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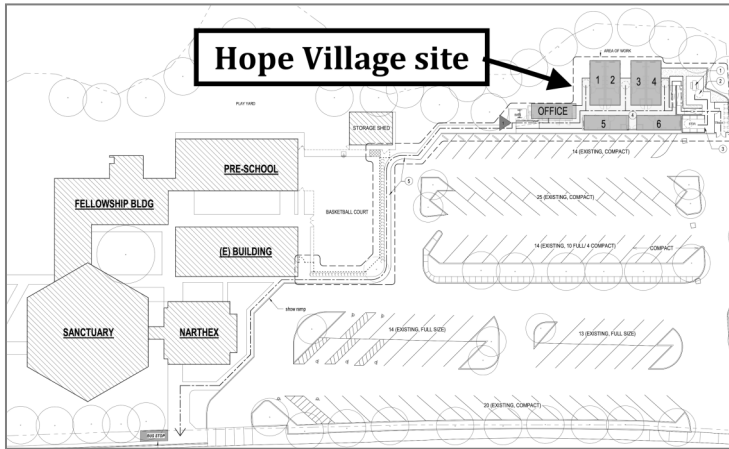
Dear Grace Church Family,

The recent heat wave has been a powerful reminder of why we so often slow down and relax in the summer. However, it's been a very busy summer so far at the Grace church campus, with construction work happening with two different projects. Here's what is going on:

Micro Homes Update

I shared the news last month that construction of a 6-unit Micro Home "Hope Village" in the church parking lot was about to begin. If you have been by the church lately, you will have noticed the beehive of activity on the campus in the past few weeks.

The site of the old basketball court in the back section of the parking lot has been cleared and is being prepared for the homes. The fence around the Sport Court has been removed and a new concrete sidewalk section will be poured. A trench for the electrical conduit has been dug from the front of the Oak Room to the new site. Finally, some trenching work will be done soon in the parking lot for water, sewer, and drainpipes. Look for more updates in the coming weeks!



Church Office/Landscaping upgrade

Our summer Facilities Campaign is focused on the on upgrading the landscaping in the front of the church office, especially the area facing the parking lot. In conjunction with the project, the InReach team of Session approved the re-facing of the church office building to repair significant dry rot. Once the work on the building is completed, the new irrigation system and plantings will be done. Thank you to all who generously gave to the Facilities Campaign!

Website update and new logo

Finally, we are undertaking an update of Grace Church's "digital front door" with an ungraded website and a new logo. The plan is twofold: to enhance the experience of church members on our website and to welcome new people as they search for a community of faith. One of the first things people do when looking for a new church is look up the website. With the new and improved site, we hope to provide an attractive and welcoming face to the world.

Grace and peace,

Mark

**Submit articles
for the next issue
by August 20, 2024**

Sunday Worship at 10 AM

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Preschool Director: Joy Martin



AUGUST SUNDAY WORSHIP

**8/18: Great Ends #4 (The
Preservation of the Truth)**
**8/25: Great Ends #5 (The Pro-
motion of Social Righteousness)**
**9/1: Great Ends #6 (The Exh-
bition of the Kingdom of Heaven
to the World)**

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Barbara DiGiorgio	7/3
Charie Reid	7/4
Jean Savage	7/7
Freddie Delamain	7/8
Kris Ludwigen	7/10
Judith Jones	7/12
Pat Burnham	7/12
Cecile Hasselbrink	7/15
Barbara Bean	7/15
Rosalyn Cannelora	7/17
Anita Donnell	7/21
Pepe Hernandez	7/25
Carolyn Choy	7/26
Liz Bradner	7/27
Raglan Tuttle	7/28
Marshall Tuttle	7/29
James Blair	7/30
Gail Peterson	7/30



Annie Toy	8/2
Ritch Simenson	8/2
Barbara Odell	8/3
Cathy Lackey	8/3
Judy Williams	8/3
Kathryn Schumacher	8/3
Sadako Urabe	8/5
Muriel Simmons	8/6
Ruby Tuttle	8/16
Carol Parkhurst	8/17
Laura Chapman	8/19
Bethallyn Black	8/20
Fran Beach	8/20
Connie Bills	8/22
Julia Linde	8/23
Richard Pierce	8/26
Jordan Enright	8/29
Juanita Thomas	8/31

InReach Committee Report

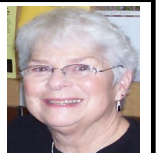
- Annual Facilities Campaign raised \$8,405. This money will be used to install drip irrigation around the front and street-facing sides of the Office building and to install new landscaping throughout the area.
- Dry-rotted wood along the front and street-facing sides of the Office building is underway, including replacing some insulation. This is part of an on-going plan to replace dry-rotted wood around the entire campus. This phase has funding from investment income and un-designated bequests.
- Wood on the Sanctuary Book and Cross and side walls has been repaired and refinished and the ring finished in gold.
- Steps to the deck behind the Oak Room have been repaired.
- Replacement of the Fireside Room carpet has been approved using funds from a bequest.
- Repairs to a damaged wall in the Oak Room and repairs to a damaged portion of floor and carpet have been completed.
- An increase of 3% to existing facility rental rates was approved to begin Sept. 1.
- Members attended an insurance review as well as reviews with long-term investment managers: Schwab True Wealth Advisory Group and with the UPC.
- Re-design of the church website and logo are in planning stage.

