

TRUE VINE TIMES

The Road to Forgiveness

~ by Cindy Miller

As I listened to Pastor Dale’s sermon last week, it brought me back to July 22, 1996. That is the day when a drunk driver took my husband’s life. He was a Sheriff’s deputy with the Orange County Sheriffs Office in Orlando, Florida. Juan G. took Amy and Sarah’s (my daughters) father away forever in a blink of an eye. He pled not guilty, so we had to have a trial. He was found guilty and sentenced to jail but I was still so angry and full of rage towards the person who changed our lives forever. I would send him nasty letters to jail, I wished that bad things would happen to him. I never blamed God or asked why me, but I was angry! I never lost my way, but the road was very rough at times. One day I realized that I was just hurting myself. God gave me the strength to allow myself to let go of my anger towards Juan. It took me time to become healed and I am still a work in progress, but my anger was changed into sadness towards Juan as he has to live with what he did forever. Also I was suing him in civil court at that time, but I decided to drop the suit towards him. Very shortly after this change in me, I met Earl. I truly believe God blessed me with meeting a wonderful man again. Through Earl, I have family and friends that enrich my life every day. God granted me His grace. I am blessed beyond measure. I give God all the glory, it was not me, it was our precious Lord and Savior who changed my heart.



Andrea Bocelli - The Lord's Prayer

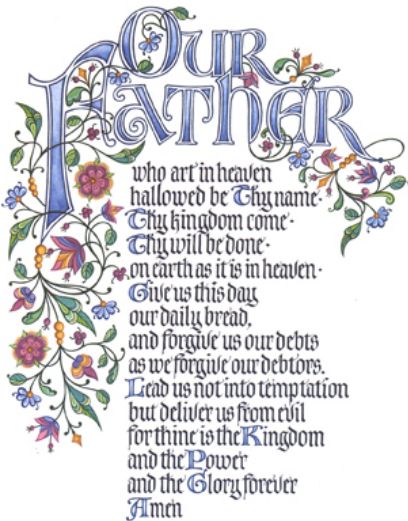
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“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” Matthew 6:14

“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3:13



## Senior Spotlight

~ The following article was submitted by **Michael J. Frisicaro**

### Congratulations Michael!



As a graduating senior this year, I would first like to thank everybody at Clarence Akron Mennonite Church for being such great influences on me. Since the first day we walked through the doors, I have felt welcomed and cared for by each and every person that is part of the CCAM family. Beyond that, through Pastor Dale's leadership, as well as through conversations with and observations of the church body, I truly feel that I have been made into a better person - and more thoughtful follower of Jesus - throughout these past four years. For that, thank you. After graduating from Alden High School, I plan on attending the University at Buffalo for a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. I have always been fascinated with how things work, and to the demise of my parents, have always liked to take things apart before failing to put them back together again. While the rest of my future certainly is not as clear, I do know that I would like to move to Florida at some point, and possibly start a business in the aeronautical or mechanical realms. With that in mind, my most dearly held aspiration is to build strong relationships across every aspect of my life, and to use those relationships to bring happiness and positivity to as many people as possible.

### A BIT OF HUMOR:



*To our family, friends & neighbors*

# WE'VE MOVED!

## Open House Party

**Sunday, July 11, 2021 | beginning at noon**

Feel free to come and go as you're able

Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm

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If you will join us for lunch, please RSVP on Linda's Facebook event or by sending an email to [widemanopenhouse@gmail.com](mailto:widemanopenhouse@gmail.com) by July 1

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