

Growing with **grace**



A monthly newsletter for the Grace Wesleyan Family and Friends!

Glorious Beauty of God

He shrouds the peaks in misty grays
Then brings the light to warm the day
He covers the mountains in shades of green
And places His trees beside crystal streams

These sentinels of greens and golds
In water clear, they dip their toes
The meadows are blankets of every hue
Reflecting the sunlight in captured dew

The creatures of summer frolic there
Till autumn's crisp whisper fills the air
With brush and pallet in His gentle hand
He brings fresh color to His beautiful land

The mountains blaze when touched by His light
They sparkle and shine within our sight
Orange and yellows glow, rich russet reds
Floating down to earth making warm her bed

He paints this canvas for you and me
And lovingly weaves this tapestry
The season of fall, He gives to this land
The beauty of God, from His own hand.

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A Prayer of Thanks for God's Faithfulness

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever” (Isaiah 40:8).

Faithful God,

We come to you with a thirst for your presence and a real connection with you. This time of year, the flowers do fade, the leaves do wither and die, and even the bright sun will shine less. But oh, we praise you, for your faithfulness. That your truth, that your good and honest words and promises will stand forever. Though the seasons change, we know you do not. We lift up our voices in gratitude for your righteousness that we can always depend on. We thank you for being our rock and firm foundation, and that your word is a lamp unto our feet. Give us hope this time of year and remind us that though the season is changing, and the unknown journey lies ahead, we can trust in your unfailing truth and presence.

Amen.



October Birthdays:

- 1st Pam McKinnon
- 1st Barbara Timmerman
- 4th Joe Nace
- 6th Brian Rutherford
- 9th Laurie Scarbrough
- 9th Fred Scarbrough
- 10th Laura Dusek
- 22nd Shirley Maitland
- 30th Cappy Greep

October Happenings

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

Helping Hands Food Drive and GEMS!

There is a donation box for each in our worship center each weekend.

My Helping Hands Food Drives:

- OCT 1st (Peppertree Plaza-Margate)
- OCT 8th (Plantation)
- OCT 15th (Davie)
- OCT 22nd (Plantation)

Habitat for Humanity

- OCT 8th Regular build
- TBA - Women's build Date

WOMEN'S Ministry OCT 22nd – Retreat

YOUTH Activities

- OCT 29th – (afternoon) Trunk or Treat with Shepherd of the Coast
- NOV 4th – Scavenger Hunt
- DEC 16th – Christmas Carol charades and movie

October Anniversaries

- 9th Fred & Laurie Scarbrough
- 22nd Mike & Gussie Leech



PASTOR'S MOMENT

A message from our Senior Pastor, Rev. Myron Rhodes, Jr.
pastor@gracewesleyan.org

Hello, Grace Wesleyan Family!

Exciting times are here for Grace Wesleyan, Fort Lauderdale! As in Acts 2:47, “praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily...” we are seeing new faces and increased attendance every week! The last week of September saw our worship attendance hit the highest number we have seen yet! As we remain faithful to the scriptures, worship, prayer, and service in Christ’s name, God is continuing to bless us as a body of Christ!

Our church leadership is leaning into the leading of the Holy Spirit and planning a series of activities designed to increase our exposure to the community around us. First, we are actively pursuing the addition of an associate pastor who can help us grow our young adult and family ministries, working with me and Mimi Rutherford. Mimi has organized a series of events for youth of all ages (elementary through high school) through December (see the youth section of this newsletter and the website for details). Second, we are planning to do a neighborhood walk later in October to introduce our church to our future members. Finally, we are planning a special family event in Bayview Park on Saturday, December 3rd from 12 noon to 4 pm. Please save the date on your calendar, and plan to invite your neighbors, their kids, and your own family, children, and grandchildren! It will be a great time with a bounce house, outdoor games, and great food catered by a local restaurant!

