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We are disciples of Jesus:
helping one another be the
hands and feet of Christ by
sharing God's love with the
world.

**Deadline for next *Pace* is
Sunday, July 18, 2021**



The *Pace* of Grace

July 2021

From the Rector:



Thanks be to our God who is always with us! My heart is so happy and relieved that we are now back to in-person worship. As great as it has been to be in contact with you all over Zoom, there is just something about being able to be in the same room with you and, at long last, share the Eucharist with some of you one-on-one. We are so blessed to have this experience and I am so grateful to those of you who have come in person, as you have been stellar in following the guidelines for safety we have in place.

Speaking of guidelines, we received an update from the bishop in the last week or so, informing us that we can establish our own guidelines and expectations. Your Vestry met to discuss the implications for us at Grace and have prayerfully decided on the following:

- Fully vaccinated people are no longer required to mask in the building except when singing during the 10:00 am worship service. If you are going to sing, please put on a mask. When you're finished singing you may remove it if you so choose.
- We will continue to maintain safe physical distancing as we have been doing and maintaining distance as we greet each other during the peace and gathering for our scaled back "Coffee Hour."
- Wearing masks is perfectly fine! It is an example of our Christian love for one another to remember that some among us are unable to be vaccinated, (younger than 12, compromised health and/or immune systems, etc.) Let us be sure that we are understanding of one another and always kind to one another.
- We will continue offering communion in one kind only for the time being. I am trying to get creative and devise a system where wine can be consumed safely and in keeping with the Common Cup, so stay tuned. Remember that we believe in the Doctrine of Concomitance which assures us that receiving in one kind is a complete reception of the Sacraments. We will continue to receive bread only for now.
- We will ask those attending the 10:00 am Sunday in-person worship to sign a waiver to cover appearances on camera as our in-person services are hybrid, still using Zoom and Facebook Live. We are attempting to prevent camera appearance as much as

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Officers and Rector

Elizabeth Estep, *Senior Warden*
Mary Miraqliotta, *Junior Warden*
Harry Dodds, *Treasurer*
Kathy Hill, *Clerk*
The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway,
Rector

Inside this *Pace*

The first BCP (Below)

This & That: Outreach Updates, Evangelism Updates, Church-
Next Update, Sunday School, Worship Updates, Vestry Highlights

Alleluia! Grace Resumes In-Person Worship

Insert: May Calendar/Volunteer Schedule

Lessons / Readings

The First Book of Common Prayer

By James Kiefer, satucket.com

Note: Mother Rose Anne and the Wednesday Morning Study Group thought members might find this interesting.

In 1549, under the reign of Edward VI, successor to Henry VIII, the primary language of public worship in England and other areas ruled by Edward was changed from Latin to English, and the first Book of Common Prayer came into use. It was first used on Pentecost Sunday, 9 June 1549, and the occasion is now commemorated "on the first convenient day following Pentecost."

The Book was the work of a commission of scholars, but primarily of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury. It was based primarily upon the Latin worship tradition of the Use of Sarum (similar to, but not identical with, the Roman rite used by most Roman Catholic between 1600 and 1950), with some elements taken from the Greek liturgies of the Eastern Church, from ancient Gallican (French) rites, from the new Lutheran order of service, and from the Latin rite of Cologne.

The older usage had grown haphazardly through the centuries, and had added so many complications that it was difficult to follow (the priest often needed to juggle up to a dozen books to get through a single service). The new order pruned and simplified so that only one book other than the Bible was necessary, and so that even the laity could follow the service and participate without difficulty. Moreover, the quality of the English was outstanding. All Christians who worship in English, from Roman Catholics to Southern Baptists and beyond, are in some measure influenced by it, and all to whom it is important that the people of God understand the worship of the Church and take an active part therein have cause to be grateful for the Book of Common Prayer.

At the time, it had its drawbacks. It was resented in non-English-speaking areas ruled from London, such as Ireland, Wales, and Cornwall. If a Gaelic version had been produced simultaneously, the religious history of Ireland might have been radically different. As it was, the Prayer Book and the English Bible were viewed as part of an attempt to impose the English language upon Ireland. Similar sentiments were common in Wales and Cornwall, but with less drastic consequences.



From the Rector, continued

possible, however there is a possibility during the Processional, Recessional and Communion. Anyone wishing to never appear on camera is asked to sit on the north side of the Nave (closest to Ridge Road) near the windows. We are designating this a no-camera zone.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or any Vestry member.

