

*WHERE NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

# MESSENGER

**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00a-3:00p**

**Sunday Worship: Traditional Service-8:45 am  
Contemporary Service-11:15 am**

**Community Outreach Programs:**

**Cub Pack 576 and Scout Troop 576**

**N.A.M.I. (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month**

**Grace Preschool: 2 years-Pre-K (Please call for details!)**

## GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIS LOVE KNOWN TO ALL**



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## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Hallelujah, Christ is risen! Easter isn't just a Sunday. It is a mindset for those that love Christ and I know Grace Faithful do. At our Easter worship you and I have been challenged to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection with others. That means we invite others to know Him through our words, actions, and invitations. Were you aware that most people come to know Christ Jesus because someone invited them? Have you done it? You know, invited someone you care about to Grace? I hope so, after all only a few women came to the tomb to find Christ Jesus was not there. They went to tell the disciples. That's how it all began! Each of them told others about the miracle. We have come to know Him because someone invited us.

This is an invitation for you to come out for the next several weeks to be refreshed, or learn for the first time, what it means to be a Christian disciple. Please make every effort to join us and invite someone you care about too.

We care about you. That's why YOU are invited to hear our confirmands present their statements of faith on Sunday, 2 June 2019 at both the 8:45a and the 11:15a worship times. There will be a time for you to mingle with them during fellowship in between. Please make every effort to be present. Hey, why not invite someone to join you?

Worship Design has special plans for Pentecost worship. We would like to ask you to bring a wind chime from your family. The wind chime may be used or new. Also, you may have it back at the end of summer or sooner if you wish. Maybe you'd like to invite someone to join you?

Finally, Pentecost Sunday is 9 June 2019. We will only have ONE WORSHIP at 10a, YOU are invited. This day we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church so it only seems appropriate that Alexandria Fuehrer and Mariah Mattox will confirm their faith. After worship, fellowship will be in their honor and that of Ed and Connie Smith. The Smiths are moving to Iowa. We intend to send them with a blessing. Again, please make every effort to be present as this is an important time in the life of our Grace Family! Do you have a friend, family member, neighbor, classmate or workmate you'd like to invite?

As Always, I'm praying for you and Sending with Christ's Love,  
Pastor Polly

### WORSHIP NEEDS ...

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**Please turn in your graduates' names! The deadline for this is 18 May so they may be recognized. Thank you!**

### Conference Annual Gathering 2019

Registration Deadline is 15 May  
June 6-8 at the Holiday Inn Expo Center Columbia, MO

## **ATTENDANCE AND FUNDRAISING**

### **ATTENDANCE**

<b>JANUARY:</b> 236	<b>JULY:</b> 75
<b>FEBRUARY:</b> 246	<b>AUGUST:</b> 71
<b>MARCH:</b> 349 (not including Wednesday Lenten Services)	<b>SEPTEMBER:</b> 402
<b>APRIL:</b> 332 as of 21 Apr	<b>OCTOBER:</b> 288
<b>MAY:</b> 77	<b>NOVEMBER:</b> 361
<b>JUNE:</b> 86	<b>DECEMBER:</b> 622

### **Scrip Announcements!**

In March, \$4.50 was donated to Evangelism and \$4.50 was donated to the Capital Campaign. A profit of \$33.41 was made in March. Don't forget to pick up your gift cards! Shop with scrip - [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

### **Amazon Smiles ☺**

One way to help Grace UCC is through Amazon Smiles. If you have an Amazon account, you can designate Grace as your charity to receive a percentage of the amount you purchase at Amazon. Simply copy the following link into the browser and you will be asked if you would like to support Grace United Church of Christ. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-098919>

### **Culver's Fundraising Nights**

In March, the Culver's fundraiser brought in \$337 for the Youth Mission trip this summer. Our next Culver's Youth fundraising night will be on Tuesday, June 4 from 5pm – 9pm. 10% of all sales will be donated to our 2019 youth mission trip to Milwaukee so tell your friends to come join us!

