
THE LIVING GRACE NEWSLETTER

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A Note from the Office

We will be celebrating Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday in March. For Thursday March 28th we are going to be having a Maundy Thursday service starting at 7pm. Pastor Carl will be doing a sermon on the Seder Meal. He will actually have a table set up with the meal prepared and we will be learning all about different foods, their significance and then be able to sample the food. We welcome everyone to attend this service. It is so informational, spiritual and puts your heart in the right posture to experience Good Friday.

On Easter morning we will be having a Sunrise Service starting at 7am. Followed by the usual 9:30am service.

Side note - we are not going to be ordering Easter Flowers this year.

Can't wait to celebrate this wonderful season with all of you!!!

****I'm sure you are all aware that Natalie Simmons is stepping down as our **church treasurer**. We are so incredibly thankful for her service throughout the years. But it has left us in need of filling that critical position within our church. If ANYONE, you don't currently have to be on the finance committee, would be willing to take on this position or even if you have questions about it. Please contact the office ASAP. God has provided us with everything we need, and we know this will be no different.

The Bulletin Board

Fairless Food Cupboard

The Fairless Food Cupboard is always taking donations of any nonperishable items, but for the month of March we are focusing on baked beans and dish detergent as well as any nonperishable food items.

Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting items each month for Operation Christmas Child. For the month of March, we are asking for quality craft kits, toy kits and bead kits. We are also asking for 10" stuffed toys as the "WOW" gift. Toothbrushes and washcloths are needed every month as well. Thank you!!

An Hour of Prayer

The prayer group has changed its meeting time to now be on THURSDAYS at 10:00am. Together, we share scriptures, devotions, joys, concerns, and experiences. We laugh, cry and sometimes even sing together! More important, as we pray, we are growing in a closer relationship with God and as a family in the body of Christ. Please join us, and experience God's grace together. We hope you are able to join us!!!!

Communion Schedule

Below is the Communion Steward Schedule for 2024.

3/31=Ashley Lynch
4/28=Russ & Arbie Mathias
5/26=Mark & Toni Derus
6/30=TaJuana West
7/28=Ashley Lynch
8/25=Russ & Arbie Mathias
9/29=Mark & Toni Derus
10/27=TaJuana West
11/24=Ashley Lynch
12/24=Mark & Toni Derus
12/29=Russ & Arbie Mathias

(Please contact Toni Derus if you need to reschedule)

The Widow's Ministry

The Widow's Ministry is in the start up phase of serving so if you or anyone you know is in need of any kind of help please contact Tim Mihal or the church office. This could be anything as simple as grocery pick up, raking leaves, seasonal decorating to the big things like housework, laundry, home projects or repairs. Please let us know if we can be of service to anyone.

Nursery Worker

We are so happy to announce that Kenzie Lanier is now our permanent nursery worker. The nursery will be open every Sunday from 9:15 – 12pm. Any kids from age of infant to 4 years old are welcome to come in the nursery.

JOY (Jesus Others You) Club will resume Wednesday, February 21, 2024, and will continue each Wednesday from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm through April 10, 2024. If you are interested in helping in any way (crafts, music, games, snacks, or a monetary contribution) please let Randy Janson or the office know. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it". This is an opportunity for you to help in the mission of training our children in the Godly way of life.

Upcoming Church Events

March church event:

* Chili and cinnamon roll cookoff starting at 5pm at the church on Saturday March 16th. When the time gets closer more details will come for this event, but after the contest and eating we will stay and play cards or other games.

* We will be having a Maundy Thursday service on March 28th at 7pm.

April church event:

* Bingo night!!! We will be having a bingo night on Saturday April 13th at the church starting at 5pm. In order to get a bingo card you must bring in a white elephant gift, wrapped, worth no more than \$5. This gets you a bingo card and these will then be handed out as the prizes to the winners! We will be having walking tacos for dinner that night.

May church event:

* Saturday May 4th starting at 5pm we are going to have a gathering at the church where we will be eating haystacks and playing team/trivia type games.

* May 16, 17, 18th will be the Navarre Garage sale that the church will be participating in.

