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Grace Steps Up for the FMSC Mobile Pack

Eighty one volunteers from Grace United Methodist Church gathered the first weekend in March at the Dan and Ada Rice Center on the campus of Benedictine University to support the annual Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Feed the Need Mobile Pack!

Our thanks to all who gave so generously of their time to help pack a whopping 802,440 meals that will feed 2,198 children for an entire year! We were able to pray over the food and give thanks to organizations like FMSC who are working tirelessly to get this food to those most in need. They are sharing hope throughout the world and we are grateful to be able to be a small part of serving God's children one weekend a year. What a blessing! Plan to join us again next year!

Learn more about FMSC by visiting their website at fmsc.org. Visit peopleofgrace.org/eventphotos to view more photos of all Grace events.



Naperville Women's Half Marathon & 5K Weekend

ONE WORSHIP ONLY

Sunday, April 21 at 10:30AM

Please visit napervillewomenshalf.events more information, road closures, and the map of the race course.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Save THE Date

**Saturday, August 3
9AM to Noon**

Explore many trucks of all kinds!
The first hour will be quiet for those who love trucks, but not the noise. Enjoy treats and plenty of fun for kids of all ages!

Spring Concert Series at Grace!



Lift Every Voice Gospel Celebration 2024

Saturday, April 20 at 4:00PM

Join Mays Music Centre for an uplifting and soul-stirring evening of gospel music like no other! Our 'Lift Every Voice Gospel Celebration' is a musical journey that will touch your heart and lift your spirits. Featuring a talented ensemble of gospel singers and musicians, this unforgettable event will immerse you in the joyous sounds and powerful messages of gospel music. Whether you're a longtime gospel enthusiast or new to the genre, this celebration is sure to inspire, uplift, and unite all in the spirit of music. Don't miss out on an unforgettable night of praise, harmony, and celebration with Mays Music Centre at Grace UMC! Tickets can be purchased at maysmusic.org.



NaperVoice's Spring 2024 Concert

Sunday, April 21 at 4:00PM - Wonderful World: Great Music from Six Continents

This new program is formed around the popular song *What a Wonderful World*, first recorded by Louis Armstrong in 1967. With choral music from six different continents sung in five different languages, the concert will include selections from classical, folk, jazz, and gospel genres and spotlight a new composition by one of our own NaperVoice singers, Martynas Matutis. Most of the pieces will also feature the use of world percussion instruments played by Shelley May Hutchison, our Collaborative Percussionist. Members of the Harmony and Soul Ensemble from Mays Music Centre of Excellence will join NaperVoice on two gospel selections. Proceeds will benefit this concert's local charitable organization, the new Mays Music Centre of Excellence in Naperville, providing musical instruction and performance opportunities to underserved populations throughout the Chicago area. Tickets can be purchased at napervoice.org.



Naperville Men's Glee Club Choral Festival and Concert

Saturday, May 18 at 3:30 PM

"Men Sing! Choral Festival" brings together men of all ages for a day of song and fellowship. The event is hosted by the Naperville Men's Glee Club with guest conductor Jerry Blackstone. Everyone is welcome for a free public concert at 3:30PM.

April 2024 Pantry Collection

April's collection benefits Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry in Aurora. Clients can shop at the pantry once a week to supplement their household's nutritional needs. The pantry also operates a Senior Delivery Program, a Veterans Pantry at the Hines VA Clinic in North Aurora and Student Food Days at Aurora East HS two Thursdays each month after school. Please give generously to Grace's Love Loaf at the Welcome Desk or by donating via Push Pay at peopleofgrace.org/give and choosing the "Love Loaf" option.



May 2024 Pantry Collection

May's collection benefits Common Pantry on the NW side of Chicago. They serve over 600 families per month. Their homeless clients are offered ready-to-eat meals that don't require cooking. They also offer a variety of social services, a free cooked lunch on Wednesdays and deliver groceries to homebound seniors. Please give generously to Grace's Love Loaf at the Welcome Desk or by donating via Push Pay at peopleofgrace.org/give and choosing the "Love Loaf" option.



