

APRIL/MAY

2023



EASTER WEEK SERVICES


Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm service
in the sanctuary

Easter Sunday:

6:30 am— Sunrise Service in back
parking lot, weather permitting.

8:30 and 10:00 am—Easter
Worship services in the sanctuary

**No Children's Sunday School on
Easter*

 **Grace United Methodist Church**
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Sundays At Grace

8:30 — Worship Service

10:00 — Worship Service

10:00 — Children's Sunday School

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Grace United Methodist Church Mission

*Make followers of Jesus Christ through ministries that seek to
nurture people to model Christ, reach out to people right where
they are and witness that Jesus Christ is Lord!
Nurture — Outreach — Witness*

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Update

Recently the SPRC reviewed the job descriptions for our Facilities and Office Managers. This was important since they had not been updated in about five years and many of the present SPRC members were not on the committee during the last revision.

Both staff members were also asked to review their job descriptions, to make sure they accurately reflect what they are doing. For instance, our Facilities Manager Chad is now solely responsible for the cemetery grounds, so it was important that tasks associated with the cemetery were included. In Office Manager Lori's case, she now performs the treasurer duties, so there was a list of tasks that had to be added.

While Pastor Tim is their immediate superior, SPRC is the committee that hires, reviews performance, and sets salaries and benefits. The Facilities Manager has an extra layer of supervision, since it is the Trustees who set the tasks associated with the church building and grounds, as well as the cemetery. Having an accurate description of both jobs keeps everyone on the same page, especially as SPRC members and Trustees change.

During the SPRC discussion, it was decided that a paragraph regarding character traits should also be included in all job descriptions as follows:

Christian values are a requirement. It is imperative to be professional, respectful and have a positive attitude when interacting with fellow staff members, church members, worshippers, and visitors. Negative comments and gossip are not acceptable; confidentiality is required.

While the committee felt this was important for staff members, they also agreed it was essential for everyone in leadership to follow, so the paragraph was shared at the last Council meeting. The more I thought about it, EVERYONE at Grace should be working on these traits, whether we are greeting a visitor, participating in a committee meeting, or simply conversing with one another.

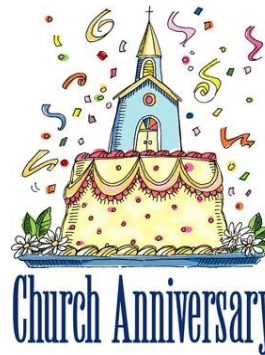
In a recent Lenten Bible Study session, we discussed how each of us is

a work in progress. During this time of renewal let's all be mindful of our attitudes, and especially our words, as we work toward Christ-likeness.

Blessings,

Chris Yatchyshyn, SPRC Chair

Ephesians 4:29 *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*



Grace Church's 50th Anniversary Celebration — Save The Date, June 18, 2023!

Preparations have begun for the 50th Anniversary of Grace Church, we will be celebrating 50 years of being here worshiping and praising God on Sunday, June 18, 2023. We are planning a special service and a luncheon to follow. We would like to invite ALL past and present members and attenders of Zion UMC, Bethany EUBC and Grace UMC. So, get the word out to all your friends and relatives who were members and attenders.

Also, **WANTED** are any copies of pictures, slides, or videos and any memorabilia you would like to share for the displays for the anniversary.

THANK YOU...

I am overwhelmed with the outpouring of cards, kind words, love and support during the illness and passing of Church. Grace is certainly a loving and supportive congregation which I am so happy to be a part of. Thank you and God's blessing to each of you.

Lucinda

Children's Ministries

EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be a Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 1, 2023 at 10:30 am for all children 0-6th grade. We will meet in Fellowship Hall to start. Egg hunt will be in the lower parking lot grassy area weather permitting. In case of bad weather, it will held inside.



EASTER SUNDAY AND SUNDAY FUNDAY

There will be NO Sunday School on Easter, April 9, 2023 to give families an opportunity to spend worship time together.

The next Sunday School "*Sunday Funday*" will be on April 30, 2023 during the 10 am worship service. Please meet in the sanctuary at 10 am for the children's message. Then students will be dismissed to Fellowship Hall for singing, a story, games, crafts and a snack.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS NEEDED

Want to be a blessing AND be blessed? Volunteer as a Sunday School teacher or helper. We are in need of teachers and helpers. The commitment is only one week a month. If you are interested in helping or would like more information see Beth Snyder or Lori in the office.



ANNOUNCING...VBS 2023 July 10-17

Who's ready to cook up some fun? **VBS 2023 Food Truck Party** is inviting children of all ages to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into

Grace Church! VBS invites our children to pray as Jesus teaches us In Matthew 6:11, "Give us this day our daily bread." At the center of the Food Truck Party is a special food truck called "On a Roll." Here, kids (or "Chefs") will learn from the food truck's Top Chef, along with *DJ CUPCAKE* (an adorable cupcake puppet), about the Daily Specials (Daily Learnings), which are lines from the well-loved prayer that teaches us to turn to God to meet our needs.

Mark your calendar for July 10th – 17th, 6 - 8 pm, send your children, grandkids, come volunteer!

The first VBS planning meeting will take place at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 26 in the church library.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Children's Sunday school is planning the next Family Fun Night. It will be on May13 from 6-8:30 pm.. The night's theme is "Kickoff to Summer". We will meet outside in the lower parking lot grassy areas, weather permitting. Please join us for a fun night of fellowship with family and friends.



MISSION AND SOCIAL CONCERNS



HAM DINNER OUTREACH

On Saturday, April 1st we will be preparing and delivering meals to our shut-ins as well as residents of the Episcopal Apartments and the Bangor High Rise. If you would like to help we will be meeting at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall. For more information see Dick Stiles or Lori in the office.



MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST AND WORK/CLEAN UP DAY

The next Men's breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 4th, both at 7:30 am in the fellowship hall. Following the breakfast there will be a work/clean up day at the church.

All men are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend!

WOMEN OF GRACE

The newly organized Women of Grace group held their first meeting in March. The turnout was beyond expectations and a fun time of fellowship was had by all. Many activities, both old and new, were suggested and are in the planning stages. Our meetings will now be on the third Monday of each month at 5:30. All women are invited to attend.

2023 FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING 3/15/2023

To keep our congregation up to date on where we stand financially the finance committee has prepared a comparison of 2022 and 2023 year to date for you.

	2022	2023
Average weekly offering	\$3,670.	\$3,348.
Weekly offering needed	\$5,805.	\$6,653.
Weekly expenditures YTD	\$3,537	\$3,896
Past due bills	None	
Bills due currently for 2023:	\$3,200 – payroll (3/24)	
	\$17,688 – apportionment (doesn't include March)	
	\$6,434 – Direct bill (Ins & Pension)	
	\$5,396 – (liability & workman's comp)	
	\$ 375.12– RCN (parsonage and church) – due end of month	
	\$165.89 – Water (parsonage and church) due end of month	
	\$514.20 – Electric (parsonage and church) due end of month	

Lucinda Hockenberry

Finance Committee Chair

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						¹ 8:00 am Ham Dinner prep and delivery 10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt
PALM SUNDAY ² 8:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Children's Sunday School	³ 5:00 pm Lion Cub Scouts 6:00 pm AOL Scouts	⁴ 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	⁵ 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study 6:00 pm Daisy Scouts	MAUNDY THURSDAY ⁶ 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	GOOD FRIDAY ⁷ 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Cub Scout Committee	⁸
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