

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

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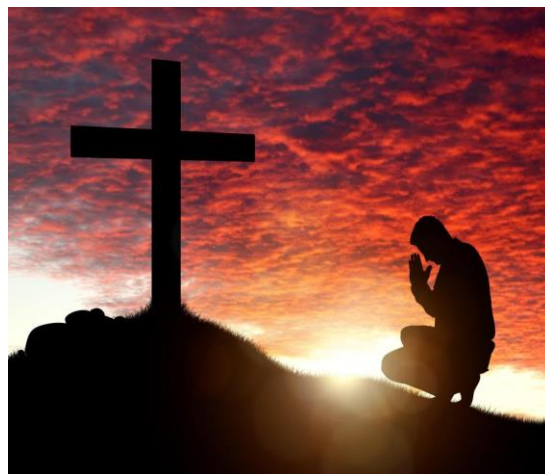
Hello Friends,

My wife and I workout at the Westside YMCA and for the past year we've noticed a boy about 7 years old training for basketball with this dad almost every day of the week. Not playing basketball, but training. He's doing handling drills, shooting drills, cone drills, etc. In between drills, he'll open up a notebook and do what appears to be his regular school homework. He's there grinding it out almost every night. I often wonder, if this young boy is having fun or it's just work for him. One thing is very clear, he's not there to just have fun he's there to train to be a great basketball player.

There are certain days when I have no motivation to go to the gym or I make an excuse that I'm too tired. However, I'm inspired by the young boy and his dad's work ethic. I imagine there are days they don't want to train but they're still out there because of their drive to grow and their discipline to work. I think that's what the early Christians had in mind when they began observing the season of Lent.

The forty days before Easter represented the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for public ministry. It

was time of self-reflection, meditation, prayer, and discipline (giving things up, taking on new practices) as a way to mature faith. The idea was that, through the pain of and self-denial of Lent, there could be new life and resurrection with Christ on Easter.



I don't know what that young boy's name is but I imagine his hard work will continue to see results on and off the basketball court. Perhaps he'll go on to play at the collegiate or professional level? Perhaps the work ethic instilled in him will translate into another area of his life? My hope is that I can put forth as much effort to be who God wants me to be. My prayer is that you will as well!

**Grace and peace,
Paul**

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

Rescue Mission Family Center

Wed., March 14th – 5:30-8:00pm - Team B

Southside Kitchen

Thurs., March 8th - 11:00am – 1:00pm

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!

SAVE THE DATE: Pancake Supper



Grace's Pancake Supper will be here before you know it!

This annual event raises money to support Missions.

Please save-the-date for: Friday, April 6th from 4:30 – 7:00 pm

This is an event you will not want to miss! *GREAT FOOD! GREAT CAUSE!*



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FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETING

The Friendship/Grace Hope Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 7:00pm. We will review articles from the Response magazine. Please bring your game prize items for the seniors at the United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids. If you need a suggestion, please check the UMW bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Also, in support of UMW's 20-year fight against Human Trafficking, please wear something red to show our support of "Standing in the Red Zone" along with our UMW sisters. Please note the date change for February.

MARCH EXECUTIVE MEETING

Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00pm

MARCH CIRCLE MEETING

Grace United Methodist Women's Friendship/Grace Hope Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Our program will be Prayer and Self Denial. Hope to see you there!

GIVING TREE

New format

We're changing how we do the Giving Tree! Instead of doing a different monthly collection, we'll be collecting items through quarters of the year. So you can bring your items now through the end of March.

For our first quarter, our focus will be on local poverty. New or gently used household items, such as small appliances and kitchen items, bedding and towels may be donated for the Small Household Needs Bank which provides formerly homeless people with these items. For more questions please contact Mona Morgan.

MAKE THE CHANGE OFFERING

The **Make the "CHANGE" Offering**, formerly known as the Noisy Can Collection, will be taken on **Sunday, March 25th**. Check the bulletin and Facebook pages for more information on where this collection will be designated!



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

GENEROSITY

COMING SOON! Mid-Week Study

The next mid-week study will begin mid-April. We will focus our thoughts and fellowship around the idea of Generosity.

Stay tuned for more details.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join Rev. Nancy Fancher each Sunday. She will lead a new Bible study using a book called "Fruit of the Spirit". The class gathers following the 9:30 worship service and fellowship time from 11:00 - 12:00 each week.

ENERGIZE!

Sundays from 5:00 – 7:00 pm
at the Youth Center for food and fun!
Junior High Group – Grades 4th – 7th
Senior High Group – 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. Opal Hansen schedules Elizabeth's assistants for Sunday mornings.

If you feel God calling you to work with our infants and toddlers, contact Opal at: 517-490-3218. She will have you fill out an application packet. Once that is complete, and your background check is done, she will be able to add you to the schedule.

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).

New Membership / Baptism

Are you interested in finding out more about Baptism or joining the church? We'd love to officially welcome to you the Grace church family! Please reach out to Pastor Paul Hahm or by calling: 517-482-5750 or emailing (lgraceumc@gmail.com) the office.