I want you to be aware that Cathy Nash, our hard-working Junior Warden, has resigned her duties as a warden and her Vestry seat. Many of you know that Cathy's daughter Emily has been critically ill for some time. Cathy has been with her every day, assisting with her care. While Emily is now home and recovering, (Thanks be to God!) Cathy is now providing all of Emily's daily care needs and as such is unable to devote any time to her role on Vestry. The Vestry has, with regret and best wishes, accepted this resignation and will be, per Grace By-Laws, appointing someone to complete Cathy's term of office. Please continue to keep Emily, Cathy, and Emily's daughter Tiler in your prayers.

Please be sure to give Mary Miragliotta, Peggy Burkacki, Kathy and Gary Hill, Ken Hughes, and Leon Range many thanks for beautifying and improving our appearance. Mary arranged for the weeding and mulching of the front flower beds and Peggy, Kathy, Gary, Ken, and Leon cleaned out the bed by the downstairs main entrance in preparation for an herb garden that you will soon hear more about. We are so grateful to all of them for their loving care of our grounds. This is just one example of the work that has continued behind the scenes while we were not having in-person worship. Many thanks to all of you who have kept God's mission alive in this place during difficult times. You all are appreciated.

- *M. Rose Anne+*

OUTREACH UPDATES from Kathy Hill and the Outreach Team

Little Feet: We look forward to providing boots and shoes to our community school children again, hopefully in October/November 2021.

McKinley Community Outreach Center:

- McKinley has reopened to guests as of June 1. Their food pantry, taxable items room and the pet room are now open.
- At this time, McKinley is *not* accepting clothing or household items. They *do* accept financial donations, non-perishable food items and durable medical equipment.

Friends of Recovery:

- Tikvah House for men in Willoughby is looking for help with providing meals for the weekly men's meetings. Kathy Ivey is looking into having Grace Church prepare a meal. More information to follow.
- Kathy Hill toured the third Friends of Recovery house, Shalom House, that is currently under construction. This house is for women and their children. It will have four bedrooms, laundry, office, electric fireplace, and basement playroom. Some vendors are donating their services. Director Dennis Anthony would love to meet with us and give an update of what has been going on with Friends of Recovery. He also would be happy to give us a tour.

Rummage Sale:

- Most of the clothes were given to the Boy Scouts for their fundraiser. They raised about \$1,200.00.
- It was decided that it may be best for this year not to have our rummage sale. The rummage sale items that we have will be sorted and organized. We discussed letting parishioners select items they would like and make a donation for them. The proceeds will go to Little Feet. The remaining items will go to City Mission or possibly another charity. We will discuss this further in the July meeting.

Green Room: There are some construction items remaining in the Green Room downstairs. These items will be removed, then rummage sale items can be moved into the room. We can then clean up the Sunday school area. It is a bit full!!

Next meeting: The next Outreach meeting is July 13 at 7:00 PM in person and via Zoom. We need your ideas and input. Please join us!

EVANGELISM UPDATES from Peggy Burkacki and the Evangelism Team

Donation shortfall: Peggy reported that donations are low for all of our charities. It was agreed we think they will get better with the return of in-person worship. Please support our ministry partners as you are able.

Blessing Baskets: Kathy Hill and Peggy put together 22 Blessing Packets from the basket of items such as lotions, shampoos, toothpaste, etc., that were donated by so many generous people. A crocheted cross from Joyce Hoste and a Grace Church prayer card will be added to each packet. These packets can go to homeless programs or wherever needed.

Forbes House: Forbes House will have an advocate at Wickliffe Rec Center every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, to answer questions and provide advice or assistance to those who need it.

Formation opportunities:

- Elizabeth and Mother Rose Anne are looking into a group class on the ChurchNext site.
- Peggy and Marilyn are working on putting a prayer program together.
- Peggy is looking into a program from the diocese called Good News Gardens to plant, pray, and proclaim your garden.

Summer events cancelled: The team decided to put Willoughby Outdoor Market booth and the Bike Blessing event on hold until next year since it is so late in the season.

Coffee Hour: Due to COVID precautions, Coffee Hour will continue to serve bottled water and juice until guidelines change. Bakers and Takers will be on hold until guidelines ease up.

Prayer Box: The team discussed putting a prayer box upstairs and in the undercroft. Kathy will have Mark print prayer cards for us.

