

AMAZING GRACE

JULY

NEWSLETTER

2022



VBS
A SUCCESSFUL
WEEK OF VBS
WAS ENJOYED
BY ALL!

DID YOU KNOW???

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH EDITION

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In last month's Amazing Grace, I explained the cost of operating the church in 2021 and the income received in order to operate the church. This month, I will explain the various "buckets" (it's a technical term!) to which monetary donations can be given and how the money is used.

BUCKET 1 | OPERATING FUND

As explained last month, money given to this Fund keeps the church operational - lights on, A/C running, salaries paid, ministries funded.

BUCKET 2 | MEMORIAL FUND

Any donations given in memoriam are placed in the Memorial Fund. According to The United Methodist Book of Discipline "the board of Trustees shall receive and administer all bequests made to the local church; shall receive and administer all trusts." (§12533.5) This means that all money donated to the church in memory of a loved one is placed in a Memorial Fund UNLESS another Fund is specified by the giver.

BUCKET 3 | SPECIALIZED FUNDS

Donations can be specified toward a particular ministry. Any money donated toward a specific ministry is only used for that ministry; it is restricted money. Below are a number of Specialized Restricted Funds that currently hold balances, the money in which is used to grow and support the ministry:

- **MISSIONS** | Any money donated toward Missions is directly distributed to a local, regional or global ministry working to assist those in need. Some of the specific ministries receiving donations in the last year include: Broadway Christian Parish, Paper Pantry, First Methodist Soup Kitchen, Clothe 100, Red Bird Mission, First Methodist Food Pantry, Bashor Children's Home, and St. Margaret's House.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS** | Through the specialized donations from church members over the years, scholarships are available for young people connected to Grace UMC upon graduation from high school. Unfortunately, these generous gifts have not been publicized to the broader congregation. More information will be provided about the application process for the scholarships next spring. Continued donations to these scholarships are most welcome!
- **ORGAN REPAIR** | After an investigation of the church organ's innards, it was determined that the sanctuary organ requires extensive repairs! The necessary updating will be very expensive.
- **TRUSTEES** | Donations designated for the Trustees is used for updating, repairing and maintaining the church facilities,

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which includes the church building itself, 2 parsonages, 2 garages, and all the grounds. Quite a lot of square footage to maintain!

filled with vibrant music and engaged families for the next 150 years! The endowment monies are invested to insure that our money increases for a financially sustainable future.

do not hesitate to inquire to myself or a member of the Finance Committee. Thank you for your generosity and sharing your gifts for God's glory in this community.

- **ENDOWMENT** | The Endowment Fund was established so that the mission work and building of Grace UMC might be preserved and

If you are interested in learning more about any of the above financial information, or you would like to know more specific numbers,

Money is spiritual and what we do with it matters to God!

Your pastor for the journey,
Rev. Stacey

JULY WORSHIP THEMES

Sunday Services at 9AM (Outdoor Service) and 10:30AM (Virtual & Sanctuary)

JULY 3, 2022

THEME | "Faces of Faith: Puah & Shiphrah"

SCRIPTURE FOCUS | Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

JULY 10, 2022

THEME | "Faces of Faith: The daughters of Zelophehad"

SCRIPTURE FOCUS | Numbers 27:1-11

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

JULY 17, 2022

THEME | "Faces of Faith: Queen Vashti"

SCRIPTURE FOCUS | Esther 1

PREACHER | Trisha Cousino

JULY 24, 2022

MISSION FOCUS | Lincoln Clothesline Project: Clothe 100

THEME | "Faces of Faith: Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego"

SCRIPTURE FOCUS | Daniel 3

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

JULY 31, 2022

THEME | "Faces of Faith: Deborah"

SCRIPTURE FOCUS | Judges 4-5

PREACHER | Rev. Stacey

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

THANK YOU!

A huge "thank you" to everyone that made VBS so amazing!!! It was great to have so many first time volunteers. We hope you'll come back again next year! Here's to June 19-23, 2023!



NEWS FROM THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

THANK YOU!

To all the youth and parents, thank you! Thank you for a great year, for volunteering, trying new things, and for helping make Grace UMC a special place for our students. Hope you have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon!

-Trisha

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

school is out, but youth group is not.

