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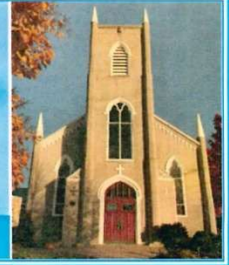
Mount Clemens, Michigan

Amazing Grace

WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

Monthly newsletter of the people and ministries of Grace Episcopal Church

May 2026



Emergency Response Planning



I have written past newsletter articles addressing gun violence in our country and now our bishop is bringing this issue to the forefront again and is encouraging all parishes in our diocese to take some action. On March 12, 2026, our bishop wrote a pastoral letter to all congregations asking us to create an emergency response team to develop a plan and some training that would prepare us for an active shooter situation at Grace. She wrote this in the wake of a shooting at a local Jewish temple. I am including her words here and I will

follow with an update on how our vestry is heeding her request.

Dear Friends,

I write to share my outrage and sadness over the attack of our siblings at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield Township. No community should have to endure the pain, panic, and fear that they experienced today. We stand in solidarity with our neighbors and friends at Temple Israel and the wider Jewish community.

All Houses of worship must be sanctuaries, not targets. In Michigan, this is the third attack on a house of worship in less than a year. When violence enters a place of prayer and learning, it wounds not only those present but our whole human family. And so, we will also continue our work of ending Gun Violence in Michigan ...

Part of our witness is that our doors are open to all. We do not want our churches to feel like fortresses; they are houses of prayer for every person. At the same time, love of neighbor includes readiness to act swiftly should danger appear. That means thinking in advance about how people enter and exit, training greeters and ushers to notice when something feels wrong and knowing how to respond. Our goal is not to shut people out but to keep everyone safe while maintaining the radical hospitality of the Gospel.

Attached to this letter were several resource articles and links that congregations could use as a foundation to their individual plans. At our March vestry meeting we discussed this matter and five members, including me, volunteered to be on this committee, which is

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: See YouTube link
on Website

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM in Guild Room

Worship resources are available
on our Website 24/7/365.



being led by Lucia Smith. We had our first meeting on March 26th and our second session on April 23rd. Once we have a plan together, we will share it with the congregation and implement any training or other changes which the plan may call for.

Rest assured that we will continue to provide all our current ministries, worship and events with as minimal a change as possible. As our bishop stated, we don't want to feel like we are a fortress readying for an imminent attack and yet, we want to be responsible and take proactive actions aimed at keeping us all safe. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

*Remembering **Frances Perkins**, whose feast day is **May 13**:*

Frances Perkins was an active member of the Episcopal Church and the first woman to serve a President of the United States as a member of the cabinet. Born in Boston on April 10th, 1880 and educated at Mount Holyoke College and Columbia University, Perkins was passionate about the social problems occasioned by the continuing effects of industrialization and urbanization.

As a young adult, she discovered the Episcopal Church and was confirmed at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, Illinois, on June 11th, 1905. She remained a faithful and active Episcopalian for the remainder of her life.

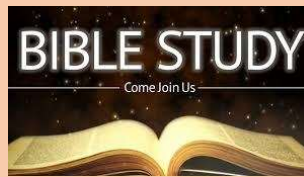
After moving to New York, she became an advocate for industrial safety and persistent voice for the reform of what she believed were unjust labor laws. This work got the attention of two of New York's governors, Al Smith and Franklin D. Roosevelt, in whose state administrations she took part. President Roosevelt later appointed her to a cabinet post as Secretary of Labor, a position she would hold for twelve years. As Secretary of Labor, Perkins would have a major role in shaping the New Deal legislation signed into law by President Roosevelt, most notably the establishment of the Social Security program.

During her years of public service, Frances Perkins depended upon her faith, her life of prayer, and the guidance of her church for the support she needed to assist the United States and its leadership to face the enormous problems of the time. During her time as Secretary of Labor, she would take time away from her duties on a monthly basis and make a retreat at the Episcopal convent of the All Saints Sisters of the Poor in nearby Catonsville, Maryland. She spoke publicly of how the Christ's incarnation informed her conviction that people ought to work with God to create a just Christian social order.

Following her public service, she became a professor of industrial and labor relations at Cornell University. She remained active in teaching, social justice advocacy, and in the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church. She was an eloquent example of lay ministry, writing that "the special vocation of the laity is to conduct and carry on the worldly and secular affairs of modern society...in order that all men may be maintained in health and decency." She died in New York City on May 14th, 1965.

May Birthdays

Julie Saph	5/05
Mary Ann Bagdasarian	5/12
Lori Simon	5/14
Lisa Ewalt	5/14
Lucy Smith	5/26
Charlotte Kalligeros	5/27



Join us in the Guild Room for Bible study, every **Sunday at 9:30 AM.**



“F” Dollars for Fueling Kids’ Futures

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

Book Club at Grace

The next book club meeting will be on **Thursday, May 14 at 6 PM** at Grace Church. At the last meeting we couldn’t decide which book was next, so we ended up choosing two books! They are: *Hold Strong* by Robert Dugoni and *twice* by Mitch Albom. We hope to see you at the next meeting! If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Ann Strevel.



COMMUNITY SUPPERS

Wednesdays at 4 PM
Sundays (Nov.-Mar.) at 4 PM

GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10 AM to 12 PM
Curbside distribution

Grace Garden Updates

- As spring begins greening up the trees, we have had one person adopt the front office garden. Happy dance! Now we’re looking for someone to adopt the 2 by 4 foot garden on Church Street for a commitment of only 15 minutes a week. There are a couple of other small ones, too, so please get in touch with Lori Simon if you’re interested.
- We worked with a local Boy Scout troop to get new mulch laid down in late April.
- We’re looking to borrow some lightweight safety cones for when we rent out our parking lot in June. If you have some to spare, please drop them off in the office.
- If you have any ideas for our gardens, please let Lori Simon know.



Recommended Food Pantry Donations

Canned soups, canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna/chicken, SpaghettiOs, Hamburger Helper, instant mashed potatoes, spaghetti sauce, pasta, cereal, canned applesauce

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Ernie Simon	Sharon Potter	Don Siefkes
Margaret Morgan		Selia Tuten

**Beaumont
Hospice**



Become a Hospice Volunteer



Brighten someone's day with your presence! Hospice volunteers play a vital role by visiting patients and providing support to caregivers through listening, conversation, and companionship. This is a long-term commitment. Join us in making a meaningful difference during one of life's most significant journeys.

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