

"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality...I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

JUNE 21 - 27, 2015

Grace

Season of Grace-2015 - Sayings of Jesus

Another brutal, senseless killing. Families left to tread in the black, murky waters of grief. People rushing to stake their claims on different cultural issues, talking past each other and seldom listening. And we continue to become a more polarized people. The NRA, at its defensive best, feverishly works to resist any kind of regulation and sees as its patriotic duty to allow for a well-armed citizenry. "Guns don't kill people, people kill people" is their ongoing mantra. In their opinion, the fault lies with mental illness, not the prevalence and proliferation of weapons. OK, that is a point that could be debated in some measure. If that is even partially true and the NRA cares for this nation as it says it does, why not reach into their vast storehouse of wealth and contribute to the research and treatment of mental illness. Do something besides defend the right to bear arms.

We have been invited to join with the Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church on South Center Street for a prayer vigil this coming Monday, June 29 at 7pm. We will reflect on the massacre in Charleston and remember the victims of that tragedy.

CONCERNS

Ernestine Lanford, Wes Williams and family, Clay Bodenheimer; Bob Barber, Mike Nigrelli, Caleb Weaver, Helen - a friend of Louise, Savannah Garrett, Kristen Stokes, Joanna Jester, Barbara Lasher, Peggy Ree Cook, Susie Wiberg, Luke Cashdollar, Donald Joines, Davis Overcash, Ronda Stewart-Wilcox, Juanita Stroud, Helen Current, Diane Martin, Amy Hrabar, Logan Elkins, daughter of Reponda Powell, Kat Martin, Amber Davis, Redallia Freeman, Miguel Angel Morrillo, Tony Bellamy, Sue Walser, Marian Grant, Fred Wilson, Jean Wilson, Sharon and Dennis Keller, Teresa Rimmer, Daniel Renegar, Mary Alice Woods, Jeff and Karen Coggins, Tressie and Allen Starrette, Ernie Hendrix, Mary Ruth Godfrey, Anita Tuit and family, Gail Germain, John Munson's father, Anita Johnson, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Dr. Hanna Kutteh, Beecher and Mary Lee Grose, Don and Deborah Autrey-Cooke, Scott Cranford, Leisa Parks, Dalton Edwards

Those facing tough times: Ed and Nancy Clark, David and Teri Campbell and family, Faith Aiken, Dima Hanania and family, Robbie Harkey and family, Michael Teasley and family, Goodman family, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, those dealing with addictions in our community and in our world: Children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters

Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Zach Spoor, Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower, Logan Frutig, Caleb Sisk, Felix Martin, JJ Golden

SEASON OF GRACE OFFERING

This summer our special offering will be donated to Stop Child Abuse Now, or SCAN. This organization works with local parents to help them better parent their children

Received to date: \$200.00

★ **We need 8-9 volunteers for the upcoming Fourth of July Holiday Meals on Wheels on Friday, July 3. We'll be leaving from the Fifth Street kitchen at 10:30 a.m. Please let Nancy know if you can deliver! (If you can't deliver, can you donate hamburger buns and/or hotdog buns?**
★ **We need six dozen of each!** ★

CELEBRATIONS

JUNE 21 - DAVID BRADLEY
23 - EMILY NICHOLSON
26 - SARA NICHOLSON
27 - RANDY BERRYHILL

ANNIVERSARIES: JUNE 21 - JERRY AND GAYLE GRANT

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

- Better news for Savannah Garrett! Sloan said the cancer was in onl 6 lymph nodes, not all as suspected!
 - Prayers for the tragedy in Charleston.
- Sheri is working with a young man, helping get him involved in activities that hopefully will keep him away from gangs. Hold him tight.

Summer Loose Change Offering

We will be asking again for your loose change, especially quarters, to donate to the 'Quarters for Laundry.' The lead social worker in the school district meets families in need at laundromats and provides them quarters and detergent to do their laundry. Laundromats charge between \$7 -\$10 for 1 load of laundry!

WORDS OF GRACE

A JESUS SAYING: HONOR AND SHAME

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 23: 1 - 12

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Church cleaning before Sunday
Kirby

Second-hour helpers
June 28 - Kevin Angell and Patti West/Sloane Goodman and Marsha Angell

CALENDAR

Wednesday: 7pm - Choir rehearsal
Friday: 8pm - NA
Sunday - 10am - Worship

DON'T FORGET! This Sunday we're celebrating the happy arrival of Ruby Caroline Angell with a Diaper Bash before and after worship!

9:15 - 9:50 a.m.; 11 - 11:30 a.m.
Diapers (size 1); Amazon Cards; Books and items for Ruby that are her very own!!!

We are excited to celebrate all the Angells and hope you'll come a little early or stay a little late and enjoy the food and fellowship!

- On June 29, there will be a blood drive at the church. If you can help by donating baked goods, let Katelyn McMillan know (and we're counting on you to donate blood as well!)

BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$48,924.50
Received year to date: \$43,552.51
Under budget: \$4,264.01
Weekly needs: \$1956.98