

Grace Notes

May 2019

"Come Home to Grace"

From the Minister:

**"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."**

-Galatians 5:22-23a

Sometimes, the 4th fruit of the Spirit is NOT one of my greatest strengths. Not all that long ago (depending on how patient you are) Jules and I tried to buy a church organ for our house for Anna to use and practice on. It was a Baer online auction and we put in a good price and waited until the end. Finally it was ours! It is a full-sized church organ: a Rodgers Jamestown 725E, from the now-closed Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New Springfield. It was a good deal. The church folks seemed happy it went to someone they knew (Pastor Jules from Petersburg Pres) and that her budding-organist daughter Anna would play sacred music on it for the foreseeable future. Then reality set in and we had to move it. This may come as a shock to you, but not everyone wants to move full-sized church organs for any price. We called Cleland Brothers (recommended by Judy) who are very experienced in moving pianos and organs. The move was more expensive than the organ itself! They said it was one of the heaviest things the two of them had ever moved! Then we found out what the "E" meant on the model number. "External speakers." Yup. It did not play when we got it home as we had no external speakers. Finally we found an electronic organ tech from Parma, one of the only ones in the region, who at long last (more waiting) got back to us on the phone and arranged to come down (more waiting). He got it going, but it needs some electronic repairs (it's an all-solid state organ from 1978) AND the amps and speakers that go with it. He said we need the amps for the speakers, especially, as they can be quite pricey to buy. He brought some equipment that "got it going" but something called "the principals" don't work yet and it is quite soft in volume using computer speakers. I don't know what "the principals" are but I picture two school principals sitting inside the organ twiddling their thumbs! In any case, not having much volume to it, in my opinion, is not very "organ-ish"! I want something that can rattle the windows if we want (sorry neighbors!). The tech will be back AGAIN after Easter sometime. We are waiting again for a phone call as to his availability. I know he'll be back as there is a check waiting for him at the end of all this. At his recommendation I did go back to the closed church and, making the arrangements with the new owner, got in and located and procured the wiring and the amps, which were hidden in two small rooms above the chancel area accessed by two tiny doors! It took a ladder to get there! Gary Scullion helped me. Thanks! The two speakers are HUGE and could well weigh over a hundred pounds each. We don't really need them. For some reason, Gary was not crazy about getting up there on a ladder, finding out how to detach them, and then hoist them down! So they stayed high on the wall. We will have to get some more manageable speakers that actually fit into my den where the organ now lives without replacing my couch, treadmill, or TV. My patience is starting to wear thin. This organ project is having more delays and cost overruns than the space shuttle! Stay tuned if you have the patience to do so!

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I want this machine to “sing” but I have to wait. For now it quietly hums at talking volume as Anna plays. Not too impressive but easy on the neighbors.

Have you had to wait for something that you wanted, needed, desired? A surgery? A new sports car or pickup? A remodel job on your upstairs bath? The birth of a child? A vacation? The second coming of Christ? Yes, most of all I look forward to that last one. I don't know about you, but I am tired of the problems of this world. Imagine them being fixed. Sin vanquished. The end of disease and suffering. No more hunger. No more war. No more death. The ancient church had a phrase “Maranatha” from two Aramaic words, used only once in the New Testament, in 1 Corinthians 16:22. That two word phrase means “Come, Lord!” Life was very difficult for those first Christians, unimaginably worse than we have it today in America, so they prayed it very earnestly. Yet I find myself saying this phrase “Come, Lord!” to fix this mess! What a day that will be. We'll see if that Rodgers organ is finally singing by then!

Until He comes again, Grace and Peace, -*Pastor Rob*

Sermons/Services in May

- 5/5: The Way of St. James, Part 3: “Blessed Are the Poor” (James 2:1-10, [11-13] 14-17)
- 5/12: Mother's Day: Bring mom, grandmom, great grandmom, auntie, wife, first to church Then go to brunch somewhere! We will have a “baby-shower” after worship to raise resources for Making Kids Count! There will be some fun games.
- 5/19: The Way of St. James, Part 4: “Hold Your Tongue” (James 3:1-12)
- 5/26: Memorial Day Sunday Remember! We will have some patriotic music.



Baccalaureate is May 22

A service of baccalaureate will be held for the graduates of Heartland Christian School and Columbiana High School on Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Upper Room Fellowship. Pastor Rob is doing the closing prayer.

If you know of any graduates of institutions or certificate programs, etc., please let us know in the church office and we will list them in the June Grace Notes.

Men's Breakfast Meets in May

The Grace Church Men's Breakfast will start again on Wednesdays in May at 6:30 a.m. (NEW TIME) at C's Waffles in North Lima. Always a fun fellowship! Pastor Rob brings a short devotional or thought for the day. *Notice the new time.* If 6:00 a.m. was a bit toooo early for you, consider 6:30 a.m. We'll be there!



GRO is having a
Baby Shower!
Sunday, May 5 & 12
to benefit
Making Kids Count!



We're having a baby shower on Sunday, May 5 and 12 (Mother's Day). We will be accepting gifts for **Making Kids Count**. Bring your unwrapped gift to church on those Sunday's and our youth will collect them and place them in our Grace Church bassinet in the sanctuary. Suggested items include: diapers, wipes, rattles, teething toys, books, baby wash, baby lotion, diaper cream, pj's, socks and bibs.

You're all invited for cake and a baby shower game too! Join us in this celebration of Motherhood and help us support young mothers in our area.

