

Grace Notes

News from Grace United Methodist Church
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Church Office Hours : M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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10:30 a.m. Worship

(until further notice)

May 5

“God Is Love”

Sermon Series: Stamp the F... Word!

May 12

Mother's Day

“Finding Forgiveness”

May 19

“Forgive Myself”

May 26

“Forgive Others”





Spring is officially here! Actually it arrived back in March, but it feels more like it now when the temperature doesn't dip down to the 30's. We see green pastures, and flower buds - thanks be to God for this beauty in Southern Illinois!

In his book "*Rich Dad Poor Dad*," Robert Kiyosaki finds two contrasting attitudes in life. When one dad, the poor dad, confronts a difficult and challenging situation, he simply says, "I can't do that," because I don't have money, talents, gifts etc. On the contrary, the rich dad sees a challenge but says, "How can I do that?" Despite I don't have money, talents or skills. Your current status can fix your attitude to stay there, or your goal can define how you are to achieve it one day. One's life is defined by a fixed mindset as opposed to the latter living by a growth mindset.

"I don't feel adequate enough." I hear this often from Christians, when we struggle to live the ideal Christian life (including myself!) But again, we can ask "how can I live like Christ?" as opposed to stating "I can't do that." Jesus said, "When I go to the Father, I will send you the HS, and you will receive power to do that." Jesus can transform our mindset, and let it happen.

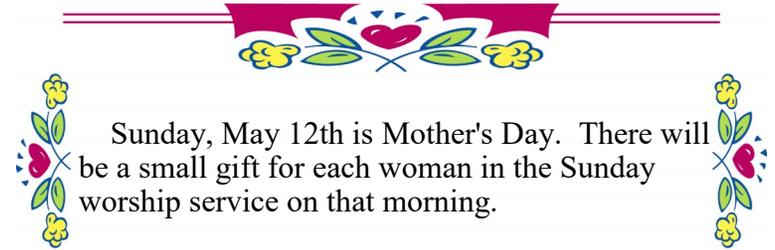
Spring is all about life, growth, and fragrant flowers and beauty. One can decide to stay in a barren winter status or decide to spring in life. One easy way to spring in Christian life is to practice the new F-word! It's the greatest F word, and it is to "Forgive." When it comes to this F-bomb, it's not our strength, but Jesus help us, we will achieve it someday. I'll share a little more about it throughout the month of May, and I encourage you to share with me what F you've experienced!

Pastor Rhee

**Summer Sermon Series:
Faith in Film**

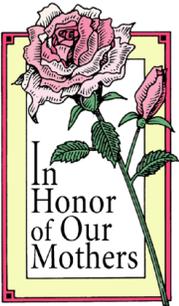
June - July 2019

(movie ticket give-a-ways)



**“CARING FOR ALL,
ONE FAMILY AT A TIME.”**

The Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House is a United Methodist Community Center whose mission is to improve the quality of life for residents of all ages by providing quality early childhood development services, comprehensive youth services, individual and family support services, services to older adults, and housing economic development services which will help move individuals and families out of poverty.



This organization has been selected to receive our Mother's Day offering. A table will be set up in the church foyer on April 28 and May 5 for you to list your mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, sister, aunt, etc. names and make a donation if your choose.



Circle of Friends Potluck
Tuesday, May 14
Noon

Bring a dish and join the fellowship. The lunch is held in rooms 19/20, just off the big kitchen.

MaTT Club-

a place for kids and adults to gather with friends, old and new, at the table with Jesus.



In March we challenged Early Service and Late Service to a food drive contest to see who could bring in the most items for the food bank in the month of March. Late Service wins the bragging rights by bringing in 100 items. Congratulations Late Service! Early Service provided 63 items and MaTT Club provided 92 items. A grand total of 255 items will be given to the Carbondale Food Bank. Thank you everyone who brought in items. The real winners are the people who receive the food.

In April MaTT Club focused on Fruit of the Spirit- Gentleness and Self-control. I chose the banana to represent Gentleness because bananas bruise easily and we must be gentle with them. Most of game time was taken up making invitations for the children's moms for the Mom and Me meeting. Then they drew to see what part of supper they will provide.

Our scripture for April 7 was **Proverbs 15:1** which says **"A gentle response defuses anger, but a harsh word stirs up anger."** During Bible Exploration time we looked at stories about times Jesus was gentle; with sinners, with children, with all those who were tired and overwhelmed. We know Jesus wants us to be gentle too- in both word and action. We discussed ways to be gentle and the children wrote those ideas in their binder books. We bubble-wrap painted 'bananas' during craft time.

Our second meeting this month (April 28) will be a week late due to Easter falling on our regular meeting date. The newsletter deadline came before this meeting. I plan to focus on Fruit of the Spirit- Self Control. That will be our last "lesson" this year. In May we will have our special Mom and Me meeting on May 5 and we'll go bowling on May 19.

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MaTT Club– Continued

Every year MaTT Club makes a monetary donation to a mission in honor of our MaTT Club leadership team. The children voted on three food related missions. They chose to give the donation to Gumdrops, a local program which provides food for children who might not have food on non-school days.

Thank you Sunhee & Park and Jaci & Mike for providing suppers in April.

Thank you Jennifer for taking pictures.

Thank you Mary Louise and Holly for your help.



Southern Illinois Children's Choir

The **Southern Illinois Children's Choir** will present "Voices of Hope" at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, at Grace United Methodist Church. Children in Pre-K through eighth grade will share their gift of music. This concert is free and all are welcome!



The disability support group studied disability etiquette in April. And in next a few months, we'll read and discuss the book *Beyond Suffering: A Christian View on Disability Ministry* (Author: Joni Eareckson Tada). We'll meet in the house of Betty and Chris Smith every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, at 2:30 p.m. Anybody interested can sign up in the church foyer or contact Yifan Shen-Hesketh at 618-353-4429 or shenyifan69@aol.com.



Gene Biggs passed away on April 2. Our heartfelt sympathy is given to Donna, daughters Amy, Gay and family.

Gene had been a member of Grace Church for 71 years.

Who Are Our Graduates?



We would like to recognize Grace Church graduates. If you are graduating this year please contact the church office with your name, degree and school attended.



Church Camp

United Methodist Summer Camp brochures are on the table in the church foyer. As stated in the brochure, "The IGRC Camping Ministry exists to **Connect People, Nature and Christ** for the transformation of the world." There are camps for all ages and interests, preschool to adult, day camp to week long camps, Bible Camp, Rock Climbing Camp, Night Owl Camp, Horse Camp, Discovery Camp, and so on. And you do not have to travel far to attend camp. Little Grassy Camp is at Makanda and Beulah Camp is at Eldorado.

Grace Church Family,

Thank you all for your lovely expression of caring at this time of loss. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated so much. Gene too, would be pleased at the outpouring of love.

Sincerely,

Donna and Family



May Birthdays
(by date)

1 - Amy Park
2 - Lena Hake
11 - Marianne Abrahamson
11 - Katie Hine
18 - Joyce Fligor
19 - Simon Schurz
21 - Sara Schurz



May 2 - Orville and Lena Hake (55 yrs.)
May 22 - Bong Choul & In-Sook Hwang

**Please have articles for the June Grace
Notes newsletter to the church office by
May 15.**



Grace United Methodist Church

Rev. Jungil Rhee, pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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Grace UMC Mission Statement

"Love God, love people, make disciples of Jesus Christ."

