



iMessenger

Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church
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**The parish office will be closed for the July 4th holiday.
There will be no Holy Eucharist or Anointment.**

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Phillip Brunswick Returns To the Bench

We are excited to welcome Phillip back to the organ bench next Sunday, July 9. Phillip has been away to deal with some personal matters these past few weeks. We are grateful for Jennifer Spohr, Cheryl Foster and Bob Chamberlin who have shared their musical gifts while Phillip was away.

Welcome back, Phillip!

Parking Lot Resurfacing Project

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.

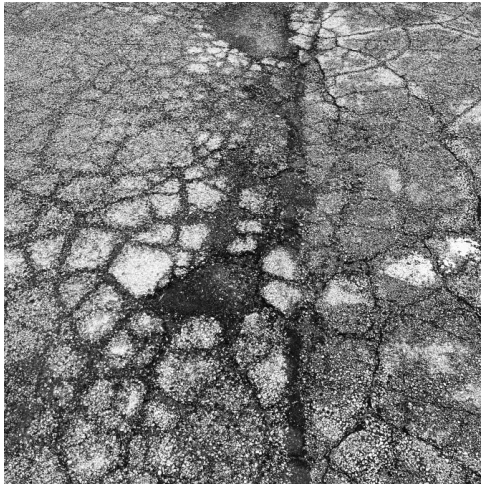
The vestry took a long and hard look at this problem and received several bids for repairs. The vestry approved a proposal from Kane Asphalt & Construction, and the parking lot resurfacing and striping was completed in mid-June for \$14,700. This project was not included in our 2023 operating budget. 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 or you may donate online to [Parking Lot Resurfacing](#).

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

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!

Grace On the Go Planning for 2023-24

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. **Our first meeting will be 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 make the arrangements.

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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 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](#)

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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.

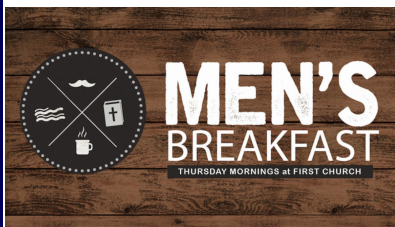
Travel Toiletries

Are you traveling this summer? When staying in a hotel or motel they often provide you with travel toiletries, as well as coffee service packets, which you may not need.

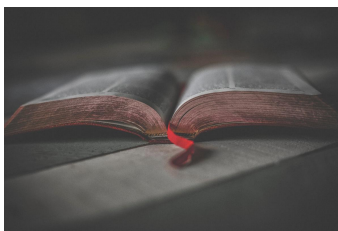


You can collect these unused items for Trinity Food Pantry and the Person to Person Street Ministry to give to the unhoused. Then, when you return to Grace, deposit your bag in the marked box in the parish hall.

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)

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



**Tuesday Book Group
meets at 10:00 a.m.**
at the church and on
Zoom. We're reading
*Every Day Is a Gift: A
Memoir*—by Tammy
Duckworth. Contact
[Michele Nicosia](#) for more
information. **NOTE:
they will not be
meeting on 7/4/23**

[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

Birthdays



July 3
Jane Beers
July 4
Joe Burklow
Mark Nixon
July 5
Laura Legg
July 6
Emily Davis
Marilyn Wilton
Everett Zemper
July 7
Eric Eickmeyer

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

July 8
Ruth Jayne
Dianne Sehie
Pete Stupp

Anniversaries

July 3

Susan & Daniel Vernon

July 4

Lisa & Steve Jianakoplos

July 7

Ruth & Jim Moore



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) 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) 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.



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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