

Grace Episcopal Church

"Experience Grace: Creating opportunities to know and share the love and joy of Jesus Christ."



The Good News May/June 2018

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Altar Flowers



The beauty of flowers, the bluntness of reality. How do these things relate? Flowers are a staple of altar décor. They speak to God's bounteous creation and the wonderful beauty of the earth. Our spirits are lifted with the brilliant colors and greens of the outdoors. However, fresh flowers are also a fleeting thing, a reminder that all things have a season and then time moves forward. So it is with

Grace. For a very long season Toni Ingram took care of the altar flowers and sanctuary décor. Her time as the altar flower manager is coming to an end and we are in the midst of much change as a parish. For this reason, the altar flowers will more often be of the silk variety, and not fresh, in the months to come. This not only saves us money but it also saves time involved in changing the flowers every week. For the near future, the altar bouquets will be of a seasonal nature and will remain on the altar until a new season takes place, whether on the church or regular calendar.

What if you would like fresh flowers one Sunday or you have flowers from your garden that can be used for a fresh arrangement? There is always a place for these flowers. First, check the flower sign-up sheet that is in the Narthex to see if your date is available. Next, sign-up for that date. If you desire flowers for a special occasion, then you will need to order 2 altar arrangements on your own and have them delivered to the church between 9 am and 1 pm on the Friday before the Sunday you want them displayed. If you have flowers from your garden that you would like on the altar, please arrange them in 2 vases and have them at the church by the Friday morning before your special Sunday.

This method is new to everyone and spreads out the responsibility for the altar flowers. This plan will be in place only until a new rector is found or someone volunteers to take care of the flowers on a weekly basis. Until then, thank you for your patience and understanding.

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Church Office Hours
9:00 am - 1:00 pm, M-F

Children's Ministry News

Regular Sunday morning Children's Ministry will end May 20th, 1 week prior to Memorial Day Weekend, and resume in the fall. However, the Children's Ministry teachers have come up with a fun way to spend time together this summer. The children really enjoy their time together so we would like to do a **Summer Service/Social Session**. We will meet once each month for an extended time. **See schedule below.**

We are looking for volunteers to help us with these events. Our hope is that our children make connections with many adults that can serve as mentors and people who they know truly care for and about them. Please contact Laura Smith at ksmith243@comcast.net if you would like to volunteer.

June 3rd Sunday 10:45 am-1:45 am in the Undercroft

Service portion

Make cards for Veterans and Shut-ins/Kindness Rocks

Plan Video for August Food drive

Social portion

watch a movie on our new flat Screen TV, with pizza, popcorn, etc.



July 22nd Sunday 10:45 am- 1:45 am Retirement Community Visit

Service portion

Make video for August Food drive

Take our cards to Anna May's retirement community.

Social Portion

Go to Zestos for hot dogs and ice cream



August date to be determined, possibly Saturday the 18th from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm in combination with an all Grace gathering.

Service portion

Collect food for Faith Lutheran

Make Kindness Rocks

Social Portion

Swimming at neighborhood pool or Bowling if weather is bad



Wall of Money - Fundraiser



The “Wall of Money” is happening at Grace. This fundraiser is a fun, great way to earn money for our Rector Fund. Outside the Sanctuary, on the Narthex wall, are clotheslines full of envelopes. Each envelope has a number written on it from 1 to 100. When you take down an envelope, you are committing that amount of money to the Rector Fund. For example, if you take the envelope marked “54” you are committing \$54 to the fund that will go towards hiring a full-time rector at Grace. To make this even more fun, there will be random coupons and gift cards in several of the envelopes, including a \$50.00 gift card to Eddie Merlots! You can take 1, 2, or 3 envelopes or as many as you like. You can pick numbers special to you: a birthday, the ages of all your grandchildren added together, an anniversary, or just a number you like. This is fun for all ages and all budgets. If all the envelopes are taken, we will have close to \$5,000.00 without lots of extra work and yet still be loads of fun for everyone.

The Wall of Money will be up for 4 weeks, until June 10th. If you are out of town during that time but want in on the fun, no problem. Call the office and ask Katie to pull the envelope for you and you can pay it before the end of June.

Yard Sale - Fundraiser



Grace will be hosting a yard sale sometime in August. This fundraiser will require many helping hands including those who bring in donations, those who help set up and price items, those who help work the tables, and those who help in the background with advertising and clean-up. The sale is in the planning stages but you can help now by starting to collect items that you no longer need or want. We will not be taking clothes other than baby/toddler items so no need to save those for us, but any furniture, books, knick-knacks, kitchen, hardware, garden, etc. items will be gladly accepted. Do not bring anything to the church at this time as there is no place to store items, but please keep us in mind as you go through your attics, basements, and garages this summer. The wonderful Cindy Burns has agreed to chair this event.

Save the Date



This year our Annual Pool Party will be a celebration of what we hope will be a very successful Yard Sale! The date for the party will be Saturday, August 18th, from 6-9 pm at the Dells' of Bittersweet pool. Mark your calendars now for this fun annual event!

Memorial Garden and Grounds



Starting in June, we will have regularly scheduled garden work days to maintain the church grounds and Memorial Garden. We will meet the 1st Saturday and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:00am until 11:00am. (Of course, you are welcome to come ANYTIME and pull some weeds!)

Please join us as we work together to keep Grace's grounds beautiful and enjoy each other's company at the same time.

If you have any questions you can contact Laura Smith at ksmith243@comcast.net.

Attention Grace Men!



Joining together with fellow Christians, as we did with Risen Savior Lutheran and Peace United Church of Christ during Lent, is a great way to encourage one another and support programs. Loren Woody and Dale Tucker have joined with men from St. Alban's Episcopal Church to serve dinner once a month at the Rescue Mission. This and other outreach programs continue to show our desire to help those in need in our community. If any other men of Grace would like to participate in this program, please speak

with Loren or Dale for details.

"You are the Best"



Thanks to: Sue Rowland, Mike McGuire, Judy Carter, Cindy Burns, Tony LaRue, Julie Boyd and Laura Smith for participating this year in cleaning up trash on Liberty Mills Road and filling 8 huge bags for the *Great American Clean-Up* on April 21, 2018.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive



A little rain did not dampen the spirits of the ten Grace volunteers for the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. We unloaded and sorted food and then reloaded it onto tractor trailers for distribution from the Associated Churches food bank. We were glad to have our hardworking teens, Anabel and Destiny because they are really strong and are willing to work very hard. Once again, the crazy donations did not disappoint. By and large the donations were wholesome, nutritious food, but there were a few

ringers included! We had a full complement of seafood; kippers, canned oysters, sardines, and herring. Do you like orange marmalade with champagne? We got it! How about a snack of whey protein or maple bacon seasoned pork cracklings? For dessert you could choose from a key lime creme brulee mix or red, green, and white Tic Tacs. Or, if you're selfish, you could eat the ONE fortune cookie. All could be washed down with a nice cocktail of Metamucil and Mother's Milk. That's right! A box containing "Organic Mother's Milk". Everyone there got in the spirit and enjoyed uncovering the weirdest donations. This is always the second Saturday in May and we hope you'll consider joining us next year!

Important Information from the Care and Support Committee

911 can be called for lifting help!

When they answer respond:
Not a emergency, I need lifting help.

They will send whoever is available closest to your address.



Membership Directory



The Grace Membership Directories are printed and ready to hand out. There will be directories in the Narthex after service this Sunday and the next 3 Sundays.

If you would like a Membership Directory and you will not be here, just email Katie at gracefortwayne@gmail.com or give me a call at 432-9221 and I can email one to you electronically.