



# Tidings of Grace Weekly Newsletter

November 15, 2019

## JESUS PREDICTS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE



### **Verse of the Week: Luke 21:6**

**“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”** Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection, as we look back on our earthly life, what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the Church Year that focuses on the Last Things.

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## Shepherd's Ministry Pew Cards

Please use the Shepherd's Ministry pew cards to list the names of those not present in church on Sunday. Upon completion, place the card in the offering plate or contact Nancy Hess. We'd like to let those absent know that they are missed.

## News and Events

**\*\*Denotes updated information**

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

Pray for the success and growth of new Bible studies and churches.

**\*\*New Administrative Assistant hired!** Dear Grace Congregation, I am excited to announce the hiring of our new church secretary, Brenda Crawford. She starts Monday November 25. Please see her bio below. Blessings, Pastor Phil

Hello! My name is Brenda Crawford and I am excited to serve as the administrative assistant of Grace Lutheran Church. I live just outside of New Lebanon with my husband Todd, my daughter Maylea (May-Leah), and stepson Jordan. My stepson Garrett and wife Kelsey live close by. Our household is completed by two dogs, a cat, and an 18-year-old frog. I keep busy, nights and weekends, working on our landscaping business, plant marker business, and financial/life coaching. I like to bake, sew, craft, and do home improvement projects. My love of the Lord has blossomed over the years and I have enjoyed serving in the church as a ministry and praise leader, deacon, and organizer of several projects. I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve this congregation and community. Please stop in and say hello!!

Have a fantastic day!

Brenda



*Persons of Grace  
— Keith and Rachel Reinhart*

Before letting you know much about their activities, let me describe Keith and Rachel in one word: kindness. Actually it is their eyes that told me so much years before I interviewed them. Haven't you noticed how Rachel's eyes twinkle with love and kindness — and Keith's

eyes show tenderness and kindness?

Keith had been in several denominations growing up, whereas Rachel had always been a Baptist. Her parents' strong faith helped set her course, and her father gave his two daughters Biblical names: Leah and Rachel. Rachel quickly found it good to be here at Grace because she had been told to *go where you are fed*. Keith's parents are George and Becky Reinhart, so you will not be surprised that Keith and his sister, Kimberly, were baptized when young and also attended church regularly. Keith, who attended a variety of churches because of many moves during his father's military career, was most affected by Pastor Joe Wenger in a Missionary Church as well as listening to the 700 Club over the radio. Keith was born in Puerto Rico and primarily grew up attending school in the D.C. area, whereas Rachel is from the Dayton area.

Keith and Rachel met at work. They were both working for a temp agency. Rachel was given a job that basically replaced Keith — who left to go work in AutoCAD. Keith has primarily always worked with steel — AutoCAD and welding. He liked working for temp companies because that gave him the opportunity to take time off when he needed to rest and reboot from depression. He now works fulltime in a welding company. It is a victory story we'll tell later.

Rachel has always liked working, and she draws strength from her active life. In school she liked math and science but wanted to do something with her hands. She now finds that pleasure in her office work. During high school she worked several jobs. At age 15 she had a paper route, worked after school at Kroger, then took on a job at Chick-fil-A. Rachel says, "I found three jobs too many and so quit Chick-fil-A, but that year of three jobs was the only time I earned all A's. Go figure!" Her current company has recently been bought, so she doesn't know if she will be able to continue with them. Oh, and that staying busy attitude? Rachel likes to crochet, so time at home includes prayer shawls among other projects.

Rachel's family always went on vacations and that is an important part of their marriage. She could go to the mountains *or* the beach. Since Keith's life and joy gravitates to the ocean — that is where they primarily go. Interestingly, they have been to every vacation place twice before trying a new destination. Their wedding was in Carlisle, Ohio, at Rachel's church (accidentally it was on best man Steve's birthday). Two days later, on their honeymoon in Daytona Beach, they saw Steve in the area. Being friends, they spent some time together then — and have done so every family vacation since.

Their daughter, Alexis, is an active freshman at Miamisburg High School. Currently she is busy with marching band, playing the bass clarinet. I had to ask what characterizes a bass clarinet — it is larger and longer, giving a deeper sound. We could say a lot about Alexis, but will save that for her own article someday.

