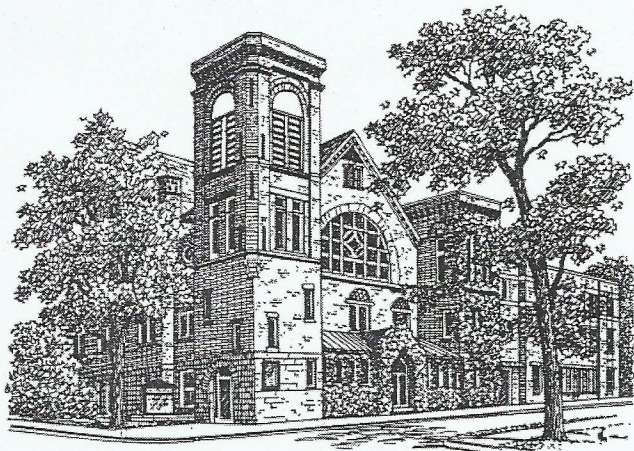


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GRACE NOTES

May 2022

Grace United Methodist Church

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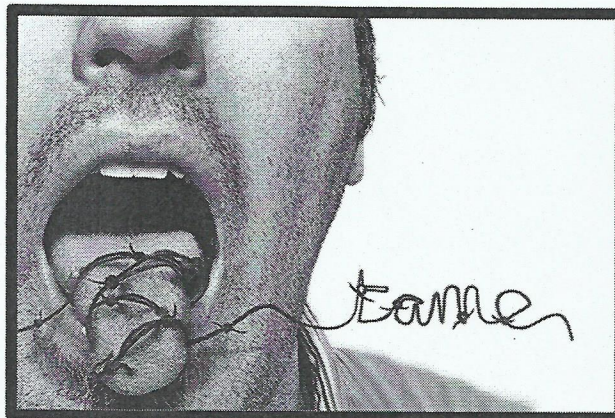
TV Broadcast: Ch 22 Sunday Live 10:45AM,

Rebroadcast 8:30 AM & 8:00PM

Worship Service Online: <http://www.graceoilcity.org>

Sunday School: 9:30AM

Weekly Sunday Worship Service: 10:45AM



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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Closed for lunch noon - 1:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Joe McCay	2 Brad Arnink Brea Fennick Pat Henderson	3 Joe/Denise McCay Julie Flockerzi Arnie Jones Kyle McDonald Nancy Shoemaker	4 Faye McKean	5 Tim/Janette Wolfgang Allison Deeter Marcus Morris Matt Shiley	6 Bill/Nancy Hoyle	7 Emily Flockerzi Kyle McCullough Nathan Whren
8	9 Carson Fennick Alex Meals	10	11	12 Rachel Burchart Patricia Stiles	13 Dick Thomson Jr.	14 Larry Jr/Carol Shaffer Kathryn Flockerzi Cater Hassan Bette Magness
15 Mike/Jessica Gegogaine Margie Moyer	16 Lisa Littler Don Wheeler	17 Tom/Bonnie Bish Jason/Michele Woolcock Vida Emick Arlene Wise Jason Woolcock	18 Don/Missy Roxberry Greg/Christine Sanford Bonnie Burrows Theo Rood Barb Taylor	19 Caleb Geisler Mike Kenemuth	20 Betty Patterson Sara Sorkin	21 Jim Garner Bob Delaney Erik Helsley
22 Mark Cochran Kay Enslie Lorraine Millin	23 Melanie Reckner	24 Kate Shaffer Joy Shiley	25 Tonya Meals Bruce Siler	26 Bud Lilly	27 Ron/Melissa Geisler Larry Kirkwood Madison Salvo	28 Mike/Stacy Griffin Lloyd/Holly Rodgers Steve/Emily Rood Sandra Travis Phil Womer
29 Tom Bish Melissa Chapel Courtney Youkers	30 Stacia Fennick Faye Noyes	31 Ana Lloyd Austin McDonald				



Message

FROM OUR PASTOR

There are 30 “one another” verses in the Bible’s New Testament: love one another, honor one another, serve one another, spur one another on to good deeds, live in harmony with one another, bear one another’s burdens, submit to one another, pray for one another...