June 2024 Pantry Collection

June's collection benefits Loaves and Fishes. They celebrated their 40th anniversary in February. In 1984, St. Rafael Catholic Church assembled a small pantry in a church closet helping 8 families that year. Today, they serve 8,000 people each week out of facilities located at High Grove Lane and Exchange Ct. in Naperville and at a Bolingbrook location. Please give generously to Grace's Love Loaf at the Welcome Desk or by donating via Push Pay at peopleofgrace.org/give and choosing the "Love Loaf" option.



Children and Family Ministries

Nursery and Preschool Care

6 weeks to 4 years on Sundays at 7:45AM to 11:45AM in Room 130.

Parent's Day Out Program

Registration remains open for fall enrollment in our Parent's Day Out (PDO) Program. Visit peopleofgrace.org/pdo for information, registration form, and pricing.

Children Faith Formation for 4 years to 5th Grade

Sundays at 9:15AM to 10:15AM in Room 123 LL.



Sunday Fundays

Sundays, May 19 & June 16 from 9:30AM to 10:30AM

Register at peopleofgrace.org/sundayfunday

Sunday Fun Days are themed Sunday school days on the third Sunday of the month at 9:15AM to 10:15AM. These are VBS style days. Children 3 years and fully potty trained and up are welcome and invited. (Regular Sunday school is still for 4-year-olds and up). Youth are welcome and invited to serve and have fun, too.

KinderTot Fun Days

Mondays, April 22, May 20, & June 24 from 9:30AM to 10:30AM

Register at peopleofgrace.org/kindertot

Calling all kids under Kindergarten! Grab your favorite adult(s) and come have some themed winter/Bible fun! Each week will have a different theme that includes play, music, a story, a prayer, and building relationships with other KinderTots and their favorite adults. Friends and neighbors are invited and welcome to be part of the fun. It's a great time to hang out and get to know others in a play setting.

Faith, Food, & Fun: Earth Day

Sunday, April 21 from 12:00PM to 1:30PM

Register at peopleofgrace.org/faithfoodfun

You are invited to this all-church event. This truly is for all ages. We will start with a community meal prepared by the Church and Society Team. We will then engage in some faith and intergenerational fun together in Fellowship Hall with Earth Day as our theme. So, come and learn through interactive ways about how you can help the Earth. We will have family-oriented activities to raise awareness of our impact on the Earth and how we can be better stewards of all that has been provided for us. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Please note: Due to the Naperville Women's Half Marathon & 5K on April 21, we will not have Sunday Funday at 9:15AM. We will have one worship service at 10:30AM followed by Faith, Food, and Fun for all ages from 12:00PM to 1:30PM.



Baptism Reunion and Celebration: Splash Pad Outing

Save the Date - Saturday, June 1

Save the date for a time of celebration with all of our baptism families from the past two years. This is a time to get together, meet one another, have some fun at the splash pad, and get some parent resources. Bring the whole family to the splash pad. Place TBD (either 95th St or Wolf Road) depending on ages of those participating. Register at peopleofgrace.org/splashpad to let us know if you are interested and how many would be coming in your family.



Growing in Faith Together: Camping - Fireside Chats

Sunday, July 21 at 9:00AM to 10:15AM

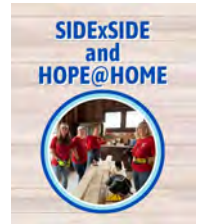
Register at peopleofgrace.org/gift

Parents, grandparents, caregivers, and families are invited to the children and youth Faith Formation hour to be with their children, grandchildren, and youth. Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) is a gift of time for the family unit to learn and practice how to grow in faith together through a hands-on, interactive, and fun way to incorporate faith-filled and positive conversations into your daily routines. Let's have some camp themed fun!

Grace Youth Ministry (G.Y.M.)

Register Now for the Youth Summer Mission Trips!