Calling all Women!



Hannah Circle of Grace Presbyterian Church is working to revitalize our chapter of Presbyterian Women. Watch for announcements as we approach Fall. We expect that our monthly meetings -- beginning in September -- will include time for Bible Study regarding social justice issues, fellowship, and small group social justice projects. You are all invited, so bring your energy and ideas and come join us!

In Loving Memory of Dorothy Miller-Nelson
July 6, 1937 — May 31, 2024





MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC AND REMEMBRANCE, 2024

The Oak Room saw over seventy “picnickers” on May 27th as Grace members and friends enjoyed an old-fashioned picnic of hot dogs, potato salad, watermelon, chips, and lemonade. Over 70 people were served from the Oak Room deck under the Direction of Freddie Delamain, Sara Allen and a supportive team of Grace Deacons, who also came early to set tables with colorful placemats, napkins and flowers. On each placemat was a copy of the flag decorated program for the afternoon, courtesy of our Office Administrator, Debora Chew. Each program contained copies of the songs to be highlighted in our program of remembrance.



After lunch, the program of remembrance was introduced by members of Scout Troop 302 with the presentation of the American flag, the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of The Star Spangled Banner. The stories of American classic patriotic songs were related by committee members Elise Teagle, Susan Blair and Sharon Lyons, prior to the group singing each song. May Kay Zieminski provided piano accompaniment for all. The program was completed with taps and a benediction by Pastor Mark Burnham, followed by the Scouts retreating the colors.

Many thanks to all the participants and planners – we all had a good time.

The OutReach Team



OutReach Team Update

“Lord, when did we see You?...”

In the last year we’ve committed ourselves to being a “Matthew: 25” congregation (do read it!). The OutReach Team is helping us to see and connect with our neighbors who are in need of a welcoming community, food, clothing, shelter, or care. How exciting it is to see our dream of providing affordable housing being realized through the micro homes project going up out in the church parking lot!

The needs of children have always been close to our hearts here at Grace. So the OutReach Team is focused this summer on continuing projects like the Backpack Drive (to equip the children in Hope Solutions housing with school supplies) and planning to participate again with Food for Thought in the Fall (to gather, pack, and distribute food to feed the kids over the Winter Break when school meals stop.)

In looking for other ways to expand our outreach, we’ve become aware of nearly 800 children scattered throughout all 57 schools in the Mt. Diablo district who are either homeless, in foster care, connected to the juvenile justice system, or with special health needs. We’re learning about their needs and how we can best partner with others to make a difference. We’ll report back to you on our progress as we move along.

Thank you for all the different ways you share in this work!

OutReach Team: Meg Keeley, Freddie Delamain, Sharon Lyons, Rosalyn Cannelora

FALL 2024 CONCERT SERIES

SEPT 22: ANDREW SORDS VIOLIN RECITAL
 OCT 20: HANS UWE HIELSCHER ORGAN RECITAL
 NOV 17: CELESTE STELLA TRIO CONCERT
 DEC 15: GRACE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Free Concerts Will Return in September

Jumi Kim, Music Director, will introduce a new concert series in September. Our free Concerts feature world-class performers and are about one hour with easy-access parking. Freewill offerings are welcomed.

Grace Presbyterian Church
2100 Tice Valley Boulevard
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

Sunday Worship at 10 AM
July/August 2024

WELCOME STATEMENT

*We welcome and celebrate
all who join with us*

—the young and the old,
the rich and the poor,
the gay and the straight,
the strong and the weak,
the meek and the brave
—and though we are
different one from
another, we are united
in loving and praising God
and in loving each other.



Prayer Chain

If you have concerns that would benefit from the power of prayer, please contact Faye Hutchings or the church office.

In-person SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES are at 10:00 AM.
Join friends for Fellowship time after church.

Livestream worship in on <https://www.youtube.com/@GracePresWC>—Every Sunday at 10:00 am.

Recordings of past services available on our YouTube channel. Or,
Watch recordings of worship services anytime at www.gracewc.org

Listen to the latest Sunday sermon on your phone. Dial 925-236-2487

Church Membership: Please speak to Rev. Burnham for information.

Meetings and Gatherings

Bible Study, Wednesdays at 10 am in the Library or on Zoom.

*****No Bible Study Meetings on 7/24, 7/31, 8/7 - Summer Break*****

Sunday, July 28 - Special Music/Hymns Worship Sunday, followed by an Ice Cream Social

**Sunday, August 4, Worship with Communion at 10 am
Session Meeting at 11:30 in the Library or on Zoom**

Sunday, August 11 - Grace Worship