If we are going to be great at anything, let’s be great at loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; love our neighbor as ourselves.

What does that look like? What does that even mean? I think these “one another” verses are a way for us to think about what it means to love one another at Grace Church.

We are not called to tear each other down. We are called to build each other up. Criticism is not a spiritual gift! There are some things we can put into practice that will make a radical difference in the way we encourage and build up.

Catch people doing things right! Most of us are pretty good at catching people doing things wrong. It is so easy to catch people doing things wrong. But catching people doing things right, that takes a little bit of focus and a little bit of effort.

I think there are two kinds of people in the world. People that, no matter how good things are, they will find something bad. And those people that no matter how bad things are, they will find something good. I know we have different personalities and some of us have that gift of encouragement. But there is still a baseline of obedience. All of us are called to encourage one another and I think it starts by catching people doing things right.

Break the habit of criticizing and build the habit of complimenting.

This is about living our lives in a way that Jesus modeled. The people that were so criticized and ostracized in that culture, people that had probably gone months, maybe years, without someone saying a kind word, an encouraging word, we are talking about tax collectors and prostitutes. The ones that the Pharisees would level their criticism and accusations at, what did Jesus do? He caught them doing things right. So, this prostitute comes and anoints Jesus feet, at a party at a Pharisees house... Jesus said, ‘What you’ve done will be spoken of you forever.’ Jesus found something to compliment.

That can make a huge difference and that brings us to number two –**Compliment like crazy!** It must be a genuine compliment.

If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all. In other words, don't let words come out of your mouth that are going to turn someone else's stomach. Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.

Let's be very careful about not poisoning other people with our words. Compliment people behind their backs. If you wouldn't say it to their face, don't say it behind their back! I want to be talking behind people's backs all the time complimenting them.

If you have a problem with someone, pray for them. When someone has done something or said something that hurts me, the only thing I know to do to keep my heart in the right place is to pray for them. Somehow, when I begin to pray for them, it changes my heart towards that person.

It doesn't take something big; it takes something small. I hope that is an encouragement to you. You don't have to change the world, but you can make a difference in one person's life.

Encourage one another daily!

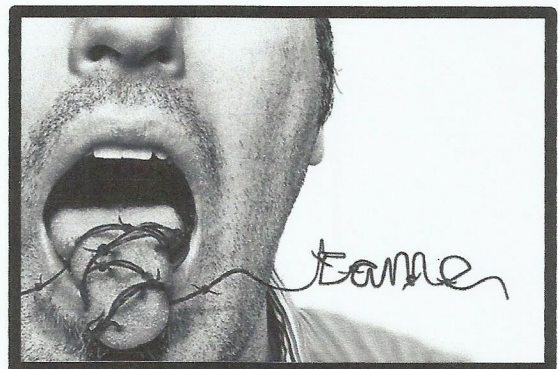
Don't let a day go by that you don't pay a genuine compliment, that you don't encourage someone in your life. If you get in the habit of doing that, it will change their life and it will change your life.

Pastor Ron

Grace Church will partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers into fully devoted disciples of Jesus, to the glory of God.

Don't underestimate your words!

Your tongue holds the power to build up, encourage, and motivate- or tear down, hurt, and permanently damage. The old saying "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" is just not true. Many people walk this earth carrying battle scars from words thrown like swords. *Proverbs 18:21* reminds us that "Death and life are in the power of the tongue," and we as Jesus followers are called to speak life.



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PARISH REGISTER April 2022



The following members of Grace Church have been hospitalized since the previous edition of Grace Notes:

Jean Sterling is now a resident of Oakwood Heights, Rm 113; Tom Bish; Virginia Bonecutter

Please keep these members in prayer: Trish Baker is now home and continuing with rehab; Tom Bish has been diagnosed with cancer; Marcus Morris is having open heart surgery on May 9th; Jan Angove is having back issues; Sandy Knight is in hospice care; Jack Weiser as he recovers from COVID.

Praise for Susie Weiser's complete healing of the blood clots in her lungs!

