

Grace Episcopal Church

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



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Sunday Liturgy will resume at a later date

Church Office Hours

Call for appointment
260-432-9221



The Good News July 2020

From Our Senior Warden

LIVING ON VIRUS TIME

"We are living on virus time" - Governor Holcomb

The calendar says July. The weather feels like August. Does anyone really know what day it is? We are definitely *living on virus time* - sounds like a good title of a song! Yet here at Grace, we continue to move forward. Crews of people are working to purchase and install new technology we received from our grant. Teams of people are working to make sure we can hold Sunday worship on Zoom. Committees are working on keeping our finances on track. Dedicated souls are reaching out to others in the congregation. People are painting, trimming bushes, watering flowers, changing the sign, writing articles for the newsletter, and on and on. As our website states: *We are an open, loving, forgiving, accepting congregation, following the example of Jesus Christ*, we are just doing it on virus time. We are stuck in a pandemic limbo, living on virus time, unsure of exactly what is next, nonetheless our hope remains firm.

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

Laura Smith
Senior Warden

From Our Senior Warden (cont'd)



Dr. Tom Frieden
@DrTomFrieden



Wear a mask.
Wash your hands.
Watch your distance.

Pass these 3W's—and not the virus—on.

6/21/20, 10:30 AM

**We are now at step 2 of our protocols for COVID-19:
Grace continues to remain closed except for very selected activities.**

- Worship services, Children's Ministry, Adult Education, and other activities are only through Zoom.
- Meetings such as Vestry may occur at the building however Zoom will still be used so all can attend. All safety protocols will be followed.
- The Worship Team may use the sanctuary for all or portions of the worship service.
- Employees are working from home as much as possible, with occasional visits to the building as needed. The Junior Warden and volunteers continue to monitor the building and grounds.

Reminder: the following protocols need to be followed when at Grace:

No one should enter the building without a specific purpose. We are "closed".

Enter only through the door by the office.

Everyone needs to sign in and out on the designated sheet.

Everyone needs to wipe down all surfaces they touch including but not limited to door handles, light switches, phones, computers, and surfaces like tables. You should find wipes by the door.

If you are *in the building or on the grounds* with someone who is not in your household everyone needs to maintain the 6'+ distance and wear masks.

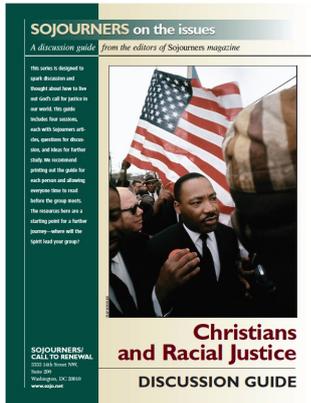
Any mail coming to or leaving the church should be sealed with glue sticks or sponges not "licked"

Contact Laura Smith for any questions regarding these protocols

NOTE: Grace will be using a great deal of disinfectant spray and wipes. Please consider donating these items if you find a sale!

Adult Education

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ON RACISM AND CHRISTIANITY



In the summer of 2019, Grace’s Adult Education Committee began a series of programs to help us understand our current environment of racism in our country, our Christianity, and ourselves. We laid the historical groundwork by watching together the PBS series, “Reconstruction: America after the Civil War.” This took us from the aftermath of the Civil War through Civil Rights legislation in the 1960s. We then offered a book study/discussion, “Reconstructing The Gospel: Finding Freedom From Slaveholder Religion” by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. In October we had Grace’s first retreat day using, through video, the lectures of Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove on how racism has affected and infected American Christianity. For Lent 2020, we offered the Episcopal program, “Becoming Beloved Community.” Sadly, we

were unable to complete that program due to the pandemic shutdown.

All of the above, followed by the murder of George Floyd and other black citizens recently, clearly show us yet again that racism is alive and well in the United States. Studying the history of how we got to this point reveals both positive changes and how far we have to go. We cannot rely on the unhelpful view “well, we’ve come a long way from where we were.” Recent events clearly demonstrate that we are nowhere near a morally acceptable approach to diversity and equality. Racism is so tightly woven into our psyches, it will be hard to remove unless we connect and educate: connect so that we see others as blessedly human as ourselves, and educate to provide tools to fight our inner tendencies to see difference as a problem rather than an opportunity.

To deepen our understanding of racism in America, the Grace Adult Christian Education Committee invites you to a 4-part series, “Christians And Racial Justice” on the four Wednesdays of August, 2020 at 7:00pm by Zoom. The format for this program will be based on short articles sent to each participant to read and reflect upon PRIOR to each Wednesday Zoom discussion. This personal preparation should deepen and enhance our group discussions.

In order to know how many packets of materials to prepare, we ask you to register for this program. Please call Dale at the office (260-432-9221) no later than July 17, 2020. You will receive your packet at least one week prior to our first discussion on Wednesday, August 5. Please join us for our version of this national discussion on racism!

