

*Loving God, you have filled your people with the Spirit  
who rested first on your Son and united us in your Church;  
open the channels for your Spirit that we may freely work together,  
and your kingdom and your rule increase.  
—from A New Zealand Prayer Book*

As we enter into the season of Pentecost on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, we also officially begin “the summer months” at Grace Church. The pace will be slightly different around here – fewer classes and fewer meetings. But! We’ll also be transitioning, worshipping, welcoming and serving at every turn. So here’s an overview of what to expect as the Spirit does her work among us this summer.

**Diocesan Confirmation Service:** On Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am, Grace will host the Diocesan Confirmation service. People from around the whole diocese will come to celebrate a renewal of their baptism through confirmation, reception or a renewal of vows. The Rt Rev. Wayne Hougland, Bishop of Western Michigan will be the preacher and presider and about twelve people from Grace will be candidates. Come support these Grace members and celebrate this wonderful day with the Diocese.

**The Curates of Grace:** Jodi and Christian Baron begin in their roles as “Curates of Grace” on Sunday, July 13. They will be sharing one full-time position as new clergy, participating in a broad range of parish ministries. Jodi will have particular focus areas of Hispanic Ministry and Formation for Young Children and Families. Christian’s focus areas will be Formation for Youth and Families as well as Campus Ministry. Pray for the Barons as they begin their transition from Austin, Texas back to West Michigan and help us welcome Jodi, Christian, Gretchen, Maggie and Mo as they join us at Grace this summer!

**Parish House Renewal:** During the month of June we will be transitioning the Parish House from a rental home to a home for the Baron family. There is cleaning, painting, and planting to do so sign up in the Commons to help us prepare this home for the Barons.

**Education and Formation Opportunities:** Grace youth will be attending Diocesan Camp, two youth members will be participating in the National Episcopal Youth Event, and several will be going on a mission trip (see Debbie’s newsletter page.) Younger children will be coming together for a Vacation Bible School in July in a shared effort with Peace Lutheran Church.

**Outreach Efforts:** We have just welcomed a new family into one of the Grace Community Partnership Homes – a single mom with three kids who will be with us for about eighteen months as we support their transitioning. Grace will continue our presence at the Community Kitchen at Western Seminary every Wednesday (sign up in the Commons to volunteer!) and on the second Thursdays of June, July and August we’ll Feed America, sharing supper and distributing over five thousand pounds of food to about one hundred and fifty guest families. Keep the detergent and toilet paper coming!

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**Grace-Lands:** The Property Task Force needs your input! Share your outrageous visions as well as your very practical ideas for how we can better use the Grace properties future ministries and service. See the page later in this newsletter, visit the webpage, or fill out a Grace-Lands sheet in the Commons to submit your thoughts. The more the better!

**Organ Team Work:** The Grace Organ Team is busy with on-site visits to churches in Western Michigan and South Bend in order to experience instruments of the size and type being considered for Grace. We'll have organ builders participating soon to help evaluate the space and submit plans as we go about this discernment process. Watch for summer updates in the bulletin and website and please keep this team in your prayers.

While the summer months take on a different pace, there's lots going on at Grace, so jump in where you can! The Spirit's alive and well among us.

Peace,

*Jen*



Your prayers and presence are requested when

The Rt. Rev. Whayne M. Hougland, Jr.  
Bishop of Western Michigan

Ordains

Christian John Baron

and

Jodi Lynn Baron

to

the Sacred Order of Deacons  
Saturday, June Fourteenth

In the year of our Lord Twenty Fourteen  
At eleven o'clock in the morning

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church  
1025 Three Mile Rd NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Clergy: Choir Dress, Red Stole





## NEWS FROM CHILDREN AND YOUTH

*Submitted by Debbie Coyle, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries*

The Sunday morning Education Hour and Youth activities at Grace have come to a close until September, but there are lots of exciting events and activities on the horizon for our kids. Read on for the details!