Keith describes himself as a prodigal son. He started drinking when a freshman in high school and paid more attention to what his friends said and did than what his parents said. He

moved to Myrtle Beach with friends and found his life spiraling downward. He married, had a son (Devon) and then a divorce. He returned to live with his parents. Nightly, his mother came into his room and prayed a blessing over him. One evening, instead of a prayer, she spoke orders to evil spirits to leave Keith. He hadn't been reading his Bible, but several nights later he did. He read Isaiah, all of it, and at 3 in the morning he felt the presence of the Lord. This strengthened him so that he was able to pray *and* read the Bible *and* stop unhealthy activities. While he still has a few times of depression, he now has tools he uses. Plus, Rachel is able to help him because she doesn't attempt to control things or apply pressure. ***A victory story!***

Keith is able to maintain a relationship with Devon, who lives in the area. Often it is playing basketball together on Tuesday evenings. Keith loves sports. One of his heroes is Steff Curry, Christian basketball player, who wears a bracelet "I play for Him." Rachel isn't into sports, but the two of them share a love for animals. They have always had two dogs and a cat. They like Grace and Pastor Phil and his sermons and having communion weekly. And, we like having them part of our family! \_\_\_\_\_ *Interview by Marycarol*

**\*\* Veteran's Day Breakfast:** I would like to thank those who gave of their time to come out at 6:00 a.m. on Veteran's Day to help with the breakfast for our Veterans at the VA Center. The men and women are always so appreciative of the efforts and enjoy the conversations that we have with them. We made 120 eggs, loads of pancakes and sausage, and gave out lots of love and gratitude....thank you again and God bless each and every one of you. Dan Gorby

**Thank you** everyone for praying for Cathy Eastman during her bout with eclampsia? All is well now, and she and baby Lyra Jean are now home. Len and I both appreciate Grace so much, and are very thankful for your prayers. – Carol Williams

**\*\*Thank you** Barb Baker wants to thank everyone for the many birthday cards and well wishes last week. Many Thnaks.

**\*\*You're Invited!** Grace family, please stay for Fellowship on Sunday, November 24 and join Joe and Roseann Costantino as they celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary! RSVP by Sunday, November 17; there's a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. ~ Roseann Costantino

### **Matthew 25 Ministries**

The following items are always needed; all items can be placed in the storage bin at side entrance or in the library. *Matthew 25* uses these items for worldwide disaster relief and improving the lives of impoverished people. Please have your donations at the church by Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> (Sunday). *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); Paint (must be latex – any color and any amount); Plastic pill containers

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

**\*\*Advent Study** Begins Wednesday November 27, 7:00 p.m. and Sunday December 1, 9:00 a.m. This advent season our Wednesday night and Sunday morning bible study will be a video by bestselling author Lee Strobel called "The Case for Christmas." This study will invite you to look beyond the familiar traditions of the season, dig deeper into the gospel accounts, and to consider their relevance for your life this advent season.

### **\*\*Fellowship Food Reminder**

Please don't forget to sign-up for *Fellowship* food! November and December are completely staffed. 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.

**\*\***To share work and cost of providing refreshments for Fellowship after worship on Sundays three busy holiday dates have been set aside for group carry in.

December 1 **Break Bread Together** Sign-up sheet posted

December 22 **Cookies** Bring what you've made for home

December 29 **Appetizers and Desserts** Make an extra dozen as you do your holiday cooking and share. Sign-up coming

Ideas to share the work of fellowship are encouraged. Txt, e-mail or talk with Jean or Roseann

**\*\*Benevolence News** We will be delivering the Christmas wreaths on December 7, Saturday, to Canterbury Court which is low income housing close to the church. We will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. We plan on having some choir members go with us to sing Christmas carols. Thanks to all of the church members who helped make the wreaths.

There is a "Mitten Tree" in the hallway at church. This tree is for donations of warm hats, gloves, mittens, and scarfs to hang on the tree for homeless and low income people in the Dayton area. Also under the tree we can donate warm blankets, and sheets. The deadline for these items is December 1, Sunday. I will be delivering these donations to Jeremiah's Letter on Xenia Ave. in Dayton, the following week. Any questions about the above information please contact Diane Jergens. Thanks to all of you for your support and help. It is so appreciated!

### **Assisting Ministers Needed!**

At the present time we have three Assisting Ministers who work on a rotating basis for our church services. Please contact Joe Costantino, N'Anne Knight, or Sandy Rice with questions

and/or indication of your interest. The schedule for November and December will be made out in early October. Volunteers are always welcome.

**MAKE A**  
*Difference*  
**Offer A Suggestion**

### **Music and Worship News**

The Music and Worship Committee is interested in knowing which hymns you love to sing.

There is a red velvet box on the cabinet under the electrical box in the fellowship hall. Whenever you think of one of your favorite hymns, just put the name of the song on the paper provided and put it in the box. You do not need to specify the hymnal page number.

~ Thank you, M and W Committee

### **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!

### **\*\*Nov 17th – 23rd Shepherd's Ministry Contact(s): John & Cynthia Michael 937.434.6986**

This ministry exists to take the love of Christ to the sick and homebound. Please contact the weekly listed member(s) above if you know of anyone in the congregation needing a visit and/or communion.

**\*\*Shepherd's Ministry Team:** If you would like to join our team of Shepherds, please see Bill Slusser, (937) 689-7369. We would love to include you in the 2020 team.



*All classes held at Grace unless otherwise noted.*



### **Adult Sunday School**

9:00 a.m. – Todd Hampson's, "The Non-Prophets Guide to End Times Prophecy."

