



# iMessenger

*Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church*  
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## Mission Trip Survey



Mike Heyer is planning to draft a memoir of all 26 years of mission trips. He is asking previous missionaries (chaperones and students) to send him the following:

**Please send a paragraph about each trip in which you participated.**

- 1) Which year or years did you go?
- 2) Who else do you recall that went on the trip - chaperones and teens?
- 3) What is your favorite memory of the trip?
- 4) What work did you or the group do on the trip?
- 5) Is there any other information you think should be noted?

Mike is in the process of compiling a list of all missionaries over the years, the work we performed and all the memorable events that occurred. If you do not recall all the places and the years, he'll provide you with that list. **Parents: please share this information with your son or daughter if they participated in a mission trip and may not know about this survey. Mike would like to have your information by July 10th.** Contact [Mike Heyer](#) and thanks to all of you for your assistance!

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Before



After

## Grace Driveway Resurfacing

Have you seen the parking lot lately? If you haven't, come by and take a look!

The last time we resurfaced our parking lot was over 13 years ago. It was showing its age! Over that time, we filled numerous potholes and patched cracks, but it finally came to the point where it was deteriorating rapidly, and patch jobs would not work.

The vestry took a long and hard look at this problem and received several bids for repairs. The vestry approved a proposal from Kane Asphalt & Construction, and the parking lot resurfacing and striping was completed in mid-June for \$14,700. This project was not included in our 2023 operating budget. We received a grant from the Diocese for \$3,000, and some additional funds are available in the grounds budget. The finance committee is working on other funding sources that will enable us not to cut our program budget.

If you are able to help fund this project, checks may be made payable to Grace Church. Please put *Driveway Fund* in the memo line.

### Did You Know?

When visitors come to Grace for the first time, their first impression is often the most important. What is the first thing they do and see? They drive in and park their car in the parking lot.



Before



After



The time has come when every interested parishioner gets to help plan for the coming Grace on the Go year.



There are two ways: (1) Volunteer to be part of the planning committee; (2) Send us ideas in writing for places to visit and the contact information of those places. Please contact [Christie Boyle](#) or at 314-341-1588 to let her know how you would like to have input in upcoming plans.

Grace on the Go plans an activity for each month from September thru May. We welcome new planners to join our core group and greatly appreciate suggestions for future outings. **We will begin to meet the week of July 23** to review each suggestion, vote on which to pursue and when, and choose who will chair each event. A week or so later we will make the final choices and go on to pursue the arrangements.

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## Tuesday Book Club

Our new book we'll be reading is *Every Day Is a Gift: A Memoir* by Tammy Duckworth.



Learn the incredible story of Illinois senator and Iraq War veteran Tammy Duckworth and see what inspired her to follow the path that made her who she is today. In *Every Day Is a Gift*, Tammy Duckworth takes readers through the amazing— and amazingly true— stories from her incomparable life. In Nov 2004, an Iraqi RPG blew through the cockpit of Tammy Duckworth's U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter. The explosion, which destroyed her legs and mangled her right arm, was a turning point in her life. But as Duckworth shows in *Every Day Is a Gift*, that moment was just one in a lifetime of extraordinary turns. The biracial daughter of an American father and a Thai-Chinese mother, Duckworth faced discrimination, poverty, and the horrors of war— all before the age of 16. From childhood to motherhood and beyond, *Every Day Is a Gift* is the remarkable story of one of America's most dedicated public servants.

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## With Grace & Gratitude

"It's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it." Parishioner Bill Cadwallader was just the person to volunteer to clean our convection oven. This is no easy task, he laboriously scraped and cleaned the oven until it was in a presentable condition.

We use this oven often, so it's important to maintain its function and cleanliness. Thanks, Bill, for a job well done!

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## From the Junior Warden:

The last of our Covid restrictions have been lifted, and the church drinking fountains are working again! You may again enjoy a cool drink of water from our drinking fountains.

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## The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

You may also join us at 10 a.m. through Facebook @GraceChurchKirkwood  
or on our webpage at [www.GraceKirkwood.org](http://www.GraceKirkwood.org)

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Service on  
Our Website

Nursery Sunday hours are 8:45 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. each Sunday.

## Beyond Our Walls

### Hunger Barrel Items Needed

For kids who depend on the school breakfast and lunch programs, summer can be a challenging time to have regular meals. The following are suggestions from the food pantry at Kirk Care (one of the places we take our donated items).



