



# The Messenger

## May 2026

### Warden's Corner

Martha, Connie O., Linsey, & Shannon met prior to the April Hope Wins Board of Director's (BOD) meeting. We had a general discussion about storage in St. Stephen's Hall, schedules, and upcoming events. Linsey's article has information about the cost of sponsoring a child for Mac Camp as parishioners requested this. We also discussed the additional day (at Hope Win's expense) of cleaning to be done at the end of every week in preparation of Sunday. Shannon also attended the Hope Win's BOD meeting. She found the organization to be well run with procedures, policies, and financial advisement.

**Spring 2026 Confirmation and Reception Service** May 2nd at 11:00am. Bishop Paula Clark will be providing the service.. There will be a brief reception following the service for confirmands, those received, and their friends and families.

Please share this with anyone you know who might be interested in this.

## Job Opening

Church Secretary for Grace Episcopal Church Freeport  
20 hours a week

Administrative Tasks:

- Keep church records
- Manage correspondence
- Create bulletins/newsletters

Should be skilled in office software applications.

For further information call: 815-232-4422

**Sunday Counters** we will be re-starting having counters do the Sunday deposit after the service. The vestry along with some others will be the main counter. We are asking for volunteers to be the second counter. This person will be tasked with making copies of the checks and any other pertinent information and counting the cash to verify amount. Please contact Sandy Terpening at 815-232-6695 if interested.

## Hope WINS

Hope WINS is gearing up for a full and meaningful summer!

Over the weekend of April 17, we hosted a training for our Hope Coaches and Parent-to-Parent Partners—equipping our team with trauma-informed tools and relationship-based strategies to best support the children and families we serve.

MAC Camp is now open for summer registration, and we are actively planning an exciting lineup of field trips and experiences for our campers. We will also host a camp day on

May 22, during which we will welcome our DCFS site visit as part of maintaining our status as an exempt licensed center.

May is Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month, and we are excited to celebrate, raise awareness, and take action as a community. On Memorial Day, immediately following the parade, we invite you to join us for a special event: **“The Future They Fought For.”** This family-friendly gathering will take place from 11:00 AM–2:00 PM at the Arts Plaza (across from Union Dairy) and will include food, fun, and activities for all ages. Mayor Jodi Miller will also be present to read a proclamation recognizing the importance of children’s mental health.

Summer camp officially begins June 4. The cost for one child to attend for the full summer is \$1,400. If you feel called to sponsor a child or support this commitment, we would love to connect with you.

Thank you, Grace Episcopal, for being such an important part of the Hope WINS village.

**With hope and heart,**

Linsey McDanel

Executive Director and Founder of Hope WINS  
(What I Need to Succeed)

**“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” — Hebrews 6:19**

## Grace Community

**ECW - FIRST FRIDAY** Dear Ladies of Grace,

May is promised to be very busy with many opportunities to get together. Our First Friday brown bag lunch is scheduled for 11:30 on Friday, May 1st. Besides the wonderful fellowship we share each month, we'll be finalizing plans for the Bishop's visitation on the 2nd, and for our annual rummage sale the 7th (set up) 8th & 9th.

Thank you all, my sisters in Christ, for your unfailing support, and your continued efforts in keeping our ECW an active, important ministry at Grace.

S.I.S.T.E.R.S. in Christ

Support. Inspire. Serve. Teach. Encourage. Respect. Share

Peace,

Connie B. 815-789-3181 [cburden43@gmail.com](mailto:cburden43@gmail.com)

**ECW Rummage Sale** Friday May 8th and Saturday May 9th.

Rummage Sale Hours:

Thursday Setup 9am—noon (or until done)

Friday Sale 8am – 2pm

Saturday Sale 8am– noon clean-up noon—1pm (or until done)

Items for the Rummage Sale can be dropped off at the church starting Sunday, May 3rd. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00am to 1:00pm. **DO NOT BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE CHURCH before Sunday May 3rd due to the Confirmation and Reception Service with the bishop.**

## **Grace Community (continued)**

**Adult Formation** May 10th, Chuck Terpening will lead participants in a study of the gospel of John.

**Vestry Meeting** Sunday, May 17th after the 9:00am service.

**Adult Formation** May 31st, Laura Watson will lead a group discussion of the book, For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional by Hanna Reichel.

**FACC Food Pantry Donation** for May is condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc.)

**Weekly Altar Flowers for 2026** We will be getting our altar flowers from Devoe Floral in Lena. The cost of altar flowers will be \$30.00. Sign up sheet is posted in the narthex. **There are many open Sundays.** Sometime during the month you are signed up for weekly flowers turn in a check for \$30.00 (made out to Grace Episcopal Church). You can put this in the offering plate, turn in to the office or mail to the church. Just indicate on the check that it is for altar flowers.

**Deadline** for the June “Messenger” will be May 21st.

## Treasurer's Report

Below is a comparison of the March 2026 financial results compared to March 2025.

	March 2026	March 2025	Difference
<b>Total Revenue</b>	110,085	108,675	1,410
Expenses:			
Personnel Costs	43,970	41,704	2,266
Building & Grounds	14,999	17,709	(2,710)
All Other	<u>8,429</u>	<u>6,094</u>	<u>2,335</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	67,398	65,507	1,891
Gain (Loss)	42,687	43,168	(481)

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Duane Price, Treasurer

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1st	Jeremy Sigafus	10th	Erich Moderow
2nd	Cheri Haack	13th	Shannon Lizer
	Gwynne French	16th	Sarah Marten
3rd	Arneta Reining	20th	Bruce Helm
4th	Susan Bokemeier	21st	Lynn Davis
6th	Gabriella Hornung	28th	George Davis

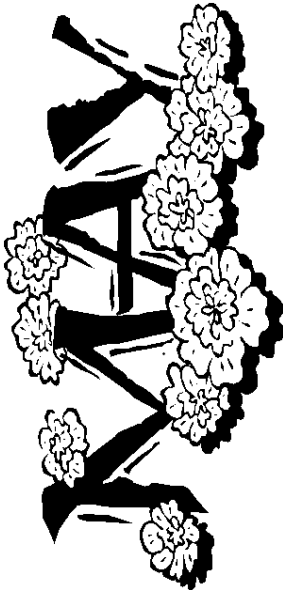


5th Mark & Karen Moderow

### Services for May

May 3rd	Liturgy of the Word	Martha Furst
May 10th	Liturgy of the Word	Chuck Terpening
May 17th	Liturgy of the Word	Chuck Terpening
May 24th	Eucharist	Rev. Liz Meade
May 31st	Liturgy of the Word	Martha Furst

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