

MARCH 8, 2020 **NOTE FROM JONATHAN**

I want to express gratitude again for everyone here at Grace who is making a difference in the lives of countless people through consistent giving. Your charitable gifts enhance the ministry of Grace here and around the world. You've helped to start several new churches in the area, you've encouraged an urban church with their after-school programs, you've given toward hurricane relief and missions outreach, and much, much more!

Every gift at Grace helps to show the love of Jesus to people who matter to God.

There are many promises and principles in the Bible about giving, like Ezekiel 44:30.

"You are to give the first portion...so that a blessing may rest on your house."

It's very easy for us to focus on ourselves and end up giving leftovers to God and his work. But according to the Bible, when God's people give leftovers and not "the first portion," they forfeit the blessing that's ready to "rest on their houses."

Another biblical tip about giving: "Now about the collection for the Lord's people... On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made" (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). Biblical giving is regular, planned and proportionate to what God has provided in our income, rather than just when we feel prompted.

If you haven't prayerfully planned your giving, now would be a great time to ask the Lord about how he would have you to do that. Many at Grace give online, or through automatic withdrawal; if that sounds like a helpful option for you, check out gracecma.org/give

Thanks for trusting the Lord together as we seek to reach out in new ways, make a greater impact regionally and globally, pay off our mortgage, and be unhindered in the work God has called us to complete. I couldn't be more enthusiastic about Grace's future and couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity to be a part of what God is doing! Thanks for your partnership.

UPCOMING

Grace Olmsted Falls

In addition to the Middleburg Heights campus, join the Grace family in Olmsted Falls! Encounter God in live worship, a video message streamed from Grace Middleburg Heights, and ministries unique to Grace Olmsted Falls. Learn more about Grace Olmsted Falls: gracecma.org/of

Forever Young (50+): "A Heart For The Unborn" March 14 5-8 PM | Middleburg Campus | Venue
The Cleveland Pregnancy Center has met the needs of women facing unplanned pregnancies since 1984. CPC director, Bob Hershey, will be here to share about one of the biggest issues of our day and how we might help. Bring a generous main dish, side or salad. Dessert provided.

Cleveland Pregnancy Center Banquet: April 21 @ 7 PM (registration + silent auction @ 6 PM) at Michaud's Event Center in Strongsville
Join emcees Brian and Jannelle from WCRF at the CPC Banquet. Hear client stories of saved lives, babies and spiritually. David Williams will share his life's journey as a man, and abortion through redemption and restoration. Register by 4/14: bit.ly/cpcbanquet2020

Strongsville Men's Church League Softball

Sign up today in the Fireside Room! Season is scheduled from early May through mid-August. Cost is \$65 per player. Limited spots available. ☐ Steve - (216) 798-0681

New Worship Album

We're excited to announce the release of Pastor Jim Pavkov's first worship album "Let Us Praise Him," available everywhere! We pray it encourages your praise of Jesus. Check it out on all digital platforms, and if you'd like a CD email ✉ jim.pavkov@gracecma.org

FAMILY NEWS

Passing of Loved Ones. Please pray for God's peace and comfort for the following families in the passing away of their loved ones: Marianne Kartson (her brother, Orest Bahrijczuk); Fred & Esther Bernhofer (Fred's father, Richard Bernhofer); Mele Gallik (her sister, Fane); Tom & Patti Tkacz (Patti's father, Al Rendes).

SMALL GROUPS

New Groups

Check them out: gracecma.org/groups

Are you 35+ years and looking for a group?

✉ Janette - janettenieves@hotmail.com

Hungry for the Word of God?

Read and study through the Bible joining others with the same goal.

✉ Richard & Ilka Brown - ib4joy@gmail.com

Writer's Small Group

This group is meant to encourage writers while challenging them to convey Christ through the art of storytelling. ✉ David - dgruber13@yahoo.com

MULTILINGUAL WORSHIP

Arabic Church

Sundays @ Noon in Room 20

✉ clevarabicchurch@gmail.com

Deaf Church

Sundays @ Noon in Room 209

✉ joe.dixon@gracecma.org

Spanish Ministry

1st Sunday/month @ Noon in Room 204

✉ jcuevas91709@gmail.com

Vietnamese Church

Sundays @ 2 PM in Room 64

✉ msguyenhung@yahoo.com

CHILDREN

Grace Kids (Birth-3rd grade)

We offer classes during all Sunday services and Wednesday night classes.

Our gifted teachers are privileged to partner with you as you invest in your children!

Learn more: gracecma.org/grace-kids

Friendship Class: Sundays @ 10:30 AM

This is a unique class for children and adults with developmental disabilities. First-time visitors are asked to stay with their child.

Ages 2-5 in Room 47 • Ages 6-13 in Room 21B
Ages 14-18 in Room 23 • Ages 19+ meet in the Worship Center, then go to Room 21A.

✉ linda.denson@gracecma.org

Pre-Teens (Grades 4-6)

Sundays @ 9 AM and 10:30 AM

Wednesdays @ 7 PM

9 AM: All meet in Room 35 • 10:30 AM: All meet in Room 20 • Wednesdays @ 7 PM: Boys in Activity Center • Girls in Room 35

STUDENTS

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Wednesdays @ 7 PM in Room 20

Sundays @ 10:30 AM in Rooms 2 & 4

✉ jordy.vickrey@gracecma.org

High School (Grades 9-12)

Sundays @ 6 PM in the Venue

Small Groups: Wednesdays @ 7 PM

✉ beth.hedtke@gracecma.org

Young Adults: Thursdays @ 7 PM in the Venue

Whether you'd like to explore the Christian faith, or you're looking for an opportunity to connect with others ages 18-30, join us!