### **Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

7:00 p.m. – Todd Hampson's, "The Non-Prophets Guide to End Times Prophecy."

### **Friday Women's Prayer & Bible Study**

9:30 a.m. - Melissa Spoelstra's, "Elijah ~ Spiritual Stamina in Every Season".

### **\*\*Women of Grace**

10:30 a.m. – Meetings, held on the fourth Monday of each month, are open to all women of the congregation; informal with a brief inspirational presentation, light refreshments, and plenty of fellowship. There will be no meeting November 25<sup>th</sup>. Instead the November and December meeting will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

### **Men's Fellowship Group**

10:00 a.m. – Meeting the first and third Saturday of each month. All men are invited to enjoy a time of prayer, Bible study, and fellowship.



### **November Birthdays**

9 – Barb Baker  
10 – Paul Hess  
19 – Tina Young  
24 – Cindy Rice  
26 – Nat Mood  
30 – Jay Yeager  
Sam Crouch (Custodian)

### **November Servant Schedule**

	<b><u>Assistant Minister</u></b>	<b><u>Lector</u></b>
<b>November 3</b>	Joe Costantino	Jean Wheeler
<b>November 10</b>	Sandy Rice	David Hesp
<b>November 17</b>	Joe Costantino	Matt Pfeiffer
<b>November 24</b>	N'Anne Knight	Roseann Costantino

## Sunday, November 10th Servants:

**Sermon:** Pastor Phil

**Greeter/Usher:** Bill & Evie Wheeler

**Communion:** Joyce Slusser, Becky Reinhart and Julie Hohulin

**Choir Director:** Cynthia Michael

**Organist:** Aaron Mood

**Pianist:** Samee Griffith-Mood

**Violinist:** Bill Slusser

**Children's Nursery:** Jean Wheeler

## November Calendar of Events

Friday, November 1	<b>Cancelled</b> 11:30 a.m.	Women's Prayer & Bible Study Music and Worship committee
Sat., November 2	10:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship
Sunday, November 3 All Saints Day	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Sunday School Traditional Worship Service Fellowship Choir Practice
Monday, November 4		
Tuesday, November 5		
Wed., November 6	7:00 p.m.	Prayer & Bible Study
Thursday, November 7		
Friday, November 8	9:30 -11:30 a.m.	Women's Prayer & Bible Study
Sat., November 9		
Sunday, November 10  Congregational Meeting	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Sunday School Traditional Worship Service Fellowship Choir Practice
Monday, November 11		VA breakfast (see info above)



Tuesday, November 12		
Wed., November 13	7:00 p.m.	Prayer & Bible Study
Thursday, November 14		
Friday, November 15	9:30 -11:30 a.m.	Women's Prayer & Bible Study
Sat., November 16	10:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship
Sunday, November 17	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Sunday School Traditional Worship Service Fellowship Choir Practice
Monday, November 18	6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 19		
Wed., November 20	7:00 p.m.	Prayer & Bible Study
Thursday, November 21		
Friday, November 22	Cancelled	Women's Prayer & Bible Study
Sat., November 23		
Sunday, November 24 Christ the King Costantino Anniversary	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Sunday School Traditional Worship Service Fellowship Choir Practice
Monday, November 25	Cancelled	Women of Grace
Tuesday, November 26		
Wed., November 27	7:00 p.m.	Advent Study Begins
Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving		
Friday, November 29	Cancelled	Women's Prayer & Bible Study
Sat., November 30		



\*Denotes Grace Member

### **Our Member's Prayer Concerns:**

\***John Michael** – knee surgery recovery (Bill Slusser)

\***Garry Ross** – (Pastor Phil)

**Juanita Gustin** - in hospital with fever and dehydration (N'Anne Knight)

### **Family and Friends in our Hearts:**

**Jacob** (Mick & Pam Mehlhorn), **Ryan Morgan** (Mary Kay Reed), **Paul & Sylvia Yeager** (Jay & Judy Yeager), **Dorothy Pace** - fighting kidney failure, multiple myeloma, and a compression fracture of the spine. (Gretchen Walther)

### **Those with Continuing Health Concerns:**

**Nancy Hess, Judy Yeager, Janet Dovayak** (Shirley Pappas), **Robin Jergens** (Diane Jergens), **Ryan Adams** (Don Stamm), **Sally Fiste** (N'Anne Knight), **Irene Bartus** (Deb Ross), **Joe Costantino Sr.** (Joe Costantino), **Farralee Baldwin** (Becky Reinhart), **Mary Welker** (Sandy Rice), **Judy Andrews** (Joyce Mears), **Kaye Lenz** (Joyce Mears), **Georgene Bonsteel** (Becky Reinhart), **Fran McDaniel** (Roseann Costantino), **Lore Anders** (Shirley Gordon), **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)

### **Those Confined to Care:**

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

### **Those Serving in the Military:**

Josh Weiland, Cian Morgan

Bach Ravlin (Lea Ravlin)

Matthew Spence (Lea Ravlin)