



# Tidings of Grace Weekly Newsletter

March 20, 2020



## Verse of the Week: John 6:5b

– “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?’ ” Of course, Jesus knows the answer to that question. Jesus knows how He means to care for His people. The Lord provided, and He is still providing. This knowledge frees us for generosity without fear.

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Dear Grace Family,

Thank you to all of you for your continued prayers for your church family during this time.

COVID-19 has presented unprecedented challenges in every aspect of our lives. The health and well-being of our congregational life, mission, and fellowship is certainly no exception.

Because of the continued recommendation to limit gatherings to ten people or less and because many in our congregation fall into a category of increased risk, we will continue to suspend all in person group activities. We will do so until we receive instruction from state and federal authorities that such gatherings no longer pose an increased risk of illness.

During this time, we will continue to creatively seek to find ways to engage in continued mission and fellowship as a church.

I have been heartened by the strong “attendance” at the daily 3:30 p.m. zoom prayer meeting and Wednesday night bible study. These will continue.

Some of our small groups and ministry teams are also continuing to function using Zoom as well. I am also grateful for the emails and texts I am receiving from many of you telling of how you are reaching out, connecting to, and caring for one another through texts and phone calls.

Each council member has been assigned a number of households to call each week simply to check in, listen, encourage, and learn of needs and concerns of the congregation. I am grateful that our council has warmly embraced this added duty.

Your council has also met via Zoom and is taking seriously our calling to creatively continue the mission of the church during this time.

We will continue to make video and audio recordings of an abbreviated Sunday morning service. Our goal is to have those recordings available on our church website by 1:00 p.m. each Sunday.

We will get through this together and I believe we will be a stronger church because of this experience!

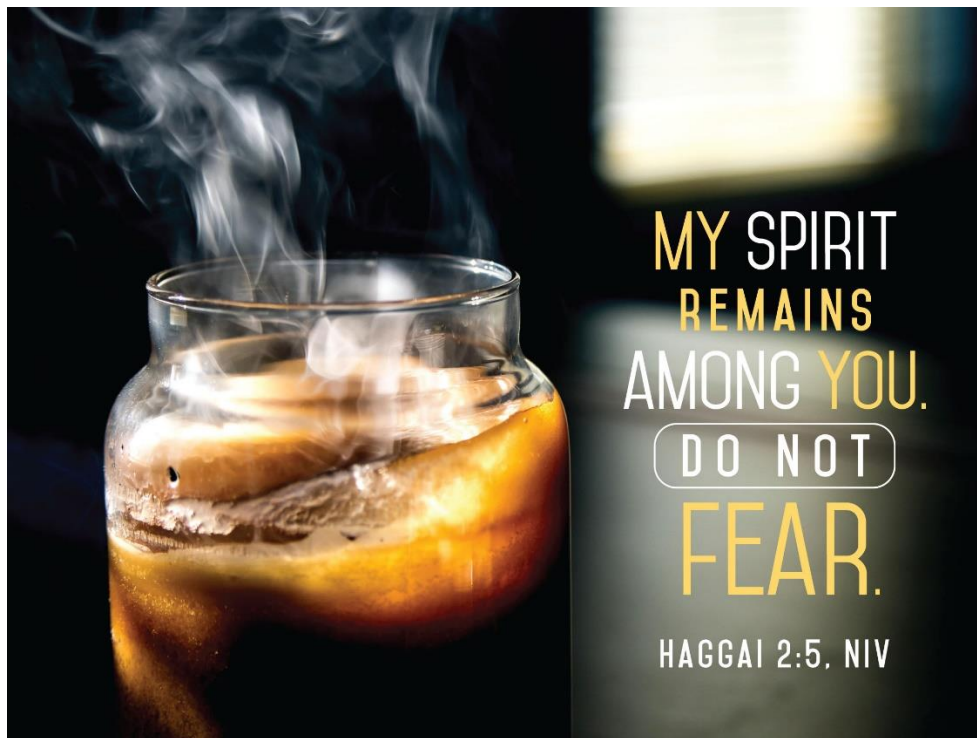
Let me encourage you to use this disruption of your normal activities as an opportunity to deepen your daily spiritual disciplines of journaling, devotional reading, personal worship, and prayer. This is an opportunity for all of us to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please know that I am always just a text, phone call, or email away. My phone number is 937-823-0403 and my email is [pastor@gracelutheranwcoh.org](mailto:pastor@gracelutheranwcoh.org)

