



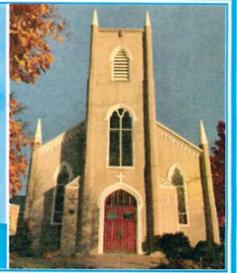
GRACE  
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Mount Clemens, Michigan

# Amazing Grace

WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

Monthly newsletter of the people and ministries of Grace Episcopal Church



May 2022



## RESURRECTION PEOPLE

Our Holy Week and Easter celebrations are now behind us but we are just entering into the seven-week Easter season that will last until the day of Pentecost on June 5<sup>th</sup>. We as Christians believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead and we are followers of the Risen One. But what does it mean for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to be resurrection people?

For many people death means the end of everything, it is final and irrevocable. Once a person dies life is finished and there is no more. Many people fear the end of their life and don't want to think about it so on some level they live into the maxim that "ignorance is bliss". People of faith, however, put their hope in the promise of resurrection. Namely that death is not the end, but rather the beginning. Life is changed and new. We do not know exactly what this new life after death will look like, but we believe it will be glorious and eternal.

Being resurrection people, however, does not mean that we are solely focused on life after our bodily death. Believing in resurrection includes all of the things in this life that we have to let go of because they have run their course and it is time for them to die. This could be programs, businesses, institutions, attitudes, behaviors, routines and of course relationships. The challenge for many of us is acknowledging that these things are dying or need to die. We would rather hang on to them because they are known, comfortable and safe. Embracing death and new life is difficult. Change is hard for all of us.

This is where our faith comes in. We believe that there is new life on the other side of change even though we may not see it or want it. We believe that God is with us at all times and in all places guiding us through the ups and downs of life, holding us close in time of trouble, comforting us in our loss and welcoming us into new life.

For resurrection to happen, something within us or around us has to die. Every new beginning springs forth from some end. It is the cycle of life.

During this Easter season I would like to invite all of us to reflect on our life and our circumstances to identify what things are dying, what has died and what has come to new life. Is there anything that we need to let go of or is there any change that we have been avoiding?

This is a perfect time to invite the Risen Christ into our daily life and work to walk with us on this path. Jesus went through the ultimate death and came out on the other side to show us that we are on the same journey of resurrection. We are called to new life each and every day that we walk this earth; we do not have to wait for some future point after our physical body has ceased functioning.

Jesus can and will give us strength, wisdom and courage to face the little deaths that we encounter and accompany us through the changes that need to happen in order to bring us newness of life!

Easter 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](http://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

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

9:30am in the Guild Room

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.*



### *From the Music Ministry*



Save the date of August 7, 2022! Our choir has been invited to sing for the Detroit Interfaith Outreach Network's 10th Annual Suburban-Urban Interfaith Picnic on Belle Isle. First of all, it's a great acknowledgement for our music ministry. Our singers and instrumentalists have been working hard during the long weeks of Lent not just to bring you great music but also to be the pulse of the prayer ministry at Grace. Second, it's a great opportunity for Grace Church to get involved in the wider interfaith community. I have known the president of DION, Rabbi Dorit Edut for some years now, and doing music for her interfaith services and events has always been a pleasure and an opportunity to meet new people and get broader perspectives on faith in community.

If you want to join us for the picnic, either as a singer or a supporter, here are the details: The picnic will be at Belle Isle State Park, Shelter 3 (near the kayak and canoe rental), on August 7, 2022, from 12:00 - 4:00pm. Sign up with me either at church or by contacting me via phone or email: (248) 467-4966, [soundsorceress@gmail.com](mailto:soundsorceress@gmail.com). Because the picnic begins at noon on a Sunday, we can also arrange for carpooling from Grace after the later service. And because it is a picnic (!), guests and participants will be asked to bring their own side dishes, as main dishes will be provided.

Join us in this celebration of faith and community! For more information about DION, go to [detroitinterfaith.org](http://detroitinterfaith.org) and take a look. And as always, I'm here for your feedback and questions also.