Registration is now open for our youth summer mission trips. Hope @ Home is a homebound mission experience in our Chicagoland area for those in junior high-adult (rising 6th graders welcome). SidexSide is a week long away trip for those who have completed 8th grade, plus high school and college students, and adults. Friends and neighbors are welcome too! For more information, including registration link, important dates, payment information, dress code, what to bring/not to bring, and fundraising dates, visit peopleofgrace.org/youthmissiontrips. ** Payment plans & scholarships are available.



SidexSide Mission Trip
June 8 to June 15, 2024 to Lawrence, KS
8th Grade Grads to Adults
\$400 Tuition**

Hope@Home Mission Trip
July 10 to July 11, 2024 to Local Locations
6th to 8th Graders in the Fall & Adults
\$120 Tuition**



HOLY SMOKES! Youth Summer Mission Fundraiser

Sunday, April 28 at 11:30AM to 1:30PM

Join us for our annual HOLY SMOKES drive thru bar-b-q fundraiser featuring 5Bs catering who will be grilling on our premises on Sunday, April 28 from 11:30AM to 1:30PM in the lower parking lot of Grace UMC. Pre-ordered meals are preferred but there will be a minimal number of same day tickets available. Tickets may be purchased online from March 17 to April 21 at peopleofgrace.org/bbq. Meals include two pork chops, 1/2 chicken, or a hot dog, coleslaw, baked beans, applesauce, roll and butter. Meals are \$16.00 for the two meat meals, or \$8.00 for a hot dog. Questions may be directed to Gaye Lynn at gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org. Invite your friends and neighbors. All proceeds benefit Youth Summer Missions!

Senior Celebration

Sunday, May 19 at 10:30AM

Calling ALL High School Graduating Seniors! You are cordially invited to join us on Sunday, May 19 during the 10:30AM worship! We want to celebrate your accomplishments and send you into your next endeavors with a blessing! No matter your plans for fall: college, vocational school, the workforce, the military, or traveling abroad, we want you to know that Grace and God go with you! All seniors are invited to wear caps and gowns (and cords) to worship, and friends and extended families are welcome to attend. Please submit a graduation photo (or other appropriate photo--no larger than 5 x 7 in png. or jpeg format) to gracephotos@peopleofgrace.org no later than May 5. Please include your name, high school attended, and plans for the fall. (Photos will be used for the celebration and on the Grace website.) RSVP at peopleofgrace.org/seniors by May 5 so we may plan accordingly. Questions may be directed to Gaye Lynn at gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org!



Suds on Sunday Car Wash

Sunday, June 2 during all worship services

Come to worship in a dirty vehicle, leave in a clean one--YOURS, Of Course! Youth Summer Missions will be holding our annual car wash during worship services on Sunday, June 2 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM in the lower lot. So, drive your dirty vehicle to worship, park it in the lower lot, and we'll send you home in one that is sparkling clean (outsides only). Free will donations accepted and will benefit youth summer mission trips: Side x Side and Hope @ Home. **Please note, the lower lot will be closed for general parking that morning. Limited handicap accessible parking will be available.

Youth Summer Missions Photographer Needed

Both Side x Side and Hope at Home are in need of a photographer to travel with us, capturing the testimonies through actions while we do God's work. Can't do both trips (Side x Side June 9-15, Hope @ Home July 10-11)? No worries! We are happy to have more than one person serve in this role! An opportunity for creating the Celebration Slide Show is available as well. Tuition scholarship available for your willingness to serve in this important role! Eager to learn more? Contact Gaye Lynn Loufek at gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org.



Side x Side Slide Show

Sunday, June 23

All are invited and welcome to join the Side x Side team in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 23 at 7:00PM for a reunion and viewing of a slideshow sharing memorable moments from our trip. Come see what we were up to and hear personal stories. Questions? Contact Gaye Lynn at gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org.

Our Weekly Schedule



Sunday Mornings

9:15AM to 10:15AM

Junior High & Senior High Faith Formation

Wednesday Evenings

7:00PM to 8:00PM

G.Y.M. (Bible Study/Youth Fellowship)

Please contact Gaye Lynn at gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org with questions or for more information about Grace Youth Ministries.

