



GRACE NEWS & NOTES

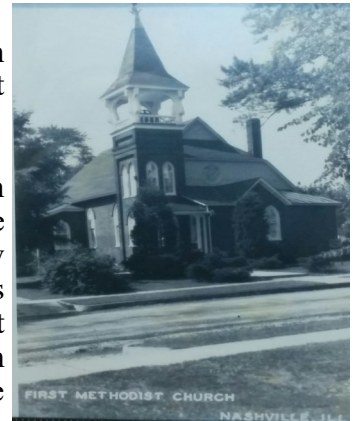
October 1, 2018

Grace United Methodist Church, Nashville, Illinois September 27, 1953—September 27, 2018 65 Years

Anniversary Celebrated on October 21, 2018

Have you ever wondered about the history of Grace United Methodist Church? The story goes back many years and involves the merger of three Methodist churches in Nashville in 1953. However, the organization of the Methodist Church in Nashville began about the same time as the beginning of the city itself, about 1830-1831, when a group organized in a local minister's home.

The first Methodist church building in Nashville was located on Lebanon Street on the site where the First Christian Church is located today. That church, First Methodist Church, was built in 1840, later razed and rebuilt in 1883.



The second Methodist church in Nashville was a German Methodist church. In 1853, Rev. Peter Hehners (or sometimes spelled Hinners) was appointed to the Nashville mission circuit. He convened the first quarterly conference of his new charge on December 3, 1853, which may be regarded as the birthday of the Wesley Methodist Church. His circuit was comprised of four groups: Crooked Creek (now North Prairie), Grand Prairie (west of Nashville), Little Prairie (southwest of Nashville), and Nashville.



John Huegely, who set up a grist mill in 1853 in Nashville, and later a flour mill, was an active member of the Nashville group. Although many German people had settled in the northern part of Washington County in the 1830's, few had settled in Nashville until after the establishment of the flour mill and the railroad. The German Methodist group in Nashville built their first church in 1857. This German Methodist Church later became the Wesley Methodist Church sometime during the period from 1919-1923, when Rev. Louis J. Deuel was the pastor. At that time, English had become the predominant language of the church and a name change was deemed in order. Wesley

Methodist Church was located where Grace United Methodist Church is today.

The third Methodist congregation in Nashville was founded in 1864 with a group who met in a forest grove near Nashville. In 1867, they purchased a lot and built a church called the Methodist Episcopal Church South. They were known for their revivals and spirited meetings. In 1924, this church inherited \$4,000 from one of its members. The congregation remodeled the entire building, reorganized, and took the name of Forman Memorial Methodist Church. Forman Memorial was located where Hardee's Restaurant is today.



These three congregations—First, Wesley and Forman Memorial—held a congregational meeting of the three churches and voted to merge on September 27, 1953. The new church would be named Grace Methodist Church of Nashville, Illinois. District Superintendent Rev. W.A. Robinson of Carbondale presided over the meeting and Rev. Homer Young, then serving at Gillespie, Illinois, was appointed pastor of the new church. *(continued on p.5)*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 1** Happy Days Fundraiser at Bonnie Café-5:00-8:00 pm
- 2** Book Club at Little Nashville-9:00 am
- 3** Youth Pageant Rehearsal-6:00 pm
Choir-7:30 pm
- 4** Finance-6:30 pm
Church Council-7:00 pm
- 7** Prayer Group-8:30 am
- Kid's Club-5:00-6:00 pm
Snupper-6:00-6:30 pm
Bridge-6:30 pm-8:00 pm
- Bible Study-5:00 pm
- 8** Office Closed for Columbus Day
Missions-6:00 pm
- 9-12** Meals on Wheels Week (*Our church members deliver the meals*)
- 9** Happy Days Board-6:00 pm
- 10** Youth Pageant Rehearsal-6:00 pm
Endowment Board-6:30 pm
Choir-7:30 pm
- 12** 5th Quarter Sr. High Youth Hangout-after NCHS game to 11:00 pm
- 14** Prayer Group-8:30 am
- Happy Days Pampered Chef Fundraiser following worship service-11:30 am
- Youth Groups (*see Oct. 7 for times*)
Bible Study-5:00 pm
- 17** Youth Pageant Rehearsal-6:00 pm
Evangelism-6:30 pm
Choir-7:30 pm
- 21** Prayer Group-8:30 am
- 65th Anniversary Celebration-10:15 am**
Potluck to follow.
- Youth Groups (*see Oct. 7 for times*)
Bible Study-5:00 pm
- 24** Youth Pageant Rehearsal-6:00 pm
Choir-7:30 pm
- 26-28** Step UP On-Site Weekend
- 28** Prayer Group-8:30 am
- Sr. High Youth Group-5:00 pm
Bible Study-5:00 pm
- 31** Choir-7:30 pm



BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 1** Courtney Hallock
- 3** Raelynn Frederking
- 6** Tristan Jack
- 8** Jeff Ceglinski
Gary Hake
Becky Styninger
- 9** Rosy Staley
- 11** Dean Waller
- 14** Jennifer Szopinski
- 15** Brad Weathers
- 17** Sandra Curtis
Barb Hawkins
- 18** Garrett Guest
- 19** Jennifer Kennedy
- 22** David Pingsterhaus
- 23** Rose Ceglinski
Becky Rench
- 25** Ellie Simonton
- 30** Carley Szopinski
- 31** Chuck Hake
Andrew Savard

ANNIVERSARIES

- Oct. 12** Mike & Maryanne Schaeffer
- 15** Daniel & Charlotte Simonton
- 17** Mark & Becky Styninger
- 18** Josh & Kerry Roetemeyer
- 21** Larry & Elaine Garlich
- 22** Bruce & Gayla Brown
- 26** Tom & Julie Schroeder

Congratulations everyone on your milestones! If your name was not included in our list, please inform the office so that we can update our records.



From Me to You

STEP UP ONSITE WEEKEND

October 26-28 is going to be an important and exciting time in the life of Grace UMC. There will be a team of four people here to hold an on-site STEP UP weekend. They arrive Friday morning and meet with me for a couple of hours. After lunch, we will have one-on-one interviews with a dozen or so individuals. This will be a time of listening for the team. They are wanting to learn about dreams and visions for the church.

Friday evening, there will be a focus group session or 20-25 people meeting with the team. This session is really for people that are not chairpersons of a committee at the present time.

Saturday morning, there will be a focus group for the youth and Mike Savard that will last an hour, from 9-10 a.m. **At 8:30 a.m. there will be a training session for church leaders and members (Pastor, program staff, positional leaders, and the Ad. Council members must be there). The church will furnish lunch. This training will last until around 2:00 p.m.**

Some of the topics that will be talked about: *"Your God story," church's demographics, the life cycle of a congregation, demographic analysis/ key insights of the church's setting, feedback from Mystery Worshipper reports, hopes for the future.*

Then, from 3:00 p.m. until late Saturday evening the team will pray and write the STEP UP report.

Sunday morning, the team will email their report for me to read and to ask questions, if need be. Then, copies will be made to pass out to the congregation on Sunday morning.

Sunday morning, we will have a condensed service. Someone from the STEP UP team will have an 8-10 minute sermon. Then the report will be shared with the entire congregation.

After we have received the report, which will be a summary of what the team hears from each of us in regards to the state of Grace church currently and the goals, dreams, and visions of where we would like to be, the team will then share what they believe to be a prescription for helping us to move from where we are to where we want to be.

We will then have thirty days to be in prayer concerning the report. We also will have three town hall meetings for the purpose of answering questions that might be raised regarding the report. Then on December 2nd, 2018 we will have a Church Conference to vote on these next steps. It will be just a yes or no written ballot. We must have 70 percent majority in favor to continue with the next steps.

Nearly a year ago, we asked that you be in prayer each day at either 7 a.m. or 7 p.m. I don't know if you have been faithful to do that, but I am asking you to be faithful to doing this from now through October 28th.

Keep being Faithful! Pastor Bill

Make It Count!

