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# grace notes

## Hello Friends,

We're in the midst of our Generosity Campaign and Sermon series "Earn, Save, Give: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money." The first week is entitled "We Need More Wisdom." The idea is that wise discernment is more important than having more money.

Several years I remember sitting around with a group of friends and we asked the question, if you had all the money in the world in the what would you do? As each of us went around answering this question a friend of mine said, "I would buy every single DVD movie and amass a giant private collection." For a film buff the idea seemed glorious but someone brought up that in years to come the DVD format might not even be the best option or it might be completely obsolete. (We know this is already true.) If you go to the thrift store you'll see stacks of old VHS tapes and DVD's. What was once valued so

much is not almost useless unless you have a VCR or DVD player.

This reminded me of something Jesus said:

*19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)*

The wisdom God offers is not about accumulating more things we can't take with us. Simply put, our treasures should be eternal not temporal. As we continue our series through the month of May, let's use this time to consider what's really important to us, our loved ones, and the Kingdom of God.

*Grace and Peace,*  
**Reverend Paul Hahm**

## **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](mailto: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**

Our Annual Pancake Supper was a success. Thanks to all of you who worked and attended. Presently we are at \$871.00 profit. Donations are still being accepted. Please make checks out to Grace United Methodist Church and put “pancake supper” in the memo line. Questions? See Jim Kleiver.



## **BLUE ROSE MISSION TRIP**

The mission trip to Blue Rose Mission in Mansfield, Ohio is scheduled for Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The final day to decide if you are going on the trip Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>. To sign-up, or if you have questions, please reach out to Jay Young. [JaysonYoung415@gmail.com](mailto:JaysonYoung415@gmail.com).

## **ENERGIZE! YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM – Summer Mission Experience**

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

# GIVING TREE

**APRIL through JUNE**

Missions is in its 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The activity will be Small Household Repair and/or upkeep. On 4/22 we will be passing around clipboards for those who want to be contacted about their needs.

Questions will be answered by Jim Kleiver. Work teams will be asked to sign up and later to complete projects decided in early May.

## MAKE THE CHANGE OFFERING

The **Make the “CHANGE” Offering**, formerly known as the Noisy Can Collection, will be taken on **Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**.

May’s collection will partner with our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Giving Tree project and help purchase tools and resources to fulfill the work orders the team gathers.

Give generously and.... **Make the CHANGE!**



# 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*

## 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!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This class will be participating in the all church study, "Earn. Save. Give.". It meets each Sunday in the green room from 11:00-12:00 am. Sallie Franks will be leading this study.

## ENERGIZE!

**Sundays from 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

at the Youth Center for food and fun!

*Jr. High – Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sr High – Grades 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>*

Contact Jamie Young for more information –  
jameiyoung1028@yahoo.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<sup>th</sup> or Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

Parents can pick their children up from these rooms following the worship service at 12:30 pm.

### *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**

Kids on the Move will go through May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## SUMMER KIDS PROGRAM

This Summer in Kids on the Move we will be exploring the many Miracles and Parables of Jesus. As we read in the Bible about Jesus' earthly ministry, we begin to understand more and more about the Kingdom of God through the stories Jesus tells, the miracles He performs, and the people He spends time with. Coming June 2018, teachers and students together will experience the Miracles and Parables of Jesus! What an exciting summer it will be. Come, have fun learning and growing with us!

We begin together in the 11:30 service. At 11:45ish, children aged 4 years - 6th grade will be dismissed to the "Blue Room". Class will end at 12:30.

## TEACHERS

We delight in teaching and serving the next generation of leaders. Please join us as a teacher of Kids on the Move this summer! Contact Missy Bush (mimivee324@gmail.com) for more information and to sign-up. We can't wait to hear from you!

## BIRTHDAY LIST

### MAY

Mary Jo Lott – 5/1  
Diane Griffiths – 5/2  
Carl Beard – 5/5  
Laura Fawcett – 5/6  
Marge Slack – 5/6  
Suzanne Williams – 5/8  
Bea Allston – 5/12  
Joe Farnsworth – 5/13  
Stephen Ramer – 5/14  
Darcie Trew – 5/14  
Brian Dimmick – 5/15  
George Ferkovich – 5/15  
Bob Pearson – 5/21  
Austin Simmons – 5/22  
Al Brown – 5/24  
Alec Wagner – 5/25  
Eric Simmons – 5/26  
Darleen Wirt – 5/30  
Sally Zetzer – 5/31

Celebrate!

## ANNIVERSARY LIST

### MAY 13

Bob & Lois Prezny

### MAY 15

Dick & Nancy Switzer

### MAY 21

Randy & Melissa McDaniel

### MAY 22

Kirk & Missy Bush

### MAY 26

Justin & Stacy Volkers

## THANKS!

Thank you all for my birthday card,  
that was special.

Fondly,  
Gretchen Ferguson

## STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE



Each month the Staff Parish Relations Committee is going to highlight one of Grace Church's staff members. Following is an article written by Mary Jo Lott, liaison for Xiaosha Lin, choir director. Xiaosha Lin is the director of our Sanctuary Choir. She came to Grace last September (2017) when she began her doctoral studies at MSU.

Xiaosha is originally from Guangdong (Canton) China. Her parents, brother and sister live in China. Xiaosha received her undergraduate degree in Music Education from the XingHai Conservatory of Music in Guangzhou, China. She has two Master's degrees. She first went to Hong Kong Baptist University and completed a Master of Arts in Music and Choral Conducting. Following that she came to the United States and in the spring of 2017, she completed a Master of Music and Choral Conducting at Westminster Choir College in New Jersey.

