

Growing with grace



A monthly newsletter for the Grace Wesleyan Family and Friends!



Saint Patrick Trivia

*How much do you know about Saint Patrick?
Select true or false for each question.
Then check your answers below.*

True or False: St. Patrick was Irish.

True or False: His real name was Patrick.

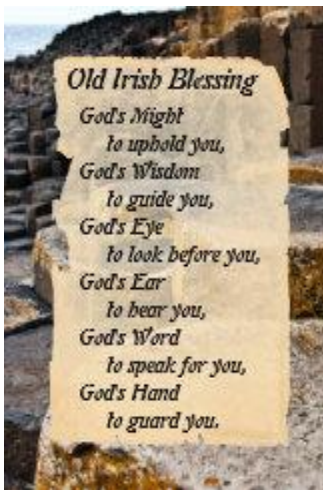
True or False: His birthday was March 17.

True or False: He was kidnapped and sold as a slave.

Did you know?

St. Patrick wasn't Irish. He was born in mainland Britain. His real name wasn't Patrick. It was Maewyn Succat. Pope Celestine gave him the name Patrick later in his life, and we still know him by that name today. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the anniversary of his death, March 17th.

St. Patrick was kidnapped by Irish Pirates from what is now known as Wales when he was 16 and sold as a slave in Ireland. While enslaved, something special happened to Patrick. He said, "It was there that the Lord opened the understanding of my unbelieving heart, so that I should recall my sins, and turn with all my heart to the Lord, my God." After six years of slavery, during which he became a Christian, St. Patrick escaped from Ireland. When back in Britain, St. Patrick was called to return to Ireland as a missionary.



Don't miss the Daylight Savings Time Change on Saturday night before bed on, March 11th!



March Birthdays:

- 6th – Peggy Nichols
- 16th – Kathy Porter
- 24th – Mimi Rutherford



March Anniversaries

- 25th – Mike & Cappy Grep

April 17, 2033.....?

March Happenings

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
MAR 25 & 26th
Rev. Frank Trotta
Love Life Missionary
<https://lovelife.org/>

EMMAUS
MAR 11th – Gathering
6pm – Plantation UMC

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
APR 1st – dedication & celebration for Habitat Broward homes / families
APR 22nd – Faith Build

MY HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVES:
MAR 11th – (Davie)
MAR 18th (Plantation)
APR 1st (Margate)
APR 8th (Davie)
APR 15th (Plantation)

YOUTH Activities
MAR 10th – Youth Group
(6 to 8 PM)

LOVE LIFE PRAYER WALK
APR 1st

PASTOR'S MOMENT

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

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Dear Grace Wesleyan Family,

It's LENT! We are in one of the most holy seasons of the Christian liturgical year. A time of preparation for the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for our salvation. Many of us have a tradition of giving up something for Lent, others of us pick up something new (like a new devotional or daily Bible readings), and all of us are being directed to confess and repent. We want to enter the Easter season with clean hearts and live into the new life that comes with the resurrection! I trust that this year God is leading you to be sensitive to those areas of your life that need cleansing and especially the parts that are hindering the growth of your relationship with Christ.

Last month we had 20 persons join our church! That is a phenomenal number, and it is proof that God is leading people to be a part of our community. We are living into our vision of being "A welcoming community of believers who share Christ's love, grace, and redemption with all!" I have visitors and new members alike tell me that they are struck by how open and welcoming we are as a group of believers. Our church is truly a beacon of the love of Christ in a world that is in desperate need of his love!

We will be having some special events in March. First, the Samaritan woman at the well will make an appearance at our services to tell us about her encounter with Jesus. It will be a moving experience! Then, later in the month we will have a visit from Rev. Frank Trotta from Love Life of South Florida on March 25th and 26th. God is using love life to awaken the church. This isn't pro-life activism; it is Christianity 101. It is loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. Whole families are being moved from inside the four walls of the church into the frontlines of the mission field in their cities. Love Life America has mobilized over 140,000 Christians to be the heart and feet of Christ. They have partnered with 800+ churches and have saved over 4,500 families!