Thank you again for your intentional commitment to Christ and His Bride.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Phil





**Starting Monday March 23 we will have a new meeting ID and password for the daily 3:30 prayer meeting.**

Due to the continued recommendation to limit in person groups, we will need to continue to meet via Zoom.

The new link is below. Please use the old one for today, Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>. Use this new one starting Monday.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Phil

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/385833914?pwd=QTJrQjl3M2c3TFpCRjVaRkJYZU53UT09>

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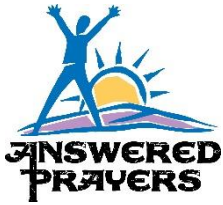
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Meeting ID: 385 833 914

Find your local number: <https://us04web.zoom.us/u/fcll4EG25>



A tribute to this wonderful congregation and the love and support is shows to one another.



Praise the Lord for Eva's restored hearing and weight gain! Thank you all for your continued prays for Eva. Her healing is a gift from God.

~Cynthia Michael

Thank you for the cards, texts and prayers concerning my surgery and recovery. I feel the love of my brothers & sisters in Christ at Grace! ~Pam Mehlhorn



**"MAY THE LORD  
REPAY  
YOU FOR WHAT  
YOU HAVE DONE."**  
**RUTH 2:12**

**Shepherd's Ministry Contact(s)**: Home visits are being suspended at this time. Each member of council has been assigned members of the congregation to check in on. If you or someone you know needs assistance or prayer, please let your assigned council member know.

**Joe Costantino**

Lore Anders  
Barbara Baker  
Farralee Baldwin  
Dale Bonsteel  
Georgene Bonsteel  
John Bradosky  
Kristi Bradosky  
Ed Bragg  
Lynda Bragg

**Steve Gross**

George Brooks  
Nancy Brooks  
Adriane Brown  
Phil Butler  
Nadine Butler  
Myron Charas  
Pam Charas  
John Cooper  
Sam Crouch  
Gisela Crouch

**Diane Jergens**

Ryan Duerr  
Kaellyn Duerr  
Janet Dovayak  
Tim Edwards  
Carol Edwards  
Tammi Evans  
Sally Fiste  
Steve Ford

**Gary Johnson**

Lauren Gleason  
Daniel Gorby  
Shirley Gordon  
Paul Haller  
Irene Haller  
Dave Hesp  
Patti Hesp  
Paul Hess  
Nancy Hess

**N'Anne Knight**

Linda Hooghe  
Scott Johnson  
Justin Lefebvre  
Alicia Lefebvre  
Dallas Mathile  
Janice Mathile  
Joyce Mears  
Mick Mehlhorn  
Pam Mehlhorn

**John Michael**

Paul Mobley  
Christina Montgomery  
Aaron Mood  
Sammee Mood  
John Moore  
Rudy Oliver  
Nancy Oliver  
Shirley Pappas  
Wanda Petrenio

**Gary Petticrew**

Bettie Pfeiffer  
Matt Pfeiffer  
Cassie Pfeiffer  
Josh Pfeiffer  
Danielle Pfeiffer  
Nathan Pfeiffer  
Ted Popoff  
Carolyn Popoff  
Marycarol Pretorius  
Lea Ravlin  
Doug Reed  
Mary Kay Reed

**Bill Slusser**

George Reinhart  
Becky Reinhart  
Keith Reinhart  
Rachel Reinhart  
Ron Rice  
Sandy Rice  
Gary Ross  
Deb Ross  
Jan Ross  
Doris Sanner  
Richard Schairbaum

