

*“No matter who you are or where you’re from, you are welcome here”*

# MESSENGER

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

**Summer Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9a-12p**

**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 636-240-5856 for details!)**

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## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

**Greetings and Peace in Christ!**

**How is your summer going? Mine has been eventful! Taking the youth on the mission trip to Milwaukee. On the first day of our mission work we went to the Trickle Bee Café. We helped prepare food for the lunch crowd – the only meal they serve a day. All of us worked preparing veggies, cookies, and setting up tables. All the food is donated – which means the chef develops the menu on the very day it is served and no two days are the same.**

**Absolutely nothing goes to waste. The folks that come into the café pay what they can afford. We saw people of all economic groups come to eat because the food is gourmet quality. The daughter of owner was talking to me as we were cleaning up. I absolutely loved what she said to me for it could be a good mantra for any of us. “Do it nice or do it twice.” Doubonny and she is 7-years-old. Apparently, that’s what her school teacher tells the students. Doubonny says she tries to live her life by this rule.**

**Subconsciously, I think, your Grace Council lives by the “Do it nice or do it twice.” rule. You see, since January 2019 we have been grappling with the ONE WORD we want to operate by – which y’all learned on Sunday is “Peace.” Peace. Do you know why that word was chosen? It was for several reasons. The peace is meant for each of us to feel comfortable with ourselves through our relationship with Christ Jesus. BUT also to have peace with each other both in our decisions and the ways we treat each other. Now one could debate that’s how we treat one another already, right? Truthfully, I believe for the most part that’s true. But a reminder never hurts, right?**

**I was wondering how many times peace be with you is in the Bible and a quick google search revealed that various forms of “peace” can be found 429 times. Jesus is recorded using various forms of “peace” over 100 times! This must mean it is an important word, huh?**

**Last month I asked you why you came to Grace and keep coming ... I haven’t heard from anyone. That leads me to wonder do you read the Messenger? I am hoping you will engage me in conversation about this article soon! And I hope it is before next month’s messenger. Thanks for the read!**

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

**P.S. What do you think about the New Proverb “Do it nice or do it twice.”???**

**Dear friends at Grace UCC,**

**I’m so excited to get to know each and every one of you over this next school year! This fall I am entering my third (and final!) year at Eden Theological Seminary as I head towards graduation in the spring. I was born and raised just down the street from Grace UCC in St. Peters, and I currently live in South St. Louis and attend St. John’s UCC “The Beloved Community” as my home church. My “official” job is serving as the Director of AMEN St. Louis, a youth mission trip house in the heart of the city, where I get to hang out with middle school, high school, and college age youth as they serve and learn about our community. And when I’m not working or studying, I love all things outdoors (camping, kayaking, hiking), playing with my nephews and my goddaughter, trying new restaurants, and eating (lots of) cookies. I am so excited to get to know each of you as we journey together this school year!**

**In Jesus, Annie**

## **ATTENDANCE AND FUNDRAISING**

**JANUARY:** 236

**JULY:** 230 as of 7/21

**FEBRUARY:** 246

**AUGUST:** 71

**MARCH:** 349

**SEPTEMBER:** 402

(not including Wednesday Lenten Services)

**APRIL:** 406

**OCTOBER:** 288

**MAY:** 300

**NOVEMBER:** 361

**JUNE:** 450

**DECEMBER:** 622

### **Scrip Announcements!**

In June, \$8.50 was donated to Evangelism and \$8.50 was donated to the Capital Campaign. A profit of \$65.25 was made in June. Don't forget to pick up your gift cards! Shop with scrip - [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

### **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**

Our next scheduled fundraiser night is 6 August from 5p-9p, see you there!

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

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. For any questions, please contact Cindy Rose.

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

School is out for SUMMER! Watch September's Messenger for details about donations for the 2019-2020 school year. Please support the Hope Food Pantry during the summer months instead. Thank you.

### **FOOD PANTRY ITEMS**

Needed for August: Sweet Muffin Mix, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Lemonade Mix, Popcorn.  
THANK YOU!

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

## **Grace Opportunities**

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

Please contact Ashley at 314-427-3755. [www.everychildshope.org](http://www.everychildshope.org).

