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Grace Messenger

June-July 2024

A NOTE FROM PASTOR WENDOLYN

Greetings in the name of our majestic God!

My name is Pastor Wendolyn Trozzo, and I will be serving as “Vice Pastor” at Grace for the next few months. I’m excited to be with you! I have been a Pastor for 18 years, serving a variety of ways – from overseas missionary to nursing home chaplain, from NYC suburbs to NJ farmland. I’m also married to a pastor – my husband, Pastor Eric, serves at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Moorestown. We have two sons, age 16 and 19. Our family loves music, hiking, and noticing terrible puns.



As Vice Pastor, I have two callings at Grace – one, to provide pastoral care, education, and stability, and I’m allotted just 15 hours a month to do that. But I’m also called to walk with you during this time, and that is a precious role to me. I hope to get to meet most of you through worship, and if you can’t get to worship please invite me over for a visit. I’m also available for cups of coffee and time to talk together.
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STAFF AT GRACE

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo, Pastor
Scott J. Breiner, Music Director
Corinne Rhodes, Administrative Assistant
Heidi Toth, Church Treasurer
Sandy Piskun, Ruth Bowden, Financial Secretaries

Joseph Martin, Church Council President
Mary Goodman, Church Council Vice President
Dale Kredatus, Church Council Secretary
Alison Toth, Social Media Consultant

We all bring different needs to the Church, and you don't have to be in the hospital to get to have time with me! I travel from my home in Shamong, NJ (in the Pinelands north of Hammonton) and plan to be available on Sunday afternoons for whatever needs I can meet.

Many folks have asked me how long I will be at Grace, and my answer is – I don't yet know. I am finishing an EMT course this month and am waiting to see where my skills can serve others. I may end up being a full-time EMT looking for a part-time congregation, or returning to full-time ministry that allows for me to volunteer on an ambulance crew. However, for the time I am with you, I hope to share my gifts and be a blessing to the congregation of Grace and the community in and around Somer's Point. Please be sure to introduce yourself to me, in person or by email. You'll find me on Yahoo mail or Instagram as "wendofish" – a name my brother gave me a long time ago, that I connect to the Christian fish symbol of a follower of Jesus. The church office has my cell number and I encourage you to use it whenever you have need of a Pastor. I look forward to journeying with you!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor ><> Wendolyn



STRONGER TOGETHER

Grief Support Group

This group meets every other **Monday, at 7:00 PM (6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29)** and every other **Thursday, at 2:00 PM (6/6, 6/20, 7/4, 7/18, 8/1)** All who have lost loved ones are invited to attend on the day and time that fits best with your schedule. Contact the church office for more information or to confirm the next meeting times.

2024 WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

<u>June</u>		<u>July</u>	
6/2	Edna Cordery	7/7	Ruth Bowden
6/9	June Jordan	7/14	Corinne Rhodes
6/16	Kevin Thomas	7/21	Meg Markkanen
6/23	James Ehrhardt	7/28	Meg LaSpina
6/30	Stephen Gring		

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIPS: FLOWERS, CANDLES, WINE, BULLETINS, MUSIC

We are in need of flower sponsors, as well as other sponsorships for the remainder of the year. The sign-up charts are on the bulletin board across from the elevator. If you are unable to get there to sign up, you may also call the church office, and Corinne will be happy to sign you up for the dates you wish to be a sponsor.

FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS FOR 2024

June	6/9/24	100th Anniversary Spring Fling
July	7/14/24	Summer Break
August	8/11/24	Summer Break
September	9/8/24	Worship & Music Committee
October	10/13/24	Ushers
November	11/10/24	Facilities Committee
December	12/15/24	100 th Anniversary Gala

REPORT FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT, JOE MARTIN

Council met two times in April. A special meeting was held on April 4th. A Gifting Policy was added to our policies and procedures. Any undedicated gifts will be distributed to the church as follows: 70 percent will be distributed to the general fund, 20 percent will be invested in the endowment fund and 10 percent will be distributed to the capital improvement fund.

Council met on April 18th and had a tele-visit with our new Vice Pastor Wendolyn Trozzo. All in attendance agreed it was a great meeting and we all look forward to our time together. Pastor Trozzo has cleared her schedule to be with us through at least the end of July.

Council discussed the new Grace Investment Fund Committee and this committee has been added to our constitution. To date we have several members volunteering to join the committee and would like more. Please contact anyone on council and let them know if you would like to share your gifts and time for this very important committee. This committee will study our present fund and investigate alternatives to be presented to council and our support team. This new committee will be meeting for their first time in May.

Council met on May 16th and appointed a Call Committee to search for our new pastor. There were 17 names submitted at the inception of the call and 6 of those members were chosen through a ballot method.