**Don Stamm**

Hans Schmellenkamp  
Susan Schmellenkamp  
Shirley Schryver  
Nancy Smith  
Annemarie Stein  
Tom Teague  
Renee Teague  
Patrick Terhune  
Kylene Terhune  
Bob Tonge  
Ciela Tonge



**Jean Wheeler**  
Donna Tucker  
Fuji Walter  
Gretchen Walther  
Jim Wattrick  
Erika Wattrick  
Bill Wheeler  
Evelyn Wheeler  
Marsha Wombold  
Jay Yeager  
Judy Yeager  
Trevor Zeiders

*For surely*  
**I KNOW THE**  
**plans**  
*I have for*  
**YOU,**  
*says the*  
*Lord...*  
**TO GIVE YOU A**  
**future**  
**WITH**  
*Hope.*  
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

### **Fellowship Food (When we are back on schedule....)**

**Urgent needs:** We are in need of caffeinated coffee. Donations may be placed in the kitchen.

Please sign-up for *Fellowship* food! Providing a meal is not necessary, a simple snack is just as much appreciated. Please see the *Fellowship* food sign-up on the entry bulletin board. Thank you in advance. Ideas to share the work of fellowship are encouraged. Txt, e-mail or talk with Jean or Roseann

### **Benevolence News**

Benevolence/ Social Ministries/ Fellowship are working together to promote good will in our church and communities. We are excited to announce regular planned get-togethers at the church to continue our good work. Throughout the year we will be creating projects to promote fellowship in church and the local communities. All are welcome! We truly appreciate your help and support. If you have any questions please see Diane, N'Anne, or Jean. Love and blessings to all!

### **\*\*Prayer for the Persecuted Church: Algeria**

Pray for the Gospel to spread throughout Algeria.

# FOOD & CLOTHING NEEDED

## West Carrollton Food Panty Needs

The food pantry is in need of the following items: Peanut butter, jelly, crackers, spaghetti sauce, and canned peas. Be a blessing to those less fortunate, please consider donating. A labeled basket can be found in the hall outside of the kitchen for your items. Thank you.

## Needs for Jeremiah's Letter

One of our benevolence organizations, *Jeremiah's Letter*, is in need of the following items: manual can openers, pots/pans, and silverware. Diane Jergens will have a labeled bin placed near the kitchen for your items. Thank you for helping support the many ministries of God in the Dayton area!

## Matthew 25 Ministries



Matthew 25 Ministries has ongoing needs for daily care items, shampoo, soap, nonperishable food, clothing, shoes, towels, kitchen supplies, cleaning supplies, sheets, and blankets. (No glass containers please)

*Matthew 25* uses these items for worldwide disaster relief and improving the lives of impoverished people. Please bring your donations to the church. Item needed: *Cleaning supplies*: including rags. Please place the clean rags in a plastic bag and mark. *Personal care items*: Clothes (must be washable) also underwear and socks (new or gently used); Shoes (casual and work); *Small kitchen utensils* – nothing electric; *Medical equipment*: canes, crutches, bath chairs, portable toilets, wheelchairs, hospital beds (must have cranks if electric); Plastic pill containers; *Paint* (must be latex – any color and any amount)

Please read **Matthew 25**. Questions call Lea (937) 271-2052

## Miami Valley Women's Center News:

Grace holds a "Baby Shower / Diaper Drive" annually in October for the Miami Valley Women's Center. In the meantime we collect items which are turned in periodically. **Needs for March** (may be new or slightly used) include 24 month to 5 toddler clothes and socks, diaper bags, crib sheets, and XL-3X maternity clothes. Other baby related items are always welcome. If you wish to contribute prior to October, please see Gretchen Walther.





Two of the major fund-raisers for the MVWC include an Annual Dinner Gala and the "Walk For Life". **This year the walk will be held on Saturday, May 16th at the Day Air Ball Park.** George Reinhart and Don Stamm will be collecting pledges for the walk and walkers of all age are invited to participate in the walk. Please see George or Don for further information. Details and pledge forms will be available next month.

*May the God of hope*

fill you with all joy  
and peace in believing.

