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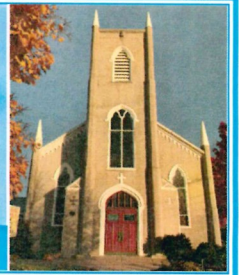
Mount Clemens, Michigan

Amazing Grace

WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

Monthly newsletter of the people and ministries of Grace Episcopal Church

April 2023



LEGACY GIVING



Our bishop is actively encouraging all parishes to begin or re-activate their legacy giving societies. In a nutshell, legacy giving is a planned donation that designates a part of an individual's estate to a chosen charity. Legacy gifts are frequently made through wills, trusts, life insurance and retirement assets, by naming a non-profit organization as a beneficiary to receive the gift. Some people also use financial instruments such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds to donate their gifts.

Legacy giving touches and transforms lives! When you remember Grace in your estate plan you water the ministries of the future, strengthen our faith community, and help people to find the love of God in their lives. It feels great to be a legacy giver, because you know you are keeping Grace vital and strong into the future. But legacy giving doesn't just happen, that's why a "Legacy Giving Ministry" is so important.

Like all other ministries, we are inviting anyone who would like to participate in helping develop our legacy giving society to contact pastor Steve. There are a few simple steps that our diocese guides us through to create this society. The purpose of this ministry is to promote, encourage and thank those who have made a planned gift to support the ongoing mission of our parish.

If you have already included Grace in your will, or as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy, trust or some other instrument, you are automatically a member of the Legacy Society! No minimum gift amount is required. Gifts can range from one dollar to one billion dollars, so anyone may participate!

You do not have to provide Grace with any documentation proving your donation, but you certainly may if you wish. All that is required is that you tell us that you have planned for a legacy gift of some sort to be given to Grace and you do not need to tell us the amount. It is never too early or too late to become a member of a legacy giving society. The most important thing is that you take the initiative to do so. Once we have our new ministry team organized, we will be sharing thoughts and ideas about how to go about creating a legacy gift and we will be available to answer any questions that you may have.

The best legacy you can leave is one that keeps on giving. The Legacy society keeps your memory alive for future generations. You may certainly be an anonymous member of the legacy society, or you may be a named member of the society and participate in any or all the thank you benefits that are included. For example, our bishop will be hosting an annual event for everyone in the diocese who has become a member of their congregation's legacy giving society and Grace will be doing some special things for members of our society as well.

Please prayerfully consider joining this new ministry and contact pastor Steve for more information!

Blessings!

Pastor Steve

Worship Opportunities

Sundays at 8:30 and 10:30 am
TO JOIN SERVICES LIVE ONLINE VIA ZOOM VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND FOLLOW THE LINKS

www.gracechurchmtclemens.org

TO JOIN SERVICES LIVE BY PHONE VIA ZOOM

8:30 Service: Call 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300

Password: 246040

10:30 Service: Livestreaming

on our Facebook page

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

7:00 pm on Zoom

Visit our website and follow the link.

Or call: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 897 3241 7015

Password: 683930

Worship resources are available on our website anytime.





Another Bit of History of Grace Church

The next window we will discuss is that window directly behind the organ on the south wall of the church. It was installed in 1905, a year after the first window was given. This was the beginning of a competition between two hotel owners who loved Grace Church. We already spoke of Emma Lilly who gave the first window (The Woman At the Well). The second window was given by Julia Kieffer MacArthur in memory of her husband, Benjamin Russell MacArthur. She owned the Park Hotel on East Broadway, having developed it into the grandest hotel in town. Julia inherited the hotel from her parents while her brother inherited the bathhouse there. Julia and Benjamin were married in 1884 and travelled for 2 years in Europe before moving to Mt. Clemens. That was certainly quite the honeymoon! They had four children while living in Mt. Clemens. Benjamin died in 1899 at the young age of 39. Julia died in 1943.

Julia donated the former Park Terrace on the Clinton River to the city and that area was designated MacArthur Park. The park is still there as is some of the docking area and steps to the river. It is directly north of the YMCA. The hotel was diminished in later years, becoming the Clinton Gables, and then was demolished in the late 1900's.