This is our time on the history line of God. This is it. What will we do with the one deep exhale of God on this earth? For we are but a vapor and we have to make it count. We're on. Direct us, Lord, and get us on our feet. — Beth Moore

September Report

Date	Attendance	Offering
09-02	86	\$6,577.60
09-09	98	\$2,275.50
09-10	Online (Vanco)	\$ 399.25
09-16	80	\$2,509.55
09-23	97	\$2,550.10
09-24	Online (Vanco)	\$ 300.00
09-30	Not Yet Reported	

YOUTH Activities

...for October

October 7, 14 and 21: The following youth groups will meet:

5:00-6:00 p.m., Kids' Club

6:00-6:30 p.m., Snupper

6:30-8:00 p.m., Bridge

October 3, 10, 17 and 24, 6:00 p.m.: Youth Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

October 5: Deadline to sign up for "Ignition Middle School Conference" on October 27.

October 12, after NCHS game to 11:00 p.m.: 5th Quarter Sr. High Youth Hangout

October 27: "Ignition Middle School Conference"

October 28, 5:00-6:30 p.m.: Sr. High Youth Only

For more information on any of these youth activities, please see Mike Savard, Director of Children & Teen Ministries.



Rehearsals for this year's Christmas pageant, "An Unplugged Christmas," will begin **Wednesday, October 3, at 6:00 p.m.** We have 10 rehearsals to prepare for our performance on the evening of Sunday, December 23.

Overview: Lindsey and her friends are excited, because the local TV station is having a contest for "The Biggest, Brightest Christmas ShowEver" and they are entered to win! They have planned a great show to impress the secret judge with lots of lights, a rockin' carol medley, and even a Silent Night light show. All is going well until, BAM, all the lights go off! It is in the quiet of a small shining star that they are reminded that Jesus is the true Light of Christmas!

Conference Opportunities for Youth

We have two opportunities for our youth to attend conferences designed just for them.



The first conference is **SuperStart** held on **October 12 & 13**. This conference is for youth in **4th through 6th grade**. The deadline for registration is September 28.

The second opportunity is for "**Ignition**," a middle school youth conference on **October 27**. It is an all day event hosted at Troy United Methodist Church. The deadline for registration is **October 12**.



Contact Mike Savard (618-314-5634) for more information.



Happy Days Preschool!



Happy Days Preschool visits Schwartz Apple Orchard in September.

In addition to deciding upon a name and receiving a new pastor for the new church, the Wesley church building was chosen as the meeting house. The Wesley parsonage was to be used for Sunday School classes. **The former Wesley Methodist Church became Grace Methodist Church.**

Membership at the time of the merger was 441 people. During the ministry of Rev. Young, the decision was made to build a new sanctuary and ground was broken for the sanctuary on April 27, 1958. Under the leadership of Rev. Ray Porter, the building was completed and consecrated in October 1960 and formally dedicated in 1964.



Ground was broken for the new Education Building on April 23, 1967, under Rev. Ralph Totten. The educational wing was completed in March 1968 and used by the Sunday School for the first time on May 17, 1968.

During Rev. Totten's tenure at Grace, the Methodist Church as a denomination merged with The Evangelical United Brethren. **Consequently, in April 1968, that merger led to our present name of Grace United Methodist Church.**

In 1973, the church voted to build the current parsonage on a lot east of the church on Walnut Street. Rev. Richard Scott and his family were the first to move into the new parsonage in June 1974. During Rev. Scott's tenure,

Happy Days Nursery School was organized and his wife, Ruth Ann, was the first teacher.

The congregation of Grace UMC purchased the lot immediately east of the education building in 2003 for use as "Grace's Backyard," and over the next few years, remodeled the sanctuary and the church kitchen, and expanded the church's parking area.

The following addendum is written by Larry Garlich.

As of 2003 when Richard Burcham wrote a history of Grace United Methodist Church for the 50th Anniversary of our church, we had 23 charter members. In 2018, only six people remain. They are Bert Dueker, Carole Moeller, Helen Poirot, Tom Schroeder, Lynwood "Duke" Snyder and Margaret Snyder.

After purchasing Lot 6 of Morgan's Addition to Nashville, which is now Grace's Backyard, the Trustees of Grace UMC also purchased Lot 11. Both lots were purchased in 2003.