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR ALTHEA

Pastor Althea would like to extend a big thank you for the warm send-off back to Pennsylvania! She is thankful for all of the gifts and well-wishes from everyone!

UPCOMING EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH

Community Event: Strawberry Social Sunday, June 9th

Immediately following our 10:15 AM worship service in the Social Hall



**Join us for Socializing, Food, and
Musical Entertainment by Scott
Breiner and Andrew Ehrhardt!**



Please reserve your free tickets by calling the church office at 609-927-3082
or reserving a ticket in the narthex on Sunday morning.

Please bring a non perishable food item for our Food Pantry!

Join us on September 21 for an evening of entertainment and fun with The Playmates!



SAVE THE DATE:
Oktoberfest 2024



We hope you will join us for
our 2nd Annual German Festival on



Friday, September 27, 2024

5:00 PM—8:00 PM

Featuring: “Not Another Oompah Band”
Invite family! Invite friends! Invite neighbors!

GIVING WITH GRACE

Our tithe as Christians is a tenant of faith. We are to give back one tenth of the gifts that we receive to do good works and provide charity. Giving to Grace is fuel which runs our outreach, and makes us important to the local community and community at large.

Of course, when we think of giving to Grace, we usually think of the gifts we make weekly and place in the plate as it is passed hand to hand. We put cash in our envelope or we write a check, but these are not the only kinds of gifts that can be made to Grace. The cash that we give or the check that we write will ultimately reduce our taxable income, and thus our tax obligation.

Cash, however, is not the only kind of property that we can give to charity. We can also give gifts of property, both real property and personal property, with similar tax benefits. In the coming month we will exam all kinds of giving and their tax implications.

It is always good advise when considering any gift transaction to consult your tax advisor as to how that strategy will affect your personal situation.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers:

Members of Grace: Debbie K., Renee P., Carole T., Bettie C., Bob C., Inger R., Diana M., Shirley B., Fritz F., Bruce H., Bonnie C., Ruth K., Lois R., Amanda P., Barry L., Frank G., Margaret G.

Our family and friends: Eileen, Jeff (Ruth T.), Stephanie B., Marilyn, Margie, Ric (Ruth B.), Rinata, Patti R., Kayla, Kelly, Lorna & Luna (Clare B.), Bob, Kim (Jim F.), Savannah, Houston (June J.), Shirley (Debbie K.), Bob & Lou (Dale K.), Jim, Elliot & Family, Elora, Carmen, Brenda (Meg L.), Tim (Diana M.), Karen, Ashley, Patricia, Terry, Jason (Renee P.), Ralph, Catherine, Sal, Ana, Mark, Andy (Corinne R.), Rob, Dorrie (Marlene D.), Carrie (Ray H.), Sue (Carol L.), Christine K., Demetri, Amy, and Abigail, Jayden, Robin, Shawn, Jim, and Vicki, (Bob K.), Marilyn (Sue R.), Linda (Edna C. & Patty D.), Bruce (Brenda T.), Lynn F., Annette & Nathan L.

Those serving our country: Mike Bilello, ANG, Cainan Johnson, USAF, & Daniel Casner, 3rd USN

Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore

The Shores at Wesley Manor: Eleanore Guire

Please notify the church office of any changes or additions to our prayer list.

Members of the Call Committee:

Chairperson: Stephen Gring

Chris Dennis

Wendy Dolan

Carol Landes

Meg Markkanen

Eddie Thompson



June

6/2 Linda Rothermel
 6/3 Frank Corradetti
 6/3 Douglas Stieman
 6/3 Kristi Wolak
 6/5 Katrina Flamm
 6/6 Sue Robinson
 6/8 Bettie Cross
 6/9 Robin Bitzberger
 6/11 Mary Ellen Foster
 6/22 June Jordan
 6/23 Peg Stasuk
 6/23 Jim Foreman
 6/24 Sara Blumenthal
 6/26 John Staples
 6/28 Donna Martin

July

7/2 Meg Markkanen
 7/2 Vernon Ogradnek
 7/5 Julianna Friedrich
 7/13 John Neupauer
 7/15 Jim Dolan
 7/17 Michael Reynolds
 7/19 Donna Berenotto
 7/26 Lillian Young
 7/29 Diane Graham

June

6/4 Holly & Meredith Henry
 6/8 Corinne & Scott Rhodes
 6/9 Sandy & Mike Piskun
 6/15 Else A. & Dick Fetter

July

7/1 Robin & Al Johnson
 7/6 Wendy & Jim Dolan
 7/12 Nancy & Norm Thinschmidt
 7/31 Laura & Douglas Siteman

Article from 1944