### **Re-Group**

Re-Group will be meeting at Firebirds Wood Fired Grill, 11 August at 1:30p. 1501 Beale St., St. Charles, MO 63303. Please RSVP by using the signup sheet or by contacting Ana Kniesel by 2 August.

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

For more information, 314-962-4670 or [www.namistl.org/programs-2/nami-family-to-family/](http://www.namistl.org/programs-2/nami-family-to-family/)

### **Mowing**

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. 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. There is a sign-up sheet on *Ministry Opportunities* board. Your help would be greatly appreciated. For training, please contact Sandy Silger.

### **Community Outreach**

We have made a yearlong commitment to the city of O'Fallon to keep the mile of Mexico Road in front of Grace free of trash. Our next street cleanup will be Saturday September 14 at 10 am. We will meet at the church parking lot. We will have safety vests, gloves and trash bags. Be sure to bring sunglasses, a hat, sunscreen and water bottles if you need. It should only take an hour or so, depending on how many helpers we have. Please sign up on the Ministry Opportunities board if you are planning to help out. All ages are welcome. If you can't help out in September, you can join us in November. Contact Cindy Rose for more information.

### **Every Child's Hope Ladies Aid**

ECH Golf Tournament will be at Old Hickory Golf Course in St. Peters on Monday, September 16. Call 314-427-3755 if you'd like to volunteer! Also, in August and September, school supplies are collected. We need: Notebooks (no spiral), Poster Board, Dry Erase Markers, and pencils.

### **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://nnev.org/downloads/Other/Matching\\_gifts\\_companies.pdf](http://nnev.org/downloads/Other/Matching_gifts_companies.pdf) for a complete list.

### **July Scripture and Themes**

**4 August 2019 – Colossians 1:15-28 “Keeping it Real”**

**11 August 2019 – Jon Garrett**

**18 August 2019 – Colossians 2:6-23 “Are You Alive In Christ?”**

**25 August 2019 – Colossians 3:1-17 “Our Lord Includes Even Me!”**

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

### **Seminarian Debt Reduction Offering**

The Committee on Ministry and the Eastern Association Council recognizes that many of our ministers in the Eastern Association are serving congregations that are unable to provide them with a living wage. It is also a reality that students graduating from seminary are often carrying significant student loan debt. The Eastern Association is addressing this problem with long term planning and solutions while there is still the opportunity to do so. Rev. Joe Rowley, Eastern Association Council President, appointed a task group in January 2018 to begin addressing this critical issue. One way to ensure that smaller congregations can have pastoral leadership is for all of us in the Eastern Association, congregations large and small, work together and build an endowment. This will both provide support for ministers and growth for the future of our churches. The task group proposed at our Eastern Association Fall Business Meeting that we use the current \$10,000 dollars available to us as seed money to launch an endowment program. The goal of this endowment effort is to help relieve the pressure these individuals are feeling from debt. Additionally, it will allow them to accept calls to Eastern Association congregations based on mutual gifts for ministry. Rather it will be based on a sense of calling and not be limited by financial consideration. These funds will be invested in the United Church Fund. We are happy to report that already we have a pledge from our Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel. Ginny believes so deeply in the Churches and authorized ministers of the Eastern Association that she will give \$1,000 to the Education Debt Reduction Fund if there are 5 gifts of \$1,000 each. Each gift of \$1,000 could be 1 individual donor that gives \$1,000 or 2 or 3 people coming together to give a gift totaling \$1,000. Clusters and churches could do the same. There are many other creative ways to grow this fund. We hope you will pray and engage your church in dialogue regarding this need and possible ways to support it. **HERE AT GRACE LET US TRY TO EXCEDE THE GOAL OF \$250!** Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

### **Adult Sunday School**

We have a casual "drop in" Adult Sunday School that started on July 7 at 10 am. We meet in the library space down stairs. We are guided by the book ""Jim & Casper Go to Church by Jim Henderson and Matt Casper. This is available on Amazon (kindle, used and paperback). We meet for 8 weeks starting July 7 through August 25. Join us! Starting on September 8 we will be studying the Book of Romans at the 10:00 am Sunday School hour. We will work through this book together with a study guide and conversation. Mark your calendars to join us in the fall.

