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ISAIAH 43:18-19

*Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

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This passage has spoken to me all throughout Lent. God, through the prophet Isaiah, reminds the people to not remain in the past, but look to the future. Throughout Lent we have been discovering the fullness of a life with God and part of this is to be open to God's invitation for what is next. Now as we journey through Easter we step into the newness of resurrection life.

For me stepping into God's invitation involves a step of faith into a new season of my ministry journey. In June I will be transitioning from ministry at Grace UMC to pursue a calling and dream of pursuing a Ph.D. in religion. Starting in August I will be starting my Ph.D. in Religion and Practice at Fordham University. While the school is in New York, New York my home base will be for this season in South Bend, since my dissertation research will be out of Chicago.

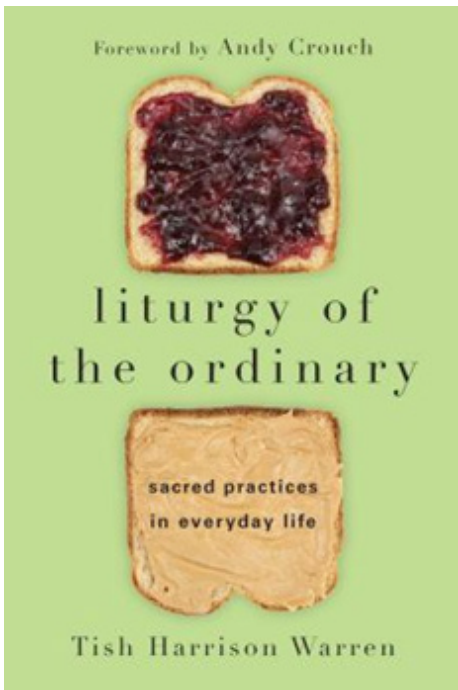
This year at Grace has been an unexpected blessing. When I first messaged Rev. Stacey I had no idea what this year would entail or the ways that God would stretch and use me in this past year. What started as a summer internship to hold me over before going to Germany became an invitation from God to remain and learn. This appointment has been a place to grow, lean into my gifts, and learn from an incredible staff, the Grace family, and Rev. Stacey.

Walking into the new thing is scary and I do not yet know all that will await me as I journey through this program. What I do know is that I am encouraged because of my time at Grace. I will miss you, your smiles, and your care for each other. Thank you for welcoming me into your family, sitting, learning, and even teaching me. I will miss you and I am so thankful that the Lord invited me to be a part of your family for this season. I will look fondly on this year as I step into this new season and I hope that we will all step into this Eastertide together excited about what God can do.

Grace and peace,
Trisha



WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY



In the overlooked moments and routines of our day, we can become aware of God's presence in surprising ways. How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred? Framed around one ordinary day, this book explores daily life through the lens of liturgy, small practices, and habits that form us. Each chapter looks at something - making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys - that the author does every day. Drawing from the diversity of her life as a campus minister, Anglican priest, friend, wife, and mother, Tish Harrison Warren opens up a practical theology of the everyday. Each activity is related to a spiritual practice as well as an aspect of our Sunday worship. Come and discover the holiness of your every day.

This class begins Monday, May 2 from 11:30AM-1PM and will continue to meet on Monday afternoons for 5 weeks. ALL women are invited; feel free to bring friends, your lunch, your book, and your questions!

WAYS TO GET THE BOOK:

- Purchase it, or the audiobook on [Amazon](#)
- Contact Trisha at discipleship@gracemethodist.org
- Check it out from the local library

MAY WORSHIP THEMES

Sunday Services at 9AM (Livestream & In-person) and 10:30AM (In-person)

MAY 1 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THEME | Resurrection Revisited: Simon Peter

SCRIPTURE | John 21:1-19

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

MAY 8 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THEME | "Apostle Stories: Tabitha"

SCRIPTURE | Acts 9:36-43

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

MAY 15 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THEME | "Apostle Stories: Peter"

SCRIPTURE | Acts 11:1-18

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

MAY 22 | RAGGEDY ANN PRESCHOOL SUNDAY

MISSION FOCUS | The Giving Farm

MAY 29 | ASCENSION SUNDAY | Memorial Day Weekend

*9AM (Service on the Lawn) and 10:30AM (Service in the Sanctuary)

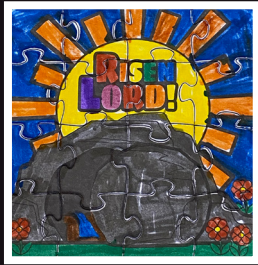
THEME | "Stay. Worship. Praise. Repeat."