Our May Servants

Worship Leaders

May 1 & 8 – Jim Carner
 May 15 & 24 – Natalie Arnink
 May 29 – Penny Lehnortt

Counting Team

Kim Eberle, Kim French, Don & Sandy Hartsell, June Reisinger

Ushering Team

Captain – Brad Arnink, Blaine Beers, Ron Black, Jim Borchert, John Mahle

TV Ministry

Directors: Brad Arnink, Dick Baker, Bill Lamberton, Ian Scheer
 Graphics: Rodney Campbell Jr., John McCullough

Sound Board Operator

May 1 & 29 – Jon Sterling
 May 8 – Ian Sterling
 May 15 – Tom Eberle
 May 22 – Jim Whaley

Greeters

Captain – Eva Palmer
 May 1 – Jim Farling, Nora Heber
 May 8 – Jerry & Lea Brosius
 May 15 & 22 – Brad & Julie Arnink
 May 29 – Jerry & Lea Brosius

Children's Chapel

May 1, 15 & 29 – Heather Motter, Cyndee Clayton
 May 8 & 22 – Chris Salvo

Coffee Bar

May 1 – Open Door Class
 May 8 – Disciple's Class
 May 15 – The Net Class
 May 22 – Rhonda Morris
 May 29 – TBD

Record of our Faithfulness	2021	2022
13 Weeks	Mar	Mar
Avg Sunday School Attendance	CLOSED COVID	38 (12 Sundays)
Average Worship Attendance	69 (7 Sundays)	70
Ministry/Operations Offering received	\$13,964	\$12,903
Ministry/Operations Expenses paid	\$19,166	\$20,008
Mission Offering received	\$5,150	\$6,415
Mission Expenses paid	\$1,742	\$9,433

Grace Scholarship for High School Graduates

Grace UM Church annually offers scholarships to students graduating from high school and pursuing further education in college, trade school or other approved educational institutions. Applicants must be Professing Members (full members) of Grace. Application forms may be picked up at the office or can be forwarded upon request. **The deadline for applications to be returned to the church is May 8.** All students who qualify are strongly urged to apply.

GRACE CHURCH CONTACTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICES

10:45 AM

**WORSHIP TIME CHANGE FOR
SUMMER**

BEGINS 6/5/22 – 9/4/22

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

WORSHIP 10am-11am

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Church Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 9-2:00

Closed noon-1:00

Local Public Access TV: Channel 22 -

-Previous week service broadcast at 8:30AM

-Current week service at 10:45AM

-Service rebroadcast at 8:30PM each Sunday

Web Broadcast:

www.graceoilcity.org – or –
streammedia.tv

-Sundays at 10:45AM

-Replay Sundays at 8PM

All weekly services are
available online at:

<https://www.graceoilcity.org/worship-service-recordings.html>

On the Church Calendar:

Continue to check the weekly bulletins, our website and Facebook pages for calendar updates. Meetings are always being added throughout the month.

May 3 – Trustee Meeting, 7pm

May 6 – Hospitality Team Meeting, 10am

May 8 – Communion Sunday

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May 9 – Usher Captain Meeting, 7pm

May 11 – Teaching Event, 6-8:30pm, Asbury Hall

May 18 – Grace Notes Deadline

May 19 – Ad Council Meeting, 7pm

May 21 – Wesleyan Covenant Assoc Gathering,
9:30-11:30am @ FUMC, Corry

May 25 – Grace Notes Mailing Day

May 30 – Memorial Day (remembering our deceased
will be moved to November 6, 2022 – All Saints Day)

THANK YOU to my Grace Church family for the prayers and good wishes during my rehab.

Many special thanks to Jerry Brosius for installing a railing by my garage to kitchen entrance. You are greatly appreciated.

Barb Siler

Requesting Names of 2022 Graduates

On Sunday June 6th we will honor our Grace Church Graduates during Sunday morning worship. They will have the opportunity to stand before the congregation and be recognized for their accomplishments.

If you know a **Grace member** (full professing member) who will be graduating from high school, college, tech school, etc. please contact the church office with their names so that we will be able to invite them to worship.

We will also include their information in the June 6th Sunday bulletin and in the June Grace Notes.

Thank you!

