



Grace Notes

Community of Grace UMC

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Letting God's Love Flow

*"Who will separate us from the love of God?
Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come.
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Neither height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord." (Romans 8:29-30)*

I came across an article about heart disease and how prevalent it is in our society. The article talked about how heart disease is caused by poor blood flow through the artery to the heart. The arteries get clogged.

The article got me thinking about how people get a different kind of heart disease. A heart disease that lets them walk past a person in need without looking up, a heart disease that allows them to praise God on Sunday morning and bad-mouth a neighbor on Monday afternoon, a heart disease that lowers compassion and raises cynicism and criticism. And I think it is because our pathways to God get clogged. We allow life's trials to clog the artery and hinder the flow of God's amazing grace and love. God's love is working to flow through us to the world through our acts of compassion and our words of encouragement.

Luckily we can clean out our clogged arteries; with awareness, intention, and a simple prayer our hearts can be healed. Let's pray together:
Healing God, sometimes it is easier to look away or walk away than it is to do the right thing. Yet each time we do that, we are blocking the flow of your grace and mercy. Forgive us and heal our hearts. Open wide the artery to your love, that it might flow through me, healing me and the world through your abundant grace. Amen

May God's grace bless your day.

In Faith,

Pastor Donna

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Upcoming Events

Birthdays:

Margaret Irby	June 1
Aubrey Thomas	June 10
Pattie Rood	June 10
Virginia Dickens	June 11
Henry Hanson	June 15
Debbie Manning	June 16
Debbie Webb	June 19
Alfreda Mitchell	June 21
Marie Thacker	June 21
Freddie Adams	June 24
Toni Aliff	June 24
Thomas Hart	June 24
Marsha Murray	June 26

Anniversaries:

Bob & Ann Johnson	June 10
Andy & Mindy Clark	June 12
Jim & Judy Messinger	June 18
Edward & Nola Pino	June 20
George & Donna Shank	June 26

June 2	Baby Shower for Seth & Maria Thacker in the Fellowship Hall at 11am.
June 7-10	WV Conference
June 14	Huntington Garden Club management meeting at 6:30pm.
June 17	Father's Day
June 23	Baby Shower for Lana Blake in the Fellowship Hall 3pm.
June 24-28	Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:30pm
July 4	Independence Day
July 10	At the 10am service, we will be honoring our music director, Debbie Webb, as we celebrate the 1 st Anniversary of her volunteer service to our choir and music ministries.

We will have a love offering the last 2 weeks of June to present Debbie on the anniversary date. Please give as you feel led.

Typographical Terrors by Dan Dick

From a church cookbook recipe for "Southwestern Stew" — 1 small child, dried, ground to a fine powder.

An announcement for an "open meeting" — All who can stab are invited to meet our pastor.

From a church newsletter — We're looking for altos and tenors to sin with the choir.

From a unison prayer — Lord, teach us to prey.

From a newsletter — Following the dinner, the members of the UMM (United Methodist Men) washed the dishes, and the UMW (United Methodist Women) died.

From a Thanksgiving offering appeal letter — Our goal is to feel fifty families this year.

Sign at a church bazaar — Afghans, Rugs, Satan pillows

Banner on a church lawn — Helling services every Wednesday evening

From a bulletin — Please remain seated through the postlude by our Hell Choir.

From an Easter prayer — We come seeking Jesus, but all we find is an abandoned bom

The Story of Father's Day

Father's Day is a beautiful festival that acknowledges and appreciates the important role played by a father in raising the child and consequently building a stronger society.

Though fathers have been revered at all times by civilizations across the globe ironically what was missing until the last century was the official recognition of the significance of fathers in one's life.

The tradition of celebrating Father's Day as seen today originated in the last century. Though there are several people who are credited for furthering the cause of Father's Day, there is far greater acceptance for Ms. Sonora Louise Smart Dodd's contribution. Ms. Dodd is recognized as the founder or mother of Father's Day.

Inception of the Father's Day took place on Sonora's mind when she happened to hear a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Sonora had begun to recognize the hardships her father must face while bringing up six children alone after his wife died. Sonora questioned that if there is a day to recognize mothers then why is not a day to honor fathers?

Many people laughed and jokes at Sonora's idea. But her will did not droop. She began a sincere campaign lobbying for the cause of Father's Day. Her hard work began to show signs of success when Spokane, WA celebrated its first Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

The noble idea of celebrating Father's Day became quite popular in the U.S. so much so that President Woodrow Wilson approved of the festival in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge too supported the idea, but it was President Lyndon Johnson who signed a Presidential Proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in 1966. Then in 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June.

Special Notice:

The choir will be on vacation until August. Special music will be provided each Sunday while the choir is off.

We wish to thank the church Trustees for putting up safety handrails in the ladies restroom.

If you have news or announcements for the July newsletter, please have them into the church office or give to Bonnie Nelson by Monday, June 18.