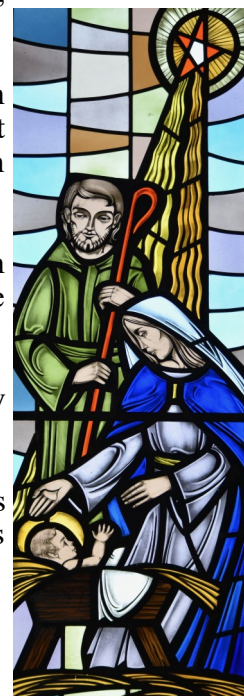
In July of 2007, as Rev. John Prather was moving into the parsonage, Grace UMC was in the middle of a huge remodeling project. Twenty wells were drilled in the parking lot to put in a geothermal heating and cooling system. The parking lot was resurfaced and the church kitchen was remodeled.

2008 was another busy year. A new metal roof was installed on the church and education building. The church sanctuary was also remodeled with new pews, a new altar and stone backdrop, new carpeting, etc.

Grace UMC purchased its first van in 2007, followed by the purchase of a trailer to carry supplies and luggage in 2009. In 2011, a second van was purchased.

In April of 2017, under the tenure of Rev. Bill Bunnage, we purchased Lot 12 of Morgan's Addition to Nashville. Future plans include building a garage on this lot to house the vans and trailer.

As you can see, our ministry has grown, and by the grace of God, we can continue.



New Service in Washington County

Heartlinks Grief Center, a program of Family Hospice of Belleville, IL has provided grief services to all ages in the six-county region of Southwestern Illinois since 1996 through both group and individual counseling. They are pleased to announce a new group, which received grant startup funding, will meet at the Washington County Hospital to provide grief support to county residents. Heartlinks services are available to all, regardless of ability to pay.

Washington County Grief Support Group

1st Meeting, Monday, October 15, 2018

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Lower Level Conference Room at Washington County Hospital



Through the “Our Conference, Our Kids” campaign, the IGRC (Illinois Great Rivers Conference) seeks to raise \$2.5 million to endow the spiritual life programs at five child welfare agencies in Illinois. Chaddock is one of those five agencies.

On Sunday, September 9, 2018, Pastor Jeff Rasche visited Grace UMC to deliver a message about Chaddock, a 30-acre campus located in Quincy, Illinois. Because of the time limitation, Pastor Jeff just talked about three of the services that Chaddock provides to children from all over the United States. He talked specifically about Chaddock's **residential program**, where children live on the campus and work with therapists, counselors and staff to overcome behavioral challenges from prior abuse, neglect or trauma. The campus can take up to 50 children for its residential program, which is currently full, and children stay on the average 18-24 months.

Secondly, Pastor Jeff talked about **Chaddock's school**. While the children are on the campus, they can attend Chaddock's on-campus accredited, special education school. The school serves children who have an identified emotional or learning disorder that can not be addressed in a traditional public school classroom. If it is a better fit, residential children also have the option to attend the local public school. Currently, Chaddock has a \$750,000 campaign project to renovate and remodel their old school building.

Thirdly, Chaddock also is one of the main **foster care agencies** in the state of Illinois. The ultimate goal of their foster care program is to provide a safe and loving home for children in need. They make every effort to heal broken family units and return children to their birth parents. When this is not possible, they work to **transition children into adoptive homes**.

If you would like to receive a quarterly newsletter from Chaddock, or be included in the email prayer chain, you can sign up by going to their web site at www.chaddock.org

Click on the Chaddock's Children Foundation and scroll to the bottom of the page.

There are also Chaddock brochures and envelopes on the credenza in the back of the Grace UMC sanctuary. Please consider making a donation directly to their building project.

Invitation from Grace Sunday School Class



On Sunday, September 9, at 9:15 a.m., the Grace Sunday School class kicked off their fall season with breakfast in the church basement and a new video and book series. The new series, "AHA: The God Moment That Changes Everything," is written by Kyle Idleman.

The AHA Small group study combines Bible teaching with "cinematic storytelling." The study tells the stories of "three modern-day prodigals who seek life apart from the Father, find themselves alone and desperate in their own distant country, and are faced with their AHA moment."

The Grace Sunday School Class targets college age through young adults as their audience. For more information, please contact Erik or Crystal Meade at 327-4378.