David Smith, Chairperson

FPT Report

GRACE'S INVESTMENTS

A portion of the Objectives of the Financial Planning Team (FPT) states: “The primary objective will be to achieve a reasonable total return on the assets while being socially responsible and while limiting the risk exposure to ensure the preservation of funds.” Our Edward Jones financial advisor, Gwen Ruppert, continually helps us to achieve our objectives. As with all investors, our balance has recently decreased due to the current economic situation but we are in a good position to recover as markets improve. She has been guiding us to maintain a well-balanced portfolio within our parameters to be socially responsible. Gwen has proven to be very helpful with any questions, concerns or information needs we may have and we are thankful for her service to Grace.

FPT Committee: Sue Rowland, Ken Rolofson, Laura Smith, and Judy Carter



Thank You

We continue to offer thanks to Father Tom for his constant leadership in worship each Sunday on Zoom. We are so blessed to have his consistent and stable presence during our search for a new priest. And we also want to thank those who make our weekly services happen, especially Mike Sims and Josie Dunlap-Smith who host and run the zoom meetings. We are grateful to Dale, Ann, George, and David for your special music contributions as well as to our teams of readers who keep the service alive. If you'd like to join one of the teams to read portions of the service on Sundays please notify the church office and we'll add you to one of the teams. (260-432-9221 or gracefortwayne@gmail.com)

Farewell to the Kimballs

Betty and Ted Kimball have been active and integral members of Grace for many many years and we are sad to lose them, but happy for them and wish them well in their new life, returning to their Florida roots.



Ted has served in many aspects of Grace's life, not only in music, but on various committees and on the Vestry. He has gifted Grace with much of the sound equipment we've enjoyed over these years, and given of his talents endlessly during morning worship as well as for special events like Holden Evening Prayer, Blessing of the Animals, and other extra worship services. Ted has also traveled around the country offering his music leadership for Faith Alive (now known as Faith Encouragement Ministries) and has been regularly active in conventions and other meetings at the National and Diocesan levels.

The Prayer Shawl ministry could always count on Betty to be there with goodies (like we needed them) but were always enjoyed by all. Her crochet hook was always busy creating another beautiful shawl for whoever needed the warmth and prayers that came with it. We won't even venture a guess as to how many she provided for the ministry. Her presence and creations were a warmth and comfort to those who were there and knew her.

Betty and Ted, you will be missed and will remain in our thoughts and prayers!! We thank you both for all you've shared with us here at Grace. All best wishes for a happy retirement. Go with God our friends.

Their new address as of July 27, 2020 is: 20332 Lagente Circle
Venice FL 34293

And new email address are: ted.kimball@yahoo.com
littlebetty50th@yahoo.com

July Birthdays

A shout out to our July Birthdays!

- 5 Gary Davis
- 6 Bill Mostyn
- 8 Nancy Hansen
- 8 Gail McGuire
- 14 Bonnie Davis
- 15 Cassidy & Madison Cudd
- 22 David Burns
- 23 Betty Kimball
- 24 Eliza & Gabe Smith



What's Going On at Grace

Grace is Still an Active Place

While we may not be gathering at Grace for worship and fellowship, the office is still open a couple of days a week, mail is still coming in, bills are still being paid, and most importantly your contributions are still coming in to keep us active. The inside has been painted, and recently Gary Davis came and painted the columns and over-hangs by the office and rear doors. Tony LaRue comes regularly to check on the building, parking lot lights, and the general health of the building. Dale still cleans, sanitizes, and waters the plants, and various people drive up for prayer or to meet for lunch in the parking lot, just to stay “connected” to our community of faith. Our neighbor at the end of our driveway has sold their house, so we’ll be welcoming a new neighbor soon. Grace is still alive and not just on Zoom on Sundays. Thank you to everyone who keeps our church alive in the community.



Grace Note Cards are Here!

Last winter Ryan Tabor Moore took this gorgeous picture of Grace reflected in Lake Kekionga. He generously allowed us the use of his photo to make lovely note cards. These are packaged in sets of 10, with envelopes, and are available for a suggested donation of at least \$10. These are perfect for personal use or as gifts.

If you want some, email Josie Dunlap-Smith at jdunlapsmith@gmail.com



Outreach

Rescue Mission Needs

I trust it is going well for you at this time. I just wanted to let you know, that I'm praying for you and that God will continue to give you wisdom as you maneuver through the Covid-19 virus, that He will keep your people safe from Covid-19 and that He will give your people a heart for other hurting people during this time.