### **Savearound Coupon Book**

We have a unique link that we can use to sell coupon books online in our hometown and across the country, to help our group reach our fundraising goal: <http://www.supportourgrouops.com/GN/172079>. Right on the fundraising page are buttons to share our group's link across Facebook, Twitter and email. You can simply click this link <http://www.supportourgrouops.com/GN/172079/referral> to access the email referral portion of our page, which is a great way to reach a lot of people quickly! This link is active all year long, so you can continue to drive sales even after our physical fundraiser ends!

### **Grace to Adopt one mile of Mexico Road in O'Fallon**

As part of the UCC Three Great Loves initiative (neighbors, children and creation), Grace has joined the O'Fallon Adopt-A-Street program. We will be responsible for keeping the mile of Mexico Road that runs past Grace free of trash for a year. O'Fallon will provide us with gloves, bags and safety vests and they will pick up the bagged trash that we collect. Everyone from age 6 and up are welcome to participate! A Signup sheet is located on the Ministries Opportunities board. In return for our efforts to keep our piece of O'Fallon clean, the city will post a sign on either end of our route (Sonderen to Belleau Wood Drive), thanking us for our efforts. What a great way to be a part of the community, keep God's world a little cleaner and get a little exercise! Join us for one or more of these clean up events. **May 11, July 13, September 14 and November 9. Meet at 10 am at the church parking lot. Water and snacks will be provided. Contact Cindy Rose for additional information.**



NOTE: Rev. Susan Shumway is now a notary and will be offering free notary services to church members.

## **Grace Opportunities**

### **Ink Jet Cartridge Recycling helps Camp MoVal Scholarship fund!**

Thanks to everyone who donated their used inkjet cartridges. We just received a check for \$45.10 that will be added to the Camp MoVal Scholarship Fund. This is money that helps our kiddos attend Camp MoVal. What a win-win! We take what is otherwise trash and turn into a lifetime church camp memory! You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type. Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer? Bring in your empty OEM inkjet cartridges (placed in the original box that you would have thrown away to keep it safe from spills and damages, or a Ziploc bag) to church. (Note: Epson cartridges cannot be recycled – they don't have a print head.) We get paid up to \$4 per cartridge. If you have any questions about the program, contact Cindy Rose.

### **FOOD PANTRY ITEMS**

Needed for May: Jelly, pasta sauce, canned gravy, popcorn. THANK YOU!

### **Every Child's Hope**

ECH Ladies Aid Spring Luncheon is Wed, May 15 from 11:30-12 at 8240 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Louis, MO 63114. Tickets are \$10 and include lunch, dessert, and entertainment. Raffle tickets are 1 \$1 or 6 for \$5. Please contact Ashley at 314-427-3755. [www.everychildshope.org](http://www.everychildshope.org).

### **Re-Group**

Re-Group will be meeting at PF Changs on 14 May at 6p. 400 Lombard St., St. Charles, MO 63303. Please RSVP by using the sign-up sheet or by contacting Ana Kniesel by 12 May. See Susan Shumway for Scrip Cards between services and remember, Grace receives a percentage for every card sold!

### **National Alliance on Mental Illness**

For more information contact us at 314-962-4670 or visit our website at [www.namistl.org/programs-2/nami-family-to-family/](http://www.namistl.org/programs-2/nami-family-to-family/)

### **TIME AND TALENTS**

There are multiple ways to give back to Grace by simply using your time and talents! Volunteering, offering a donation of time or a talent that may assist in an event OR using your place of business as a resource are just some ways to give without having to use your personal funds. In case you were not aware, many companies have a charitable program in the form of either matching funds for donations or volunteer hours. Please check with your personnel department or check out [http://nnedv.org/downloads/Other/Matching\\_gifts\\_companies.pdf](http://nnedv.org/downloads/Other/Matching_gifts_companies.pdf) for a complete list.

### **Grace's Backpack Program**

Through this program we are able to provide breakfast and lunch over the weekends when they are unable to receive these meals at school. We operate on your food and money donations. The great thing about giving money is that we do the shopping for you! Please help us continue serving the 16 Kids that receive weekend meals With Love, From Grace UCC. Thank you, Tammy Albers.