### **Prayer List**

Arlene Albers, Joan Bartlet, Family of Lesley Bissett, Kathy, Kathy Blake, Sonda Blattner, Brandon, Liz Clemensen, Sheila Dunn, Sheila Engelmeyer, Alex Fahnestock, Nancy Feeney, The Gordon Family, Carol Haner, Sharon Husmann, Katie Johnson's Dad, Baby Jordan, Brother of Kim Mattox, Debbie Nelson, Rich, Chuck Riess, Gregg & Janice Saling, Audrey Schulte, Scott, Susan Shumway, Sam Skinner, Imogene Strassner, MaryBeth Strassner, Betty Warren, Nicole Whitely, Ethan Wilson, Wayne & Carla Yon & Family, 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, Tommie Leist,  
Jan Sutton, Bernice Watson

### **Boundary Training**

Calling all volunteers who work with our children and youth! Grace will hold safe church boundary training on Wednesday August 14 at 7 to 8 PM and on Saturday August 17 from 10 to 11 AM. This training is for all those who work with our youth and children. This includes annual training for our teenaged nursery attendants... It also applies to volunteers who work with the children in Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and youth events. Adults need to participate in this training every three years. Mary Ann Sutton will be leading this training. Contact her with any questions. Thanks for helping to keep our children and youth safe at Grace.

### **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.

### **College**

Please share the addresses of our young adults returning to or beginning college in the fall of 2019.

### **Youth Ministry Planning**

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm to meet up in the sanctuary to do some Youth Ministry planning for the year. All Youth and Adults are invited to help plan this upcoming year!

### **Mariah Mattox's Reflections On An Upsetting Event At General Synod 32**

I spent a week in Milwaukee Wisconsin at General Synod. We live in a world where we should be able to love everybody no matter their shape, or size, or color, and this includes a person's sexuality. It was at General Synod where I recently learned that is not always the case. You see on Monday we were in a debate about LGBT+ not being allowed into our denomination by some people. Now I understand that people have their own opinions. But still when it comes to stuff like this why do we think we have the right to tell anyone how to live their lives? If you're gay or whatever shouldn't you be able to feel safe – instead of feeling like you have nothing to live for or like your life doesn't matter? Don't all lives matter?

No one should feel like they can't walk down the street without being laughed at or stared at. When we are kids out, parents tell us what we can or can't do and I understand that. But what I don't understand is how there are some people who want others to feel like they can't be who God made them to be. My mom taught me different than that. Doesn't everyone have a purpose in life? And to be honest, what is worse is when some people's families won't accept them for who they are. I believe our church should help make our world better by accepting people like we do here at Grace. Maybe even we need to show those who are LGBT+ how much they are loved by God. How much we welcome them into our church because we would never want anyone left out because of their sexuality. I have some gay people in my family. I have friends who are gay, too. So for me to hear that LGBT+ people are not welcomed by all people in our denomination makes me sad. Will you help me to welcome all people to our Grace Family?

## **General Synod 2019**

Synod has become a favorite of mine as there's a chance to see people I haven't seen in years such as one of my mentors Rev. Ed Middleton. It's become a place where I can geek out on the intricacies of how the UCC operates and what direction it will surprise me with this time. This year it was about watching Allison Summers blossom, speak truth to the church, and make sure that the youth voices are heard. And it was this year that I again found my love of Youth Ministry, that while it had never left, had been in hiding. It was sitting with the youth as they processed occurrences in the larger church and wondered if the church had a place for them. It was in the affirming that their views are valid, and they are wonderful. It was in the hugs that I received after where I told them that they are a child of God and beloved, and the teens crying in my arms. Fyi...our church, conference and denomination have some flipping awesome youth! And all I have to say in going forward is National Youth Event is July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> and I'm hoping we have a large group from Grace going!

### **Allison Summers General Synod 32 Report of Summaries of Resolutions and Thoughts** **Committee #5: Resolution Regarding The Use of Plastic Foam**

Plastic Foam takes 500 years to forever to decompose. Americans throw away on average of 25 million plastic foam cups a year. This doesn't include take out boxes and other uses of plastic foam. While sitting in the committee, we discussed options and steps of how to take this resolution to our churches and put it into action. One step is to educate members about plastic foam and its effects on the environment. Another step is to encourage the use of other products that are not plastic foam like paper products and/or washable dishes. This resolution follows with the "3 Great Loves" with Environmental Justice.

