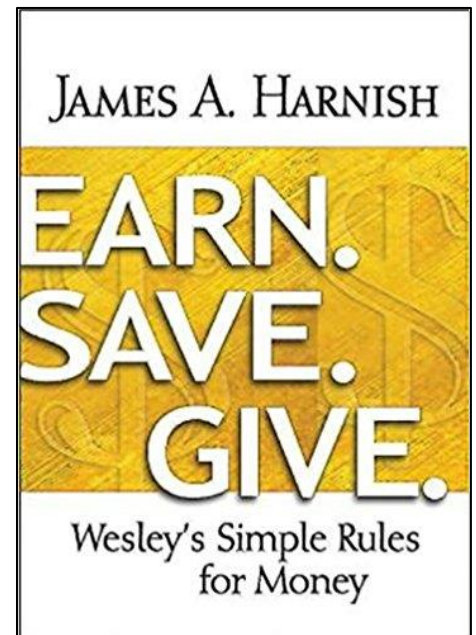
May 13 - "Save All You Can"

May 20 - "Give All You Can"

CLASSES:

The classes will run the weeks of April 22nd – May 13th. In the coming weeks, you will be able to sign up for the class time that works best for you. Options may include: Sunday morning, Sunday evening or Wednesday evening.

Additional details will be distributed very soon.

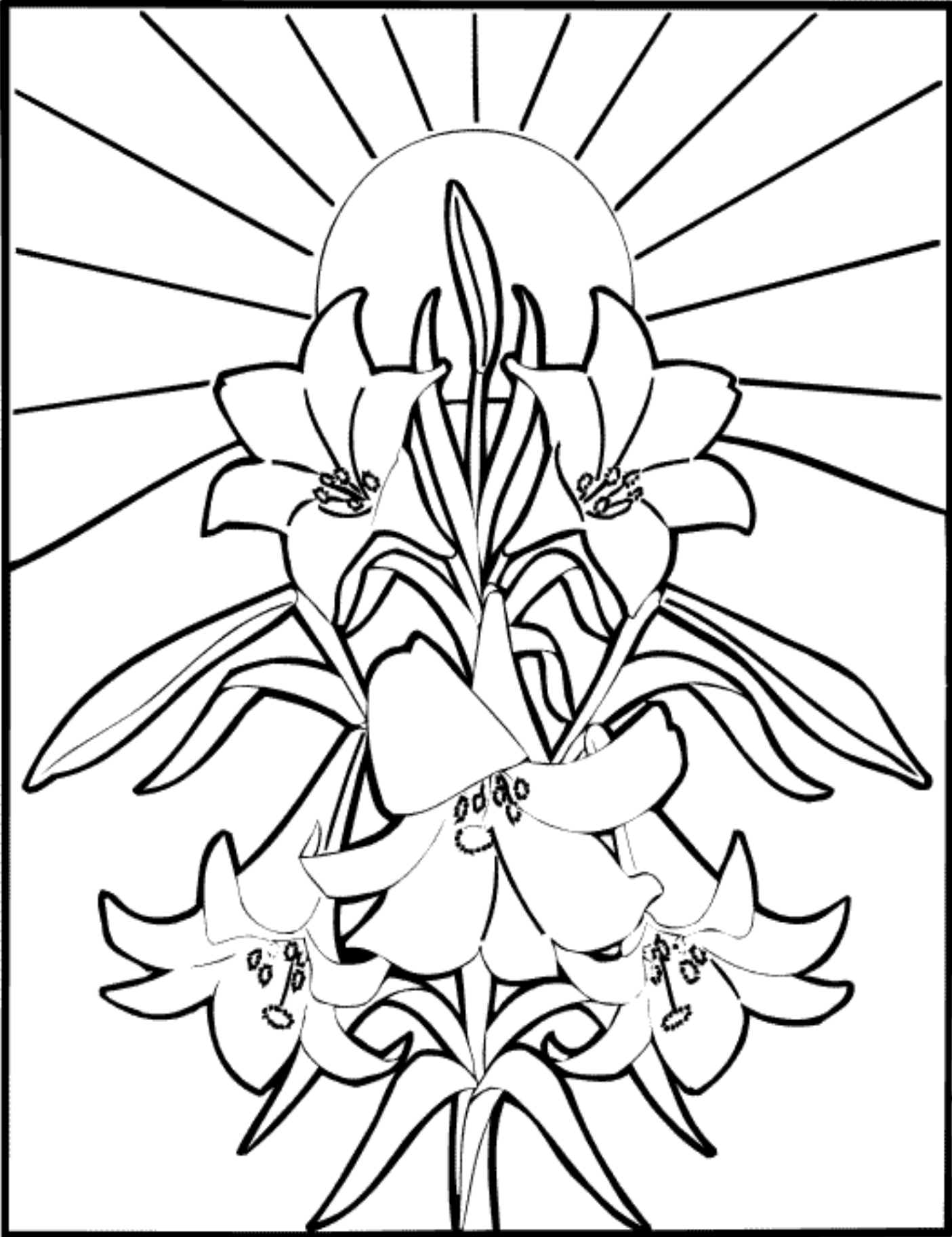


APRIL

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1 Communion 10:30am – Combined Easter Worship service | 2 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00 pm Men’s Group at Flap Jack | 3 7:00pm – UMW Exec. Meeting | 4 7:00am – Men’s Breakfast – Flap Jack Waverly Rd. 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C. | 5 7:00pm - Choir Pancake Supper Set-up | 6 4:30 – 7:00 pm Annual Pancake Supper | 7 |
| 8 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm EYMP @ the YC | 9 9:00 – 1:00 pm GCGL- FH 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00 – 7:00pm Missions Meeting 7:00pm - Trustees | 10 | 11 <i>*GN Deadline*</i> 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00pm - Finance 7:00pm – AA, Y.C | 12 5:45 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts Round Table 7:00pm - Choir | 13 | 14 6:00 – 9:00pm Private Event - FH |
| 15 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm EYMP @ the YC | 16 9:00 – 1:00pm dCOM - FH 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00 pm – Ad Council Mtg | 17 7:00pm – UMW Circle Meeting | 18 12:00-4:00pm Great Start Collaborative 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00 pm –CVNA 7:00pm – AA, Y.C | 19 <i>*GN Mailed*</i> 7:00pm - Choir | 20 | 21 |
| 22 <i>“Make the CHANGE” offering</i> 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 1:00-4:00pm - PALM 5:00-7:00pm EYMP @ the YC | 23 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm – SPRC | 24 | 25 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C | 26 7:00pm - Choir | 27 | 28 1:00-5:00pm Private Event - FH |
| 29 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm EYMP @ the YC | 30 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl | | | | | |

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Color this picture and hang it as a reminder of our risen LORD!



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Sunday Services

9:30am (*Traditional Worship*)

11:30am (*casual atmosphere - serious faith - praise music*)

Office Hours: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (*Monday, Tuesday & Thursday*)

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM (*Wednesday*)

EDITION: APRIL 2018