Things are going as well as can be expected at the Rescue Mission. We are getting really excited about our move to the new building. Our ability to serve the homeless and less fortunate in our community will increase dramatically. Continue to pray for us as we navigate through this pandemic. Attached is an email giving our updated monthly needs. I've included our needs for the month of June. I just want to thank you for your generosity to the Rescue Mission. Without your support, we would not be able to serve those who are in a homeless crisis. Your giving makes a real difference. God Bless!

Bob Herman
Church Engagement Coordinator
Fort Wayne Rescue Mission

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January 2020

RESCUE MISSION NEEDS

How YOU can have the greatest impact.

Do you want to have REAL impact in the lives of the homeless served at The Rescue Mission? Consider giving "Items of the Month," where we'll be collecting NEW, specific, needed items, each month of the year to build our inventory of items we often run out of.

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
 <p>Pillows, Sheets, & Blankets New, clean twin sheets and pillow cases are an easy way to help restore dignity in those we serve. We will also be collecting twin-sized, quality blankets and quilts.</p>	 <p>Ethnic Hair Products & Men's Razors Items like hair grease, moisturizer, oil sheen, shampoo/conditioner (for natural hair)</p>	 <p>Underwear For men: sizes M - 4X. For women: sizes S-9, XL - 4X. All sizes for children</p>	 <p>Adult Towels, Washcloths, & Beach Towels Provide those we serve with NEW soft bath towels, washcloths, or beach towels for the shower</p>
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
 <p>Shorts, T-shirts, Flip Flops, Suncscreen Men's athletic shorts and t-shirts sizes M - 4X Flip flops M- XL and suncscreen</p>	 <p>Unscented lotion, body powder, and disinfecting wipes Unscented lotion, body powder, and disinfecting wipes of any brand or scent.</p>	 <p>Deodorant & Cleaning Wipes For men: regular and travel For women: regular size Containers of cleaning/ disinfecting wipes</p>	 <p>Pillows, Sheets, & Blankets New, clean twin sheets and pillow cases are an easy way to help restore dignity in those we serve. We will also be collecting twin-sized, quality blankets and quilts</p>
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
 <p>Sweatpants & Sweatshirts Sweatpants and sweatshirts/hoodies are especially needed in the cooler months. Sweatshirts sizes XL - 4X Sweatpants sizes M-XL for men and women</p>	 <p>Weatherproof Gloves & Handwarmers With colder weather the need to keep warm becomes very important. All size gloves for men, women, and children & handwarmers</p>	 <p>Underwear For men: sizes M - 4X. For women: sizes S-9, XL - 4X. All sizes for children</p>	 <p>Diapers & Pull-ups (select sizes) Our childcare ministry has seen a rise in young children. We needs diapers sizes 4, 5, & 6 and Pull-ups</p>

Want to do a donation drive? Contact Jamie for more information jamie@therescuemission.net

“Off the Hill”

Community Needs and Opportunities



Encourage families served through the Ten Point Coalition! Fill a box with food items listed below. It's a practical way to be "for all" in the Renaissance Pointe & Weisser Park area neighborhoods.

Pick up a box at your local YMCA; after you fill it, drop it off at your local YMCA and promptly contact Tim Hallman, Director of Christian Emphasis: 260.755.4964 or tim_hallman@fwymca.org so it can be delivered ASAP. To ensure consistency and a nutritious variety for children and their families, please pack as close to this list as possible.

Everything listed will fit in the provided box:

1 lb of spaghetti noodles
1 can of pasta sauce
5 packs of ramen noodles
2 cans of chicken
2 cans of corn
2 cans of green beans
2 cans of fruit in light syrup
1 box of mixed flavors of oatmeal

2 boxes of macaroni and cheese
2 packets of cheddar and broccoli rice
2 packets of chicken flavored rice
1 packet of 8 peanut butter crackers
1 box of cereal bars

Add a note of encouragement, your favorite Bible verse, or other personalized items. Taping the bottom of the box is suggested; do not tape the top of the box closed.

Thank you for your support as we **#lovecareserve** our community! Learn more about FW UNITED Ten Point Coalition at [Facebook.com/FortWayneUNITED](https://www.facebook.com/FortWayneUNITED) or contact Executive Director Rev. Lewis King at 260.427.2102, lewis.king@cityoffortwayne.org.

July 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4 Independence Day Zoom Rehearsal 11am
5 Zoom Worship 9:30am Gary Davis	6 Bill Mostyn	7	8 Nancy Hansen Gail McGuire	9	10	11 Zoom Rehearsal 11am
12 Zoom Worship 9:30am	13	14 Bonnie Davis	15 Cassidy Cudd Madison Cudd	16	17	18 Zoom Rehearsal 11am
19 Zoom Worship 9:30am	20	21	22 David Burns	23 Betty Kimball	24 Eliza Smith Gabe Smith	25 Zoom Rehearsal 11am
26 Zoom Worship 9:30am	27 Vestry Meeting 7:00pm	28	29	30	31	