### **Committee #5: On Support For the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019**

This resolution focuses on climate change due to fossil carbon. There have been major natural disasters like drought, flooding, severe storms, oceans rising, and species destruction due to climate change. The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019 takes this issue to a national level with bi-partisan cosponsors. We discussed that the bill itself has areas that need work, but the bill is needed to start working on climate change issues. This resolution encourages the United Church of Christ to be part of the discussion on climate change and solutions. It also encourages the church to provide resources and information about climate change to their members.

## **Concluding Summary of General Synod**

General Synod 32 was my first time at General Synod. I was excited and nervous all mixed into one. I had no clue what to expect. As the committees began and Caucus had us up with coffee in hand, I felt more at ease. I felt very welcomed by all the delegates from the Missouri Mid-South Conference. General Synod was a roller coaster ride of emotions. The week started off with meeting new people, beautiful worship services, and fellowship that included polkaing. As the week came to an end with final plenaries... my emotions did not. A resolution that meant a lot to me came to the floor. It was committee #12: Resolution Calling on the United Church of Board to Bring Bylaws Revisions that Include Non-Binary Gender Language. I have friends who use them/they pronouns and I knew how much this meant to them. So with my handwritten speech in hand, I stepped up to microphone in favor of this resolution.

One minute might seem fast, but with shaking hands and voice, a minute seemed like a week. I wanted to speak, I wanted others voice to be heard through my speech, and I hope my message came across. This resolution did pass, but a few minutes later a resolution about table space came to the floor. Youth from Michigan Conference spoke in favor of this resolution and being part of the LGBTQIA+ community, my heart broke from hearing their speech. No one should ever feel the pain of hate or exclusion because of their sexual orientation. That's why I chose the UCC! Because I felt welcomed and I could be who I am! After a long night of prayers, hugs, and tears; we returned to plenary still with pain and questions. The motion was brought forth to table this resolution and was passed, but there was still pain and hurt in the room. I am so blessed to be part of a conference that showed love when I felt hurt. As we moved on our separate ways by train, car, or airplane; I still feel the love shown by the delegates of Missouri Mid-South Conference and I have grown more in my faith. Thank you for this opportunity!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### MUSIC PRACTICE

Watch your email for specific details or changes each week. Thank you.

\*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 Jon Garrett after Sunday Worship Services. \*

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

### Risen Auditions

**In September, we will hold auditions for singers and musicians in an effort to refine and focus our sound for contemporary worship and ensure that everyone who wants to serve in our music ministry is making the best use of their gifts and talents. The audition committee will be comprised of members of the Worship Design Team. Auditions will be Thursday 12 September from 6p-until concluded. Plan to sing a worship song accompanied by piano and do a voice placement. Contact Jon to set up an audition.**

## Gentle Reminder

This is a gentle reminder that during the summer months we must continue to meet our obligations. The bills roll in because we still do effective ministry when you're away on vacation. Please remember also that the men on our Finance Team voluntarily work 4-6 hours each week to stretch our dollars. Please pray for and continue to support your Grace Family as you're making vacation plans. Thank you ahead of time for sharing in Christ's ministry!



## **Council Corner**

Tuesday 16 July council meeting took place with 8 council members present and Pastor Polly. Our devotion was a fun game, questioning our knowledge of the people and stories of the bible. Our finances are stable, yet we voted to withdraw from the annuity fund, to help our budget. Preschool is accepting enrollments, has 56 students thus far and hopes to grow in 2019-2020 school year. Stewardship team is in place and will be getting ready for the fall Stewardship Campaign. We discussed the coffee hour situation. Do we want to go to one coffee hour host, serving in between services, or can we get more participation? If you can help, please do. Boy Scouts are discussing meeting on a different night. Our office desktop is running extremely slow and we are considering buying a new, more efficient one. We are awaiting bids. Four bids were submitted for the front entrance canopy and we decided on one contractor, dependent on the materials used. A sub-committee will meet with this contractor and the council voted to empower them to make the final decision. The lower level is undergoing improvements by Roger Miyasaka and other concerned members so that the Sunday School rooms will see be better for the fall. Council is seeking a new member to replace Pat Vogel who has resigned due to personal reasons. We are considering a younger member so that we can get some younger ideas. Our ONA celebration was a huge success! Eastern Association sent a Thank You card to our church for our continuing support. Ministry reports were given and our meeting adjourned. If you are interested in further and more specific details of this meeting, please visit the church office where the minutes are recorded and filed.

