

AMAZING GRACE

JUNE

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NEWSLETTER

2022

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

OUR OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE HAS BEGUN! MEET US ON THE FRONT LAWN ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 AM.

LOTS OF CHANGES FOR RAGGEDY ANN PRESCHOOL

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WHERE DOES YOUR OFFERING GO?

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EXCITING NEWS FROM RAGGEDY ANN PRESCHOOL



**THANKS, AND
CONGRATULATIONS
TO MS. ALI!**

As some of you may know, I have accepted the Head Coach position for Volleyball at IU South Bend. This is a full-time position, so I will no longer be able to teach at Raggedy Ann. I had a crazy and fun first year! I learned so much and thoroughly enjoyed learning about your children! I will always be an advocate for RAPS as my children and even myself went there! I hope to continue on as sub in the future. Thank you all so much!

Love,
Ms. Ali



RAGGEDY ANN SUNDAY

The students of Raggedy Ann had a great time singing and worshipping with everyone on Sunday. Thank you, Grace UMC, for ALL the ways that you have supported Raggedy Ann through donations, sponsoring a student, and praying for us this year.

Grace and peace,
Ms. Trisha, Ms. Kim, and Ms. Ali
(RAPS Staff 2021-2022)



MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR!

I'm very happy and excited to begin the 2022 / 2023 as Director / Lead Teacher of Raggedy Ann Preschool!

I've been a teacher at Raggedy Ann since January 2021 and am excited to take on more responsibilities. I'd like to thank the Grace UMC church family for your support of the preschool and the students! Here's looking forward to a wonderful new school year!

-Ms. Kim

JUNE WORSHIP THEMES

Sunday Services at 9AM (Outdoor Service) and 10:30AM (Virtual & In-Person)

JUNE 5, 2022 | GRADUATION & PENTECOST SUNDAY

GUEST PREACHER | Lettie Ringer

THEME | "Simplicity: Till Only You Remain"

BOOK | "You Are Special" by Max Lucado

JUNE 12, 2022 | TRISHA'S LAST SUNDAY

PREACHER | Trisha Cousino

THEME | "Simplicity: Give Me a Child-like Heart"

SCRIPTURE | Isaiah 55

BOOK | "What Is God Like?" By Rachel Held Evans

JUNE 19, 2022 | FATHER'S DAY & VBS SUNDAY!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Services in the Great Hall

JUNE 26, 2022

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

THEME | Faces of Faith - Adam and Eve

SCRIPTURE | Genesis 1 & 2

JULY 3, 2022

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

THEME | Faces of Faith - Puah & Shiphrah

SCRIPTURE | Exodus 1 & 2

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES



Faces of
FAITH

There are many heroes of the faith, people we admire and wish to be. However, there are even more ordinary people of faith - those doing what they can with what they have to make a difference. This summer, we'll dig into the bold and untold stories of those often overlooked in our biblical narratives, hoping these characters remind us that we all play a role in shaping God's story of redemption and grace.

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



NEW SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN

During the summer, the children will have a gathering time during the Outdoor Service at 9AM on the Labyrinth, and then Messy Church during the 10:30AM service in the back of the Sanctuary. This schedule will continue until the new school year.

VBS

Make sure you are signed up for Jerusalem Marketplace VBS, June 13-17! Children ages 4yrs old through 6th grade are invited to spend the week back in time learning about Jesus. Youth in 7th grade and older can volunteer as a shepherd. All volunteers can visit the website or scan the QR code to sign up to help.

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT



END OF THE YEAR BBQ

On Graduation Sunday, June 5, Grace will be celebrating the class of 2022, their families, and this school year, and welcoming the upcoming 6th graders with a BBQ at the South Parsonage.

We are asking each family unit to bring a side dish to share.

RAIN PLAN | Great Hall at Grace UMC

RSVP | Trisha at discipleship@gracemethodist.org

GRADUATION SUNDAY!

We will be celebrating our seniors on June 5 during both worship services. We invite you to stay and greet our graduates during the cake reception after the services in the Great Hall.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO RUN THE CHURCH???

Great question!! The information below will help spotlight the financial picture of Grace United Methodist Church according to the 2021 financial report.

IN 2021 . . .

\$104,233 | expenses for FACILITY (maintenance, utilities, building services, and insurance).

