



LENTEN

*Season*

March 2018  
Newsletter

**Grace United Methodist Church**

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Diana Paul, Choir Director  
Charlotte Gingrich, Organist  
Nicole Hooper, Childcare Coordinator  
Alicia Spicher, Youth Leader



### Grace UMC Services

Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am  
Sunday School 9:15 am  
Wednesday Evening Meal & Study 5:15 pm - 7pm

For more information or to join a class contact the church office at 717-692-2838

JOIN US ON  
**easter**sunday

CELEBRATION SERVICES

8:30AM & 10:30AM

BREAKFAST 9:15AM

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



# Easter

# Reflections

On my desk there is a jar. It has served many purposes throughout the years I have had it. It began its journey at a factory in Massachusetts, where it was filled with wonderfully scented wax. It was covered with a beautifully shaped and molded top, so that it resembled a small canister. A name was embossed in the glass top, so that people would easily recognize the quality with which it was crafted. The original wax and the wick, which provided many hours of wonderful smells, have long been burned away, and this jar, like so many other things in our home, has come to be used for a different purpose. And so, it sits on my desk, filled with small jellybeans.



Red and yellow, black and white.... Orange, blue, green, and purple.... Some with spots and speckles... some just plain. Slightly different sizes and shapes, some sweet...some sour... flavors bright and bursting... some simple, some mixed together to form unique combinations like orange and pineapple, passion fruit and mango, berry with a touch of lemon. Coffee, chocolate, grape delight... the smell of dew, and of rain, and the coolness of night. And while each one is a masterpiece in its own unique way, they all share something in common - their center; their main ingredients - sugar, corn syrup, and wax .

This small jar of jellybeans is to me a reminder that while we all have the same makeup - we all share flesh and bones, and the life-giving substance that runs through our veins - we have all been flavored differently by our interactions with the world around us, and with our Creator, making each one of us totally unique and different.



Some folks are mostly sweet, with a little bit of sour mixed in, while others are bright and bubbly and full of energy. Some are more subdued, with dark patches that hint of a richness hidden within, and some are plain on the outside, masking their gentle and compassionate filling.

As we seek to share God's love and compassion, and to minister to the needs of other folks, it is important to remember that what we see on the outside is not always a good indicator of what lies within. Often those who are broken and hurting the most seem to be just fine on the surface. Pause long enough to spend some time with those that God places in your path. Linger long enough to get to know the real person. Allow them to flavor your life. You may be surprised at the result.



Easter is a time to rejoice in God's goodness - in the flavors He has added along our journey - and in the promise of what yet lies before us - an Eternity spent sampling the un-imaginable flavors of Heaven. I thank God for the flavor that each of you has added to my life.

Here's to a tasty Easter Celebration,

*Pastor Alan*

# March EVENTS

## March Youth Events

March 7, 2018, Jr High 6-7:30, Sr High 7-8:30 - Jr/Sr High Youth Group with lesson, games and fellowship.

March 14, 2018, Jr High 6-7:30, Sr High 7-8:30 - Jr/Sr High Youth Group with lesson, games and fellowship.

March 21, 2018, Jr High 6-7:30, Sr High 7-8:30 - Jr/Sr High Youth Group with lesson, games and fellowship.

March 23-24, 2018, for all youth - 30HR Famine. Just like last year, we will join Hillside and Halifax UMC youth groups for our 30HR Famine. It's a night you won't want to miss. This year GUMC will be hosting. Amazing worship, fellowship and games. More details coming soon.

March 28, 2018, 6:00-8:00pm - Combined JR/SR high youth group. Lesson, games and fellowship. This will be a "night of games."

## **Bulletin and Newsletter sponsors needed.**



Why not sponsor a week in Memory of or in honor of loved ones, friends, family members, anniversaries, birthdays, etc. ?

Please call Jane Hubler in the church office (692-2838) for costs and available dates, or see the sign-up sheets on the wall at our Main Entrance.

Several dates are available.