Xiaosha describes herself as a life traveler. She has moved 4 times since she started college. As she says, "I never stop, further and further from home, but closer and closer to dream." She is a "free spirit", perhaps because she's the middle child in her family and she was always seeking freedom. She never gets tired of traveling and is always curious to know the world. She sees travel as the best way to open her eyes and to learn.

Xiaosha's primary interest, aside from music, is photography. She says that if music doesn't work out, she'll be a photographer. She enjoys taking pictures of musicians in concert, and especially the conductor. She wants to capture the "music making moments".

# CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

### FAMILY CAMP

Grace has a circle reserved at Lakeview Family Campground for the following dates: *Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>* through *Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>*.

**Please sign up with the office no later than MAY 6<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to camp. After that, you will need to call the camp directly and we will not be able to guarantee that you can be in the same circle as the group. You will also need to put down a one night's stay deposit to reserve your space (\$28.00).

### 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!



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### **MAY EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm

### **APRIL CIRCLE MEETING**

Circle Meeting: The final Friendship/Grace Hope meeting, until fall, will be held at 6:30pm on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Watch the weekly bulletins for more information.

# 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.*

We will be starting a 4 week church wide book study, "Earn. Save. Give." based on the advice of John Wesley to "Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can."

This will culminate on Celebration Sunday, May 20 with a combined Worship Service at 10:30am and complimentary meal.

Book Study classes will all meet in the green room and start Sunday April 22, or Wednesday April 25.

### **STUDY CLASSES**

Sunday AM - led by Sallie Franks during Adult Sunday School Hour

Sunday PM - led by Lynn & Linda Reik from 6:00-7:00 with childcare  
children's activities led by Missy & Kirk Bush

Wednesday PM - led by Rev. Paul Hahm from 7:15-8:15

### **SERMON SERIES**

April 29 - "We Need Wisdom"

May 6 - "Earn All You Can"

May 13 - "Save All You Can"

May 20 - "Give All You Can"

We hope you will join us for this study and celebration!

JAMES A. HARNISH

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Wesley's Simple Rules  
for Money

## The EDUCATION TEAM asks you to.... SAVE THIS DATE!

**Sunday, June 10th is GRADUATION SUNDAY at Grace!** We will be celebrating and acknowledging all of our students who have graduated from high school, as well as those who have completed a college/graduate degree, this school year. If you are a graduate, or have one in your family, please notify the church office via phone (517-482-5750) or e-mail (lgraceumc@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday, June 5th so that we can recognize those individuals during Sunday services.

Along with the graduate's name, we would also like to know:

- the name of the school they have graduated from;
- a few of the activities they've been involved in;
- what their plans are post-graduation;
- and for college graduates, what degree they have earned.

Please also join us on Sunday, June 10th, at 10:30am for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate our graduates!



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### **Sunday, June 10th is also VOLUNTEER & TEACHER APPRECIATION!**

This is a time when we will be recognizing and thanking all of the VOLUNTEERS and TEACHERS who have served in our nursery, Kids on the Move, xVBS, E!YMP, and adult education programs here at Grace this year. Please join the Education Team in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am, on Sunday, June 11th, as we celebrate and thank our teachers and volunteers! Refreshments will be provided.

## **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



*Celebrate the  
Mothers,  
Grandmothers,  
Aunts & special  
Women  
in your life  
Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>*



*I can't repay the lessons  
That you taught when I was small,  
Or give you, gift for gift,  
The daily treasures I recall;  
I can't return encouragement  
Or loving words of praise  
In quite the way you did for me  
Through all my childhood days.  
But there's one gift that I can give:  
It's all the love you've earned--  
For love is what you always taught,  
And love is what I learned.*

# MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7:00pm – UMW Exec. Meeting	<b>2</b> 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C. 7:15 pm - Earn. Save. Give. Class	<b>3</b> 7:00pm - Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 am - ZUMBA
<b>6 Communion New Member Sunday</b> 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Earn. Save. Give. Class 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm EYMP @ the YC 6:00am – Earn. Save. Give. Class	<b>7</b> 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00 pm Men’s Group at Flap Jack 6:00 – 7:00pm Missions Meeting	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Softball @ Sharp 6	<b>9</b> <i>*GN Deadline*</i> 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00pm - Finance 7:00pm – AA, Y.C. 7:15 pm - Earn. Save. Give. Class	<b>10</b> 5:45 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts Round Table 7:00pm - Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Earn. Save. Give. Class 11:30am – Worship 11:45am – KOM 5:00-7:00pm EYMP @ the YC 6:00am – Earn. Save. Give. Class	<b>14</b> 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00pm - Trustees	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Softball @ Sharp 5 7:00pm – UMW Circle Meeting	<b>16</b> 12:00-4:00pm Great Start Collaborative 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00 pm –CVNA 7:00pm – AA, Y.C. 7:15 pm - Earn. Save. Give. Class	<b>17</b> <i>*GN Mailed*</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Celebration Sunday</b> 10:30am – Worship 10:45am – KOM 11:30 – Complimentary Meal EYMP YEAR END TIME: TBD Craig’s Cruisers – GR	<b>21</b> 4:30 – 6:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00 pm – Ad Council Mtg	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm Softball @ Sharp 6	<b>23</b> 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 “Make the CHANGE” offering</b> 9:30am – Worship 11:30am – Worship NO KOM or EYMP	<b>28</b> Memorial Day  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm Softball @ Sharp 5	<b>30</b> 6:00 pm – 11:30 Band Practice 7:00pm – AA, Y.C.	<b>31</b>		

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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*)

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