GRACE CHURCH MINISTRIES

Missions

Karen and Andrew Bush



The Bushes are serving as missionaries in Israel, a country filled with faith intolerance. Palestinians hating Jews and vice-versa and both hating Christians. This spiritual battle continues with no end in sight. Andrew describes Christians being spat upon and garbage left at church doorways. Into this difficult environment comes Andrew with a message from Jesus Christ as a voice for peace and love. Our support of Karen and Andrew is a bold method of encouragement to Middle Eastern Christians.

The Bushes are asking primarily for continued prayer support for a lasting peace in the Middle East.

Amy and Andrew Funka



The Funkas are healthy and doing fine. Their recent newsletter discusses the latest global concern, the Ukraine/Russian war. The Funkas are serving in the Czech Republic which is a country in eastern Europe caught up in this vicious conflict. Many of their Czech friends have taken Ukrainian relatives and friends into their homes. The Czech Christian church that the Funkas attend is presently using its building to house refugees. It is also a distribution point for relief supplies. (Another example of how the Lord has given us a unique opportunity to serve others through our missionaries.)

It has been a few years now when the Funkas were part of a Czech group that saw a need to start a Christian school. The Whole Hearted School is completing its first year and is growing and looking for additional space. They are requesting prayer for continued guidance as their group completes planning for another school year to begin in September.



Faye and Jake Vincik

Jake and his family are sending their best wishes. He and Faye are the directors of a Christian mission center under construction in the Dominican Republic being built by **Hope for Hispaniola**. The center will serve as a base for Christian groups coming from the USA on short-term mission efforts to the Dominican. Along with housing mission groups, a medical center with accommodations for doctors and medical staff is also being constructed. This is an ambitious vision, but it is well into construction.

Jake's responsibilities also include supporting a number of the local Christian churches in their mission efforts. Inflation has had an adverse effect on this small country as it has on the us in the USA. Food, always a big concern for many Dominicans, is being greatly impacted by inflation. The Government is offering to subsidize the markets to sell a bag full of groceries for about \$20, (\$1,000 pesos) which is roughly a 40% savings. Hope for Hispaniola is partnering with the local churches to identify needy families to help them take advantage of this offer by providing funding. It is another example of Christian service to this country and the effectiveness of Jake's presence.

Jake's prayer request is for the continued health of his family and construction progress of the mission center.

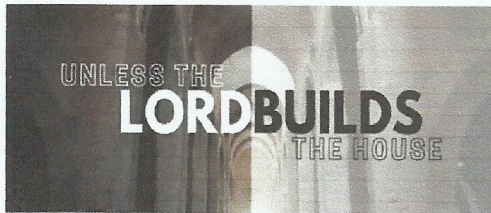
GRACE CHURCH MINISTRIES

TV Ministry

The TV Ministry Committee would like to thank all those that provided financial donations and to those that have graciously donated their time serving. For the most part, our video upgrade is complete. We are still learning how to efficiently operate the new equipment and how to improve the content of our productions. There are occasional glitches that will be resolved as we continue to learn. Please take a look at our new video recordings on the Grace Church website at <http://www.graceoilcity.org/worship-service-recordings.html>.

With the installation of new equipment comes the opportunity for new servants to assist in our TV Ministry. If you feel called to serve this ministry, there are ample ways you can help. No special skills are needed. We will train anyone interested in directing, presenting broadcast graphics, remote camera control, sanctuary TV presentation, and audio mixer control. If you would like more information, contact John McCullough at (814) 758-9083 or john.mccullough@windstream.net.

Worship Ministry



There are 2 ways to do ministry

OUR WAY vs

God's Way

ONLY HIS WAY WORKS

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP

Exciting things are happening at Grace Church especially in how we worship!

God is beginning to add to the members of the worship team as He leads. The worship team at Grace is committed to being led by the Spirit of God as He directs and leads us in structuring our worship and leading the saints in praise to Him. God is doing a new thing and I, as Director of Worship at Grace Church, am very excited about how the Lord is moving throughout the congregation.

Our aim at Grace Church is to bring forth worship that is Spirit led and Spirit inspired allowing the Spirit of the Lord to inhabit our praise and work in our midst to build a house of worship where He takes center stage! If the Lord has been prompting you to step forth and offer your talents unto the Lord do not quench the Spirit but humbly obey and see what God can do with the smallest gift we offer.

