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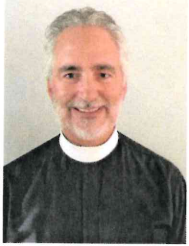
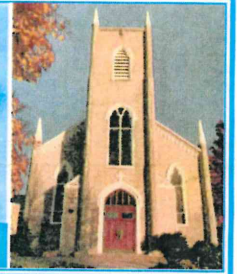
Mount Clemens, Michigan

Amazing Grace

WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

Monthly newsletter of the people and ministries of Grace Episcopal Church

March 2024



EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

As humans we all have a need to belong. As relational beings we desire to be connected to someone and to be a part of something greater than ourselves. But if we really stop and think about it, our deepest longings are spiritual. Who am I? What is the meaning and purpose for my life? What happens to us when we die? Why is there evil, death and destruction in the world? And the list could go on and on.

In my biased opinion, the best place to seek answers to these types of spiritual longings is in a faith community. For many of us, that means a church. Some of us may have belonged to a church all our lives, while others may just be starting down this path. We all have different experiences and expectations of church but we all find ourselves here at Grace at this moment in our lives.

Some of us are involved with everything going on at Grace while others participate sporadically. Some of us never miss a Sunday service and some of us only come once or twice a year. People often ask, "How do I join?" Is there a form to fill out or dues to pay or does showing up on Sunday mean that I am a member?

Our Episcopal tradition holds that all baptized persons who have received Holy Communion in this congregation at least three times during the preceding 6 months are considered active members at Grace. Being a member in good standing also means that you are participating in the ongoing life of the parish and you are sharing your time, talent and treasure with the parish.

Members are also encouraged to make a public affirmation of their faith commitment by being baptized and then either confirmed or received by an Episcopal Bishop. Teenagers, and adults who have not been confirmed may receive some instruction from the parish priest as a preparation for this sacrament. In addition, adults who were confirmed in another Christian tradition may also participate in an Inquirer's class to prepare for reception into the Episcopal tradition.

Every year in the spring time, our Bishop Bonnie Perry, officiates at a regional confirmation/reception service when anyone in the diocese may attend this service. We at Grace will be part of such a service on Saturday, May 11th at 11:00 am at St. James on Grosse Isle. On this day our bishop will be available to confirm and officially receive people into the Episcopal Church. If you would like to be confirmed or received on this date, please contact Pastor Steve by Sunday, March 10th. We will then set up some times to meet for instruction and conversation.

Please know that whatever your official membership status is here that you are welcome at all times and at all events. May God continue to bless you on your journey of faith and belonging. Please feel free to talk to me if you have any questions or desire more information.

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: YouTube

Link on website

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 am in Guild Room

Worship resources are available on
our website anytime.



March Birthdays

Diann Simmons	3/04
Nina DiGaetano	3/08
Jean Hitchcock	3/09
Linda Stevens	3/12
Scot Lau	3/16
Ernie Simon	3/21
Shirley Rumpel	3/22
Deborah Warner	3/24
Nancy Johnson	3/27
Christa Carpenter	3/31



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.



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.

Book Club

Our book club will meet on March 14th at 6pm. We will discuss "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. The meeting will be at Ann Strevel's house. You still have time to read the book beforehand and join us. Call Ann for more information.

Lenten Edu Program

We will meet on three Mondays in March at 6:00 pm for a movie and conversation.

March 4 – The Most Reluctant Convert (2021)

Spanning C.S. Lewis' bitter childhood, WWI and his life-changing friendships at Oxford, The Most Reluctant Convert depicts the events that shaped Lewis' early life and journey from hard-boiled atheism to prolific Christianity.

March 11 – The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe (2005)

While playing, Lucy and her siblings find a wardrobe that lands them in a mystical place called Narnia. Here they realize that it was fate and they must now unite with Aslan to defeat an evil queen.

March 18 – Shadowlands (1993)

C. S. Lewis, a world-renowned Christian theologian, writer and professor, leads a passionless life until he meets spirited poet Joy Gresham from the U.S.



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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