Congratulations to our graduating Seniors as they celebrate their successful completion of High School. Among them are Daniel Hawley-Lowry (Zeeland West), Katie Polik (Holland), Zack Smalldon (West Ottawa), and Connor Stubbs (Black River). Please keep them and their families in your prayers as we wish them great success and happiness in the next steps on their journeys.

Vacation Bible School planning is well under way and information will be available very soon. Grace will once again participate in an ecumenical VBS with several area churches including Peace Lutheran and First Presbyterian. This year's VBS, "Discovery Canyon", will run July 20 through 24 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at Peace Lutheran Church on James Street in Holland. Cost is \$5.00. Registration information will be available in the commons beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. The program is open to all children currently 3 years old through current 5<sup>th</sup> graders. It promises to be a great week of learning. Come join the fun!

There are loads of great opportunities through our Diocese for children and youth over the summer. Be sure to visit the website to get more information about how you can involve your young people in Episcopal Youth Camp. Contact Debbie at the church office for more information and to learn about scholarships for diocesan events.

Check out the "Who is Grace" video on the Grace Church website! For the past several months, the youth of Grace have been exploring answers to the question "who is Grace?" Come and see what they have learned this year by visiting [www.graceepiscopalholland.org](http://www.graceepiscopalholland.org).

Children's and Youth Ministries leaders are needed for next program year. Please consider your role in providing quality, meaningful faith formation programs for the children and youth of Grace. Training, materials, and support are provided. Please contact Debbie at the church office for more information about how to get involved!

Thanks for another great program year! We will look forward to seeing the groups for VBS, Episcopal Youth Camp, and Grace Youth Mission trip. It's not too late to get involved. Come and see.....!

## **From the Property Task Force**

We need your thoughts, your prayers, and your input!

Grace has taken amazing steps over the past few years in terms of growth in ministries, community, outreach, and improvements to our church and properties. We are in a growing yet stable place as a congregation and have the responsibility to consider the needs and possibilities of the Grace that is yet to be. To this purpose, a property task force has been formed that will look at “Grace-Lands.” And we need your input as we look ahead, always striving to be faithful, good stewards of God’s many gifts to us.

Grace owns a wonderful church building, three houses and a side yard (which is two neighborhood lots.) The properties marked with an asterisk on the diagram on the next page indicate those that are owned by Grace Church.

Building on the work done in 2012 by a houses team, we’ve moved into a short-term plan that includes welcoming a curate family into the Parish House this summer and keeping the other houses in the Community Housing Partnership. Still in consideration is the possibility of using one of the houses for the young adult program of The Episcopal Service Corp. The two empty lots are undeveloped.

Right now our task is to dream a bit, open long and short-term doors, and ask important questions. Should we use the empty lots differently than we do? Are there needs in this community going unmet that our buildings and land could help meet? Do we need more space in our church building? Let us know what you think!

We want to hear it all – your practical ideas as well as your outrageous visions – from specific thoughts that apply to current configurations to those ideas that change or move current structures. Fill out the form on the next page, participate online by linking to the survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/KZK8Q7C](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KZK8Q7C) or through the homepage of the parish website at [www.graceepiscopalholland.org](http://www.graceepiscopalholland.org), email your responses to [gechurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gechurch@sbcglobal.net), or talk to one of the members of the task force who are listed below.

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## Grace-Lands

Here are some questions to spark your thoughts. Please, share your ideas with us!

Are there unmet needs in this community that our buildings and land could help meet? If so, what are they?

Should we use the lots differently than we do? If so, what are your ideas?

Should we use the houses differently than we do? If so, what are your ideas?