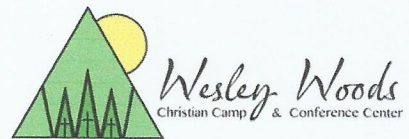
Remember little is much when God is in it! AND HE IS HERE!

It's Time To Think **SUMMER ...**

... and Think **WESLEY WOODS!**

There are so many opportunities for you to enjoy camp this summer.

Wesley Woods has camps for nearly everyone. Family Camps, Camp for children aged 4-7 (with an adult). Camps for children beginning at age 6. And many special interest camps. Grace Church offers "Camperships" which will help campers pay for their camping fees – check with the church office for more information. **Pick up a Camping Brochure Today!**



GRACE CHURCH MAY SOAP READINGS

Using the SOAP method of Bible reading can keep us on the disciple's pathway. You're invited and encouraged to use the following Bible passages each day of the month. Here's a quick reminder of SOAP.

S – Scripture. Use the ones listed on the calendar

O – Observation. What is God speaking through these verses? What do these verses mean?
What do you observe in your reading? Jot these observations in a journal or notebook.

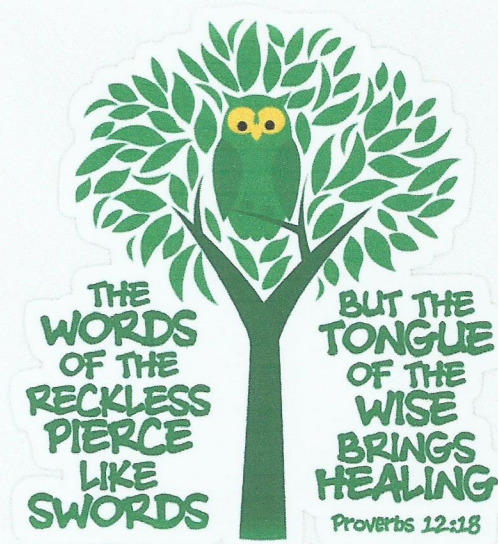
A – Application. How does what you read apply to your life, right now? What is God saying to you? What principles can you apply to your life today?

P - Prayer. Close the time in prayerful conversation with God. Thank him for what you learned and for how this applies to you right now.

During May, we will read through the book of Romans. This letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Rome is a significant text to read in light of Easter. Many consider the book to be the defining theology of Christianity.

May 1	Romans 9:6-13
May 2	Romans 9:14-18
May 3	Romans 9:19-29
May 4	Romans 9:30-33
May 5	Romans 10:1-13
May 6	Romans 10:14-21
May 7	Romans 11:1-6
May 8	Romans 11:7-10
May 9	Romans 11:11-16
May 10	Romans 11:17-21
May 11	Romans 11:22-24
May 12	Romans 11:25-32
May 13	Romans 11:33-36
May 14	Romans 12:1-8
May 15	Romans 12:9-21
May 16	Romans 13:1-7
May 17	Romans 13:8-14
May 18	Romans 14:1-12
May 19	Romans 14:13-23
May 20	Romans 15:1-6
May 21	Romans 15:7-13
May 22	Romans 15:14-22
May 23	Romans 15:23-33
May 24	Romans 16:1-16
May 25	Romans 16:17-19
May 26	Romans 16:20-27