FACILITY includes the church building, church grounds, 2 garages, 2 parsonages and the church van

\$16,478 | expenses for SUPPLIES (office supplies, kitchen supplies, cleaning supplies, postage, & office equipment)

\$60,519 | expenses for CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY (Raggedy Ann Preschool expenses, Raggedy Ann Preschool teacher salaries, Children and Youth Ministry staff salaries, Children and Youth Ministry program expenses)

\$112,905 | expenses for PASTORAL SERVICES (Senior Pastor salary, Associate Pastor salary, Director of Congregational Care salary, and professional expenses)

\$32,889 | expenses for WORSHIP (Music staff salaries, Wedding expenses, Guest Preacher fees, worship supplies, music supplies)

\$86,169 | expenses for ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUILDING STAFF (Salaries)

\$11,925 | expenses for ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT TITHE

\$62,856 | expenses for EMPLOYMENT (Pension, insurance, FICA and Health Reimbursement)

The above expenses are Operating Expenses, which are paid from the OPERATING FUND. The income from the Operating Fund comes from any donation given to the church (that does not have a specified designation). Giving to the Operating Fund goes directly to maintaining the facilities, paying staff, and funding ministry programs.

WHAT ABOUT INCOME TO COVER THE OPERATING EXPENSES?

Another great question!

IN 2021 . . .

\$463,750 | Total Income given to the OPERATING FUND

\$32,741 | Total Income from RAGGEDY ANN PRESCHOOL

\$11,016 | OTHER Income

\$511 | INTEREST Income

\$508,018 | TOTAL Income given for the operation of the church

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN THE FUTURE . . .

- Attendance numbers in the weekly worship bulletin and monthly newsletter
- Financial spotlight in the weekly worship bulletin and monthly newsletter
- Explanation of Specialized Giving in next month's newsletter
- Report of the current totals of many of the Specialized Funds (missions, trustees, special projects, etc.)
- Information about Grace UMC's Endowment

Our journey to fulfilling the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world requires many tools. Finances and the careful stewardship of resources is one of those tools. I look forward to continuing this journey with you.

Your Pastor for the journey,
Rev. Stacey

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

PAPER PANTRY

The Paper Pantry is in need of laundry soap. Forty-six ounce bottles may be available at the Dollar Tree.

THE GIVING FARM

To find more information and to register to volunteer, please visit thegivingfarm.org/.



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:

1 | Organist 2 | Youth Director 3 | Preschool Teacher

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

LET US CELEBRATE

Congratulations to the Messersmith family on the birth of John Paul Messersmith, born to Jeremy and Grace on May 31. Bob and Karen are the proud grandparents!

OUR SYMPATHY...

...is extended to the friends and families of Virginia "Ginny" Moore and Lyndal Fox.

THANK YOU...

Dear Friends at GUMC,
Our hearts of gratitude are full because of gifts like the Door Dash Certificate you sent us. I'm doing better, but some days there is no energy for preparing us a meal. That's when your kindness is so appreciated. We both thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. I look forward to the day when I can once again attend church, as I miss all our dear friends.

Love,
Sue & Gary Pinne

AND ALSO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OF...

- ... \$500 to Bashor Children's Home.
- ... \$615 to St. Margaret's House.
- ... \$1205 to Broadway Christian Parish.
- ... \$280 to HOPE Ministries.

NEW SUMMER
OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9AM-4PM

SUNDAY
9AM-12PM



Bonnie Doon will be holding a Father's Day Cruise In Car Show on June 19 in the Grace UMC parking lot from 10:30AM-1PM. All the men will get a ticket for free ice cream!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS
JUNE 14 | 6:30PM

UPCOMING
EVENTS

SUNDAYS

9AM | Outdoor Worship Service
10:30AM | In-Person & Virtual
Worship Service

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

FRIDAYS

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

JUNE 2

6:30PM | UMW General Meeting

JUNE 4

8AM | Men's Breakfast

JUNE 11

10AM | Paper Pantry

JUNE 13

6:30PM | Blue Star Mothers

JUNE 13-17

9AM-12PM | VBS

JUNE 19

10:30AM-1PM | Father's Day Cruise-In

JUNE 20

6PM | Board of Trustees Meeting

JUNE 21

7PM | Staff Parish Relations Committee

JUNE 26

10AM-1PM | Blood Drive

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