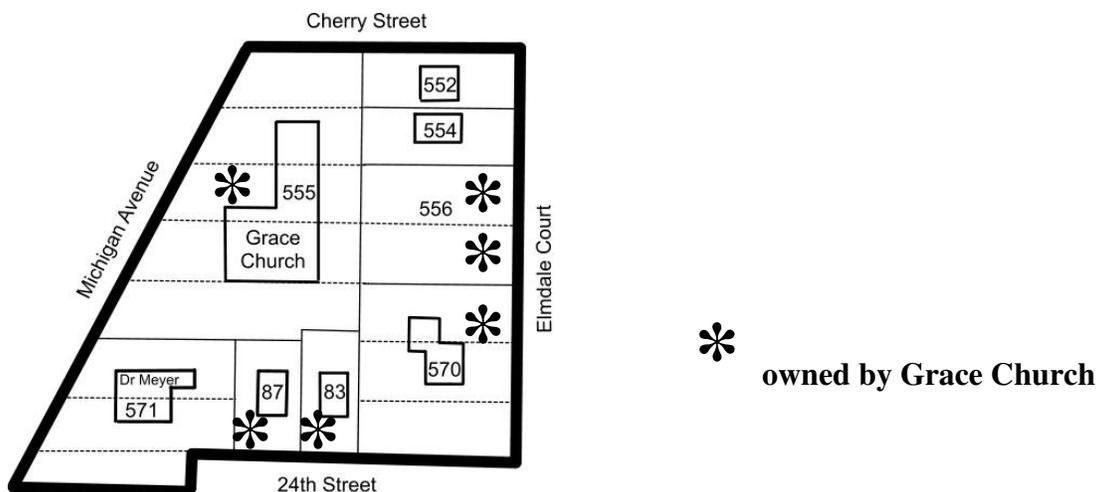
Do we need more space in our church building? If so, how would you see us using that space?

Share your specific ideas for the buildings and properties of Grace.

Give us your outrageous visions too:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_





**Sign Up Now for Fall!**

EfM! My guess is many members and friends of Grace Church have heard about 'EfM'! EfM stands for (among many things) Education For Ministry!

Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EfM) program provides people with the discernment and education to carry out that ministry. During the Service of Confirmation we ask God to "Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them." EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service.

The current EfM class meets Tuesday evenings for 34 weeks of the 'school season' from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Yes, it is truly a high commitment program – if that is what you are seeking! During our time together we share as adult learners our 'Readings' for the week – either from the Old Testament, New Testament, Church History or Contemporary Church History/Theologians/Theologies! The discussions are invigorating and enthusiastic and after a short break we engage in theological reflection practices, mutual readings and practices of faith as we continue to find out how God is acting in our lives, our church, our community and our world and in creation!!!!

Currently Thom Daubenspeck and Mary Huisman are the co-mentors! Members participating in EfM this year are Tom and Tammy Kelly, Mary Matrosic and Debbie Coyle as well as (via Skype) Ann Mayers and Diane Morgan, who were part of Grace church until they re-located to the Ann Arbor area. If we don't seek you out individually please feel free to contact one of us with your questions and interest in EfM – we are looking for new members for our Fall, 2014 season!!!!

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| 1 Stephanie Borgman        | 19 Claire Adams         |
| Sherri Cadeaux-Betz        | 21 Brenston Brown       |
| Isabella Fossati           | 22 Bradley Dunn         |
| Millie Gallaway            | Fred Geiger             |
| 2 David Cunningham         | 23 Jennifer Carlson     |
| 4 Steven Cloutier          | Nicole Erickson         |
| 8 Bill Smalldon            | Jamie Gamby             |
| Nicole Gamby               | Phyllis Roper           |
| 9 Frankie Bullinger        | Prescott Slee           |
| 10 Eddie Bullinger         | Sebastian Zylstra       |
| Gerry Cawthra              | 24 Bill Dunn            |
| Ruth Hawley-Lowry          | 25 Madelyn Bier         |
| 11 Grace Ford              | Abigail Collins         |
| Lynn Kamp                  | Jerry De Fouw           |
| 12 Tony Reed               | 26 Christina De Coninck |
| Deborah Schroeder          | 27 Brandis Jones        |
| 15 Sally Gunn              | Jill Mendenhall         |
| Eve Shetterly              | Doug Zylstra            |
| Jim Woodward               | 28 Rob Macy             |
| 17 Linde Klinge            | 29 Katherine Muzzy      |
| 18 Jerry Roper             | Susan Muzzy             |
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| 1 Tammy & Tom Kelly            |
| Pat & Jack Shinabarger         |
| 3 Jill & Bill Smalldon         |
| 4 Pat & Dick Danly             |
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| Cathy & Bruce Fries            |
| 9 Jennifer Wolfe &             |
| Brad Richmond                  |
| 12 Bev & Bill Dunn             |
| Gail & Fred Geiger             |
| 13 Kelli & Steve Shinabarger   |
| 14 Eileen & Steve Jenkins      |
| 17 Nancy & David Chamness      |
| 18 Michele & Prescott Slee     |
| 19 Jill & Bill Mendenhall      |
| 20 Sandy & Dave Wright         |
| 25 Linda & Bob Elder           |
| Kathy & David Keegin           |
| 26 Geri & Todd Guyer           |
| 27 Mary & Scott Remenschneider |
| 30 Deirdre & Tom Toeller-Novak |