Next meeting: For our July meeting Mother Rose Anne asked us to think of ways we can invite others to join us at Grace. That meeting will be held June 13 at 6:00 pm.



From left: Ken Schutt, Kathy Hill, Leon Range, and Peggy Burkacki prepare to plant an herb garden at Grace as part of the Episcopal Church's Good News Garden program.

"Life began in a garden, the place where we had a perfect relationship with God."

The Good News Garden is a denomination-wide movement in the Episcopal Church involving a variety of food creation and care ministries. The idea is to share natural abundance, prayers, and the way of love in parishes' communities and beyond. The Evangelism Team is attempting to start an herb garden at Grace. We are starting small by sharing with our church and eventually expanding out to the community. Ken and Leon have helped us rid the area outside our undercroft of weeds. We still need help. If you can help with gardening in any way, please contact Kathy Hill or Peggy Burkacki. Another way you can help is to pray for our garden and the better use of our land. You can also go online to the Diocesan website (<https://dohio.org/>) for more information or to register your home garden as part of the project. Check it out to see if you would like to participate.

CHURCHNEXT UPDATE from Elizabeth Estep

Here is another enriching online formation opportunity available free from ChurchNext. If you are not sure how to use ChurchNext, reach out to Elizabeth Estep, Mother Rose Anne, or call the office.

Walk in Love, Part 1

Looking for a concise, accessible explanation of Episcopal faith and beliefs?

The Revs. Scott Gunn and Melody Shobe have given us an incredible resource. In this course these veteran Episcopal clerics unpack the basic beliefs and practices of their tradition. This is the first of

five courses and takes us for a survey of the Sacramental life. Here are the titles of their four video presentations:

- 1) The Anglican Way of Christianity
- 2) The New Life of Grace
- 3) A Wonderful Sacrament
- 4) Grow in Grace

This course is based on the companion book *Walk in Love*. There are four additional courses in this curriculum.

Help wanted: Sunday School returns soon.

Fall is just around the corner and the Sunday School Team is looking forward to resuming Sunday School with the children of the parish. The team needs volunteers to assist with crafts and help guide the kids through activities. Also, a questionnaire will be sent to parents. Please reply with your feedback. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact team leaders Debbie Zimmerman or Bobbin Davis. Thanks!

WORSHIP UPDATE from the June 10, 2021, Worship Committee Meeting

Altar Guild:

- The florist was called and the issue with the altar flowers from Sunday, June 6 will be resolved.
- Altar Guild and Ushers will meet to review/refresh scheduling and procedures.
- We will continue contact tracing for each Sunday service.

Sunday School: Regular mailings will continue to be sent to the children for the summer.

Choir:

- The choir will take the summer off, but there will be a pick-up choir Sundays.
- Scott will continue to take parishioner's requests for their favorite hymns throughout the summer.
- There will be no rehearsals.
- The choir may regroup once a month.
- There may be a choir picnic or gathering about the end of July or some date in August.

Review of services and events: The first hybrid service went well overall. The issue with Facebook was resolved. The sound was very good.

Upcoming Services: No changes at this time. There will be a change in the Eucharistic Prayer in September.

Other discussion:

- We can look at putting a handrail on either far side of the altar railing to assist those who need help in maneuvering the altar steps.
- Mother Rose Anne will be on vacation August 1. The Rev. Beth Frank will fill in for her.

Next meeting: The Worship Committee will not meet in July unless needed. The next meeting will be August 12, 2021.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS *from the June 20, 2021, Vestry Meeting*

Treasurer's Report: We continue to be ahead on pledges for the year. We should see an increase in some expenses now that we have reopened. Donations have been given for furnishings to finish up the renovations and for technical items.

COVID-19 and Worship: Vestry reviewed the latest Letter from the Bishop. It was decided that masks would be optional except when singing, at least for now. All else will remain the same for now with distancing, no contact during the Peace, no food at coffee hour. Need to let people know to wear a mask if they are not vaccinated. Communion will stay as we have been doing it, for now. We should also encourage wearing masks in flu season.

Hybrid Worship Technology Project:

- We received a check for \$500 for the grant for participating in the Hybrid Worship Technology Project offered by the Diocese. We currently have \$2,500 for additional equipment. We will move forward with the TV and related equipment for downstairs.
- Vestry also discussed whether to designate a side of the church that will be the non-camera side for those who do not wish to be on camera during the 10:00 am service livestream. Parishioners need to sign a waiver if they agree to appear on camera.

