

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 2023 Newsletter

Titus 3:14, “Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.” This scripture perfectly states my subject for today. As people of God, we are always looking for new opportunities to engage in good deeds. For many years two of Grace Church’s special outreach projects involved making Christmas gift boxes and Easter Baskets for the **Eagle and Dove** children’s program. Sadly, that program ended last year, and Grace Church started looking around for new opportunities to serve our community.

This year, Connie Mitchell took over in January as Outreach Chair for Grace Church replacing Marilyn Martin who served faithfully as Outreach Chair for over ten years and who continues to serve on the Open Hands Pantry Board as its secretary. In addition to Marilyn Martin, serving on the Open Hands Pantry Board, Donna Meyer, Betty Proser and I, serve on the Board.

Connie brings enthusiasm and many contacts in the community to aid her in her role as Outreach Chair. Connie facilitated Grace Church becoming involved in the **Care Portal**, partnering with Snyder School, and serving meals monthly at the Springfield Soup Kitchen. Grace Church serves at the Springfield Soup Kitchen the second Monday of each month, arriving at 4:45-6:45 P.M. There is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board if you want to join the team. No cooking is required the kitchen has an experienced team making all the food. Our team smiles, serves food and pitches in as needed.

I am excited to announce that **Fred Stegner**, founder of **Springfield Soup Kitchen**, will be our Lay speaker on July 23, 2023. It has been my pleasure to hear Fred talk about their feeding ministry, and I know it will be a special service. The text for the day is Matthew 25:35-40. I hope everyone will make a special effort to be in worship on July 23rd, at 9:30 A.M. for this Outreach Ministry Sunday.

Grace Church continues to produce laundry soap monthly on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning at 11:00 A.M. We produce an average of 108 gallons of laundry soap which is distributed through the Open Hands Pantry. This is a fun ministry with tasks for every physical condition, in other words, if you can write soap and tape a piece of paper on a soap jug, we can put you to work. I hope everyone will be able to share their own story of outreach involvement by the end of the year.

We know that when we make our minds up to do good deeds for the Lord, that everyone benefits, including us as we serve together.

In Christ’s love, Pastor Vicki Downing.

Scriptures July 2023

July 1	Matthew 18:20
July 2	Psalms 30:12
July 3	Psalms 119:171
July 4	Psalms 119:11
July 5	Psalms 69:32
July 6	Proverbs 18:16
July 7	Psalms 73:28
July 8	Hebrews 1:9
July 9	Psalms 96:9
July 10	1 Thessalonians 3:13
July 11	Job 11:18
July 12	Matthew 21:22
July 13	Psalms 71:15
July 14	1 Corinthians 16:13
July 15	Jeremiah 29:11
July 16	Deuteronomy 32:4
July 17	Psalms 24:5-6
July 18	Ephesians 1:5
July 19	Ephesians 2:6
July 20	Joshua 23:14
July 21	Psalms 145:13
July 22	Deuteronomy 30:20
July 23	Psalms 63:3
July 24	Exodus 6:7
July 25	Romans 15:5
July 26	Psalms 27:4
July 27	Psalms 69:13
July 28	John 8:47
July 29	Isaiah 46:4
July 30	Luke 12:21
July 31	Isaiah 26:3

Prayers Needed:

Paul & Millie Luttrull
Phyllis & Larry Garber
Jeanne & Shelley Powell



Shower of Blessings Recipient for July:

Becky Vogel
1611 Memorial Dr.
Springfield, OH 45505



July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 7 PM NA	3 7 PM MENS BS	4 Fourth of July- Office Closed	5	6 6:00 PM TRUSTEE MT	7	8
9 7 PM NA	10 7 PM MENS BS	11 11 AM SOAP MINISTRY 7 PM NA	12	13	14	15
16 7 PM NA	17 7 PM MENS BS	18 7 PM NA	19	20 6 PM Painting Class	21	22
23 7 PM NA Lay Speaker- Fred Stegner 7 PM NA	24 7 PM MENS BS	25 7 PM NA	26	27	28	29
30 7 PM NA	31 7 PM MENS BS					

Worship Participants July 2023

<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Acolyte	July 2	LARRY CAMPBELL
Communion Set-up	July 2	VICKIE DOWNING
Communion Servers	July 2	DONNA MYERS & CONNIE MITCHELL
Communion Clean-up	July 2	BETTY PROSSER
Greeter - Front Door	July 2, 9	DONNA MYERS
	July 16, 23	GREG HOSIER & DONNA LAYNE
	July 30	BETTY PROSSER
Greeter – Sanctuary Door	July 2, 9	GENE & PAT HART
	July 16, 23	GAIL & BRUCE ECKLER
	July 30	DONNA MEYERS
Liturgist	July 2	BRUCE ECKLER
	July 9	MARILYN MARTIN
	July 16	DAVE SPEAS
	July 23	PAT HART
	July 30	MARILYN MARTIN
Ushers	July 2, 9	LARRY CAMPBELL & DAVE PINKERTON
	July 16, 23	LARRY CAMPBELL & DAVE SPEAS
	July 30	LARRY CAMPBELL

Counters

Special Music

July 3	MARILYN MARTIN & JACKIE GREGORY	July 2	JAYME TATRO
July 10	MARY AHLBORN & DEB COOKE	July 9	JIM MAYHUGH
July 17	KIM STEHLE & CONNIE MITCHELL	July 16	BECKY FRANTZ & JAYME TATRO
July 24	CINDY YEAGER & JENNIFER SABO	July 23	PATTIE MUMMA
July 31	JENNIFER SABO & MARY AHLBORN	July 30	DJENIKA



		President				Activity				Animal			
		George Washington	Ronald Reagan	Abraham Lincoln	Theodore Roosevelt	Swimming	Fireworks	Parades	Grilling out	Black bear	Turkey	Bison	Bald eagle
Song	America the Beautiful												
	Star-Spangled Banner												
	This Land is Your Land												
	My Country 'Tis of Thee												
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	Turkey												
	Bison												
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<i>Theodore Roosevelt</i>			
<i>Ronald Reagan</i>			

Use the clues to match each president to his favorite animal, song, and 4th of July activity.

- Of Ronald Reagan and the one who enjoys parades, bison is one president's favorite and the other loves black bears
- The president who loves bald eagles is not Roosevelt.
- The president who loves fireworks loves bald eagles and "America the Beautiful".
- The president who loved black bears isn't Ronald Reagan, but Reagan loves grilling
- The president who would gladly have a pet turkey doesn't like grilling out.
- The president who will sing "My Country Tis of Thee" is an expert on bison.
- The president known for being very tall loves parades and "Star-Spangled Banner".
- Theodore Roosevelt loves either "This Land is Your Land" or "My Country Tis of Thee".