

# Grace Notes

A QUICK LOOK AT THE MONTH AHEAD



## A JOYOUS AND CARING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Vermilion Grace United Methodist Church

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### PASTOR'S LETTER

Greetings Grace!

From a fantastic Holy Week to almost two weeks aboard, I can say that I am exhausted and glad to be back in Vermilion! As we get back to our life together, I wanted to share a story from our time abroad. We received a very special gift on our last day in Japan. I had mentioned that I really enjoyed Japanese craftsmanship and in particular Kintsugi (the repairing of cracks with gold dusted lacquer). Our guide in Osaka dropped these of at our hotel while we journeyed to Hiroshima. I think they are beautiful and such a fitting image for a day in which we read and heard the stories of people who were caught in the atomic blast and bore witness not only to our capacity for violence and devastation, but our yearning for peace. Integral to our discipleship journey is the ability to find something sacred in the way God binds up our wounds. There is undeniable holiness to be found in healing as we are put back together in a way that is similar to but not exactly how we were before. A way that allows the cracks not to be painful reminders of what has come before, but to sparkle with beauty in a future light. I fully believe that Grace is a place where this healing happens. So let's dig in and find this healing together!

Grace and Peace - Pastor Preston



Pastor Preston and Courtney outside the floating tori gate of Miyajima Island



A teacup repaired via Kintsugi gifted to Pastor Preston and Courtney



The A-bomb dome. One of the few buildings maintained to the condition it was found in after the detonation of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima

# EASTER SEASON WORSHIP SERIES

## BELIEVING INTO CHRIST

Throughout this season, we explore themes from Revelation and the Gospel of John about what is possible when we believe. Belief is not only an intellectual endeavor and assent to the power of God to transform, but also a process that helps us use our hands and feet in ways similar to how Jesus used his hands and feet to seek out and address the hurting ones, including our planet and its most vulnerable people and beyond-human creatures.



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# BOOK STUDY

Join us for an 8 week journey as we read and discuss:

## LOVE WINS BY ROB BELL

May 10th- What about the Flat Tire?

May 17th-Here is the New There

May 24-Hell

May 31-Does God Get What God Wants?

June 7-Dying to Live

June 21-There Are Rocks Everywhere

June 28- The Good News is Better Than That

July 12-The End is Here

**Let us know if you need a copy of the book by April 30!**  
Coffee and donuts provided.



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# ROB BELL

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

LOVE

WINS

A BOOK ABOUT HEAVEN, HELL, AND THE FATE OF EVERY PERSON WHO EVER LIVED

**SATURDAYS @**

**11AM**

**KRONOWALT ROOM**

13406 W LAKE ROAD,  
VERMILION OH 44089

# Join Vermilion Grace UMC for an INTERACTIVE STORYTELLING EVENT



Tues, May 13

13406 W Lake Rd.

530-630 pm

Vermilion

Storytelling by Corinne Jalkanen. Sponsored by our Wonderfully Made Ministry. All ages and abilities welcome. Our sensory room will be open and light refreshments will be provided. RSVP's encouraged, but not required, to Nicole at 440-829-2828

# *Vermilion Grace UMC*

invites you to our

## *Wonderfully Made Ministry*

**Tuesday, May 27 5:30-7:00pm**

13406 W Lake Rd  
Vermilion OH



Questions?  
Call/text Nicole  
440-829-2828

Join us for a short interactive worship service followed by dinner and fellowship. Sensory bags and equipment are available, as well as the use of our sensory room. Families and caregivers are welcome to meet together for their own fellowship. RSVP's appreciated, but not required. All ages welcome!

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