Romans 15:13



## News and Events

*\*\*Denotes updated information*



**Calling all musicians!** We would love to involve more of our congregation members who are musicians in our worship, especially during the Easter season. If you play an instrument or sing, and would like to be a part of music at Grace, please contact Aaron Mood at [amood@starcitymusicstudios.com](mailto:amood@starcitymusicstudios.com) or 724-322-2449. We are interested in involving anyone who volunteers in any capacity.



***ARISE!***  
***REJOICE!***  
***RENEW!***

In His resurrection, we have new life.

Many of you who have worshiped with us for some time might be sensing God's call to unite in membership with this congregation as an expression of the life you experience in Him. If you would like to unite with us to do "life and faith together," please contact Pastor Phil at 937-823-0403 or [pastor@gracelutheranwcoh.org](mailto:pastor@gracelutheranwcoh.org).

We will receive new members into the Grace family when we again have the opportunity to worship together.



***Birthdays***

7 – Matt Pfeiffer  
12 – Judy Yeager  
17 - Danielle Pfeiffer  
Gary Johnson  
18 – Joyce Slusser  
25 – Pam Mehlhorn  
26 – Jim Anders  
27 – Farralee Baldwin  
Nancy Hess  
30 – Gisela Crouch (Custodian)



Denotes Grace Member

**Our Member's Prayer Concerns:**

**Tanya Short** – cancer (Shirley Pappas)

\* **Eva**- Praise for restored hearing (John Michael)

**Lynda Bragg**—continued recovery (Pastor Phil)

**Jeff Brown**—healing (Mick Mehlhorn)

\* **Linda Hooghe**—continued recovery (Becky Reinhart)

**Lj Aufuldish**—(Nancy Smith)

\* **John Moore**—(Nancy Smith)

\* **Judy Yeager**-healing (Shirley Pappas)

**MacKenzie Aitken**-healing (Lea Ravlin)

\* **Diane Jergens**-healing from back pain (Pastor Phil)

**Missy Colen**-back surgery (Lore Anders)

**Martha Williamson**-mother of Susan Schmellenkamp  
(Roseann Costantino)

**Janet Zerger**-healing (Cynthia Michael)

**Nancy Bruggeman**-cancer (Cynthia Michael)

**Camille Evans**-10 years old suffering PANDAS and Ehlers  
Danlos syndrome (Cynthia Michael)

\* **Georgene Bonsteel**-healing (Becky Reinhart)

**Family of Kaye Lenz**-Kay passed away this week (Joyce  
Mears)

**Kate Bartley**-husband has brain cancer (Cynthia Michael)

**Family and Friends in our Hearts:**

**Ryan Morgan** (Mary Kay Reed), **Paul Yeager** (Jay & Judy  
Yeager), **Dorothy Pace** (Gretchen Walther) **Bishop Emeritus**  
**Paull Spring**- (Joe Costantino)

**Those with Continuing Health Concerns:**

**Nancy Hess, Janet Dovayak** (Shirley Pappas), **Sally Fiste** (N'Anne Knight), **Irene Bartus** (Deb  
Ross), **Joe Costantino Sr.** (Joe Costantino), **Farralee Baldwin** (Becky Reinhart), **Mary Welker**  
(Sandy Rice), **Georgene Bonsteel** (Becky Reinhart), **Fran McDaniel** (Roseann Costantino), **Robin**  
**Connellee** (N'Anne Knight), **Cindy Puskar** (Becky Reinhart), **Gary Rothermel** (Annemarie Stein),  
**Yvonne Becker** (Joyce Mears), **Clayton Daniels** (Cassie Pfeiffer), **Lois Costantino** (Roseann  
Costantino) **Harry Wright and Family** (Aaron Mood) **Lydia Mills** (Sandy Rice), **Pam Mehlhorn**,  
**Barbra Baker** (Pastor Phil)

**Those Confined to Care:**

**Ada Doty** (aunt of Roseann Costantino)

**Those Serving in the Military:**

**Josh Weiland, Cian Morgan, Zach Ravlin** (Lea Ravlin), **Matthew Spence** (Lea Ravlin)