Amy

### *Prison Ministry*

I have been a part of Grace Church's prayer group for 3 years now. I value this powerful group. When I tell my inmates that the group prays for them daily, it brings them great comfort. It shows them that they are not forgotten and that Jesus still loves them even when it seems like the rest of the world doesn't. I always tell them to keep praying about their situation because Jesus hears them. Prayer is a way of spending time with Him. Prayer is a way of finding freedom in your heart while incarcerated. Even when you're at a loss for words, just pray from your heart.

Praying for people that you don't even know is one of the greatest ways to show unconditional love. That's what prison ministry is about.

I thank my prayer group for setting such a great example of just how powerful praying for others can be.

Mary Williams

Coordinator

Prison Ministry

**MCREST NEEDS FOR 2022**

This year's MCREST week will be from May 22 through May 29, 2022. Grace will be hosting 30 men that week here. Donations of items or money is appreciated. Money will be used to purchase bus tickets and gas cards. Money may be sent to the parish office anytime. Earmarked for MCREST. Signup sheets will be on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the Sanctuary.

***For Breakfast meals the following is needed:***

Individual servings of cereal	210
English Muffins	58
Individual wrapped Danishes/ sweet rolls	90
Milk (gallon)	14

***For Lunch meals we need the following:***

28 loaves of white bread for sandwiches. The lunchmeat and cheese have been donated to us.

Juice boxes or bags	210
Banana's	110 pieces
Oranges	110 pieces

***For Dinner meals*** I will need people to sign up for dinners. Dinner is served at 6:30pm each night. You can cook the meal at home or use the kitchen at church or purchase the items for the dinner.

I will need 40 servings of the following:

**Sunday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable

**Monday:** Hamburgers, buns, pork&beans

**Tuesday:** Casseroles (Of your choosing)

**Wednesday:** Already covered

**Thursday:** Already covered.

**Friday:** Boneless chicken breast, rice, vegetable [Hot dogs, buns, pork & beans](#)

**Saturday:** Hot dogs, buns, pork & beans

Salad items needed: 10 cucumbers, 10 tomatoes, 1 large purple onion  
1 / 16-ounce Italian dressing bottle

I will need the non-perishable foods delivered to the church by May 10<sup>th</sup>. The items can be dropped off during office hours or on Sundays.

Perishable food may be dropped off the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

To sign up for items or dinners see sign up sheets on bulletin board. Any questions please email Martha Houser: [mhouser97@yahoo.com](mailto:mhouser97@yahoo.com) Or call Martha at 586/453-5740

Thanks for any help you can give for the MCREST program.

Martha Houser

## May Birthdays

Jullie Saph	5/05
Jim Smith	5/12
Mary Ann Bagdasarian	5/12
Lori Simon	5/14
Lisa Ewalt	5/14
Ann Strevel	5/22
Lucy Smith	5/26
Charlotte Kalligeros	5/27



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.



### Ukraine Collection:

Our Collection for the Ukraine will go until June 5th.



### 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

### Book Club:

The book club started up again on April 21 after a two year pandemic break. We missed those who couldn't make the first meeting, but look forward to seeing you at our next meeting which will be June 30th at 6pm in the parish hall. The book we will discuss then is “The Silent Patient” by Alex Michaelides.

Ann Strevel

### Church Gardens:

We will have a meeting in the Guild Room **May 21st at 9am**. Come meet each other and share your thoughts.

### Church Updates:

We are no longer using Instant Church Directory and have fully switched over to Realm. You are able to download the Realm Connect app so that you are able to have access on your phone. On Realm you have the ability to change your privacy settings so that your profile is visible to all parishioners; to do this you go to your profile and edit your address and phone number to visible.



OUTREACH  
MINISTRIES

Currently

### COMMUNITY SUPPERS

Wednesdays at 4:00 pm, take-out only  
Sundays (Nov-March) at 4:30 pm, take out only

### GRACE FOOD PANTRY

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

## Grace Episcopal Church Staff

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### 2022 Vestry

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Cheryle Kahl	Lori Simon	Scott Satterly