### **Mowing**

We need your help with the grass cutting for the summer. We provide a push mower, an excellent 5' deck riding mower and a weed eater. You will need to purchase gas and will be reimbursed. Training is available if you are interested. We would like 2 people per month, one to mow and the other to use the weed eater. It takes about 2 ½ hours each. The grounds are the first thing people see when they pass or pull into the church. Won't you prayerfully consider signing up for a month? There is a sign-up sheet on *Ministry Outreach* board. Your help would be greatly appreciated. For training, please contact Sandy Silger.

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

### **CAMP MOVAL AND TAKING JESUS TO THE STREETS**

Camp MoVal is the Outdoor Ministry Program of our conference, the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ. This Camp and Retreat Center is an outdoor ministries and worship experience, which provides a safe, sacred space where all guests feel welcome. Camp MoVal serves hundreds of campers and their families through high quality extensive summer camp programs. I'm sure you can imagine, it costs to provide such programming. Each year Grace children and youth go to Camp MoVal. Here at Grace we never want a child or youth to miss going to camp for financial reasons. That is why we offer scholarships to pay for half of the camps fees when their parents cannot afford the full cost. Camp MoVal offers to pay the other half at this time. Each family must pay something to demonstrate their commitment to getting their youngster to camp. Please be prayerful and generous to this Mission of the Month to offset the cost of camp!

If you aren't able to contribute financially for our campers, you will have an opportunity to help Take Jesus to the Streets (literally) and to our shut-ins in May. Thanks to Cindy Roses' efforts, Grace has adopted a mile of Mexico Road to keep clean throughout the year and the first clean up will be in May. The Sunday School Children will be making something special on May 5th to deliver to our shut-ins. We are hoping that they and their parents or other adults from Grace will be able to deliver them to the shut-ins in May. We all know how the children of Grace can lift our spirits. More information will be provided about possible service projects at Every Child's Hope. We hope you will prayerfully consider doing Christ's Mission in our Community. The Mission/Outreach Team.

### **Prayer List**

Albers Family, Gail Bales, Cathy Blake, Jen Boetcher, Jimmy Broch, Bum Bum, Liz Clemensen, Dr. Bob, Ellie Hetrick, Jennifer & Abby Hodson, Kendall Family, Herb Johns, Michael Johnston, Jordan, Family of Rick Kniesel, Katherine Knowles, Brenda Leonard, Doris Maddock, Mariah Mattox, Rich Osterhaus & Family, Elaine Scott & Family, Scott, Norm Summers, Jeff Tacina, Tracy Trout, Gina Uebinger, Emily & Molly, All Travelers & Betty, Those who died and injured in Sri Lanka, Our Military Men, Women & Families, Kids who are bullied, Government Leaders & all Americans, Those who have no prayers offered for them.

### **In Care**

Betty Bauer, Liz Birchen, Leslie Bissett, Rev. Harley Kriger, Tommie Leist,  
Jan Sutton, Jerry & Bernice Watson

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Sunday School takes place at 10:00a Sunday morning in the lower level of the church. Please contact Mary Ann Sutton for more details! We look forward to seeing your children there!**

### **VBS**

Join us for VBS (Vacation Bible School) on June 24 - 27 in the evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The theme is Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus. We will have activities for children ages three through fifth grade. Six graders through the teenaged years (and many adults) are needed to help with the program. Contact Mary Ann Sutton to volunteer.

### **Camp MoVal**

Have you been to this UCC owned camp in Union, Missouri? Would you like a tour of the campus? Talk to Mary Ann Sutton and she will take you and your newcomer child for a visit in the month of May. That way the family can become familiar with all the amenities at MoVal. Many of our youth have attended and LOVED the experiences of growing closer to God and nature, as well as making new friends. Mary Ann is the co-director for the Beginner's Camp which is geared for children entering first, second or third grade in the fall. Beginner's Camp takes place June 9-12.

### **Fruits of the Spirit**

What are the nine Fruits of the Spirit as found in Paul's book of Galatians in the Bible? The children (ages 3 through sixth grade) are learning about these attributes (goodness, kindness, patience, faithfulness, self-control, love, joy, peace, and gentleness). Join us at ten o'clock on Sunday mornings in the lower level. The last day of Sunday School is May 19.