## March Birthdays

Mar. 1 Todd Peifer  
Mar. 2 Aiden Harman  
Carson Kauffman  
Mar. 3 Erik Bolig  
Hunter Green  
Lucas Dewees  
Clair Fulkrod  
Mar. 4 Ashley Lubold  
Carol Uhler  
Mar. 5 Sawyer Kauffman  
Kim Sitlinger  
Mar. 6 Laine Goodling  
Jordan Hubler  
Emma Reed  
Mar. 7 Nichole Underkoffler  
Mar. 8 Karen Lentz  
David Martin  
Mar. 9 Emily Myers  
Mar. 10 John Witmer  
Sawyer Snyder  
Adrian Fulkroad  
Mar. 12 Peyton Goodling  
Mar. 13 Tracy Wertz  
Mar. 14 Becky Witmer  
Mar. 15 Rowan Tobias  
Mar. 16 Liam Hoffman  
Mar. 17 Jacob Haddock  
Judy Stoneroad  
Mar. 18 Ben Rothermel  
Mar. 19 Brenna Bordner

Mar. 21 Ron Barcavage  
Mar. 22 Karleen Bell  
Tad Troutman  
Mar. 23 Amber Brosius  
Mar. 24 Craig Fetterhoff  
Brenda Kessler  
Christine Shiffer  
Thomas White  
Mar. 25 Rachel Feidt  
Hannah Hill  
Mar. 26 Sarah Danner  
William Lentz  
Megan Okafor  
Mar. 27 Kirby Brosius  
Joshua Feidt  
Mar. 28 Brenda Fultz  
Olivia Garay

### 80+ Members

Nancy Snyder 3/2  
Norm Messersmith 3/10  
Robert Hoffman 3/29  
Sarah Novinger 3/30



Kathy Troccoli



**Thursday, March 15, 2018 • 7 p.m.**  
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

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\*\*\* Tickets are FREE, but required for Admission

*Ticket Information* 717-692-2838

**iTickets-KathyTroccoli**

\*\*\* A LOVE OFFERING will be taken \*\*\*

**Volunteers are needed to help beginning that afternoon.**

2pm ~ 3-4 people to help unpack / carry equipment & boxes

3pm ~ 3-4 people to help set-up / staff the merchandise table

5pm ~ 6 people to help park vehicles

5pm ~ 6 people to volunteer as hospitality staff

5:30pm ~ 6 people to take tickets at the door

5:30pm ~ 4 people to hand out information cards

8pm ~ 8-10 people to help take the offering

9pm ~ 3-4 people to help tear down & pack-up

Please see the sign-up sheet outside the office.

## *Easter Flowers*

We would like to offer you the opportunity to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter Morning with fresh flowers. Lilies, Tulips, and Hyacinths are available for order at \$8 apiece. Flowers can be given in honor or in memory of someone, if you would like.



The list will be printed in the Easter Morning Bulletin. You may also designate a gift to missions in lieu of flowers.

Please call Jane in the church office to place your order, or grab an order sheet on the Welcome Table in the church entryway. Each flower will have multiple blooms or bulbs. They will be available to take home after the service on April 1st.

**The deadline to order is Sunday, March 11th**



**pretzels and  
peanut butter-filled  
crackers**

You can place your order by calling the office at 717-692-2838, or sign the order form by the front entrance. 5.00/bag for pretzels and 1.00/pack for crackers. **Deadline to order is March 11th**. Orders will be ready for pick up March 18th.

Help is needed to bag our goodies!! We will be making them on Wednesday, March 14th and Thursday March 15th. Anyone is welcome to volunteer.



## Grace UMC Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 24, 2018 at 9:00am  
For ages 1-10 years old

Hunts will begin at 9:00am for the 1-2 years olds and each consecutive group will follow after each is done.

Groups will be as follows:

9:00am 1-2 year olds

3-4 year olds

5-7 year olds

8-10 year olds

\*\*Special prize eggs included in each age group.

Donation boxes are in the overflow if you would like to donate. We need lots of candy!

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME.  
QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE ALICIA SPICHER**

**The Red Bird Mission, located in Kentucky, is our March Designated Mission Project. They will receive a gift of \$350.00.**



Red Bird Mission, guided by Jesus Christ, empowers individuals and advocates justice through spiritual, educational, health and community outreach ministries. It's goal is to see that each person fulfills their God given abilities for the good of their family and the community where they live.

