

Messenger

Grace Episcopal Church

Second Quarter 2023

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Rector's Greeting

As summer begins in earnest we take a moment with this issue to take a look back at a busy and energetic spring. A highlight of the early spring was the return of live music to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The pancakes and ham were wonderful, as always, but the music provided was a special treat.



Ash Wednesday the following day marked the beginning of the season of Lent. Rev. Marshall Crossnoe began his work assisting at the altar and preaching. It was a joy to have another colleague to share in the ministry here at Grace.



In the middle of Lent, near the end of March, I was able to gather with the diocesan clergy at our spring retreat. We gathered at the Tod-dhall Retreat Center in Columbia, Illinois for a time of rest, reflection, and prayer. Again, it was the first time we were able to gather in person as we continued the journey back from COVID to normality. It was a great way to energize in preparation for the high energy of Holy Week. Which began with Palm Sunday and saw an increase in numbers and energy as we all reveled in the joy of being together again. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter all saw small increases, even though Holy Week was happening during the Spring Break for schools in Jeff City. So little by little we are working our way back to something near normal.



Our Easter celebration was joyful and filled with choral and instrumental music.

The brightness of Easter was darkened a little as we heard that long time parishioner, and husband of Deacon Paula, George Hartsfield had died after a battle with an aggressive cancer. He will be missed.

As the season of Easter continued the people of Grace went out into the community taking part in different ministries in different ways. The vows we take at our baptism, and renew every year at Easter and Pentecost (among other times) connect us deeply to God's creation and the people we meet. Here at Grace we strive to make the church a place where all are welcomed and loved. But even more, we strive to share that love, God's love, with the world. Have fun reading about all we've been up to, and places where you might want to join in!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Bill +".



Treasurer's Report

By Harry Richter
Summary of April 30 Financial Report

On the income side, pledge payments are running ahead of the YTD budget. This is probably due to some parishioners paying all or at least a large portion of their commitment at the beginning of the year. Since a number of them are also paying by means of automatic transfers from their banking accounts, this helps to level out cash flow, and thus, the former summertime slump is lessened. Investment income is ahead but does vary from quarter to quarter. We also received the first quarter payment from the diocese in support of our (Josie's) Community Pantry.

Expenses are generally in line with expectations. Utility costs are up due to the use of natural gas for heating in cooler months, but our solar panels will help bring this line closer to budget while we use the air conditioning. We have begun drawing down the Mitchell fund as we make progress payments on the additions to the organ.

All in all, we appear to be in pretty good shape at the present time, thanks to the regular support of our members and the vestry's careful management of funds received.

Senior Warden's Report

By Sarah Schedler, Senior Warden

Welcome to summer, people of Grace! Maybe it's your favorite season, or least favorite season, or somewhere in between. I've always thought summer church feels different: the late service starts earlier, attendance swings up and down, and the Sunday school wing is hot and empty. People are busy, me included. We can fall into a lull when

it comes to "church work." Now, there are a few big projects planned for the coming months: transforming the current youth room into a new choir room, setting up the unused Sunday school room as the new youth room, and downsizing the library collection to better use that room. The Grace Space Use Committee (a.k.a. Space Force) is not taking the summer off.

Our mission and ministries cannot take the summer off either, even though we are spread a bit more thinly and have more Sundays out of town than in. There is much to be done within and outside of Grace, to be sure. The Good News can be spread while on vacation. We can pray without ceasing while relaxing or running in too many directions. We can remember the poor (and Josie's Pantry) as we enjoy the coolness of our air-conditioned houses. We can find renewal and reconnection with God in the slower paced, long days. Perhaps you'll sense a calling to a new ministry during some well-deserved time off. So, whether June through August are the months you look forward to or dread all year, I pray they are filled with blessings and joy. Be safe and take care.

Salvation Army Dinner is Served

Grace Church parishioners have continued to serve residents and neighbors of the Salvation Army Center of Hope throughout the year.

On Sunday, May 21, Todd, Michelle and Jacob Rodemeyer, along with Michelle's mom, Mary Rehagen, served dinner at the Salvation Army to around 40 people. Fifteen diners were residents of the Salvation Army, with the others coming from the neighborhood.

The menu consisted of BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, BBQ beans, and potato chips. Michelle's mom provided the desserts. They must have enjoyed it, as several attendees came back for seconds and thirds. They were very appreciative of this ministry.

Community Ministries Committee Serves Jeff City in Multiple Ways

By Suzanne Richter & Vicki Myers

On a blustery, grey April morning, several hundred Jefferson Citians gathered in McClung Park for a pancake and sausage breakfast before dispersing in small work groups to clean, beautify, and improve our fair city. The 10th annual Serve Jeff City event was underway!

