



The Messenger

June 2024

Rector's Message

Grace to you and peace on this eve of summer (It's already too hot. I don't like it).

The weather is not the only thing getting warmer. Our ministries, new and old, will soon be heating up as well.

On Monday, June 10th, Hope WINS' summer Mac Camp commences. I am so grateful to all of you for the support and love you have shown this group. Their mission is so important to this community, and I am just beyond proud that Grace can be a part of it. Brace yourselves, y'all. It's going to get loud!

Also, beginning June 25th, Hope WINS will be hosting a Parent Support Group, which will meet at Grace Church regularly on the last Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. There are flyers with more information hanging on our bulletin boards.

Freeport Area Church Co-Op (FACC) has quite an action-packed summer, which means there will be several opportunities to volunteer. The major, and most immediate project, will be the pantry move. In dire need of operating space at the Chicago Ave. Mission, and for the privacy of shelter clients, the FACC board, which includes yours truly, has been touring possible sites to lease around Freeport. We have finally settled on the former Radex building, on the corner of Galena and Island Aves. next to Maria's Pizza. It is an underserved area, in terms of local food pantries, with the city's large public housing complexes within walking distance. I am not sure where the progress of the move will be

when you read this, but if you would like to help with painting, hauling furniture, or setting up the pantry, please call FACC directly at 815-233-0435 Ext. 4.

There are also two fundraisers this summer for FACC. The first will be working the ticket booths at the Stephenson County Fair, July 23-27. For every hour that you work, \$10 will be donated to FACC. Kate Boyer, Fair Manager and FACC delegate, informed the church delegates that the ticket booths are air conditioned this year. You can sign up for a shift directly through the fair's website at <https://stephensoncountyfair.org/volunteer/>.

Later in the summer, August 23-24, FACC will be hosting the Cub Foods Brat Stand. There are still a handful of shifts available to assist with that. You will be working along side other church delegates and FACC board members. Probably not me, since that is the same weekend as the Eats & Beats Festival. Again, if you are interested, please contact FACC directly at 815-233-0435 Ext. 4.

The last item concerning FACC is meal provisions. Our parishioners provided one meal a month for a while, before they regularly began accommodating upwards of 25 clients at any given time. It became labor and cost prohibitive for any one parishioner to handle. So, we started collecting funds on the first Sunday of every month to sponsor a meal. We will continue to do this, however, there are some gaps in the meal schedule. So, if anyone wants to take an evening, perhaps get some friends together for a cooking party or something, please contact FACC. They will even provide you with meat and perhaps some side options for your meal to keep costs down.

That was quite the litany of activity for this summer, but I take that as a good sign. Grace Church is still engaged and serving as God's heart and hands in the community. May God's spirit, working in us, continue to do more than we could ask or imagine. Amen.

Blessings,
Fr. Brian

The Bishop's Visit

The bishop is coming! The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark will be making her first visit to Grace Church for our service on Sunday, June 9th. Since it will be her first visit, the service will open with a ceremonial knocking on the church doors with her crozier, as well as a special seating of the bishop. Details for her visit are still being worked out, but there will be a reception after the service, at which we have been asked to leave an empty chair at each table for her to circulate about the room and meet all of you. There will also be time set aside for one-on-one conversations if you would like to meet with her privately. The only official act of her episcopate that we will have time to prepare for is if one wants to be received into the Episcopal Church. If that is you, please let me know. Bishop Paula is always a delight, and I look forward to having her here in worship and fellowship with us.

- The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.
— Theodore M. Hesburgh
- Good manners make any person a pleasure to meet and to know.
— Anonymous
- A society will be judged on how it treats those in the dawn of life, those in the twilight of life and those in the shadow of life.
— Hubert Humphrey

Grace Community

ECW FIRST FRIDAY All women of Grace Church are invited for a time of fellowship on Friday, June 7th. We meet in the undercroft at 11:30. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. Plans will be made about our summer activities. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Peace,
Connie B.

Bishop Paula Clark will be visiting Grace Church for our service on Sunday, June 9th.

People of Grace Breakfast Saturday, June 15th - 8:00am at Nine East Coffee Shop.

Vestry Meeting Sunday, June 16th after the 9:00am service.

FACC June's donation is canned soup.

Coffee hour sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. No need for anything elaborate (cookies or donuts will do). Coffee is provided by the church. When you sign up you are responsible for cleaning up afterwards.

**YOU ARE INVITED!
TO OUR ANNUAL BBQ/PICNIC**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024
12noon**

**DUANE & CAROL PRICE
581 BARLEY RIDGE TRAIL
FREEPORT, IL**

**Meat provided, just bring a dish to
pass and lawn chairs. Friends, fun,
fellowship.**

Yard games weather permitting

**Please RSVP!
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Treasurer's Report

Below is an analysis comparing the actual results for the first four months of 2024 to 2023.

	2024	2023	Difference
Total Revenue	92,610	93,474	(864)
Expenses:			
Personnel Costs	51,104	49,941	1,163
Building & Grounds	16,627	19,415	(2,788)
Property & Liability Ins.		7,074	(7,074)
All Other	<u>9,240</u>	<u>11,450</u>	<u>(2,210)</u>
Total Expenses	76,971	87,880	(10,909)
Gain (Loss)	15,639	5,594	10,045

If you have any questions please contact me.

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2nd	Laura Watson	13th	Nicholas Smith
3rd	Connie Olson	18th	Mackenzie Francis
4th	Colton Terpening	20th	Ellen Prall
8th	Kathryn Terpening	22nd	Don Doak
9th	Candy Colby	23rd	Rose Dreier
10th	Eden Helm	24th	Jon Watson
11th	John Woodward	30th	John Burden
	Steve McMillen		Jeff Francis
13th	Quinn Mitchell		



8th	Duane & Carol Price
21st	Lan & Rayma Pinney
22nd	Bruce & Kathy Helm
24th	Ralph & Sue Norman

Deadline for the July "Messenger" will be June 19th.

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There is no
Holy One like
the LORD,
there is no
Rock
like our God.



1 Samuel 2:2

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