JULY:

CANOE TRIP WITH MELODIE AND PAT RINGER | July 24

Look for other pop-up events throughout the month

AUGUST:

PAPER PANTRY AND PIZZA MAKING | August 7

BACK - TO - SCHOOL BONFIRE | August 21

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL:

During the summer, the youth will be joining the whole body in worship at both the 9AM and 10:30AM services. Your leaders had great year and cannot wait to learn again with you in the Fall.

congratulations, GRADUATES OF 2022



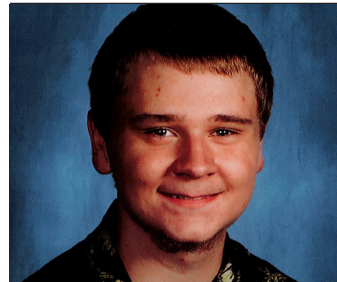
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RILEY HIGH SCHOOL

NEXT STEPS:
IUPUI
Majoring in Nursing



MARA HENDRICKSON
ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL

NEXT STEPS:
INDIANA UNIVERSITY
Majoring in Interior Design



JOEY RUSSELL
JOHN GLENN
HIGH SCHOOL

NEXT STEPS:
Entering the Workforce



**LUCIA
GRANADO-IBANEZ**
RILEY HIGH SCHOOL

NEXT STEPS:
Returning to her home
in Spain



ADAM SCHMOK
RILEY HIGH SCHOOL

NEXT STEPS:
PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Majoring in Computer
Information and Technology



**LAUREN
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NEXT STEPS:
VANDERBILT
MEDICAL CENTER
Residency in Neurology



**LAUREN KENDALL
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UNIVERSITY



RYNE BUCKLEY
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LAKE ERIE COLLEGE
Majoring in Business



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UNIVERSITY



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MEDICAL SCIENCE ACADEMY
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NEXT STEPS:
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-
LA CROSSE
Majoring in Biology



GRACE MERRYFIELD
NORTH CENTRAL
HIGH SCHOOL

NEXT STEPS:
SPELMAN
Majoring in Psychology

ATTENDANCE

(MAY 2022)

MAY 1

9AM = 89
10:30AM = 56
FACEBOOK = 107
YOUTUBE = 26

MAY 8

9AM = 128
10:30 = 87
FACEBOOK = 108
YOUTUBE = 23

MAY 15

9AM = 70
10:30AM = 35
FACEBOOK = 124
YOUTUBE = 34

MAY 22

9AM = 85
10:30AM = 68
FACEBOOK = 97
YOUTUBE = 20

MAY 29

9AM = 94
10:30AM = 64
FACEBOOK = 102
YOUTUBE = 24

FINANCIAL SPOTLIGHT

OPERATING INCOME (January through May) = \$184,328.98
OPERATING EXPENSES (January through May) = \$195,598.76
MISSION GIVING (May 2022) = \$1896.16

GRACE UMC IS HIRING!

We have the following positions open:

- 1 | Organist
- 2 | Youth Director
- 3 | Preschool Teacher
- 4 | AV Operator
- 5 | Sound Board Operator

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

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY | 9AM-4PM
FRIDAY | CLOSED
SATURDAY | CLOSED
SUNDAY | 9AM-12PM

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/.

OUR SYMPATHY...

...is extended to the friends and family of John Russo.

THANK YOU...

...FOR YOUR GIFTS OF...

... \$4,298.96 to UMCOR

... \$100 to CAMP RAY BIRD MINISTRIES

RAGGEDY ANN PRESCHOOL

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAYS

9AM | Outdoor Worship Service

10:30AM | In-Person & Virtual

Worship Service

MONDAYS

1PM | Pilgrimage Healing Appointments

7PM | A.A.

WEDNESDAYS

7:30AM | Bible Study

THURSDAYS

5PM-7PM | Baller Opportunities

FRIDAYS

5PM-7PM | Baller Opportunities

7:30PM | A.A.

JULY 2

8AM | Men's Breakfast

JULY 7

10:30AM | UMW Meeting

JUNE 9

10AM | Paper Pantry

JULY 11

6:30PM | Blue Star Mothers

JULY 13

3PM-5PM | Open House Send-Off for Trisha Jo Cousino

JULY 19

7PM | Staff Parish Relations Meeting

JULY 24

Youth Canoe Trip

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The Youth enjoyed an afternoon of bowling following a week of volunteering at Vacation Bible School.