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

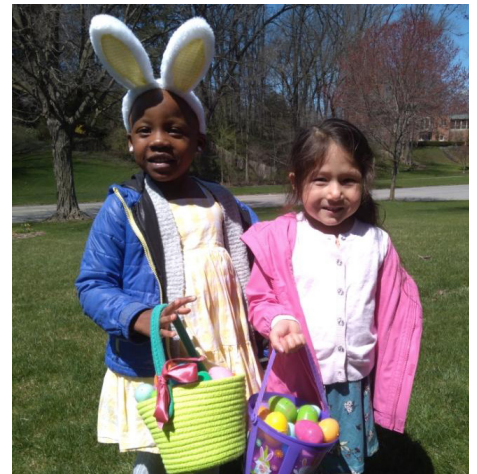
JUNE 5 | PENTECOST SUNDAY | Graduation Recognition

9AM (Service on the Lawn) and 10:30AM (Service in the Sanctuary)

It was a cold, but sunny and dry Easter Egg Fellowship! Many families from the community, Raggedy Ann Preschool and Grace UMC came to talk about the true meaning of Easter and then went out to hunt 2600 eggs! A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers, UM Women and Youth that made this day egg-cellent!



NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



YOUTH EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUTH

CAMPING ACTIVITIES AT POTATO CREEK
May 29-30 after church

FAMILY BBQ
June 5 @ 12PM

VOLUNTEERING WITH VBS
June 13-17



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

S.O.S

Summer of Service Missions Week
June 17th from 5:30-10 pm
June 18th from 7am-11pm

We are going BACK to Summer of Service this year! It will be a bit different, but we are excited to go to Granger Missionary Church for a weekend of service to the community and to the kingdom of God.

Since we are not staying overnight, the cost will be cheaper than in the past. We will be taking the church van every day to Granger Missionary and then back to church at the end of the day.

The cost for students is \$25 for the WHOLE weekend. Scholarships are available; contact Trisha at discipleship@gracemethodist.org.

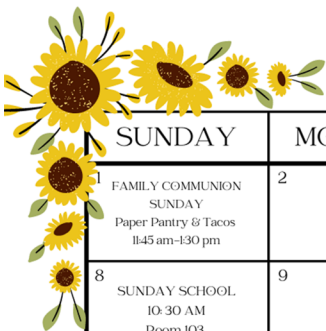
Friends (age 12-18) and upcoming 6th graders are welcome!

TIMES:

Friday: Leave Grace UMC at 4:45PM and return at 10:30PM
Saturday: Leave Grace at 7AM and return at 11PM

If you or your student are interested please let Trisha know ASAP by emailing discipleship@gracemethodist.org with the subject line S.O.S RSVP.

MAY 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FAMILY COMMUNION SUNDAY Paper Pantry & Tacos 11:45 am-1:30 pm	2	3	4	5	6	7 LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR SOS!
8 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Room 103	9	10	11	12	13	14 TREATS WITH TRISH 10:30 AM @ Cloudwalking Coffee
15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM in Room 103 MESSY GAMES! 11:45 am-1:30 pm	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Room 103	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM in Room 103 Camping Activities at Potato Creek (More Information to Come)	30 Camping Activities at Potato Creek (More Information to Come)	31	JUNE 1	2	3	4
5 GRADUATION SUNDAY! End of the Year Family BBQ 12 pm at Parsonage						



THE MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD...

THE LEADERSHIP AT GRACE UMC

"Each congregation shall provide for a comprehensive program of nurture, outreach, and witness, along with leadership training, and the planning and administration of the congregation's organizational and temporal life, in accordance with the mission of the United Methodist Church."

(The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 244)

THE CHURCH COUNCIL | The executive agency of the church
CHAIRPERSON / LAY LEADER | Roy Roelke
SPRC CHAIRPERSON | Kathleen Stark
FINANCE CHAIRPERSON | Randy Foster
TRUSTEES CHAIRPERSON | Jim Clauson
TREASURER | Scott Kucela
STEWARDSHIP CHAIRPERSON | open position!
LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE | open position!
UMW REPRESENTATIVE | Chris Rowe
YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE | Robert Russell
YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE | Robbie Russell
REP. FROM MISSIONS COMMITTEE | chosen by committee
REP. FROM WORSHIP COMMITTEE | chosen by committee
REP. FROM HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE | chosen by committee
REP. FROM DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE | chosen by committee

OTHER COMMITTEES:

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The service and outreach agency of the church.