### **NURSERY**

There is a trained teen at second service each Sunday to care for the children in the nursery. All the Nursery Attendant workers were confirmed at Grace and each has been qualified in the Safe Church Boundary Training. The Nursery Staff includes: Karissa Hagl, Mollie Garrett, Alexandria Fuehrer & Melissa Megathlin. Look for their picture and biographies hanging on the Nursery door each Sunday. In accordance with Grace UCC's Safe Child Church Policy, we are requiring that **ONLY ADULTS** pick up children from the Nursery. Children/Parents are assigned a number that is used in the pick-up procedure.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **MAY Scripture and Themes**

**5 May – John 28:16-20 “Where Will You Follow Jesus?”**

**12 May – John 20:24-31 “Following Your Questions”**

**19 May – John 21:1-14 “Following a Failure”**

**26 May – John 16:5-16 “Following During Changes”**

**2 June – John 14:15-31 “Follow Your Mentors”**

### **Book Study**

**For full details see the Signup Sheet on the Opportunities board. Crucial Conversations, 6:30p, Wednesdays beginning April 24-August 2019 @ Alpha and Omega Coffee Shop, 111 N. Main Street, O'Fallon. For more information please contact Sherry Webster.**

# CONFIRMATION

## PROJECTED MAY/JUNE SCHEDULE

**Sunday, 5 May – Confirmation SHORT Class (12:30-1p) LENTEN REFLECTIONS JOURNALS DUE TODAY.** Homework Given

**Sunday, 19 May – Confirmation Class (12:30-2:30p) (Bring lunch—we will eat first thing.) Work on Finalizing Statement of Faith.**

**Friday-Saturday, 31 MAY-1 JUNE – OVERNIGHT arrive Friday 6:30p – leave Saturday 10:30-11a Finish loose ends & Presentation Sunday Rehearsal**

**Sunday, 2 JUNE – PRESENTATION SUNDAY CONFIRMANDS must be present at both worship services. Arrive at 8:15a – not leaving until about 12:15p (food will be provided for you).**

**Wednesday, 5 June – Confirmation Celebration Rehearsal (4-5p). PP really would like you to go to General Synod with her & the others going!!!**

**6-8 June Conference Annual Gathering in Columbia**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY, 9 June – Confirmation Celebration at ONE WORSHIP 10a (arrive at church 9a).**

**21-25 June General Synod**

*2018-2019 Confirmands and their Mentors: Alexandria Fuehrer & Sara Andler, Mariah Mattox & Mark Miller. Please actively pray for these individuals as they journey through this life changing experience. Thank you!*



**Crisis Nursery Mission**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Risen and Choir

#### MAY

5 – Choir Practice @ 10a  
12 – Risen Practice @ 10a  
19 – Choir Practice @ 10a  
26 – Risen Practice @ 10a

NOTICE –practices will take place on Sunday mornings at 10:00a unless you receive an email or text stating otherwise.

\*Grace Choir wants YOU! If you are interested in joining the Choir, please contact our business office at [graceuccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:graceuccoffice@gmail.com) or talk to me after Sunday Service. \*

\*Bass guitar player wanted. Auditioning sessions may be scheduled by contacting me at [graceuccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:graceuccoffice@gmail.com) or in person after Sunday Service. \*

## THANK YOU



Special thanks to Mark Miller, Randy McWilliams, Connie Jo Smith, and many others for the BEAUTIFUL banners in our sanctuary! Jesus has risen! He has risen indeed!



Thank joyful thank you to our Music Minister Jon Garrett and Grace Choir for a beautiful 2019 Easter Cantata!