During the prosperous times of the baths in Mt. Clemens, around two hundred hotels were available to people from around the world coming to take the minerals baths. Julia MacArthur and Emma Lilly owned the biggest and the best hotels, and they loved Grace Church. This created the competition between the women to get the best windows for us. We can celebrate those windows every Sunday, especially when it is sunny outside and the colors are so vibrant. By the way, all the windows were restored by a company from Iowa in 2012(?). The window we are discussing today needed to be completely dismantled and taken to Iowa for releading and reassembling. All the windows were reframed, cleaned, and the protective storm windows replaced. So for the foreseeable future we can look at and appreciate their beauty. A good friend of mine who

played the organ for both of my daughters' weddings once said to me, "You may have the smallest church in town, but you have the best organ and windows!" I agree.

Ann Strevel

First Fundraising Committee Meeting by Lori Simon

I feel it was a very good start! And I am looking forward to working with EVERYONE!

Here is what is in the works:

April we will be ending the flower sale. Coordinator: Lori

Moving right into a pizza sale.

June 1st is the Band concert.

June 23rd is the fireworks downtown renting parking spaces.

We need volunteers!

Aug. is the church sale hoping to link it with city wide sale and maybe a food truck rally.

Coordinators: Martha and Sandy

Sept. 23rd is the Quarters for a Cause.

Coordinators: Kristen, Pam and Lori

Oct. is the international dinner. Coordinator: Rosemary

Nov. 18th is the parade downtown Mt. Clemens so a possible breakfast with Santa.

Need an organizer

Dec. is the cookie walk. Coordinator: Brooke

Auction again 2024 Coordinator: Lori

Chili or hot soup meal Feb 2-4 when the ice show is going on downtown.

Need an organizer

The raffle license is in process.

We are updating the list and contacts of all the churches in the area so we can invite others.

We are looking into Bingo license for a fun night for all.

We are looking into inviting a high school choir to perform a concert. Amy looking into.

None of this will be possible if we do not have **all hands-on deck**.

If you see something that interests you, please let me know.

We want to have community fun and raise a little money along the way.

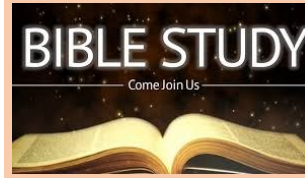
Thank you everyone who attended.

In attendance: Ernie, Dolora, Amy, Kris, Rosemary and Lori

Next meeting April 29th 11:00

April Birthdays

Toni Hindman	4/09
Ann Farrell	4/10
Pam Sherry	4/12
Robert Destafano	4/14
Gay Gillespie	4/16
Chris Heath	4/18
Liz Moorehouse	4/22
Jerry Gardner	4/26
Gary Keranen	4/28
Harvey Kahl	4/28



Sundays at 9:30 am at Grace
 Bible Study will take place in the Guild Room

“B” BUCKS for Blessings in a Backpack

If your wallet has any dollar bills with B on them, please pass them along to help us fill backpacks with weekend food for hungry Mt. Clemens students.



Fall (FUN) Fundraiser

Grace Church is planning a Fall Funraiser – target date – Saturday, September 30, 2023.

The event will be a dinner featuring International and/or Ethnic foods from diverse cultures and countries.

If you have a loved family recipe or food to make and share, let us now. Any and all suggestions/comments are most welcome.

Contact: Rosemarylake1@aol.com

Thanks so much.

Book Club

The book club will meet in the parish hall at 6pm on April 20 to discuss “The Four Agreements”, by author Don Miguel Ruiz. We hope to see you there! This is a short book, an easy read, but profound in its message. Please see me if you need to borrow the book.

Ann Strevel

Technology Ministry

The link to our youtube channel is:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_4WYfRVyn6_KO72ICpvLA

It can also be found on our website on the home page under the watch previous sermons link.

We have moved our livestream of the 10:30 Sunday service to YouTube. This should fix the problems that we have been having. We will still post the recording to Facebook sometime after the service.



COMMUNITY SUPPERS

Wednesdays at 4:00 pm
 Sundays (Nov-March) at 4:00 pm

GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
 Curbside distribution.



Recommended Donations

Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables and Fruits, Macaroni and Cheese, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Tuna Fish/Canned Chicken, SpaghettiOs, Hamburger Helper, Instant

Mashed Potatoes, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Cereal, Applesauce in Cans

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