Senior Warden's Report:

- The By-Laws Committee completed its second working meeting, Sections 1 and 2 of Grace Episcopal Church's By-Laws. Sections 3, 4, and 5 will be reviewed and discussed in the next meeting. The committee should be ready to make a presentation to Vestry in the fall. The goal of the committee is to make the by-laws more flexible to better meet future needs.
- Vestry members will continue to make calls to parishioners at least once a month or more often if we choose. Since making calls is based on our directory, this is a good time to clean up and update the entries as needed.

Junior Warden's Report:

- *Buildings and Grounds:* A contract with 72 Degrees for HVAC maintenance was approved by B&G Committee and the contract has been paid. There is a proposal from Adeliros to excavate and waterproof the foundation wall of the rectory basement. Mary will gather additional proposals. Again, there are birds in the vents that go to the men's restroom downstairs. This will be brought up at the next Buildings and Grounds meeting.
- The spotlights on the altar are out. Vestry members will check them.

Rector's Report:

- **Junior Warden Resignation:** Cash Nash has resigned as Junior Warden due to personal issues. Mary Miragliotta accepted the nomination to fill the Junior Warden's seat and complete the term. Kathy Hill will forward the last Nominating Committee's report to Elizabeth to review. A Special Vestry meeting was scheduled for Sunday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss this further.

- Mother Rose Anne will meet with Altar Guild and Ushers on June 26.
- Mother Rose Anne also scheduled a workday for June 26, organizing and boxes and other items currently stored in the balcony. Those attending meetings earlier that morning can join the cleaning team after their meeting if they wish.
- There will not be a rummage sale this year. Instead, we will hold a “non-sale sale” where our parishioners may select any items they wish for a donation to Little Feet. The items that are remaining will be donated to either McKinley, if they are receiving donations, or to City Mission.
- Anti-Racism: The program roll-out information should be available soon.
- Memorial Garden Condition: There have been comments that the rules are not being followed. Artificial flowers, statues, etc. are being left in the garden. The Vestry should look at the garden and give their comments. Harry feels that the garden should be as natural as possible to preserve its calming feel. The brochure was changed several years ago to allow some remembrances in the garden.
- Eagle Scouts Project: Zach Barrus has not responded to Elizabeth’s attempts to contact him. At this point as far as Vestry is concerned this project has concluded.
- Church attendance: David mentioned his concern regarding church attendance. Mary suggested we do some promoting of our church services such as having a “bring a friend day”.

Stewardship: We still need new Team Leader. Mother Rose Anne will put out an announcement for a Team Leader for Stewardship.

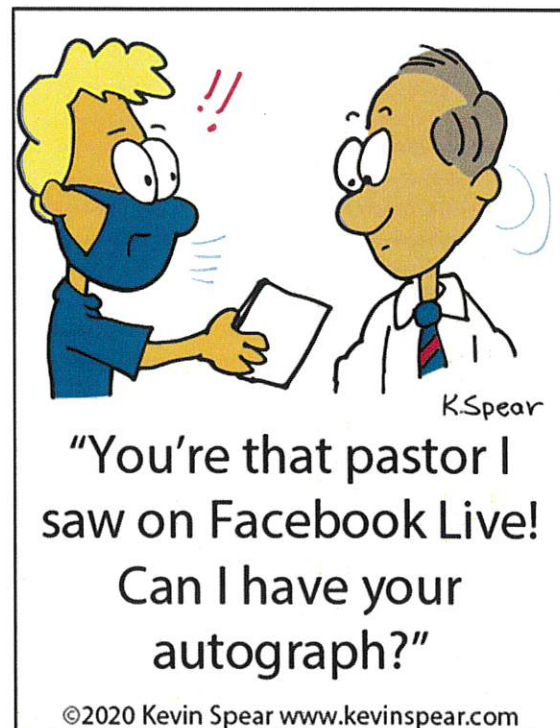
Evangelism: See updates elsewhere in this *Pace*.

Worship: See updates elsewhere in this *Pace*.

Pastoral Care Team: Ray Newyear is recovering nicely from surgery. Shirley Wilkes is doing well also.

Other Business: There will not be any more Vestry check-in meetings.

Next meeting: There will be a special Vestry meeting Sunday, June 27, at 9:30 am. The next regular Vestry meeting will be Sunday, July 18, 2021, following the 10:00 a m service.