Thank You Mary Ann Sutton for the Fantastic Children's O Easter Tree Program! (pictured on last page)

#### **Thank you to everyone that ordered Easter Lilies and Tulips**

*From Stephanie DuBray in memory of my parents, Jack & Joyce Brockman*

*From Betty Warren in memory of Dave Warren*

*From Sarah and Alicia Miles in memory of Jillian Goehl*

*From Bonnie Leist in honor of Michelle Pickler & in memory of Judeth Campis*

*From Teson's in honor of Grandparents & in memory of Great Grandparents*

*From McWilliams Family in honor of Missy Schnarre, Jon Garrett, Pauline, Our Awesome Grace Family & in memory of our Dads*

*From Liz Birchen*

*From Judy Harris in memory of Troy & Elda Hart (Parents)*

*From Roger Miyasaka in honor of Mary Ann Sutton & in memory of Lois Miyasaka*

*From Greg & Sharon Husmann in honor of Helen Husmann and Ed & Shirley Hogan*

*From Laura Roberts in memory of our Mothers*

*From Cathy Blake*

*From Bob & Karen Penn*



## **PROJECTED CALENDAR FOR MAY**

**MAY** – Taking Jesus to the Streets (Grace folks local volunteering)

- 1: No Afternoon Preschool Classes, Staffing 10:30a, POP 4:15p, Preschool Moms Night 5p
- 2: No afternoon Preschool Classes, Crafty Corner 9a, Pack 576 Wolf den Mtg. 6:30p
- 3:
- 4: Men's Group 8a

### **SUNDAY 5: SS Teacher Appreciation**

- Band/Choir Practice 10a, **Birthdays and Confirmation Class 12:30p**
- 6: Grace Life 7p
- 7: NAMI Basics 6:15p
- 8: Staffing 10:30a, POP 4:15p
- 9: MAYBE Urban Mission Experience for Middle Schoolers with Columbia UCC, Crafty Corner 9a  
Pack 576 Weblos/Bear den Mtg. 6:30p, Lions Club 7p
- 10:
- 11: Adopt a Road Clean Up-meet at Grace @ 10a, SCC Combined Choir Concert 7:30p,

### **SUNDAY 12: Mother's Day**

- Band/Choir Practice 10a
- 13: Pack 576 Den Mtg. 6p, Worship Design 7p
- 14: SCUM 12:30p, Re-Group @ PF Changs 6p, NAMI Basics 6:15
- 15: Staffing 10:30a, POP 4:15p, Preschool Graduation 5-9p
- 16: Last Day Preschool Classes, Crafty Corner 9a, PP at normal Community of Practice Group to Evaluate  
New starts, Pack 576 Den meeting 6:30p
- 17: Last Day of Preschool
- 18:

### **SUNDAY 19: Last Day of Sunday School Classes/Summer Break**

- MESSENGER DEADLINE**, Band/Choir Practice 10a, **Confirmation Class 12:30p**
- 20:
- 21: NAMI Basics & Support meeting 6:15-9:15p, Council 7p
- 22: Staffing 10:30a, POP 4:15p
- 23: Crafty Corner 9a, Pack 576 Bear den meeting 6:30p
- 24:
- 25:

### **SUNDAY 26: Worship 8:45a & 11:15a**, Band/Choir Practice 10a

- 27: Memorial Day—OFFICE CLOSED
- 28: NAMI Basics Class 6:15p-9:15p
- 29: Staffing 10:30a, POP 4:15p
- 30: Crafty Corner 9a
- 31: Confirmation Class Overnight at GCC(arrive 6:30p – depart 11a Saturday)

## **OUR PEEPS & FINANCE**

### **STAFF**

Rev. Polly McWilliams – Pastor

Melissa “Missy” Schnarre – Office Manager

Fred Bruner, Norman Clements, Bob Penn,  
Roger Miyasaka – Finance Department

Jon Garrett – Music Minister

Marian Davis – Pianist

Carol Muench – Organist

Angie Hinzpeter – Custodian

### **2019 Council**

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### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

(February)

Total Income: \$9,2159.61

Expenses: \$7,67.99

**Don't forget to visit our Ministries Opportunities Board located outside the Church Office. This is the perfect opportunity to use your time and talents at Grace or to sign up for one of the many activities highlighted at any given time. Ask questions! Find out more information at [graceuccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:graceuccoffice@gmail.com)**

**Grace Moments**  
Sweeping the lot



Children's Easter Tree Program & Palm Waving



Grace is Beautiful