

Growing with grace



A monthly newsletter for the Grace Wesleyan Family and Friends!

Prayer For National Spiritual Awakening (repeated from June Newsletter)

Faithful and loving God. Your law we have broken and Your name we have disgraced.

So, on behalf of my nation and myself, I repent, ask for mercy and humbly seek Your face.

Revive Your Church in my country; awaken sleeping members and leaders with Gospel zeal.

Raise the spiritually dead around us; convict our neighbors and nations that their sin and Your grace are real.

Reveal to us the beauty of Jesus; let Your love be proclaimed in His cross, let Your power be shown in His resurrection.

Defeat the enemy's strongholds in our nation with the Gospel; let good news be our greatest weapon.

Fill us Holy Spirit. Pour out Your presence and power on Your people, the church, and this country.

And cover the earth with Your glory as the waters cover the sea.

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Congratulations

Freddie Colloca & Elimir Garcia
on their marriage, July 24th!



Favorite Lines from Patriotic Songs:

"America! America!, God shed his grace on thee and crown thy good with brotherhood. From sea to shining sea!"

"God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above."

"O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?"

"Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing. Long may our land be bright, With freedom's holy light, Protect us by Thy might, Great God our King."



July Birthdays:
23rd – Sue Blaylock



July Anniversaries
3rd – Patrick & Donna McCarthy
13th – Gary & Kathy Porter
25th – Myron & Annette Rhodes

July Happenings

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

Due to Church Maintenance, there will NOT be any mid-week studies or meetings the week of July 4th – July 8th

Helping Hands Food Drive Dates
July 9th (Boca)
July 16th (Davie)
July 23rd (Plantation)

Youth
HOPE South Florida
July 13th & 29th
10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Making & Serving lunch and/or helping with clothes distribution

Attention Ladies!!

We are excited to announce that the Grace Wesleyan Women's Ministry will have its first event this fall. Watch for details in the coming weeks!

PASTOR'S MOMENT

A message from our Senior Pastor, Rev. Myron Rhodes, Jr.
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Greetings, Grace Family!

It's a new day in the life of the church!

As COVID-19 begins to pass from the forefront of our lives, and the focus becomes the changing economic environment, it can be hard to stay engaged in matters of faith and what is happening in the church. Some of us attended an ordination service at the new Community Church of Davie (formerly First UMC Davie) where Rev. Scott Didriksen was ordained as the pastor of the new non-denominational church. This is exciting news because now we are not the only church primarily constituted by former United Methodists. As the momentum grows, and more churches withdraw from the denomination, we all will be faced with questions from friends, family, neighbors, and even former churchmates. To better prepare you to give an educated answer to "why" the church is splitting, I am providing you a link to a very well-written historical account of the ways in which the Methodist church moved toward schism:

<https://juicyecumenism.com/2021/01/21/why-united-methodist-church-splitting/>

I hope this helps you to have a better understanding of how things evolved...and that it did not "suddenly" happen in the last few years.

Also, as we continue on our journey focusing on "Who Are We? Grace Wesleyan Edition," we will be learning about how we can capture the true doctrine that birthed the Methodist movement two centuries ago before things went awry. We learned about sharing Christ's love and grace in the first two weeks, and we will cover redemption and our ministerial mission during July. I hope you will make it a point to listen to the sermons from the last two weeks of June and all of them in July if you are unable to attend in person. It is important for us to be on the same page as orthodox Christian believers who are attempting to follow Christ, Scripture, and the Holy Spirit in a day and age that not only does not follow Christ but in some cases even openly distorts the teaching of God as revealed in Holy Scripture.

I invite you to become a part of our Tuesday evening Bible study in the sanctuary at 7 pm and the Wesley study on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the conference room. I think you will find both to be refreshing and very informative. Participation, questions, and conversation are welcomed and encouraged in all studies.

As we stroll through the days of summer here in South Florida, I hope you will be safe if you travel, and join us as often as you can for worship and study.

Grace and peace,

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MINISTRY MINUTE

A Plea for help from this month's Ministry in focus.

Due to inflation and the rising cost of living expenses, more people are struggling to simply provide for their own families. The **Helping Hands Food Drives, Inc.** ministry is focused on gathering food donations to help supply food pantries in our area. These food pantries provide groceries for those who live with hunger.

Patrick and Donna McCarthy are the leaders of this ministry and they need our help! While there are still people giving, the amount received has been greatly reduced. Normally, this ministry is able to fill up 40-50 large boxes with non-perishable food items, but now are lucky if they can fill 30! The food pantries they support are struggling to keep up with the growing need for food assistance. Will you help?

The Helping Hands Food Drives ministry needs volunteers for the 3 drives scheduled in July;
July 9th in Boca Raton,
July 16th in Davie
July 23rd in Plantation

I know they would be glad to give you information and would welcome your help! Pick up one of their brochures and give it to a friend.

Also, if you are able to provide non-perishable items, I'm sure they would be glad to receive whatever you can give. Check with them about bringing your gifts to the church on a Saturday night in July.

Come and experience the joy of helping others by being the heart, hands, and feet of Christ to those in need!



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Service Opportunities

outreach@gracewesleyan.org

What does Scripture tell us

Memory Verse

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

(Hebrews 13:16, NIV)

Reminder:

When you are purchasing things via Amazon 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



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...

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Be sure to wear your Emmaus Cross on the 1st weekend of each month

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What's going on in your corner?

Studies Available

Men's Accountability group

Monday nights (Cxld July 4th)

7:00pm

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday nights, (Cxld July 5th)

7:00pm-8:00pm

(in person or via Zoom)

Wesley Study

(Every Other Thursday night)

July 21st

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Children and Youth Minister

Contact: Mimi Rutherford

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Teen Topics

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



Our Youth will have the opportunity to serve at

HOPE South Florida

10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

July 13th & July 29th

Meetings

Executive Council

2nd Thursday of every month

July 14th