

# Growing with grace



A monthly newsletter for the Grace Wesleyan Family and Friends!



Joelle Kennedy is coordinating the sign-up sheets for our next Church Family Pot Luck Dinner and she has sign-up sheets at both entry doors. There are a couple of things to note:

- Please feel free to bring family to church and stay for the dinner.
- Please be sure to bring enough of whatever you bring to feed several people.
- If you sign-up to bring something, but you find you are unable to attend, please let Joelle know that way she can make sure your dish is replaced, and everyone gets to eat.
- It is okay to have seconds, but please make sure everyone has an opportunity to eat before you go back for more.

Finally, our last pot luck was a big hit, but unfortunately, there was not enough food and some did not have a chance to eat.

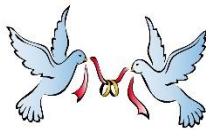
### Snacks

For Saturday Night and Sunday Morning Services!!! Several people have asked about bringing snacks for our services...*(What a great idea and opportunity for you to prepare that new recipe you have been dying to try out.)* Interested?

There are sign-up sheets for both services, on the kitchen window counter. Sign-up this weekend for a future date!!



“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”  
(John 15:12, NRSV)



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Diane D’Angelo & David Zerbee  
Who were married on  
May 14th!



May Birthdays:  
18<sup>th</sup> – Yasmin Herbert  
21<sup>st</sup> – Michael Leech  
24<sup>th</sup> – William Chhieng  
31<sup>st</sup> – Joelle Kennedy



May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Larry & Julie Bergstrom

## Happenings

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

- Youth Ice Cream Social  
Sat., May 21<sup>st</sup>  
4:30pm
- Church Pot Luck  
May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Following the Saturday night service
- Helping Hands Food Drive Dates (Youth and Others)  
Sat., May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sat., May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Sat., June 4th
- Habitat for Humanity  
Upcoming Build Date  
June 18th

## PASTOR'S MOMENT

A message from our Senior Pastor, Rev. Myron Rhodes, Jr.

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Greetings, Grace Family!

The month of May in South Florida is a real “in-between” time for those of us who live here. It is after spring breakers blessed us with their presence and jammed up the streets in March. We are blessed that there were no major incidents in our area from the youthful visitors. And, May is right before summer. Kids are winding down the school year, seniors are getting ready to graduate, and parents are looking toward summer and vacations and the like.

We at Grace Wesleyan are in an “in-between” time as well. You see, we have been getting comfortable in the fact that we have become a bonafide church. We have worship services, Bible studies, men’s groups, special studies, prayer groups, and service projects! We are surely a church in nearly every way! We are also looking toward the future, and for many of us, we are not sure what it is we are supposed to be looking for or at.

This edition of the newsletter, and my letter to you, show both our intent to seek how we can do and be more to facilitate youth at our church and point to the upcoming sermon series in June in which we will turn our attention to “who we are.” We have a Vision Statement that is printed on every bulletin and is on our website. It states we are a “welcoming community of believers sharing Christ’s love, grace, and redemption with all.” What does that look like for us, and what does scripture say about us being those things? That is what we are going to explore in the sermon series this summer, “Who We Are at Grace Wesleyan.”

It is important to recognize that we are Christians first, and children of God. As children of God, we are called to be disciples who are his hands, feet, and heart to the world. As disciples, we need to have clarity as to how we are to lend our hands to the tasks of loving God and our neighbors as ourselves. Scripture tells us specifically, and we are going to dive in to find out how to address the various aspects of living out that love.

How can we be the best Christians possible as we live out God’s commands here in Fort Lauderdale? Together we will learn the answer to that question. Together we will grow, ready to take our church outside our walls, into our neighborhoods, and welcome our community into Christ’s love, grace, and redemption!

It is an exciting time to be part of Grace Wesleyan!

I am honored to be your pastor,

Myron

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*We meet at, but are not affiliated with, the Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church*

## MINISTRY MINUTE

This month we are highlighting our Youth Ministry, which is headed up by our Director of Youth & Families, Mrs. Michelle "Mimi" Rutherford. Over the past year, she has been focused on providing biblically based lessons for children during our Saturday night and Sunday morning services. Mimi also has a desire to help young people become involved in the church, and the community, and build character through service to others. We will continue with some of last year's successful service projects, which not only help our kids learn the importance of serving others, they give them the opportunity to earn service hours. Your children, grandchildren, neighborhood children, and youth are all invited to participate in any and all of our activities! We love helping others, but we also make time for fun too!

## YOUTH



"I am always glad afterward that I helped serve, even if I didn't want to at first. It makes me realize how lucky I am. - Addison R.



Some of our youth participating in a Helping Hands Food Drive event!



Dodgeball, anyone!!!!



It is good to see all kinds of people come together to serve. It makes me feel good if I have helped someone."

- Oliver R.



**2022 is already off to a great start!**

So far this year, we have enjoyed;

- February – Indoor games and Movie Night
- March – Dodgeball, Dinner & Devotion
- April – Food, Games, and an Easter study

**Future Events...**

- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Helping Hands Food Drive & Ice Cream Social
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Helping Hands Food Drive

Watch our Newsletter, Website, and Facebook page for upcoming fun activities and service opportunities! We are planning on helping HOPE South Florida, Helping Hands Food Drives and more. Let's make this a Summer to remember!

## Service Opportunities

[outreach@gracewesleyan.org](mailto:outreach@gracewesleyan.org)

### What does Scripture tell us

#### Memory Verse

**“From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”  
(Ephesians 4:16, NIV).**

When you are purchasing things to help some of our worthy ministries, don't forget to **SMILE!** Amazon smile that is... (use the link below)

[https://smile.amazon.com/charity/my-impact?encoding=UTF8&ref=nav\\_cs\\_smile](https://smile.amazon.com/charity/my-impact?encoding=UTF8&ref=nav_cs_smile)



#### Emmaus

Have you attended a Walk to Emmaus? If you have attended a walk in the past, we want to know. We are seeking to build an Emmaus Community at Grace Wesleyan. Please contact...

Kathy Porter at

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Or

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Be sure to wear your Emmaus Cross on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of each month

#### GEMS!

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#### Helping Hands Food Drive

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#### Helping Hands

– handyman ministry -

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## What's going on in your corner?

#### Studies Available

##### Men's Accountability group

Monday nights  
7:00pm

##### Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday nights  
7:00pm-8:00pm (in person or via  
Zoom)

##### Wesley Study

(Every Other Thursday night)

May 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm – 8:00pm

#### Children and Youth Minister

Contact: Mimi Rutherford  
[youth@gracewesleyan.org](mailto:youth@gracewesleyan.org)

Ice Cream Social for the young and the Young at Heart is set for 4:30 pm, Saturday afternoon, May 21<sup>st</sup>!

#### Teen Topics

We will have service hour opportunities for teens again this summer. Watch for details



I apologize for the delay in the publication of the May Newsletter. I was unable to work on this due to a hand injury. Thanks for your understanding - Annette