THE HOSPITALITY TEAM

Welcoming and visitor follow-up team

THE DISCIPLESHIP TEAM

Spiritual education and formation team

Do you see a place to serve?

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE | The fiscal agency of the church

RESPONSIBILITIES | proposes a budget, then raises, manages, and distributes the financial resources of the congregation to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the congregation.

CHAIRPERSON | Randy Foster

MEMBERS | Bob Merryfield, Andy Fox, Alishia Gartska, Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring (Lead Pastor), Roy Roelke (Church Council Chairperson), Kathlee Stark (SPRC Chairperson), Jim Clauson (Trustees Chairperson), Stewardship Chairperson, Mark Walter (Financial Administrator), Scott Kucela (Treasurer)

THE STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE | The human resources agency of the church

RESPONSIBILITIES | build a strong positive relationship between staff and congregation and work with the lead pastor and other staff to fulfill legal and ethical responsibilities related to staff.

CHAIRPERSON | Kathleen Stark

MEMBERS | Ted Peterson, Karen Kring, Tim Ryan, Beth Kummeth, Nick Gartska, Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring (Lead Pastor), Roy Roelke (Church Council Chairperson)

THE TRUSTEES COMMITTEE | The facility management agency of the church

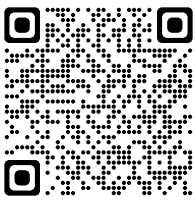
RESPONSIBILITIES | Trustees serve as the Christian stewards of the property God has entrusted to the congregation. This includes supervising and maintaining both the physical property of the congregation and memorial gifts made to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective and all legal and insurance requirements related to the property are satisfied.

CHAIRPERSON | Jim Clauson; Vice-Chairperson: Jeff Deethardt

MEMBERS | Cheri Kucela, Dave Schroeder, Mike Kummeth, Tom Strang, Connie Harmon



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 13-17 from 9AM -12PM



Use the QR Code to register or sign up to volunteer!



Raggedy Ann Preschool is taking registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have any questions, or would like a registration form, please call the church office at 574-288-4789 or email raggedyann@gracemethodist.org.

GRACE UMC IS HIRING!

We have the following positions open:

- Organist
- Youth Director
- Pre-School Teacher
- Pre-School Director

Interested parties should send their resume and cover letter to Rev. Stacey (revstacey@gracemethodist.org or 3012 S. Twyckenham Dr. South Bend, IN 46614).

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAYS

- 9AM | Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
- 10:30AM | In-Person Worship Service
- 10:30AM | Sunday School for all ages

MONDAYS

- 11:30AM | Women's Book Study
- 1PM | Pilgrimage Healing Appointments
- 5PM | Children's Dispensary
- 7PM | A.A.

WEDNESDAYS

- 7:30AM | Bible Study

THURSDAYS

- 5PM-7PM | Baller Opportunities
- 7PM | Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAYS

- 5PM-7PM | Baller Opportunities
- 7:30PM | A.A.

MAY 1

- 11:45AM | Youth Group

MAY 5

- 10:30AM | UMW Board Meeting

MAY 6

- 12PM | Deadline to order geraniums

MAY 7

- 8AM | Men's Breakfast

MAY 9

- 6:30PM | Blue Star Mothers

MAY 12

- 1:30PM | UMW Merry Missions Circle

MAY 14

- 10AM-12PM | Paper Pantry
- 10:30AM | Treats With Trish

MAY 15

- 8:30AM-12PM | Geranium Pick-Up
- 11:45AM | Youth Group

MAY 17

- 7PM | Staff Parish Relations Meeting

MAY 29

- 9AM | Outdoor Service begins

MAY 29-30

- Youth Camping Trip


AMAZING GRACE NEWSLETTER



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SOMETHING CAME UP
OUT OF THE DARK.
IT WASN'T ANYTHING I HAD EVER SEEN BEFORE.
IT WASN'T AN ANIMAL
OR A FLOWER,
UNLESS IT WAS BOTH.
SOMETHING CAME UP OUT OF THE WATER,
A HEAD THE SIZE OF A CAT
BUT MUDDY AND WITHOUT EARS.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOD IS.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT DEATH IS.
BUT I BELIEVE THEY HAVE BETWEEN THEM
SOME FERVENT AND NECESSARY ARRANGEMENT...
INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVING A LIFE:
PAY ATTENTION.
BE ASTONISHED.
TELL ABOUT IT.

-Excerpt from Mary Oliver's poem "Sometimes"