September church event:

* Church picnic September 8th with worship service and baptism at the Denney's home. Covered dish. Worship starting at 10am.

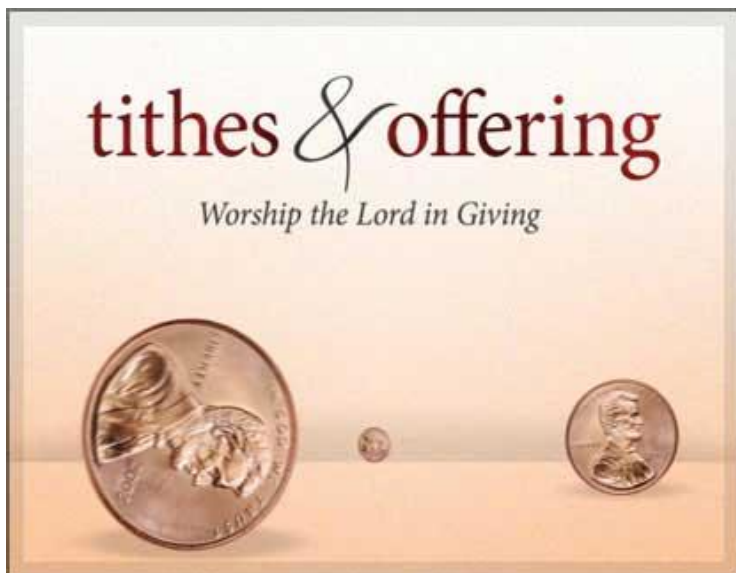
More events for later in the year will be coming soon but for now these are the events we hope you all will participate in. They are such fun events to come and eat, fellowship and laugh at. Hope to see you all there!

Women's Event

Kimberly Justice is interested in getting a group of ladies together to go to an Aspire women's event in North Canton on 4/28/24. If you are interested in this event, please contact Kimberly at 330-284-8966. There are a few flyers on the table outside of the office.

Graduates

If you have a teen that is going to be graduating high school this year, please get their name to the office ASAP.



Those Serving our church in March.....

March Media Technicians

3/3 David Denney 3/10 Alex Denney
 3/17 Tyler L. 3/24 Jason Everhart
 3/31 7:30 David Denney 9:30 Alex Denney

March Door Watch

3/3 Persephone L. 3/10 Matt Miller
 3/17 Ray George 3/24 Russ Mathias
 3/31 Paul Werstler

March Door Watch (JOY CLUB)

3/6 Judy Werstler 3/13 Tyler L.
 3/20 Morris Chaney 3/27 Justin Bender

March Scripture Reader

3/3 Nicole Denney 3/10 Sharon Leib
 3/17 Ken Jones 3/24 David Denney
 3/31 Russ Mathias

March Kidz Church Helpers

3/3 Jada & Hunter M. 3/10 Janelle McKelvey
 3/17 Mike McKelvey 3/24 Erin Hostetler
 3/31 Family Worship

March K-3 S.S. Teacher

Jenna McKelvey

March Greeter

Judy Michener

March Ushers

Persephone Luckring, Quentin Luckring, Moses Troyer (alt. Ken Jones)

March Card Ministry – Lisa Glasgow

March Communion Stewards – Ashley

Lynch

Stewardship Report...

Date	2/4/24	Date	2/11/24
Attendance	P- 107 OL- 19	Attendance	P- 111 OL - 0
Offering	\$4,897.99	Offering	\$3,066.66

Date	2/18/24	Date	2/25/24
Attendance	P- 103 OL- 50	Attendance	P -116 OL- 46
Offering	\$ 4,840.39	Offering	\$3,999.66

Total Operating Expenses: \$ 209,560.00
 Finances Needed Per Week: \$ 4,044.75

Special thanks to Cadyn & Jenna McKelvey who do our church sign out front. Jen Troyer & Nicole Denney who do all the bulletin boards in the church. You all do a **WONDERFUL JOB!!!**

Weekly Sermons can be accessed on our Facebook page as well as the church YouTube channel.

missions

our backyard and beyond



For March Operation Christmas Child we are collecting quality crafts such as puzzles, chalkboard and chalk, dry watercolor sets, craft and jewelry kits and sewing kits. The "wow" gift for March would be a quality toy trucks or boats. Donations can be placed in the green and red box at the worship entrance. If you would like an empty gift box to get started, please see Tim Mihal.