Also, the last **Drive-Thru Rigatoni Dinner** until September will be **Tuesday, May 21**. Help will be needed for set up at 10:00 a.m., at 3:00 p.m. for serving and cleanup and volunteers to make cakes. We always enjoy the fellowship and lunch is included for the crew. Join us if you can help out!



Herb & Carolyn Roble May 5, 1979

Bill & Cathy Hoover May 24, 1980

Heather & Mark Kollar May 16, 1998

Bill & Diane Greenawalt May 15, 2011

Alex & Laurie Heintzelman May 28, 2011



WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

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| A | C | D | M* | N* | O* |
| E | F | G | P* | R* | S* |
| H | I | L | T* | U* | Y* |

“ _____ your _____

 and your _____,

 the _____ your _____ has

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 _____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

Consistory Meeting of April 2019

Members Present: Steve Barnett, Matt Bell, Brian Cope, Logan Cope, Kim Davis, Chris Eisenbraun, Mark Frost, Bill Greenawalt, Alex Heintzelman, Jerry Hughes, Rob Joy, Pat Lanterman, Cindy Perorazio,

I. Devotions – Chris

Next Month: Brian

II. Duty Roster: April:

Elevator – Brian Usher – Matt

May:

Elevator – Matt

Usher - Logan

III. Informal Discussion/Goal Setting:

Discussion of ways to accommodate people who need some help with taking communion.

IV. Communications: Letter from ALS association thanking for contributions.

Invitation to Heritage congregational church 50th anniversary in CLE on May 18th.

V. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from March reviewed. Amended the attendance. Motion to accept minutes, with correction that Mark, Jerry, Logan, Pat were absent last month: 1st: Brian, 2nd: Logan, motion carries.

VI. Financial Secretary Report (M. Bell): Financial report from March 2019 – Current Fund Revenue: \$16,315.

Received 121% of budgeted (\$13,380); YTD income is about \$1,700 more than last year at this time. Current Fund Expense: \$14,607. Spent 109% of budgeted (\$13355); YTD expense is about \$1,000 less than last year at this time. Currently about \$1,000 short of Fair Share goal. Motion to accept the report. 1st: Mark, 2nd: Kim, motion carries.

VII. Financial Committee Report (M. Bell): No Report.

VIII. Pastors Report (R. Joy):

Communion once in March. Funerals for Jon McMaster (3/1) and Don Mullen (3/4).

Wedding of Logan Cope and Kristen Corey on 3/16.

March attendance down 2.25 congregants compared to last year.

Rob will pray at the NACCC Annual meeting prior to the Bible Lecture on 6/23, representing the OACCC.

IX. Unfinished Business: NACCC Annual meeting in Cleveland for Rob and 2 congregants at a cost of \$2,484.

Motion to approve request subject to endowment committee agreeing to approve the funding. 1st: Mark, 2nd: Steve, motion carries. Motion to nominate Kim Davis as NACCC Grace Church delegate, Rob Joy as alternate, and Herb Roble as 2nd alternate. 1st: Pat, 2nd: Cindy, motion carries.

X. New Business:

Motion to approve and maintain Ann Gustafson as substitute counter. 1st: Cindy, 2nd: Kim, motion carries.

XI. Committee Reports:

-GRO – Easter breakfast help requested – Breakfast served at 8:30. 4/16 is next rigatoni dinner .

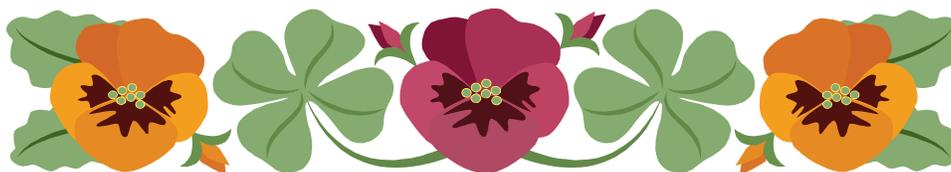
-Endowment – Meeting to be held on April 28th, 2019.

-Property – Floors in restroom and kitchen are done. Drinking fountain being replaced. Meeting requested soon with property committee members. 4/16 at 6-6:30 pm.

-Elders – Steve and Meta Cramer, Ruth Cole, Jan Douglass, and Ross Jackson will cover pulpit for Rob's sabbatical and December vacation.

XII. Adjournment & The Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting May 6th, 2019 at 7PM.





- 5/5 Tom Beckham
- 5/5 Shannon Flynn
- 5/10 Leslie Eisenbraun
Pat Lanterman
- 5/13 Johanna Crecelius
David Jackson
- 5/15 Ashley Snow
- 5/16 Morgan Wessling
- 5/17 Jeff Jackson
- 5/21 Katey Barnett
Emily Whitfield
- 5/23 Beverly Richardson
Betty Fennell
Bonnie Flynn
- 5/25 Hube Keylor
Greg Barnes
- 5/28 Diane Barnes

★ Thank You! ★
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Thank You!

To our wonderful Grace Church family,

Thank you for all the wonderful prayers and thoughts during my recent set back. Rich and I appreciated every one of them.

—We love you all, Rich and Jo

Those Ministering This Month:

Greeters:

5/5: Bill & Cathy Hoover

5/12: Dave & Jean Hanna

5/19:

5/26:

Liturgists:

5/5: Jack Johnston

5/12: Amanda Frost

5/19: Alison Hoskinson

5/26: Debbie Rohm

Usher: Logan Cope

Elevator Attendant: Matt Bell

Candles: Cathy Hoover



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