

August Harbinger

THANK YOU!

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”
Isaiah 43:19a

I wanted to thank each and every one of you for the warm and loving welcome I received my first Sunday! The service was awesome and the feeling of acceptance and excitement was heartwarming! Change is not always easy and at times just down right difficult! What the Lord has taught me over the years is that without change there is no growth!

Jesus brought change on the day He was born! The world had been waiting for a king, a messiah, and He came! With this change came those who rejoiced and those who became angry and afraid! We have all experienced these emotions at one time or another in our lives.

For me, I have been on the top of the mountain rejoicing and down in the valley crying out to God and asking why! The words in the following verse I have clung to at those times in the valley, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11. At the darkest times in my life these words have brought light to push away the darkness.

Today is a time of living in the light of Jesus Christ and God our Creator! Today is the beginning of new and amazing things that God has in store for us here at Grand Ave UMC and I am beyond excited!!!!

I am extremely motivated to begin this journey with all of you! God has big plans for Grand Ave UMC and for each and every one of us! The path He has prepared before us is already laid out and all He asks is that we believe in Him knowing that His plan is perfect and true! Will the journey always be easy? No, but I would ask that we remember and place upon our hearts and minds these words from Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” NKJV

Thank you again for loving Jesus so much and sharing that love with me on my first Sunday as your Pastor! Get ready for God to move! Let’s do this for His glory!!

Love, Pastor Gwen

Please sign up in the Volunteer Room to meet with me for a time to chat, get to know each other better and share your thoughts about the church and our ministry together. We will meet in the church office. Groups will be kept small so everyone has time to share. And there will be cookies! Pastor Gwen

Fellowship Hall Small Group begins this Sunday, August 5th.

Happy Birthday

August Birthdays

- 1st – Reva Quante
- 5th – Judy Roettger
Pastor Gwen Pew
- 8th – Connie Pitcher
- 16th – Brenda Cox
- 20th – Keith Runyon
- 22nd – Kaden Mapes
- 23rd – Jason Krause
- 31st – Kaylee Mapes



Our 3% Mission of the Month goes to the U.S. Disaster Relief - Samaritan's Purse – which mobilizes staff and equipment and enlists thousands of volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters in the United States. They often stay behind after the initial response to rebuild or restore houses for needy families.

They provide all sorts of help all over the world. We decided to help with funds to provide animals to the poor families in other countries. For example, goats, which provide people with milk that they drink as well as make cheese and butter. This is just one example as many other animals may be purchased also.

Franklin Graham oversees the Samaritan's Purse. He became President and Chairman of the Board in 1979. This project was chosen by the Mission Committee to be the August recipient of the 3% donation.

Just a Little Humor

Mother: Son, it's getting late. You must get up and go to church!

Son: I don't want to go to church.

Mother: Give me two good reasons why you shouldn't go to church.

Son: First, I don't like the people. Second, the people don't like me.

Mother: I don't care. It's getting late, now get up and go to church!

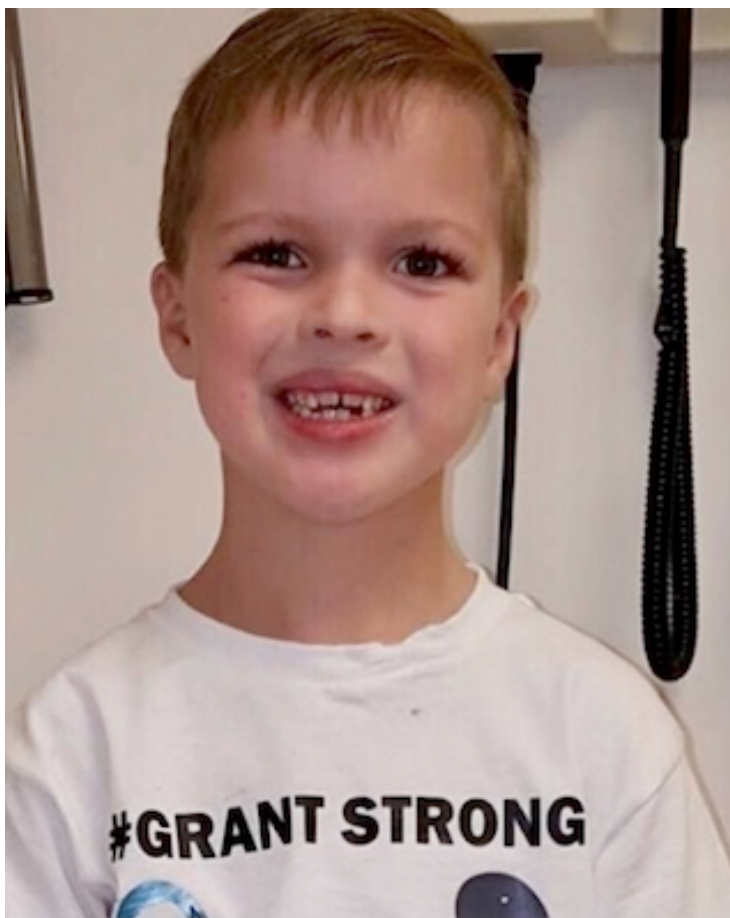
Son: Give me two good reasons why I should go.

Mother: First, you are 50 years old, and second, you are the pastor.

Two pastors of rival congregations met in passing one day.

"I suppose we ought to have fellowship, since we're both about the Lord's business," said the first.

"That's right," said the second. "We're both about the Lord's business – you in your way and I in His."



Donations: Sonny & Barbara Smith's grandson, Grant, was recently diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease and Caroli's disease. He will need kidney and liver transplants in the future. You can donate in Barb's memory to a GO FUND ME page at gf.me/u/jm4xh8 and/or Grant Smith Benefit, P. O. Box 087, Connersville, IN 47331.

Thank you

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide assistance for survivors of human trafficking, funding for health and development projects that alleviate hunger and poverty, holistic community-based health programs, and access to clean water and sanitation. This is just a sampling of the good works that gifts like yours make possible. Thank you for giving so generously. This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer and Russell Pierce, Executive Director
General Board of Global Ministries

Church Signs:

No, It's Not Hot As Hell!

Want Home Improvement? Bring Your Family to Church!

Our Lifeguard Walks on Water

Free Trip to Heaven? Details Inside

Preacher Parking Only – You Park Here, You Preach!

Adam and Eve – the First People Not to Read the Apple Terms and Conditions

Too Hot to Keep Changing Sign – Sin Bad, Jesus Good, Details Inside

Honk If You Love Jesus – Text While Driving If You Want to Meet Him

Be the Kind of Person Your Dog Thinks You Are