Many churches in America are placing emphasis on anti-racism, yet few are actually focused on the worst case of racism in our society. Margaret Sanger started what became Planned Parenthood as a means to control and stop the birth of black children. She was an avowed racist, and if we are to be aware of "systemic racism" in our midst, we could do no better than to take a Christian stand against the open killing of unborn children in our city. We know that God knits each and every one of us in our mother's womb. Humans are taking the role of God and undoing his work whenever an abortion is done. You cannot be Christian and be unaffected by abortion. God makes no provision for it, and neither should we. Since more than 95% of all abortions are elective (the life of the mother is not in jeopardy and there is no rape/incest involved), it is against God's plan to have them. The worst part, perhaps, is the grief and mourning that comes after the fact in the life of the mother when later she realizes she killed her own baby. As Christians, we certainly stand ready to welcome those ladies into the forgiveness that Christ offers, and the healing transformation of a relationship with him. But if we can be a part of saving even ONE child and assisting the mother to keep her baby, we will be doing Christ's work in the here and now.

We will be doing a prayer walk on April 1st. Please save the date on your calendar, and plan to meet us at the Love Life prayer walk that day in which we will walk and pray for the parties involved, from the mothers, doctors, and those who are willing to assist in saving the life of the child. More details to come, but for more information, please go to the Love Life website at: <https://lovelife.org/>

As we move toward Easter, may we take a stand to correct perhaps the greatest injustice in our nation: the taking of innocent life by abortion. This is a Christian duty, not a political issue. No matter where you stand on social issues, the issue of LIFE is sacred and comes from God. We are for life, and we are for protecting the innocent. May God bless our efforts and strengthen our hearts to do his work on this issue. I pray the Holy Spirit will convict you of the importance and necessity of our participation.

I love being your pastor,

Myron

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GDLT



MINISTRY MINUTE

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

GWW

Grace Wesleyan Women
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Mark your calendars for the following events:

MAY 20th – Women’s Tea – details will be available soon!

The pictures below are from our **MAR 4th** – “Paint a Scripture Picture” with Janice Millican. We had a lot of fun and will be doing this again in the future.



Emmaus

The March gathering will be March 11, 6:30 pm at Plantation UMC. 1001 NW 70th, Plantation. Come enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship. The spring walks are coming up at the end of April. Get your pilgrim and sponsor forms in to the registrar ASAP

Men’s Walk: April 20th – 23rd

Women’s Walk: April 27th – April 30th

Questions?

Are you interested?

Can you think of a possible pilgrim?

Contact David Zerbee or
Diane D’Angelo-Zerbee

My Helping Hands Food Drives South Florida

The March 4th food drive at the Winn Dixie in Margate, Florida was an awesome day. Thanks to all that gave today to help feed those in need. This food will go to support two of the organizations we serve. Thank-you to the store managers and our wonderful volunteers.



Habitat for Humanity

April 1st, 9:00am – 10:00am – dedication of 15 Habitat Broward homes and celebration of the families’ accomplishments at 1400 NW 6th Ave, Pompano Beach, FL 33060
Rsvp@hapitatbroward.org

Interested in the April 22nd Faith Build?

Please contact Art Applegate if you are interested, need information or have questions. art@steelapple.net

GEMS!

GEMS is still collecting diapers, pull-ups, and wipes for HOPE South Florida. You may drop off your donations in the large box marked **GEMS** at church Saturday nights or Sunday mornings.

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

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
(Acts 20:35, NIV)

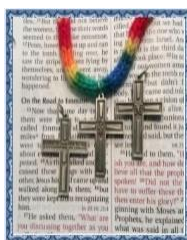
“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
(Romans 5:8, NIV)



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 Zerbe 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.
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GEMS!

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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 3rd Thursday
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Meetings

Executive Council

March 9th

(normally the 2nd Thursday of
every month)

Women's Bible Study

Monday nights
7:00 PM

Family Life Center

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Children and Youth Minister

Contact: Mimi Rutherford
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