Join a Small Group



Sunday Morning Groups

New Connections (Room 227) is a casual gathering for coffee and conversation for 30-40-somethings. The group occasionally dives into deeper study. New members always welcome!

The Forum Class (Room 232) is a faithful and welcoming group that enjoys a spirited study of the scriptures as well as presentations from guest speakers, often incorporating discussion and thought-provoking audio/visual material. The Forum Class will continue the Bible Year Challenge that Pastor Eric Blachford is leading. Everyone is invited to join us on this exciting journey. Contact Sandy Bray at braysnap@aol.com for more information.

Hearts on Fire (Room 250) gathers each Sunday morning with a welcoming atmosphere to share in fun but challenging and meaningful discussions around faith and discipleship. On April 7 to May 12, we will discuss Adam Hamilton's *Wrestling with Doubt*. On May 19 through June 30, we will discuss Dr. Anita Phillips' *The Garden Within*. Contact Bob Pacanowski at bpacanowski@franklinsports.com for more information.

Questors (Room 254) welcomes all adults to participate in presentations/discussions on a variety of topics, contemporary living issues, religious history, and Biblical studies. During the April to June quarter, we will be exploring eclectic topics presented by outside speakers and classmates. Topics will range from our own Grace Church, through North Central College, external missions, local history, and some Bible study, wrapping up with reports on Annual and UMC General Conference. Outside speakers will include Rev. Eric Doolittle of NCC, Bernie Newman of Congregation Beth Shalom, Ret. Methodist Rev. Lynn Pries, and more. Questors welcome visitors anytime. Contact Bobbi Khant at bkhant@scot-wintech.com or Pastor Doug Bowden at dbowden6@aol.com for more information.

Weekday Groups

Mondays

Sisters Study meets on Mondays at 1:00PM in Room 254. Every six to eight weeks a new book or topic is discussed. Contact Kathy Carey at percula4344@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays

Temple Builders meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:00AM in the Activity Center for exercise and strength training.

Mondays & Wednesdays

Bible in a Year Group meets on Mondays at 6:00PM to 7:00PM and on Wednesdays at 10:00AM to 11:00AM. Join in anytime!

Tuesdays

Parenting with Grace Mom's Faith Formation Group meets on Tuesdays (April 9 to May 21) at 7:00PM to 8:15PM in Room 231. We will explore the study about friendship called "We Saved You a Seat." Unique challenges and joys come with raising a family, and we believe in the power of community to support and uplift one another. This small group is for moms of all ages and stages to come together, share experiences, and grow in faith. Whether you're a first-time mom navigating the early years, a seasoned parent tackling the teen years, or anywhere in between, this group is a place where you can find camaraderie, encouragement, and a supportive network of fellow moms. Join us as we journey through the ups and downs of motherhood, deepen our relationships with each other and with God, and create lasting bonds that extend beyond the walls of our church. We can't wait to welcome you into this warm and loving community! Register at peopleofgrace.org/moms. Please contact Melissa Pomeroy at melissa.dawn.pomeroy@gmail.com or Stefanie Abderhalden at stefanieabderhalden@gmail.com with questions.



Thursdays

Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:30AM to 10:30AM in Room 254 and on Zoom. Current topic is *Jesus in the Gospels*. Leander E. Keck, beloved Professor of New Testament and Retired Dean in the Yale Divinity School, is the author of the Study Manual for *Jesus in the Gospels*. He is a teacher/writer, who will guide us well in 30 weeks of study. Contact Pastor Doug Bowden at dbowden6@aol.com for more information.



Fellowship Groups

Over 50 Fellowship Group meets every other month for lunch with a speaker and discussion. You are invited to gather and meet some new friends or gather with some old friends. Enjoy a good meal, conversation, and a short program. We meet in Fellowship Hall at 12:00PM and have a catered lunch. Bring \$15.00 to pay for lunch. Join us **Thursday, May 9 from 12:00PM to 2:00PM** for a 1950'S Sock Hop. Celebrate the music of the 50's and 60's by singing, clapping, and dancing along with live "Music by Mario." Register at peopleofgrace.org/over50, sign-up at church, or contact Kathy Carey at percula4344@sbcglobal.net. Everyone over 50 is welcome to join us!