Located in southeastern Kentucky, in some of the poorest counties in the United States is Red Bird Mission. In this beautiful area of Appalachia the economy has never been robust, and in recent years has not recovered from layoffs and plant closures in the dominant industry - coal mining. Red Bird, a mission of the United Methodist Church, has served the area since 1921 with a K-12 school, medical relief, agricultural programs, local housing improvement, a community thrift store, a retail outlet for local craftspeople's, and more.

Teams of United Methodists from around the USA volunteer their time at the mission site in Kentucky, working on the mission site and out in the community.

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**Shut- In Visitation Schedule** ~ A Listing of our Senior Members and Friends at the Manor and Polk or Shut-in at home can be obtained through our office. We are looking for compassionate people who will give a little time each week to brighten the day of one of our friends. Call Jane to get your list. Thank You

**Upcoming trips scheduled to Mission Central 2018** ~ May 19,2018; Aug 18, 2018; Oct 27,2018 5K Run at Mission Central

**Next Missions meeting MARCH 22,2018 6:30 pm.**



Jan Zuver wishes to express her appreciation for the kindness shown to her by the members of Grace Church over the past months. She is grateful for the gifts, cards and prayers. Jan wishes to thank the people of Grace Church for their concern. She hopes to have her right shoulder brace off on February 22nd. **Jan**

Dear Grace UMC,

Words cannot express the gratitude in our hearts. God sent you as an Angel to us to steer us away from doubt. Your generous gift kept water in our house, paid on our cars and towards our son's daycare bill. You were there during a truly testing and difficult time. Thank You from the bottom of our hearts. **Anonymous**



**Matt & Marcie Bellis    March 6th ~ 18 Years**  
**Tim & Kelly Scheib    March 16th ~ 27 Years**

If you have an anniversary in March, and it is not listed here, please contact Jane in the church office so that we might update our information.



Race 4 Grace 5K Glow Run

May 12 @ 9:00pm

Kids Fun Run 8:00pm

Register now online at

<http://falconracetiming.com/event/race-for-grace-5k-glow-run/>

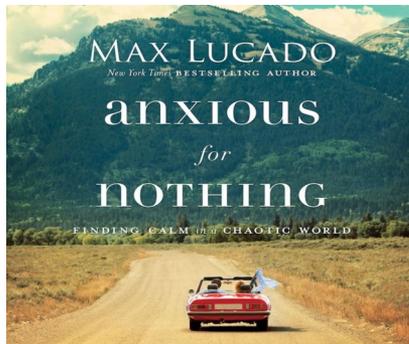
Or you can print a form from the church website.

**The proceeds will go towards the GUMC Youth Mission trip and future service projects. The Kids fun run collections will be given to the Hearts of Grace ministry.**

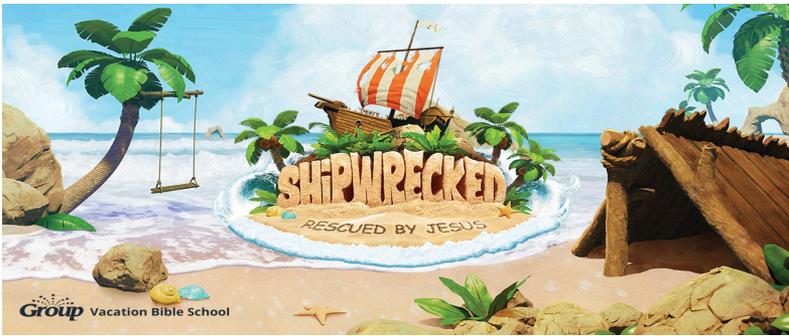
### **A New Bible Study for Women**

#### ***Anxious for Nothing***

**Monday's in March from 6 –7 pm in the youth room.**



Discover how you can rest in "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding." Please sign up on the sheet by the front entrance. **See Michelle Peiffer or Alicia Spicher with any questions.**



## **“Shipwrecked”**

**2018 VBS - July 16-19, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

The first meeting for anyone interested in helping will be held on **March 8th** in the youth room at **6:00 pm**.

Additional “touch base/decorating” meetings are also scheduled:

**April 12 at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room**

**May 10 at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room**

## **2018 EGG PROJECT**

There will be an appreciation Dinner for all who helped with this year’s Egg Project on Friday evening, April 20th, beginning at 6pm. Please RSVP by Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> to Sandy Romberger (869-7638) or sign-up on the sheet in the overflow area.