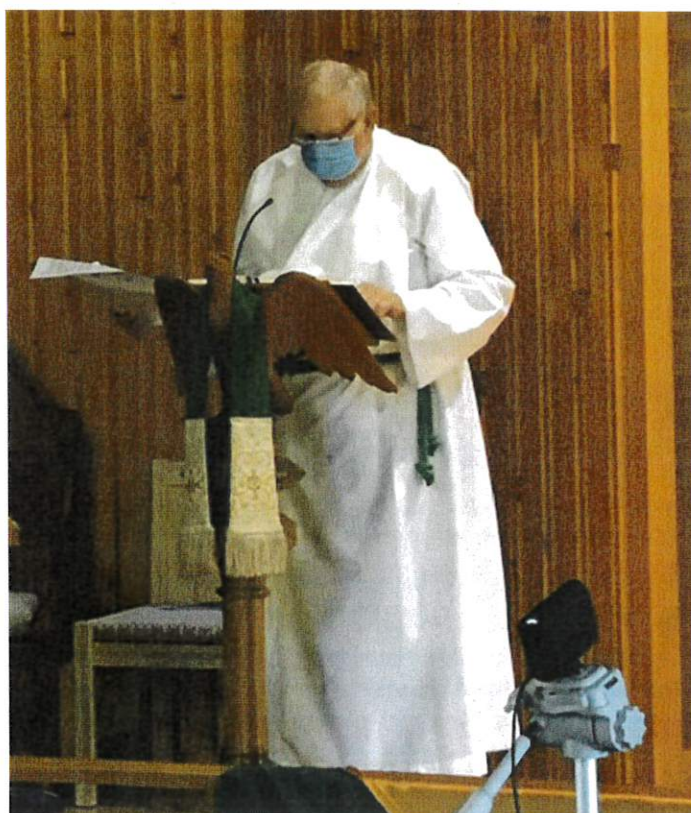
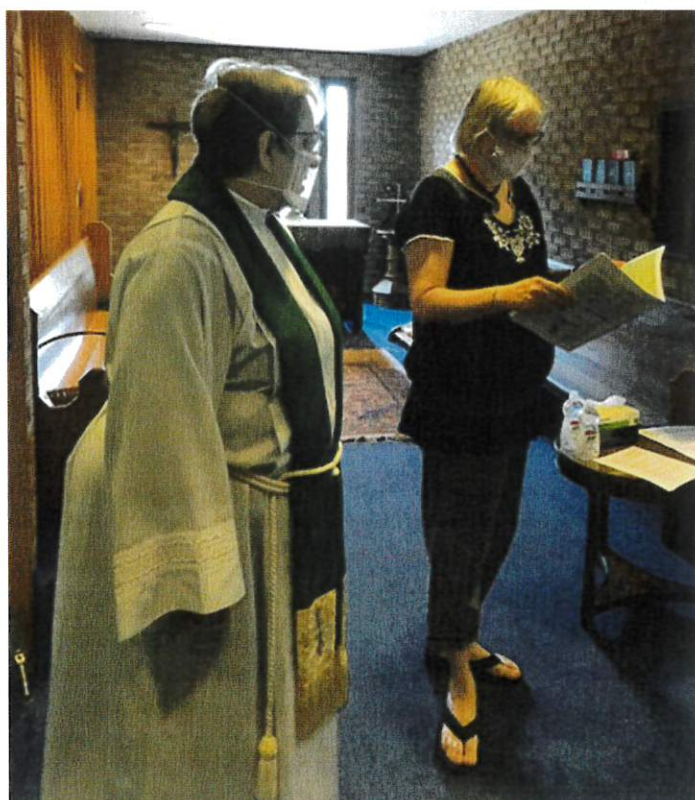