MEN

Men's Breakfasts

Wednesdays @ 6:15 AM | Middleburg | Venue

Saturdays @ 7:30 AM | Middleburg | Venue

Come for breakfast, a message, and small group time that focuses on living the Christ-life.

Cost: \$5. ✉ abby.loos@gracecma.org

WOMEN

Ladies Latté... Connect Over Coffee: Tomorrow

@ 7 PM | Middleburg Campus | Activity Center

Invite a friend and join us for Mary Schaeffer's message, "When Life Seems Unfair." Enjoy sweet fellowship over coffee, dessert, and roundtable discussion (\$4 at the door).

Childcare: elizabethrenee.wu@gmail.com

✉ joyce.meekins@gracecma.org

MUMs (Moms Uplifting Moms): This Thursday

@ 9:30 AM | Middleburg | Activity Center

Moms of all ages, join us for a time of fellowship, brunch and more (\$4 cover charge). We will hear an inspiring message from Michelle Dubik. Childcare is available for children of all ages.

✉ catkins9299@hotmail.com

Girlfriends! Book Club: March 14

@ 8:30 AM | Middleburg Campus | Room 211

Join the group this month to discuss, "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

✉ Sharon Margevicius - croeder@prodigy.net

SUPPORT GROUPS

Dementia Care Giver Support Group: Today

@ Noon | Middleburg Campus | Room 211

NAMI: March 15

@ 10 AM | Middleburg Campus | Room 10

Do you or someone you love struggle with mental illness? You're not alone! Join us for education & encouragement. ☐ Karen Jarr - (440) 239-9423

Journey of Hope Care Group: This Tuesday

@ 7 PM | Middleburg Campus | Room 9

Embrace your true identity in Christ as one whose journey includes LGBT+.

Learn more: gracecma.org/needs/ssa-lgbt

☐ Pastor Dennis Barta - 440-243-4885 x117

Faithful Journey Support Group: This Tuesday

@ 7 PM | Middleburg Campus | Room 10

Understand and care for loved ones whose journey includes LGBT+.

Learn more: gracecma.org/needs/ssa-lgbt

☐ Marie Farrell - 216-386-2153

WAYS TO SERVE

Persecuted Church and Loker/Oaxaca ministry

Prayer: Today @ Noon | Room 11

Special Needs Ministry. Do you have the desire and calling to love on and work with those with special needs? Our thriving special needs ministry is looking for volunteers for our monthly, weekly gatherings. ✉ linda.denson@gracecma.org

Global Grounds: Sundays and Wednesdays

Global Grounds is looking for volunteers to help during our busiest times! Help with registers and pastries for two hour periods, experience is a plus. ✉ rachel.polanco@gracecma.org

Shuttle Drivers. Do you have a CDL or are a school bus driver or commercial bus driver? We are looking for those interested in driving shuttles on Sundays or for special events. ☐ Darrin Smith - (440) 667-1207

WELCOME TO GRACE!

SUNDAYS

9 AM • 10:30 AM • Noon • 6 PM

New to Grace Church?

We'd love to meet you!

If this is your first time to Grace, stop by the Welcome Desk before you leave today. We would love to say hello, welcome you to Grace, and give you a small gift.

We hope that you have a personal encounter with Jesus today through worship and the Word!

Our worship is comprised of different musical styles: classic hymns and new songs from churches around the world. Some weeks we introduce creative elements like art or dance to help you experience God in a fresh way.

GRACE OLMSTED FALLS

If you live in the Olmsted Falls area and call Grace your church home, we invite you to check out the new Grace Church campus (6941 Columbia Rd.)! We love seeing God expand His Kingdom, and that we can reach more to Love Him, Grow with Others, and Serve the World.

CAFÉ & GLOBAL GROUNDS

Enjoy coffee and pastry, available after each of our services.

EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES

Ministries for children, students, young adults, men and women, senior adults, and more are gathering each week. Browse the Ministry Info shelves just outside the Worship Center doors, or visit gracecma.org to see where you can connect and grow with others!

OFFSITE PARKING

Shuttles are running all morning to give you a convenient ride to Grace from parking lots at the Islander Office Complex (Pearl Road and I-71) or Big Creek Elementary School (just off Pearl Road). If you need to get back to your vehicle during a service, just visit the Welcome Desk!

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WORSHIP BAND AUDITIONS

THIS TUESDAY

Do you have a heart for worship and playing an instrument? The Worship Ministry is having adult band auditions!

Schedule your audition in advance:
robin.walters@gracecma.org



RENEW THE CITY SERVICE PROJECT

APRIL 4

Come serve with the Grace WeServeTeam and Envision Cleveland on the day-long service project on 4/4! Next Sunday is the registration deadline to get a t-shirt. Deadline for all other registrations is 4/1.

Register online and learn more:
bit.ly/renewcle2020



LEADING A SMALL GROUP

SERVE OPPORTUNITY

Is God calling you to minister to others at Grace? Consider leading a small group. We want to meet with you and tell you more about how you can lead a small group.

Sign up: bit.ly/icanlead2020