The Fairless Food Cupboard donation suggestions for March are baked beans and dish detergent. Any non perishable food items, cleaning products and personal hyena products are always accepted. We still have Food Cupboard monthly suggested donations magnet if you need one. They are outside the worship entrance.

The St Pauly used clothing shed accepts all used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, curtains and stuffed toys. Please put in plastic bags to help keep donations dry and tell your family and friends about our St Pauly used clothing shed.

The 2024 Mission Trip will again be going to Fayette County, West Virginia, from June 16- 22. Please see Pastor Carl or Tim Mihal if you are interested in going. This mission opportunity is for teens and adults.

Our March Missions Offering will be going to Doug Dennis Ministry. Doug Dennis currently ministers in the countries of Venezuela and Columbia, along with his wife Veronica. They are currently translating the Bible into 2 different Indian languages, and they preach at various Indian tribes in the mountains of Venezuela. Doug also records a 1-hour message that is transmitted 3 times a week on the radio and ministers at his father-in-law's church when they are not visiting the Indian tribes.

Donations can be placed on the shelves below the office entry on the left side of the shelves.



GROUP 412

KNOW | LIVE | LOVE

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12

LIVING GRACE YOUTH MINISTRY

livinggracecc.org/youth | youth@livinggracecc.org

Group412 is going to Alive Music Festival from Thursday July 18th through Sunday (morning) July 21st. If you are interested in attending and did not attend the meeting on Sunday Feb. 25th, please let Gabe know as soon as possible. (Keep an eye out for another fundraiser coming relatively soon)

Please complete the medical & permission form. This form is necessary to participate in various youth activities (including Alive Festival). To access the form, please click the following link: [Medical & Permission Form](#)

Please note, the website (livinggracecc.org/youth) has information regarding the new series and will continue to be a resource with all relevant information & details (upcoming events, series & Bible study info, schedules, forms, etc.).

News & Announcements

- On Friday March 8th, from 6-8pm, we are having our first High School Check-in. This is for youth from 9th through 12th grade and a meal will be provided. This initial event will be at the church, but in future we may be offsite.
- Parents - There is still the opportunity to take a brief survey to help us continually improve and grow! To access survey, click here: [Parent Youth Survey](#)
- There is an updated meal signup sheet for 2024 if you are interested in supporting us by providing food for our activities. The signup sheet can be accessed by clicking the following link: [Meal Signup](#) (or you can talk to Gabe)

[SERIES OVERVIEW]

TITLE: Table of Context

SERIES BOTTOM LINE: A guide to understanding ancient words for modern times.

SESSION 1: The Bible helps us to know God.

SESSION 2: Context creates clarity.

SESSION 3: God uses the Bible to change us.

SESSION 4: The Bible lights a better path for our lives.

CONTACT INFO

Gabe Kukuk 330-936-2787 (call or text)

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youth@livinggracecc.org

*To join Youth Communications (email or GroupMe App) send an email to the above

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GROUP412 SNAPSHOT

MARCH

- Fri. (3/8), 6-8pm: High School Check In (9th-12th)
- Sun. (3/10), 6-7pm: Bible Study
- Sun. (3/17), 6-7pm: Bible Study
- Sat. (3/23), 5:30-8:30pm: Youth Night

APRIL

- Sun. (4/7), 6-7pm: Bible Study
- Fri. (4/12), 6-8pm: High School Check In (9th-12th)
- Sun. (4/21), 6-7pm: Bible Study
- Sat. (4/27), 5:30-8:30pm: Youth Night