Guys Gathering Together is a group for men who share common interests. Get out, eat, have fun, and have enjoyable conversations about various topics in a casual setting that impact each of us in today's world. The goal is to build relationships with other men around common values of integrity and honesty, while learning with and from each other. The cost is \$15 per guy and includes a catered meal. If the cost is prohibitive, please contact Bob Pacanowski at bpacanowski@franklinsports.com. Register at peopleofgrace.org/guys. Our next meeting is **Friday, May 17 at 6:00PM to 8:30PM**.

United Women in Faith Meetings

May General Meeting - Tuesday, May 7 at 9:15AM

Meet in lower parking lot to carpool for a field trip to Addison, IL to visit and tour S.C.A.R.C.E. All women are invited for the United Women in Faith May General Meeting with the program, S.C.A.R.C.E.: Behind the Scenes" presented by Kay McKeen, director for S.C.A.R.C.E.



United
Women
in Faith

What is S.C.A.R.C.E.? It stands for School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education. SCARCE is an award-winning environmental education non-profit dedicated to creating sustainable communities. They accomplish this through innovative and hands-on education programs for schools and organizations, demonstrating care for people and the natural resources through the Reuse Center, and engaging the broader public through community-wide events and programs. For over 30 years SCARCE has been implementing change to foster a more sustainable future. Find out how we can make an impact together. **RSVP to attend this field trip will be required to Ruth Wills at ruthwills1@gmail.com.**

For more information about United Women in Faith, contact UWF President, Kathy Carey, at percula4344@sbcglobal.net or visit peopleofgrace.org/united-women-in-faith.

United Women in Faith Book Group

Join the Grace UWF Book Group on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 12:45PM in person at the church with a ZOOM option to discuss the book of the month. Please contact Cathy Connor at cathy.connor.05@gmail.com for information and Zoom link.

Upcoming Book Discussions

April 24 - *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

May 22 - *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

June 26 - *Keeper of Happy Endings* by Barbara Davis

Turning Convictions Into Action

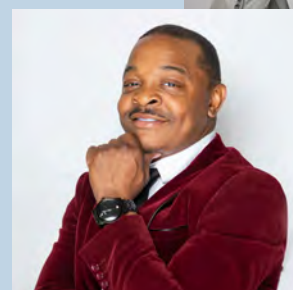
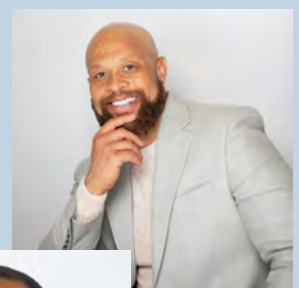
Recognized Amongst Others Justice Event

Saturday, April 13 at 9:00AM to 10:30AM

You are invited to a conversation with Melvin Little and Patrick Daniels, founders of RAO (Recognized Amongst Others) at Grace United Methodist Church!

Learn how Melvin and Patrick grew up in the most impoverished neighborhoods of Chicago and formed a brotherhood coalition to save themselves. Be inspired by how they continue to save others from a culture of violence, substance abuse, incarceration, and homelessness. Patrick and Melvin will share their stories and help us understand how we might advocate to make a difference in the lives of those who face similar challenges.

This is a free event. Light breakfast treats will be served with coffee, tea, and juice. Invite your friends and neighbors for some good conversation. **Please register your attendance at peopleofgrace.org/justice.** If you cannot attend and would like to donate to the RAO25 mission, please visit peopleofgrace.org/give and select RAO25.