Eight Grace Church members participated in this year's event and, had the weather cooperated, our numbers would have been twice as large. Working in a cold drizzle, Grace Church parishioners planted flowers and weeded beds at Lincoln University, working alongside Lincoln University campus leaders. Others from our church dug up invasive honeysuckle bushes (thank you, birds) at Riverside Park.

Despite numb fingers and tingling toes, all participants enjoyed beautifying our fair city. Thanks to participants Sarah Schedler, D'Arcy and Stella Crane, Cathy and Jim Libey, Beverly and Father Bill Nesbit, Suzanne and Harry Richter, and Dottie and Bryce Dallmeyer.

We encourage you to join us next year in this important ministry.



Grace Church Volunteers, Melinda Sanders and Ginny Irvin, work hard to help people who come to Common Ground find the the resources they need to get back on their feet.

Sunday School Small but Mighty

By Julie Harker

The Grace Youth Sunday School class used the popular Whirl curriculum, which follows along with the lectionary each Sunday, again this year. The children especially love the Whirl characters in the three-minute videos which help underscore the lesson of the day in a fun way. They also love the games and crafts we engage in which tie into the day's lesson. We held class in person for the full year, the first time since the pandemic began. The class size became smaller this school year but attendance was strong!

We hope to engage more young people in Sunday School starting this fall. Feel free to invite any families you know, and if you have questions or suggestions about the curriculum or extra-curricular activities, please reach out to the teachers or Fr. Bill.

There will also be a class for older youth in a new space upstairs. We will need more teachers.

Thanks to all who support Christian formation at Grace Church!

Mark 10:14

Jesus said to his disciples, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Grace's Graduates

Thomas Nield

Thomas Nield received a Bachelor of Science, cum laude, from Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. Thomas majored in Computer Science - Software Engineering, minored in Cyber-Risk Management and Mathematics, and received a certificate in Data Analytics. While at Drury, Thomas ran cross country and track.



Ted Krause

Ted graduated from Capital City High School in May 2023. Ted's high school career included competing in varsity soccer and wrestling. He played trumpet in the marching and jazz bands. From the age of 7, Ted studied piano at Jan Houser's studio, and he earned recognition at several piano competitions. Ted enjoyed sharing his music during services at Grace, and he served as an Acolyte and Crucifer. A memory of Ted's experience at Grace was when he asked for the "Jesus cracker" (communion) for the first time. During high school, Ted worked as a lifeguard and as a broadcast operator for Learfield Communications. He plans to study Accounting and music at Mizzou in the fall.



Jordan Myers

Jordan Meyers is a recent graduate from Capital City High School. He was on the wrestling team, and a basketball manager.

CLASS
OF
2023



Dejan Collier

Dejan Alan Collier graduated from the University of Missouri in Columbia with a major in Management and minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation.



Common Ground Garden

By Julie Harker

The vegetable garden that Grace Episcopal Church started 10 years ago at Common Ground began the 2023 growing season in late April and is off to a good start this year.

It's another year of neighbors tending the garden, from planting through harvest and beyond and led by Tiffany Elana. The goal of the garden had always been to turn it over to neighbors who, in turn, would share the bounty of the vegetables grown with their neighbors. This is another year of neighbors helping neighbors. Praise be to God!

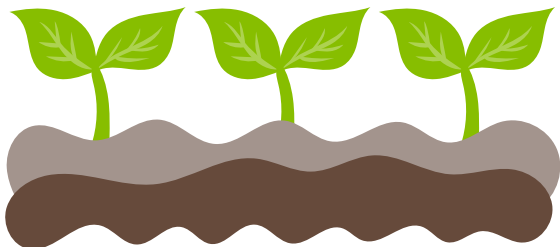
"We had three families represented on Sunday, April 29 - planting on the day of 'Serve Jeff City.' A mother of three, a neighbor boy, myself, and Common Ground director Tina and John all pitched in to help," says Elana. "Ginny Irvin from Master Gardeners (also, Grace Church) donated plants, as well as instructed volunteers on how to work in the garden."

The group planted sweet potatoes, white potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, kale, Swiss chard, cucumbers, squash, radishes, beans, and zucchini, plus flowers.

Elana said the drought has been a challenge but the plants are doing well, overall. Just three people are sharing the watering duties.

"There are some plants suffering from burn-out but we are reaping spinach, radishes, tomatoes & peppers, so far."

If you are able to help water the garden, contact, Julie Harker auntbh@yahoo.com or the church office.



Scouting Update

By Tom Nield

Winter and spring have passed us by, and we are now rolling into summer trekking and summer camp. We had a phenomenally busy winter and spring!

