



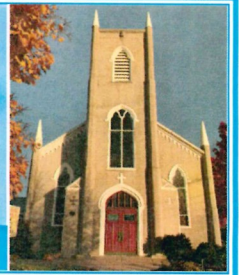
GRACE
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Mount Clemens, Michigan

Amazing Grace

WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

Monthly newsletter of the people and ministries of Grace Episcopal Church



May 2023

Easter Continues



Didn't we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus last month? We heard the story, sang the glorious resurrection music, looked for Easter eggs and enjoyed a delicious meal with family and friends. We all know that Jesus died and rose, so isn't it time to move on?

In our culture, we typically do just that. We plan and prepare for an event, and then once it is accomplished, we put it behind us and look to the next thing. We are efficient and productive with our time and our energy. But once again, our American ingenuity, precision and busy schedules tend to conflict with our life of faith.

Our Church recognizes this and tries to slow us down. Our liturgical calendar calls for an entire season of Easter — seven Sundays to be exact. We will continue to celebrate Easter up until the day of Pentecost, which this year falls on May 28th.

Why is this important? We tend to miss things because we are so quick to move from one thing to another. This type of lifestyle tends to inhibit our faith development. If we want our faith in God to grow, we need to learn how to slow down and listen to our stories of God more than once.

During the weeks between the first Easter and Pentecost, the disciples had to hear and retell the story of Jesus dying and rising over and over, both to inform others and to believe it themselves. They took the time to wrestle with all these issues.

surrounding Jesus and come to terms with the ramifications for their personal lives.

We are called to do the same. Are we able to slow down and sit with the mystery of Easter for a little longer?

The good news is that Jesus and the church are always calling us back, giving us another opportunity to listen again to the Resurrection story, to renew our faith with a deeper understanding and perspective. Repetition in this sense is a good thing. It focuses our attention on the fundamentals of Christianity.

Even the disciples struggled to know how to live out the confession: "He is Risen." These first followers needed repetition, reassurance, and the promise of God's abiding presence in the Holy Spirit.

My prayer for all of us is that we will slow down our lives a little bit so that we may listen again and again to the Easter story and through this repetition, may we find God in newer and deeper ways.

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

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 Grace Church History

This month we will discuss the third window in the series. It is the window on the left of the door going into the hallway from the sanctuary. This window depicts James holding a lamb. James was a brother to Jesus, according to passages from Matthew and Galatians, but was not a believer in Jesus until he witnessed the risen Lord in the “upper room” after the ascension. After that he received the title of Apostle and occupied a prominent place in the church at Jerusalem.

This window was given to the church by the Kieffer family (Julia Kieffer MacArthur and her brother, George Kieffer) in memory of Bessie Kieffer, George’s wife. She had a history of chronic illness and, in 1910, travelled to Europe for medical treatment, but died at sea while returning to America. George was a director of the Ullrich Bank in Mt. Clemens and a part-owner of the Mt. Clemens Race Track. He died after a heart attack suffered on the Gowanie Golf Course in 1927.

Current Announcements

MCREST

May 21st -28th MCREST will be held here at Grace

BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be Thursday, June 22 from 11-5.

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT

May 19th from 7pm-9pm

ENVELOPES

Our envelope order has been canceled because the company was not able to get our order in a timely fashion. Please use the envelopes in the pews if you are in need of an envelope. We apologize about any inconvenience this may cause.

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.

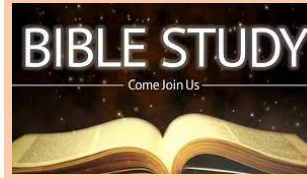
We want to have community fun and raise a little money along the way.

Thank you everyone who attended.

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

May Birthdays

Julie 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.



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 next Book club meeting will be on Thursday, June 29, at 6pm at Ann Strevel’s condo. We are changing the location because the church many times is busy and we are unable to find an open area to meet. The book we will be discussing is “Our Missing Hearts” by Celeste No. if you have any questions, please call Ann Strevel at 586 463-5488.

Newsletter Entry

Do you have something important you want added to the Newsletter?

Please email any information or article to

gracemtclemens@yahoo.com no later than 7 days before the end of the month and we will do our best to add it to the upcoming Newsletter!



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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