## **RALLY DAY!**

Mark your calendar for Sunday September 8 starting at ten o'clock. We will celebrate the kickoff to Sunday School with activities, two worship services, lunch, and the popular Cupcake Walk. The theme of Rally Day is "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." Hope to see you there!

## **PROJECTED CALENDAR FOR AUGUST**

### **AUGUST – Seminarian Debt Reduction Offering**

1: Crafty Corner 9a, Music Practice 6:15-7:30p, Pack 576 Wolf den meeting 6:30p

2:

3: Men's Group 8a

### **SUNDAY 4: Birthday Sunday**

5: Grace Life 7p

6: Election Day

7: Staffing 10:30a, POP 4:15p

8: Crafty Corner 9a, Music Practice 6:15-7:30p, Pack 576 meeting 6:30p, PP On Vacation

9:

10:

### **SUNDAY 11: Mission / Jon Garrett Preaches**

12: Pack 576 Den mtg. 6p, Worship Design 7p

13: SCUM 12:30-1:30p

14: Staffing 10:30a, POP 4:15p, Boundary Training 7p

15: Crafty Corner 9a, Music Practice 6:15-7:30p

16:

17: Boundary Training 10a

### **Sunday 18: BACKPACK BLESSING (8:45a & 11:15a), Messenger Deadline**

19:

20: Staff Meeting 1:30p, Council 7p, NAMI 7p

21: POP 4:15p

22: Crafty Corner 9a, Music Practice 6:15-7:30p

23:

24:

### **Sunday 25:**

26:

27:

28: Staffing 10:30a, POP 4:15p

29: Crafty Corner 9a, Music Practice 6:15-7:30p

30:

31:

## OUR PEEPS & FINANCE

### STAFF

Rev. Polly McWilliams – Pastor

Jon Garrett – Music Minister

Melissa “Missy” Schnarre – Office Manager

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### MINISTRY NEEDS

**HEY YOU! Yes, you! Check out the ministry opportunity board in the lobby next to the office. You'll see many opportunities for you to share in Christ's ministry. Your Grace Council is asking that various groups volunteer to host fellowship time after each worship service one Sunday a month.**

**Please also note there are plenty of other opportunities for Lay Readers, Ushers, Greeters, and more. “Each one should give what she/he has decided to give, not reluctantly or regretfully. For God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7) Sharing your time and talents in various ways is a wonderful way to give joyfully! Please take some time to prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these important ministries!**

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank my Grace Family for celebrating my 24<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary with me. The flowers, the cards, the rainbow stole, and fan are so appreciated. Y'all made me feel loved and that's really good because I love y'all too! Pastor Polly

We've settled in somewhat. I keep changing locations of the items in the kitchen until it feels right. Poor Ed! And there's over a foot-high grass! Thank goodness the rain has slowed, and he feels more caught-up now. Maybe soon he'll have time to work on his shop and fishing poles. We want to say thank-you for the "Blessing" and prayers and good wishes that you have sent with us to Iowa. We will think of all of you often and will miss you a lot! Ed and Connie Jo Smith

Thank you Kendall Family for the beautiful cross! It compliments my collection with great spirit and love. I will think of you each time I see it. Love, PP

Thank you for the lovely celebration of Sam's birthday! We would also like to thank everyone that provided the meal and gifted cards, cash, and gift cards. With love, The Birchen Family

Thank you for supporting Dardenne's food backpack program. With your donations we served 544 bags of food to our students. We are lucky to have you a part of our school! School Social Worker, Principal, Secretary

Just a short note to say thank you for my retirement gift, and for the wonderful opportunity I have had to work for Grace Church Preschool over the past 37 years. Lots of wonderful memories! I will truly miss working for the school. Thank you, Mary Arbutti

Thank you Randy McWilliams for installing the back lot surveillance cameras!



Thank you to those that were part of the Clean Up Crew for July! Grace adopted a mile of Mexico Road. Join us in September when we clean up again!

We Have Lights on our front lot!  
Thank you for those who made this happen for the safety of our congregation and visitors!

Thanks to Mark Miller for his painting talents on the front doors!