In January, we sent a lot of young scouts to the Klondike Derby in Macon, Mo. Many of our older scouts supported the event by assisting with running the air rifle and tomahawk ranges. In February, our scouts tested their wilderness survival skills at Camp Timber Acres, our Venture Crew went skiing and snowboarding at Hidden Valley Ski Resort, and we did landscape work at Adrians Island. In March, our troops spent the night inside Stark Caverns. In April, we helped out at Ha Ha Tonka State Park for Scout Day of Service. The gents went fishing at Bennet Springs State Park. The ladies elected to focus on basic scout skills at Binder Lake. We staffed the Sam's Club location for Scouting for Food and helped with some landscaping around City Hall. In May, we camped at Camp Hohn in tandem with a merit badge college.

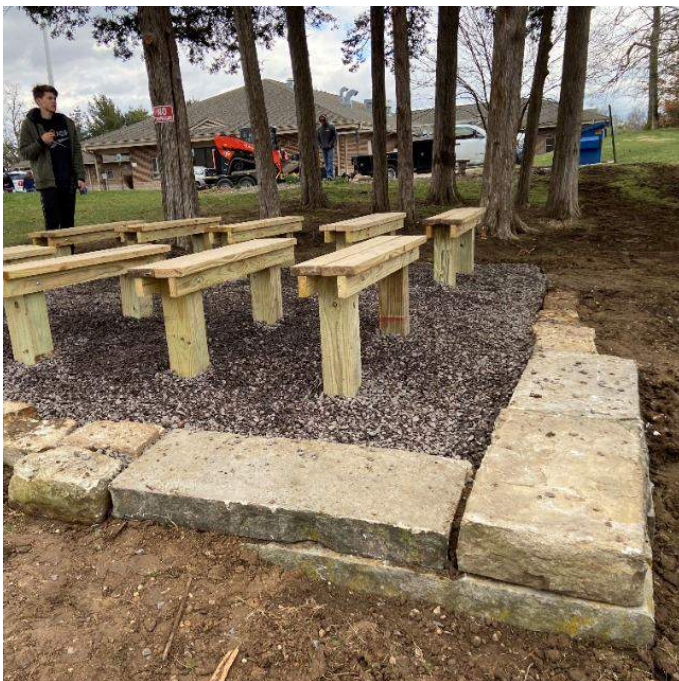
Looking ahead for this summer, in June we are sending a group of younger scouts to Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky, and the crew is sending a group to the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia to do the New River Gorge trek. In July, we are sending the troops to summer camp at Camp Hohn at the Lake of the Ozarks. In late July and early August, we are sending a crew down to Sea Base in Florida to spend a week on a sailboat.

We took on running the concession stand at the Five Rivers District Pinewood Derby in March and did well. We are hoping to hand it off to the troop that First Christian took over so they have a dedicated fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who came out to the Shrove Tuesday Ham and Pancake Supper. We netted \$1,114 this year. If anyone is interested in ham bones for making stock and soups, let me know because we vacuum bagged and froze them.

Two of our scouts recently completed their Eagle projects and are in the process of finishing up their Eagle applications and packets. Another one of our scouts is sitting his Eagle Board of Review later in June. Our fourth scout, Warren Stier, completed his project and passed his Eagle Board of Review and is our most recent Eagle Scout! Warren's project was adding a worship/learning space at the Salvation Army's prayer garden. We have a bunch of Life Scouts looking for a project to do. If you know of a non-profit that has a project idea, please let us know.

Have a wonderful summer!

We do High Adventure, and Cool Stuff!



it's
time
to
Adventure





June

1-Suzanne Richter, Diane Tannehill
2-Charlie Thompson, David Awbrey
5-Debra Greene, Jim Lowery
6-Haroun Kamara
8-Megan Ludewig, Edith Kamara
9-Melissa Hensley
11-Orrin Sanford, Becca Harbison,
12-Krista Barnett
13-Jane Knight
15-Connie Perch
16-Cheryl Nield, Winifred Coker
17-Stephanie Bartlett
18-Alice Bernard-Jones
21-Elizabeth McDermith,
22-Harvey Marx
23-Robert Knight, Logan Greene
24-Ted Krause
27-Magnus John, Laura Figo, David Pond
28-Terri Dallmeyer
30-Melinda Sanders

July

1-Madeline Pond
2-Dennis Belcher
3-Nancy West
4-David Myers
6-Megan Kerr
7-Jane Hughes
10-Arthur Allen, Marsha Kistler
12-JJ Sill
13-Ashley Armour
14-Sam Bone
19-David Overfelt
20-Malcolm Buxton, Veda Breeden, Carolyn Kerr, Amy
Greatsinger
21-Ralph Kalberloh, Nick Turner
22-Nathan Weis
23-Laura Conley, Cathy Harbison, Christy Pond
24-Turner Tyson, Dejan Collier, Zaryn Kamara
26-Edward Nylander, Maureen McDonnell
27-Henry Stier
28-Annette Markham, Emily Bartlett
29-Gerry Goff, Anthony Greatsinger
31-John Myers, Lauren Kistler