*June Birthdays & Anniversaries*

- 2 Pam Brown  
Katie Polik
- 5 Fred McConkey
- 6 Joanne Stewart
- 8 John Adams  
Chuck Huttar
- 10 Jan De Fouw
- 11 Suzanne Cloutier  
Mel Van Oosterhout
- 12 Eileen Jenkins
- 13 Renee Krueger
- 15 Barbara Hettinga  
Joy Huttar

- 16 Ruth Brown
- 17 Duanne Masselink
- 18 Ken Helder
- 19 Connor Stubbs
- 20 Eleanor Ervine  
Brad Gamby  
Peg Keegin  
Scott Remenschneider  
Michele Slee
- 22 Paul Trap
- 23 Susan Bentley

- 24 Patricia Shinabarger
- 25 Ben Bier  
Dustin Hopkins
- 26 Laura Sligh
- 28 Bob Frey  
Philip Muzzy
- 29 Terry Bardelmeier  
Sean Goodman  
Jack Sligh
- 30 Chris Bennett

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries in July*



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 Nichole &amp; Bill Bier<br/>Elizabeth Brubaker &amp; Tom Kelley</li> <li>11 Clara &amp; David Brower</li> <li>13 Duanne &amp; Dave Masselink</li> <li>17 Yvonne &amp; Joe Logan<br/>Jennifer &amp; Kyle Shinabarger</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 Gemmy &amp; Ken Helder</li> <li>20 Connie &amp; George Moeke</li> <li>22 Cherie &amp; Matt Schmidt</li> <li>26 Sally &amp; Morley Byxbe</li> <li>27 Nance &amp; Jeff Clark</li> <li>30 Jennifer &amp; Chris Bennett</li> </ul> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Tammy Kelly</li> <li>2 Griffin Veldheer-Carlson</li> <li>3 Rob Hodson</li> <li>4 John Parker</li> <li>5 Arkie Pierson</li> <li>6 Robbie Schorle</li> <li>7 John Shea</li> <li>8 Brian Wennersten</li> <li>9 Genevieve Manderfield</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 Mel Porter<br/>Grace Church of<br/>Holland</li> <li>15 Sonia Collins<br/>Connie Moeke</li> <li>17 Nanette Covington</li> <li>18 Dolores Barkel<br/>Quinn Vander Kamp</li> <li>19 Logan Schmidt</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20 Geri Guyer</li> <li>22 Jennifer Bennett<br/>Roger Gamache</li> <li>24 Lora Lee Murray<br/>Bill Rhodes</li> <li>25 Nichole Bier<br/>Michelle Fries</li> <li>27 Sophie Adams</li> <li>28 Sharie Phillips</li> </ul> |
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## *Birthdays & Anniversaries in August*