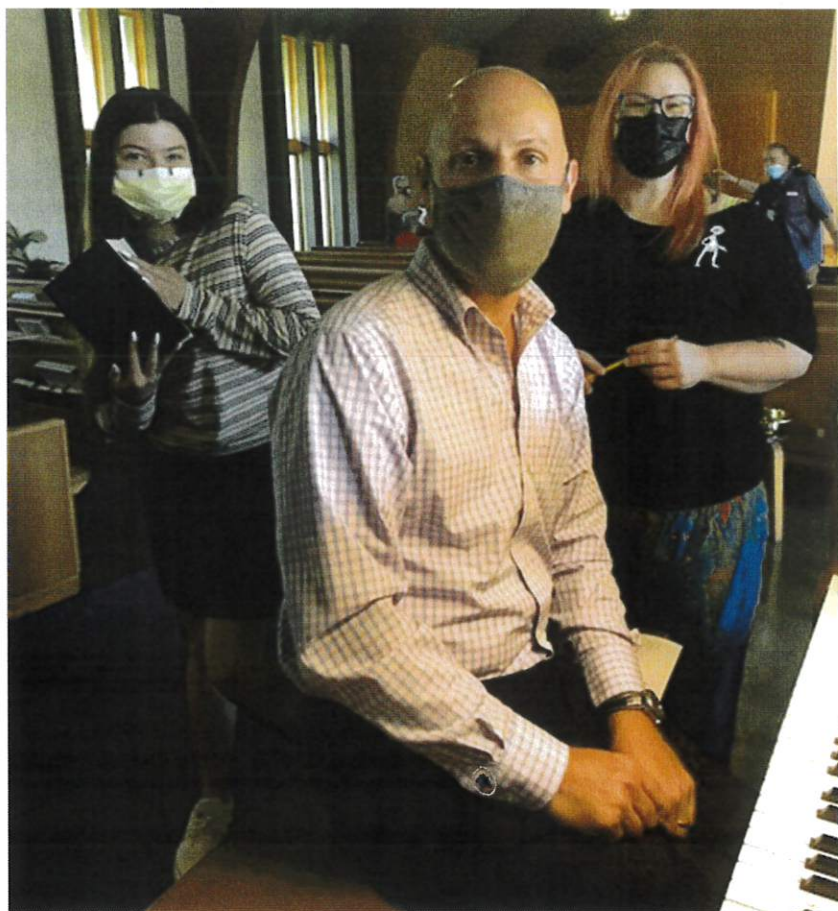
LATE-BREAKING UPDATE

Vestry Changes, new Junior Warden: Vestry member Mary Miragliotta was elected to replace Cathy Nash as Junior Warden. Pat Newyear was appointed by the Vestry to complete Cathy’s unexpired vestry term.

Alleluia! Grace Returns to In-Person Worship

After worshipping online only for the past 15 months, Grace Episcopal Church finally resumed in-person worship June 6. Alleluia, thanks be to God! Thanks also to the Altar Guild and other volunteers who helped prepare the worship space for Sunday services and our beautifully renovated gathering space for Coffee Hour. Our regular Sunday services, Contemplative Eucharist at 8:00 am and Eucharist with music at 10:00 am, are officially back in business! So is our Wednesday 11:00 am service.





The music never stopped

LEFT: Throughout the pandemic, organist Scott Arra (center) and cantors Chloe Baldauf (left) and Jenny Lonsway (right) continued to provide music during our online worship services. All three were on hand for the reopening.

Who were those masked people?

PREVIOUS PAGE: Mother Rose Anne and Altar Guild member Peggy Burkacki (bottom left) make last-minute preparations for the 10:00 am service. Harry Dodds (bottom right) served as lector for our return to service. Masks were still required when worship resumed.

Zooming along

Even though in-person worship has resumed, we continue to livestream our 10:00 am Sunday and 11:00 am Wednesday Eucharist for those who are unable to attend in person at this time, and for members who joined us from other parts of the state and country during the pandemic.

Dave Ivey (center) served as our Zoom host for the service, running the Zoom meeting and controlling the camera for the service. Elizabeth Estep (left) and James Freshwater (right) were on hand to observe and learn. The Zoom host role is a new, ongoing part of our Sunday worship team. And it's not as hard as it sounds! If you're interested in hosting our Zoom service, please call or email the office or contact Dave Ivey. Additional volunteers are needed.



Beautifying Grace

Inside and Out

Volunteers help prepare the church
for our return to in-person service.



Above: Peggy (who seems to be everywhere!) and Thora Scott prepare the side table for our first in-person Coffee Hour in over a year!

Below: Mary Miragliotta paid a team of landscapers to spruce up the flower beds in front of the church for our reopening.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way!



Bridging the Generations

Above: At our first in-person service since last March, our most junior and most senior parishioners met for the first time. That's Ariana, who was born during the pandemic, being held by her mother, Melanie, shaking hands with our beloved matriarch, Jeanne Schupp.

Below: Four generations of Stoldts! (From left): Pamela, Melanie, Ariana, and Charlotte.





READINGS FOR THE DAY

July 4

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 9

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

June 13

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 10

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

June 20

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 11

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm 89:20-37

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

June 27

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 12

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21