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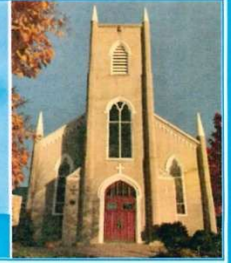
Mount Clemens, Michigan

Amazing Grace

WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

Monthly newsletter of the people and ministries of Grace Episcopal Church

October 2026



Abundant Gratitude



October is such a beautiful time of year here in Michigan. Whenever I see the brilliant colors that surround me in the natural world, I find myself standing in awe of the cosmic painter who created it. This always reminds me of how amazing God is and how fortunate I am to be alive to experience the beauty and wonder of our planet!

In moments like these, gratitude seems to spring forth from my being, and I want to praise and thank God for all the blessings that I often take for granted.

When I start to think about all the things in my life that I am thankful for, the question soon wells up within me—how can I return the favor? I realize how much God has given me, and out of gratitude, I want to give something back to say, “THANK YOU.” Now I can’t invite God over for a home-cooked meal or drop off a nice box of chocolates and a bottle of wine at God’s house—so what am I to do?

The answer soon reveals itself. Share the things that God has given me with others: my skills, knowledge, talents, faith, joy, time, compassion, and resources. There are many needs in our community, state, nation, and world, so opportunities abound. The dilemma arises as to how much I should share and where I should focus my efforts. How do I decide?

This is a conversation that each of us needs to have with God. Be aware that this may be a frightening thought at first, but when we honestly ask God how much and what we should offer, we discover a fundamental truth: that all of us have been created in the image and likeness of our generous God who gives lavishly and unconditionally. The mark of God the gracious giver is embedded in our souls. Deep down in all of us lies the need to be such a giver for that is the way God made us. This generous way of life beckons us.

The challenge, however, is that we need to overcome our fears, our sense of scarcity and our belief that we should hold on tightly to everything we have because if we give too much away, we won’t have enough for ourselves. Our intentions may be good, but we cannot

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.



do this alone. We need to ask God to dispel these concerns. It takes faith to present ourselves to God in this way. Our faith helps us trust that God will ignite the fire in our hearts that will propel us into action as abundant givers.

Later this month, all of us at Grace will have an opportunity to explore faith-based giving on a deeper level. We will send a letter to every household encouraging us to engage God in this important dialogue. Please join me in asking God these tough questions so that each of us may discern how we may more fully share our time, talent and treasure within our faith community for the greater enhancement of God's mission here on earth.

It all begins with a grateful heart. What are you thankful for?

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

Fueling Kids' Futures

We're resuming our food packing for Mount Clemens Community School District on **Tuesday, October 6 at 11:00 AM** at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4 located at 35088 Automation Drive in Clinton Township. We meet every Tuesday throughout the school year, ending June 8, 2027, with some exceptions for school breaks. Please see the *Outreach Ministries* section of our weekly bulletin for up-to-date info, and thank you for your continued support!



About the Artist

Jerry Gardner has been a member of Grace Church since 2011 and has been a part of our choir since 2012. In 1976 he graduated from the College for Creative Studies - School of Art and Design, receiving a four-year certificate in advertising design. That fall, he was hired by Campbell-Ewald Advertising in Warren, MI, where he worked until his retirement in 2009.

His cartoon "Friz" was an idea he created many years ago. The setting is way back in time, about the lighthearted misadventures of a cave artist/inventor trying to make a living. "Friz" was judged to be a very good idea, but did not receive the support needed for publication. It's just as true now as it was then: laughter is contagious—and "Friz" will make you laugh!

October Birthdays

Cheryle Kahl	10/03
Kris Eckert	10/10
Veronica Dunbar	10/11
Mimi Lambert	10/17
Fran Merlo	10/19



"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 at Grace on **Thursday, November 12 at 6 PM**, and we'll be discussing John Grisham's *The Widow*. We would love for you to attend! Just read the book, come to the meeting, and be prepared for a lively discussion in a comfortable setting. Call or see Ann Strevel with any questions or concerns.



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

Monthly Bible Study

Our next monthly Bible study is on **Sunday, October 11** between the services at **9:30 AM** in the guild hall. We'll be going over the Ash Wednesday Gospel passage and the Maundy Thursday Old Testament and epistle readings. Hope to see you there!



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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2026 Vestry

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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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