BELL CHOIR FOR EASTER

Are you interested in playing in the Bell Choir for Easter? No experiencing necessary. For more information please contact our Choir Director Xiaosha Lin at church or email her at: xiaoshallin@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAY LIST

MARCH

Esther Burruss – 3/2
Gerald Gunn – 3/3
Pamela Hill – 3/4
Amy Simmons – 3/5
Brittany Garza – 3/8
Julie Prevo – 3/8
Bette Jo Brubaker – 3/9
Carole Chubb – 3/9
Jim Kleiver – 3/11
Clayton Hull – 3/12
Joyce Miller – 3/12
Moriah Obiya – 3/13
R.J. Williams – 3/16
Dorothy Gawronski – 3/18
Colin Laidlaw – 3/18
Carissa Hedley – 3/24
Missy Bush – 3/24
Nancy Fancher – 3/24
Iris Deming – 3/25

ANNIVERSARY LIST

MARCH

March 31

Lynn & Linda Reik



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 outside of the Education Office door (near the main office). 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!

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE...

The 2017 Memorials and Endowment Annual Reports follows in this month's Grace Notes. Take a few moments to look over the report and in the case of memorial spending to remember the people the money was contributed in memory of.

The Finance Team is changing this year with Sallie Franks taking over for Stephani Davis as Chairperson. Also, Carol Dimmick and I will be leaving the committee and Donna Kleiver will be doing the Memorials and Endowment Work. Questions about the report can be directed to Sallie, Donna or me. (Al Brown). Thank you.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 25th

WORSHIP

9:30 am
11:30 am

ADULT SUN.
SCHOOL
11:00 am

KIDS ON THE MOVE
11:45 am

Nursery Care at all

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 29th

WORSHIP

7:00 pm

Nursery Care available

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 30th

WORSHIP

Time: TBD

EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st

WORSHIP

10:30 am

No Sunday
School
programs

Nursery care will be provided.

Grace United Methodist Church
2017 Memorials and Endowment Fund Annual Report

Endowment Fund Balance

January 1, 2017 Balance	\$236,633.54
Contributions during the year	\$15,379.00
Spending during the year	-\$9,962.68
Increase in net asset value during the year	<u>\$41,599.43</u>
December 31, 2017 Balance	\$283,649.29

Endowment Fund Basis (Inflation adjusted Principal)

Basis January 1, 2017	\$216,824.48
Core Inflation Rate adjustment of 1.8% for the year	\$3,902.84
Contributions during the year	<u>\$15,379.00</u>
Basis December 31, 2017	\$236,106.32

Total Endowment Fund Expenditures Since Inception

Expenditures prior to 2017	\$117,785.08
Expenditures during the year	<u>\$9,962.68</u>
Total Expenditures to December 31, 2017	\$127,747.76

Memorial Money Used in 2017

Month	Item	In Memory Of	Amount
January	Choir Director Conference	Miscellaneous Memorials	\$199.00
May	Wesley Woods Camping Registration	A. Brooks, B. Suska, J. Stroup, S. Smith, G. Chute, & Miscellaneous Memorials	\$1,534.00
May	Generosity Campaign	Miscellaneous Memorials	\$338.00
July	Signage	A. Brooks, G. Chute, J. Shinkle, & Miscellaneous Memorials	\$637.50
August	Donation to Prayer Shawl Group	Ruth Price	\$50.00
August	Pew Upholstery Project	Patricia Gress	\$16,141.20
October	Lighting	Miscellaneous Memorials	\$48.50
December	Atrium Drainage Project	Miscellaneous Memorials	<u>\$700.00</u>
Total Memorial Money Spent in 2017			\$19,648.20

Endowment Money Used in 2017

Month	Item	Amount
April	Missions	\$2,000.00
April	Generosity Campaign	\$43.46
May	Generosity - Potluck Entertainment	\$150.00
August	Parking Lot Repair	\$900.00
September	Intercom Installation	\$242.19
October	Interior Signage	\$637.50
October	Boiler Repair	\$325.80
November	Maintenance, Repairs, & Lighting	\$2,549.25
November	Front Porch Railing	\$504.90
December	Lighting	\$28.98
December	Reach Network Minister & Staff Training	\$1,500.00
December	XVBS - Supplies, Meals, & T Shirts	<u>\$1,080.60</u>
Total Endowment Money Spent in 2017		\$9,962.68

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00pm - Choir	2	3
4 Communion 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 1:00 pm - PALM 5:00-7:00pm EYMP @ the YC	5 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00 pm Men’s Group at Flap Jack 6:30 pm – Mission Meeting	6 7:00pm – UMW Exec. Meeting	7 7:00am – Men’s Breakfast – Flap Jack Waverly Rd. 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	8 5:45 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts Round Table 7:00pm - Choir	9	10
11 *Daylight Savings 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm EYMP @ the YC	12 8:30 – 3:30 pm GCGL- FH 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00pm - Trustees	13 7:00pm – Finance	14 *GN Deadline* 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C	15 5:45 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts Round Table 7:00pm - Choir	16	17 7:45 am – 3:00 pm Boy Scouts Training (Jim Doyle)
18 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm EYMP @ the YC	19 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00 pm – Ad Council Mtg	20 7:00pm – UMW Circle Meeting	21 12:00-4:00pm Great Start Collaborative 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00 pm –CVNA 7:00pm – AA, Y.C	22 *GN Mailed* 7:00pm - Choir	23	24
25 Palm Sunday “Make the CHANGE” offering 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm EYMP @ the YC	26 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm – SPRC	27 12:30-4:00pm Early Childhood Meeting	28 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C	29 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday worship service	30 7:00 pm Good Friday worship service	31
1 Easter Sunday 10:30 am Worship Service						

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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: MARCH 2018