In addition, we have a special one-day event for women planned for October 22nd. I hope that all of the ladies in the church will attend and will bring a friend with them! This will be the official launch of the women’s ministry at Grace Wesleyan and a variety of future women’s groups will be formed after this event. Please come and be a part of shaping the future of women in ministry at Grace Wesleyan. This is your church, and your input and participation are welcomed and needed! Please see the notes in this newsletter about the event!

Indeed...great things are happening in the life of Grace Wesleyan!

Are you engaged with the happenings? Jesus is counting on us...he is counting on me, and he is counting on you! Come join us in this month’s events...and let’s keep building the body of Christ in this community!

I love being your pastor!

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Myron

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

MINISTRY MINUTE

Grace Wesleyan in Action – Being the Hands, Feet, and HEART of CHRIST to those in need.

GWV

Grace Wesleyan Women
women@gracewesleyan.org
Contact: Annette Rhodes

*We are looking forward to our one-day retreat.
Make plans to join us for a time of study, fun,
fellowship, and, of course, delicious food!*

*When: Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00am - 4:30pm
(registration begins at 8:30am)*

*Where: Shepherd of the Coast Family Life Center (our
normal meeting space)*

*Cost: \$25.00 (covers all participant materials, lunch,
and snacks)*

*Information Sheets and Sign-up Forms are available
on the Welcome tables each week.*

Habitat for Humanity

Grace Wesleyan has the opportunity to participate in helping this organization build homes along-side families in the Broward County area. October offers 2 opportunities:

October 8th - GWC "Faith Build" day. Below is the link for people to sign up, which gives all the details.
<https://habitatbroward.charityproud.org/VolunteerRegistration/Index/3491>

TBA - a Women's build day is planned, but the date and details have not yet been released.

If you are interested in participating in one of these events or would like more information, contact one of the following individuals:

Art Applegate: art@steelapple.net (954) 829-7566

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My Helping Hands Food Drives South Florida

Pery Canon at HOPE South Florida contacted Donna and Patrick and requested their help in providing food for families in need. To aid in this request, the food collected on the first weekend of each month is dedicated to this purpose. The October food drive dates are set and the first one, October 1st, will be at a new location, the Peppertree Plaza Winn Dixie in Margate, Florida.

Also, as we approach the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, watch for announcements about special collections of food and gifts for families and individuals in need.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!!

Make plans to be part of a family fun event at **Bayview Park on Saturday, December 3rd** **from 12 noon to 4 pm.** Please save the date on your calendar, and plan to invite your neighbors, their kids, and your own family, children, and grandchildren! It will be a great time with a bounce house, outdoor games, and great food catered by a local restaurant!

Special Christmas Giving Event

Sue Cogswell will be collecting the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child Shoebox gifts" for children again this year. Watch for more information soon! Contact Sue if you have questions.

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

Service Opportunities

outreach@gracewesleyan.org

What does Scripture tell us

Memory Verse

**“Whoever is kind to the poor
lends to the Lord, and he will
reward them for what they
have done.”**

(Proverbs 19:17, 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? Are you interested in knowing more about attending an Emmaus Weekend? Please contact... someone you see wearing an Emmaus cross (shown below) or our community directors; David & Diane Zerbee for more information.

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If you have attended an Emmaus walk, please be sure to wear your Emmaus Cross the 1st weekend of each month.

De Colores Friends!

GEMS!

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Habitat for Humanity

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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)

Prayer Meeting

last Tuesday each month in place of
Bible Study

Wesley Study

1st and 4th Thursday
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Meetings

Executive Council

October 20th

(normally the 2nd Thursday of
every month)

Grace Wesleyan Women

women@gracewesleyan.org

Contact: Annette Rhodes

October 22nd – One Day Women's Retreat

TBA – “Restless” Women's Bible Study
by Jennie Allen

Children and Youth Minister

Contact: Mimi Rutherford

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Our Youth have the opportunity to join with the youth from Community Church of Davie and the youth of The Shepherd of the Coast church!