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 Chris &amp; Jim Wennersten<br/>Ashley &amp; Carlos Fossati</li> <li>6 Megan &amp; Ryle Kiser</li> <li>8 Anne &amp; Roger Gamache<br/>Ketzi &amp; Doug Zylstra</li> <li>9 Krista &amp; Guy Packard</li> <li>13 Erma &amp; Don Bruggink</li> <li>14 Ruth &amp; David Hawley-Lowry</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 Carrie &amp; Rob Hodson</li> <li>16 Ann &amp; John Parker</li> <li>17 Renee &amp; Brent Krueger<br/>Terry &amp; Richard Swaney</li> <li>18 Megan &amp; Andrew Linn</li> <li>21 Sue &amp; Steve Cloutier</li> <li>23 Joy &amp; Chuck Huttar</li> <li>26 Kim &amp; John Shea<br/>Chris St. John &amp; Bill Rhodes</li> </ul> |
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# Worship / Formation

## GRACE HOSTS DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Join fellow Grace members and people from around the whole diocese who will be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church here at Grace, Holland this Saturday, June 7th at 11:00am. We are hosts for this year's Diocesan Confirmation Service at which The Rt. Rev. Wayne Hougland, Bishop of Western Michigan, will be the Celebrant and Preacher. All are welcome!

## WEDNESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

Please join us in the Forum Room from 12:00 to 1:00 as we discuss the lectionary texts. Come when you can. Bring a lunch if you like. Treats to share are always appreciated. Led by Val Ambrose.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's study group "Beer and Bibles" meets every other Monday, in the Forum Room from 4 -5:15pm, for conversation, reflection, and fellowship. B-Y-O-Both ("Bible" and "Beverage"). Summer dates are **June 2nd, 16th, 30th, July 14th, 28th, August 11th and 25th.**

## ST. MARY'S GUILD

St. Mary's will not meet in June. Our next meeting will be **Monday, July 14, at 6 PM** at Gerry Cawthra's home. The event will be a potluck supper--please bring a dish to pass---and a wrapped gift exchange for our outreach organizations, Center for Women in Transition and Humane Society. This is always a fun event. Mark you calendars and plan to join us!!

## YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

After being cooped up all winter the Young Families Group is going to have some Fun in the Sun. Please join us on Saturday, June 14th at Ludington State Park for a day of hiking, playing at the beach, lighthouse exploring and so much more.

Please RSVP to Lora Lee at [lora-murray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lora-murray@sbcglobal.net) or 616-403-7655, she will contact you with details.



## FEEDING AMERICA

Over the past few months we've seen regular increases in the number of guests whom we serve. Thank you, Grace, for coming out in large numbers in November! We need you in December too! We are now handing out 7,500 pounds of food rather than the 5,000 we have distributed in the past. Normally growth is a good thing at a church, in this case it only shows that more and more people are hungry due to job loss, underemployment, or recent cuts to government assistance.



I know that we are all busy and that our lives seem to be on the fast track, but, we need to always be aware that there are people who need our help. We need you to help us on the second Thursday of each month to distribute the food, chat with our guests, or help in the kitchen. Can you help us out? If you have any questions about this outreach, please contact Mick Schorle, Coordinator of our Feeding America ministry or Robbie Schorle at 269 543-4400. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

*Submitted by Robbie Schorle – Chairman of Outreach*

## COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Every weekday and on Sundays too, the **Community Kitchen** serves lunch to about 200 hungry people out of the commons area at Western Seminary.

**Volunteers** are needed at the to help serve and clean up from **11:15am to 1:30pm** every Monday through Friday. Grace Church is committed to providing **three or four helpers each Wednesday**. Join our “regulars” who help on Wednesdays. See the sign-up sheet in the Commons. For more information contact Jim at 566-6785.

## THANK YOU TO MAY COFFEE HOUR HOSTS!

The Zylstra Family  
Phil Harrington  
The Shires Family  
Paul & Christine De Coninck



*From Laurie VanArk*

The sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour hosts is on the clipboard in the Commons. Please sign up if you can take a Sunday. Ask Laurie if you have any questions.

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Click on “About us” and then “Calendar.”

**Our Mission Statement:**

Grace is a dynamic community of faith grounded in Episcopal tradition, welcoming all, and serving Christ through worship, spiritual growth, and compassionate care for one another, the community and God’s world.