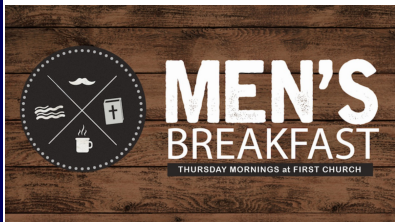
#### Preferred items

**Non-perishable unexpired foods:** Meats (chicken, spam), fish (tuna, salmon) • stew • hearty soups • chili, beans (protein canned or dried) • tomato products • fruits (canned or dried) • pasta, pasta sauces, canned pasta • peanut butter, jelly/jam • ground coffee • rice • breakfast items • low sugar cereal • oatmeal • complete meals & meal kits • dinner mixes (*Hamburger helper*, *Tuna helper*) • macaroni & cheese • dessert mixes • baking staples • protein/power bars

#### Non-food items:

Paper products (napkins, kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels) • diapers/pull-ups (all sizes including adult diapers) • feminine hygiene products • bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion • cleaning supplies.

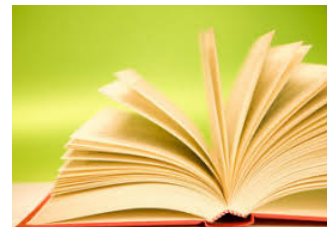
## Mark Your Calendar!



**Men's Breakfast**  
Wednesdays 8 a.m.  
Denny's in Sunset Hills



**The Holy Eucharist**  
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.  
Anointing of the Sick on the  
First Tuesday of each month.  
In the Chapel of the Apostles  
(on the lower level)



**Tuesday Book Group**  
**meets at 10:00 a.m.**  
at the church and on  
Zoom. Starting June  
27th we'll begin *Every*  
*Day Is a Gift: A*  
*Memoir*—by Tammy

**Please note: there will be  
no service on Tuesday,  
July 4, 2023.**

**Duckworth. Contact  
Michele Nicosia for more  
information.**

[Reading schedule](#)

## **Prayer List**

### **Parish List**

John Barrett  
Jane & Henry Beers  
Shirley Browne  
Ethel Cromwell  
Katie Conrad  
Ginger Dokos  
Eric Eickmeyer  
David Fly  
Ted Guarino  
Bill Harrison  
Douglas Jenkins  
Mike Lillmars  
Chris Manuel  
Jim McKown  
Steve Mika  
Langen Neubacher  
Marty O'Leary  
Beverly Shands  
Brooks Ward  
Jane Webster  
Eric Woodruff

### **Friends & Family**

Rebecca Bonham  
Douglas Jenkins  
Michael & Mary Leiweke  
Ken Mac  
Logan Nelson  
Wendy Russell-Taggart  
Bob Shepherd  
Allison Shortlane

## **Birthdays**



### **June 25**

Ryan DuBois  
Ron Osborne  
Tom Voller

### **June 26**

Lucinda Cobb  
Lou Major

### **June 28**

Amy Bradshaw

### **June 29**

Hudson Ward

### **July 1**

Sarah Ray

## **Anniversaries**

### **June 30**

Alice & Chris Pierce



Our Prayer list requests and updates should be e-mailed to the parish office. Names will be left on the prayer list for one month unless the parish office is notified.

Note: the Intercession Prayer Book is now available for people to write their prayer requests.

## **Pastoral Care**

Grace's clergy are available by appointment to discuss personal, pastoral, or spiritual matters; please call or email the clergy directly. The lay pastoral care team members are also available to visit and bring communion to those unable to be at church in person. Please let the clergy or Sara Losse know ([saratlosse@yahoo.com](mailto:saratlosse@yahoo.com)) if you or someone you know in the congregation is in need of a pastoral visit.



If you have a concern that you would prefer to keep private, please let the clergy or Ruth Moore know ([clesiem01@yahoo.com](mailto:clesiem01@yahoo.com)) so that she can put your need on the prayer chain. Throughout the week, members of the Grace Prayer Chain pray privately



for the congregation's special needs.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the parish office at 314-821-1806. A priest is on call at all times. In case of hospitalization, when a church member is near death or has died, please notify the clergy as soon as possible so that we may minister to you and your family with prayers and anointing.

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### Transition Prayer

Almighty God, who knows our needs even before we ask, grant us a spirit of faith and courage, that we may have the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; look graciously on this parish family and send forth your Holy Spirit to guide us to be of one heart and mind, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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### Online Giving

We are grateful to everyone who is keeping their pledge current. Your generosity is gratifying and inspiring. To give online please click the link below and checks may be mailed to 514 East Argonne, Kirkwood, MO 63122. If you are out of work and unable to make your pledge, we understand. Please let the parish office know.

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and follow the prompts to complete your donation.*

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