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 B - Sarah Hess	2Men's Breakfast 8am B – Ken Jones
3 Worship 9:30 Sunday School (all ages) 10:45 Adult Confirmation class 6pm B – Billie Beach, Marcia Comer	4	5 Visitation team meeting 6pm B – Sharon Seese	6 *Self Defense Class 5pm *Bell Practice 6:45pm *JOY Club 6pm	7 Prayer Group 10am	8	9
10 Worship 9:30 Sunday School (all ages) 10:45 Adult Confirmation class 6pm B – Ted Feters, Ryan Majors, Kayla Sherwood	11 B – Lisa Glasgow	12 Trustee Meeting 6pm	13 *Self Defense Class 5pm *Bell Practice 6:45pm *JOY Club 6pm B – Nancy Berkey	14 Prayer Group 10am	15	16 Chili Cook Off and cards 5pm.
17 Worship 9:30 Sunday School (all ages) 10:45 Adult Confirmation class 6pm B – Donna Kerby	18 B – Ray George	19	20 *Self Defense Class 5pm *Bell Practice 6:45pm *Worship Service *JOY Club 6pm B – Rowan Askren	21 Prayer Group 10am B – Janelle McKelvey	22 B – Josh Stacy	23 B – Sharon Leib
24 Worship 9:30 Sunday School (all ages) 10:45 Adult Confirmation class 6pm 	25 B – Ridge Majors	26 B – Ryan Mihal	27 *Self Defense Class 5pm *Bell Practice 6:45pm *JOY Club 6pm	28 Prayer Group 10am Maundy Thursday Service 7pm	29 	30
31 Sunrise Service 7am. Worship 9:30am B – Christine Everhart 						

In the Light

Stories of faith from the people of Living Grace

Sought After by God:

Sharon Leib

When I was asked to write for "In the Light," I answered immediately, "yes". But now, to choose an encounter with God in my life, where do I begin? Ah, that is the answer, start at the beginning.

My parents didn't go to church, but as a young child, I heard about Jesus through my cousins with whom I would stay occasionally. They were always singing songs they learned at church like Jesus loves me, Sunshine Mountain, and This Little Light of Mine.

I had an occasion to go to church with them one weekend. There were so many people I could hardly see what was going on, but I could hear someone talking and suddenly he shouted out for everyone to stand up if they were saved! Well, I stayed seated because I didn't understand what was happening. My older cousin asked me if I was "saved." I asked her what that meant. She told me to stay seated "cause if you do not know what it means, well, she said, you are not saved." I did not know what I was supposed to be saved from!! No one cared to explain it to me.

I had a wonderful third-grade teacher who taught us the Lord's Prayer and read scripture during the start of each class. One day she asked all in the class that went to church to stand. She instructed the kids standing to look around at the kids still seated and invite them to church. I just wanted to crawl under my desk.

I had to find out what church was all about. What did I need to be "saved" from, who was Jesus my cousins sang about, what did the Lord's Prayer have to do with anything, I didn't understand the scriptures the teacher was reading. But they all must have been pretty important!

I talked to my mom about how I was feeling and how I wanted to go to church. Mom was a believer but had to work on Sunday's, so she found a church within walking distance. We walked the course and the next Sunday, I marched up to Margaret Park Presbyterian Church, was greeted warmly. It was here I met Jesus, learned about God.

At age 12, I attended Catechism and was baptized. I can still feel the Joy of the day I was confirmed and the sweet fragrance of that Sunday morning as I stared at the beautiful stained-glass window with Jesus carrying a lamb.

It was many years later that I realized God had been working in my life, calling me to Him, when I learned about Prevenient Grace.

It was not until I was attending Wedgewood UMC in Akron that I heard about Grace or the Holy Spirit. It was there I first realized I had received the Holy Spirit and the knowledge of Christ's presence. This was the time I came to understand Jesus my Savior had walked with me throughout my life, caring for my heart and leading me through the many storms of life.

Thank you, dear Jesus, for your faithfulness.

Mission Statement

“Make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.”

To Witness

*Pointing to Jesus in all we do

To Disciple

*Teaching how to apply Christ in everyday life

To Worship

*To glorify the Lord in all we do

To Serve

* To be a servant of the Lord and those He loves

Pastor - Rev. Carl Kandel
Secretary - Ashley Lynch
Youth Director – Gabe Kukuk
Pianist & Choir Director - Cory Janson
Christian Education Director – N/A
Custodian – Seth Lackey

You can find us on Facebook and YouTube!

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