**65 Years as
Grace United Methodist Church**
Sunday, October 21, 2018
Laity Sunday
10:15 a.m.

**A picture of the entire
congregation will be taken that day.**

**Potluck to follow
the worship service!**

Kaskaskia College Fall Instrumental and Choral Concerts

Fall Instrumental Concert

*featuring Kaskaskia College Concert and Jazz
Bands*

Cliff Jourdan, conductor

Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Jane Knight Auditorium

Fall Choir Concert

*featuring Kaskaskia College Concert Choir, KC
Blues, and special guests: Vandalia High
School Choir*

Lynda Marshall, conductor

Thomas Fulton, conductor

Monday, October 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Jane Knight Auditorium

Online Prayer Request Form Now Available



We now have an Online
Prayer Request Form
available that may be
accessed through either
our web site,

nashvillegrace.net

under the "Prayer Request"
tab, or from our Facebook page, by clicking the
"Contact Us" button.

Support our Happy Days Preschool Fundraiser!



Online Book Fair October 1-10, 2018

Shop anytime at

www.dehningbooksonline.com

*Click "SHOP", then choose "Happy Days
Preschool Book Fair." For free shipping, select
"eFair Shipping Option" during checkout.
A sample display will also be set up in the
church with order forms.*

New Committee Members!

Nominations for committees were presented at a special meeting of the Church Council and Finance Committee on September 4, 2018. Nominations were approved and voted upon at the Annual Church/Charge Conference on September 17, 2018 in New Athens.

If you were asked to serve on a committee, **your 3-year term will begin in January 2019**. Some committees will meet monthly (except for some summer months), such as the Happy Days Board. Other committees meet every other month, quarterly or as needed.

If you are new to a committee, you will receive notice of meetings through email, text or during the worship service. Thank you for offering to serve on a committee.

If your term expires in December of 2018, thank you for your time and service!



“Please Be a Witness for Life!”

Come stand with the Washington County Right to Life as part of a prayerful and peaceful witness for the sanctity of human life. We will line the sidewalks from the intersection of Route 15 and Route 127, **Sunday, October 7th, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Pro-life signs and parking will be available behind Lee’s Variety Store, off of Route 15. For those who are unable to stand the entire hour, please bring a lawn chair.

For more information contact Jennifer Detering at 920-9829."

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving!



Grace United Methodist Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Online Giving allows you to go to our church's web site at nashvillegrace.net at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at nashvillegrace.net
- 2) Click on the Electronic Giving button on the left side of the page, and this will open up our two giving options.
- 3) Click on Vanco.
- 4) Next, click on the Create Profile button.
- 5) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your one-time or recurring contributions.

or

Download the mobile app

or

Scan the Quick Response (QR) Code with your cell phone now to see the mobile version of the web page:



Use Your Kroger Plus Card and Help Our Local Missions!



Would you like to know how you can use your Kroger Plus card to donate to local missions? All proceeds from the Kroger Community Rewards program must be used by Grace UMC for charitable purposes within our community.

Our Missions Committee administers the money from this program, and over the past few years, they have contributed the proceeds from this program to Washington County Meals on Wheels.

If you have a Kroger Plus card, register at :

www.kroger.com/communityrewards

The non-profit organization (NPO) number for Grace United Methodist Church is 10890. If you register your card online, Grace United Methodist Church will earn 4% of each purchase you make with your card.

Although, Grace UMC as an organization does not have to re-enroll each year, individual members need to **re-enroll every August**. If you have not already done so, you can enroll or re-enroll in this program now. If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, please stop by the service desk at Kroger and they will issue you a card. This is a great way to give back to our community!

Grace Class Starts Up Food Pantry



In case you haven't noticed, Grace Sunday School Class has built and stocked an outdoor food pantry next to the east parking lot of Grace UMC. Anyone who needs food or paper products is welcome to take from the food pantry, but we also encourage people to contribute non-perishable items. Contributions can be made directly to the outside food pantry or placed in the tub in front of the church office. This is a hands-on ministry that Grace Class invites other Sunday school classes or individuals to participate in. Thank you for your involvement!

Greeters:

October 2
October 14
October 21
October 28

Markita Burcham
Dave & Ruth Fischer
Margaret King
Sandy Turner

