

GRACE NOTE

The message continues...

There was a technical glitch that we had to cut my message short. Since my message was already so long, I decided to not re-record it and share it with you through this article as I seek to apply the five parables into our daily faith-life practice:

As we seek a promise of comfort of heaven on earth in Jesus's teachings, we are reminded to see the small simple ways of faith that leads to a mighty impact of transformation.

The mustard seed of hope that gives us meaning in the midst of limbo. The yeast that is hope that gives us the push to keep going even as we embrace and sit with grief of the loss. And even in the midst of grief, we remember the joy of living while being sad or down. It can be both at the same time, a state that we don't like but is normal. It isn't wrong to be sad. That doesn't mean we don't have joy. It just means we're human, thank goodness. It is actually a gift to feel sadness so when joy comes, we are more acutely appreciative of its presence. That is the pearl the merchant found and that is the pearl we are to seek and practice. The practice of gratitude—finding what we can be grateful for in what is going on. What pearl can we find that is hidden in all these sufferings?

We can catch a variety of fishes—a variety of responses, skills, and behaviors. And like the fishers and scribes, we can choose to use the old and new treasures that would create a constructive way of life that will reflect the kingdom of God—the heaven on earth.

This is our assignment:

I would like for you to continue with your gratitude list and email the church what you're grateful for. Then, we will write your entry and hang it on our gratitude tree.

I need people to pray for a group of members and friends of Wesley. Please email the church if you are willing to pray for a group. Then we will give you a list of names I invite you to include in your prayer time/devotion.

If you can, I invite you to write a card or a short letter to a member that is listed in the group. We will have their birth date and wedding anniversary (if applicable) included in their information. If you need help with the stamps, drop off your card or letter and we will mail them for you.

Thank you for caring for one another in this small but mighty way!

Pastor Grace



Prayer Requests

Annamae Shaughnessy
Tom Brehm
Bob Callan
Bob Steele
Karen Steege

To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.



DATES IN JULY

Sunday 8/2 Drive Through Communion
10:-010:30
SCRIP Orders taken

Monday 8/31 Church Council Mtg 6 :30
In-Building



We will be postponing WiFi Lunches until it is safe to gather without the worry of COVID-19.

Looking forward to the time when we can meet and celebrate.



SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Pastor Grace and Renee dropped off 200 pounds of food this month to the food pantry. **Thank you for your donations!** We continue to collect nonperishable items for the pantry. You may drop them off at the church from 8-noon, Monday through Friday or on Sunday morning . Drive-Through Communion Sunday is a great time to bring your items.

Items needed at this time:

Jelly, individually wrapped cookies or chips, snack, fruit cups, meat & cheese sticks, juice boxes, sandwich Ziploc bags, brown lunch bags.

As always, thank you for your generosity!



SCRIP ORDERS GO IN August 2

SCRIP orders are placed the 1st Sunday of each month. Fill out an order form and send it to the church office with your payment or give it to Beth Brooks on Sunday.

If you would like to load your cards electronically, type www.MyScripWallet.com into the browser and you can log in using your ShopWithScrip account username and password. If you haven't set up an account yet, simply click on "Create An Account" and follow the set-up steps. The Wesley enrollment code is: 769DLL2B6L818. You will need this code to sign up under Wesley.

If you need help or have questions contact Beth Brooks 847-344-1312

Happy Birthday!



- 2 Colton White
- 3 Elijah Fegley
- 5 Estellia Barrientos
- 6 Mike Cannon
- 7 Evette Wint
- 12 Jenna Cannon
- 16 Eli Krystowiak
- 19 Cecil Barrett
- 20 Gorman Dugan
- 20 Elain Rust
- 21 Donna Jones
- 21 Susan McKeever
- 22 Bob Dorsey
- 28 Sue Cooper
- 31 Russ Maxwell

AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

In-Building Worship Services have been temporarily canceled. Due to the increase in Kenosha COVID-19 cases and the Wisconsin Council of Churches recommendations, we made the difficult decision to continue only with the e-service and bulletin.

We will monitor the local situation closely and notify you of any changes.

The office will contact those worship assistants that will be needed for when we return to in-building worship.

USHER

Beth Brooks

AV Tech

Chris Herigstad
Bob Conn

Counters

Donna Jones



Hospitality will be postponed until further notice.

We will abide by the instructions given to us from the United Methodist Wisconsin Conference.



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Welcome All
Serve Everyone**

**The People of the
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Sunday Worship: 9:00
Sunday School: 10:15-11:00
Sunday Adult Studies: 8:00 & 10:15
Hospitality: 8:00-10:30
Wednesday Evening Prayer 6:30 pm

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