August

1-Nanette Ellis
2-Spencer Overfelt, Brooks Kalaf-Starks
3-Garry Hinde
4-Mae Krause, Kirstin Sanning
5-Benjamin Ludewig, Sarah Ludewig, Barbara Wolkoff
6-Paula Bone
8-Ginny Irvin
9-Graham Spear
10-Mike McDonnell
11-Kayla Gittens-Stronge, Linda Tyson, Erica Overfelt
12-Madeline Benedict
13-Dennis Banister
14-Gary Sanders
15-Meredith Johnson
18-Jennifer Teter
20-Barbara Koenig
21-Andrea Hughes
22-Leslie Tyson DeSha
23-Matthew Johnson
27-Daniel West
29-Andrew Nash
30-Julie Harker, John Kerr
31-Staci Richards, Jennifer Knight Huffington, Margaret Abraham

September

1-Olivia Libey
2-Lily Hedges
3-Albert Myers
4-Landrie Hemphill
5-Jim Perch
6-Wade Nash
7-Rob Crouse, Bridgid Mendenhall
9-Sarah Schedler
10-Susan Lissant
16-Eric Hedges, Charles Greatsinger, Alice Morello, Estella Buxton
17-Dottie Dallmeyer, Sandy Weis, Jennifer Krause
19-Kenna Marx, Jamie Ownbey
20-Janie Johnson
21-Brian Barnett
22-Edmond Ikeh
24-Cathy Libey
26-Caroline Graham, Mike Reid
27-Ted Koenig
28-Mervyn John, Ben Kane
30-Andrew Hensley



Standing Notices

The Clergy must be consulted before all Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals

The Clergy may be called at any time for emergencies such as illness, accident, or death. Otherwise they may be contacted during the day at the church. Beth Prenger-Boeckmann, our Administrator, is in the office from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Monday-Friday. Voice mail messages may be left at other times. Fr. Bill's day off is Monday.

PASTORAL CARE, COUNSELING and SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

If you need counseling for personal issues, Father Bill is available to help. He has special training in these areas and is happy to meet with anyone who feels the need. We also maintain relationships with professionals to whom we can refer you as needed. We are here to help as you face the challenges of life – personal, economic, and spiritual. If you need us, call us.

HOSPITAL VISITS:

When you or anyone you know is going into the hospital, please let us know. When you are discharged, or are transferred to another health facility, please let us know, or have a member of your family inform us. It is not safe to assume that we will hear of these needs in any other way. We like to visit you, but with two hospitals in Jefferson City and two more in Columbia, we need to know where you are. We also like to lift you up in prayer, so keep us informed of your whereabouts and your needs. Fr. Bill especially likes to pray with you before surgery. Yes, even at the crack of dawn!

MONETARY SUPPORT:

Our Parish is supported by the generous offerings of the people. The standard of giving for the Episcopal Church is the tithe. All members are encouraged to pray and strive for this level of Christian giving. As I am sure you remember, before the pandemic a collection was made at all services. Now that we are not meeting in person, we rely on you to get your donations to the church via the mail. We have offering envelopes available for regular givers, and methods of automated electronic giving are also available. If you desire, a pledge form is available through the Parish Office. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

BAPTISM:

Holy Baptism is administered on designated Sundays during the service. Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day (or the Sunday after), the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (the first Sunday after Epiphany) and the Bishop's visitation. Godparents must be baptized Christians. It is recommended that they be either a confirmed member of this parish or active in their own parish. As you have seen, virtual baptisms require a little special care, but are certainly possible. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for the Baptism and to schedule pre-baptismal instruction.

MARRIAGE:

Holy Matrimony is solemnized only after instruction by the Clergy. It is recommended that six months notice be given. No marriage may be solemnized unless at least 30 days notice has been given. The seasons of Advent and Lent are generally not appropriate for marriages. A pamphlet on getting married at Grace Church is available in the Parish Office.

TIME OF DEATH AND FUNERALS:

Please notify the church immediately at the time of a person's death. We also have funeral planning forms if you are interested in making your final wishes known to the church and your family. It is appropriate that the Christian dead be buried from the church. Please contact the Clergy before arrangements are made with the funeral director.

PRAYERS:

Prayers are offered at all services at Grace Church for those who are sick and in need of God's guidance, for travelers, for those celebrating birthdays, wedding anniversaries or other needs which may exist. If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office (573-635-4405).

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