May 27	Psalm 1
May 28	Psalm 2
May 29	Psalm 3
May 30	Psalm 4
May 31	Psalm 5



NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER is May 5th

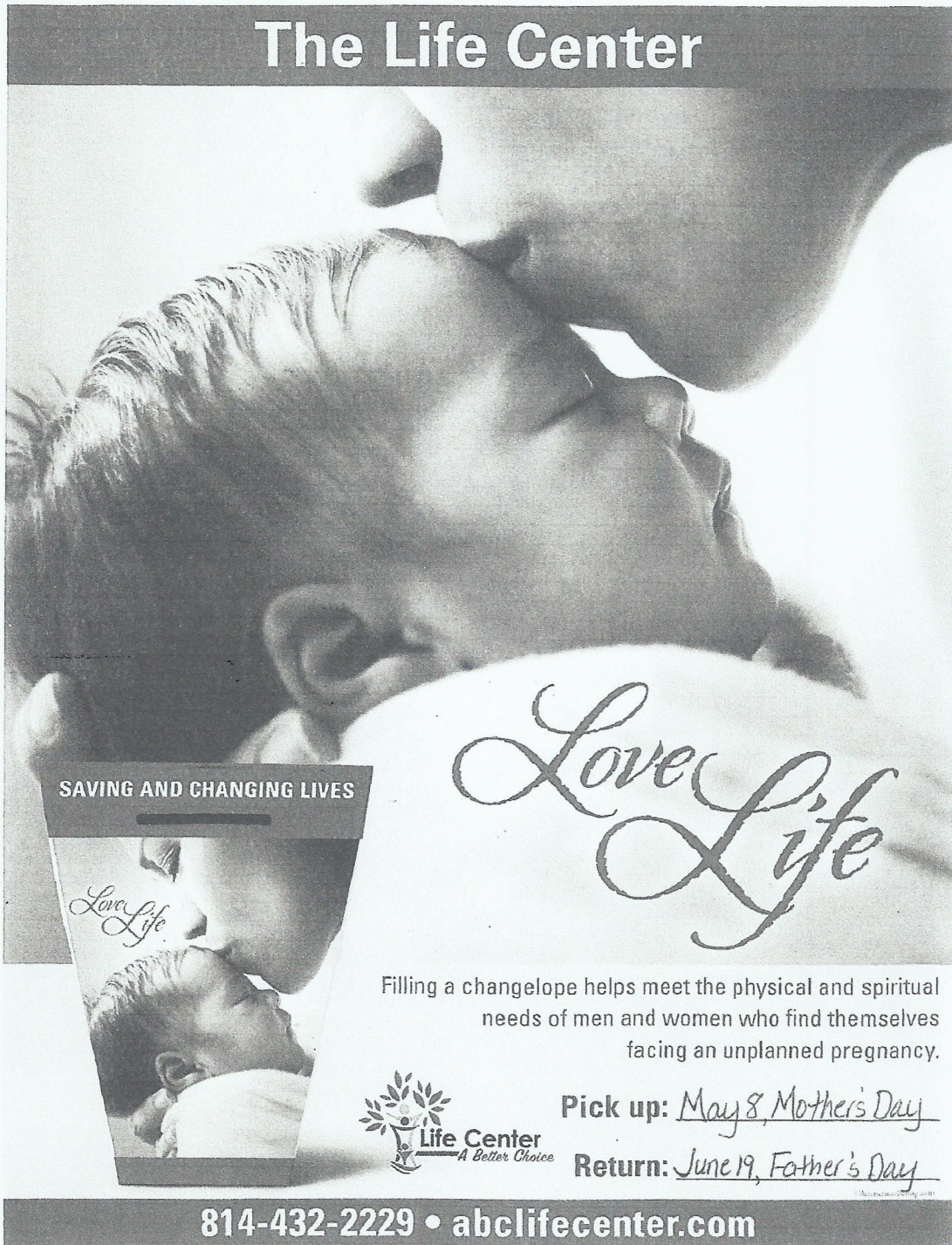
Love Life

(previously Baby Bottle Boomerang)

Every year (prior to the pandemic) we have supported ABC Life Center with raising funds for their ministry. Please plan on being a part of this.

In the past, baby bottles were distributed to collect donations but that has changed; collection boxes will be used instead.

Collection boxes will be available on Mother's Day, May 8th and need to be returned by Father's Day, June 19th.




The Life Center

SAVING AND CHANGING LIVES

Love Life

Filling a changelove helps meet the physical and spiritual needs of men and women who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy.

 **Pick up:** May 8, Mother's Day

Return: June 19, Father's Day

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Grace Church is planning on traveling to Erie, PA for the GVB concert on June 17th. If we get enough interest, we will look into chartering a bus so you can enjoy the ride and leave the driving to us. Tickets for the concert are \$30.

Register your interest with Eva in the office – 814-677-3013 or email secretary@graceoilcity.org. This does not commit you, but we need to know if there is enough interest. Thank you!