Grace Renovation Update

By John Bodine

Many thanks to our Grace volunteer renovation work team, most recently focused on completing our transformation to LED lighting and replacing aging and sagging ceiling tiles around the church. At this point, all of our classrooms and gathering spaces have had fluorescent lights replaced with LEDs, saving substantial cost over the long term and greatly reducing manpower requirements for replacing burned out bulbs. These efforts, by reducing energy requirements, directly contribute to NetZero goals of the Northern Illinois Conference and our own Grace Church and Society Committee to have net zero hydrocarbon emissions by Y2030.

Ceiling tile replacement has seen steady progress over the last couple of years, sprucing up our meeting and class rooms around the church. Final replacements were completed in March 2024. This effort has required a reliable work force with many hands to mount the ladders, jostle the old tiles out (braving years of dust and "whatever"!), cut tiles to fit, and carefully get them emplaced. This is dusty, messy work, so it's been particularly notable that the cleanup effort at the end of each day's work has been impeccable! Special thanks for our most recent effort goes out to Gregg Chalecki, Larry Hartman, Nick Hoyle, Bob Schmitt, and Ron Wills.



Saving the Earth from Foam

By Jacalyn Green Tschirhart

As part of our environmental efforts for the past few years, Church & Society's "Green Team" have been collecting Styrofoam in the church vestibule, sorting it, and taking it to Dart in Aurora for recycling. Recently we learned that it would be far better not to use it at all. To that end, we have halted our Styrofoam collection and we ask that people stop leaving it at church.

Styrofoam is made from styrene, a human carcinogen according to the World Health Organization. Packaging Styrofoam is coated with flame-retardants which are also carcinogens. Recycling is limited and generates single use products. Burning Styrofoam generates carcinogens. Styrofoam is not compostable nor is it biodegradable—but it does break down, into smaller and smaller pieces, eventually becoming < 5 mm, a "polystyrene microplastic." There are over 3,000 studies detailing the adverse effects of these to human health. Finally, plastic is a huge problem in the ocean, especially for the many sea creatures who consume the plastic particles. And when we consume seafood, we too consume plastic. **In conclusion, Styrofoam is both a health hazard and a huge source of global pollution. It is best to avoid using it at all.**

As of January 1, 2025, Styrofoam (labelled as #6 for recycling) used for food containers will be banned by Illinois for state agencies. Many European countries already ban polystyrenes.

What can we do? One can take containers from home to restaurants for leftovers. We can write our legislators to support legislation against Styrofoam use. And we can avoid single-use plastics whenever possible. We applaud your concern for the environment. Please join us in advocating for change with regard to Styrofoam use!

Annual DuPage River Sweep

**Saturday, May 4
at 9:00AM to
12:00PM**

God calls us to care for his creation! Join Grace members as we partner with the Conservation Foundation to work with others throughout the county in the annual DuPage River Sweep to clean up our portion of the DuPage River on Saturday, May 4 between 9:00AM and Noon.



Please email Jaci Green Tschirhart at church.society@peopleofgrace.org for more information.

Who are Grace Gardeners? Maybe YOU!

We are looking for a few more folks to join our crew. Our goal: keep the church grounds attractive.

How do we work? The landscaping beds on the property are divided into sections. Gardeners take responsibility for one or more sections, and work at the time and pace of their choosing. Most beds are already planted with shrubs and perennials. We assist with keeping them weeded and trimming off dead material. Professional landscapers B&B do the bush trimming, Preen and mulch applications, and spring cleanup. Occasionally, we gardeners divide and transplant perennials, but most of our work is not strenuous. We have varying levels of experience, so you needn't be an expert!

If you'd like to learn more, please contact Betty Long at b-long6120@sbcglobal.net or 630-961-0258.

Grace Gardener Bob Schmitt's specialty is tree and brush removal. Invasive buckthorn and honeysuckle, as well as dead limbs and trees, are his target. Here Bob puts another branch on one of the huge piles of brush he has culled from the woods. Our thanks to Steve Piper & Sons for recycling our waste into mulch.



Save the Date

APRIL				
4/4/2024	Thursday to Sunday		Walk to Emmaus Retreat for Men at Bishop Lane Retreat Center	Rockford, IL
4/11/2024	Thursday to Sunday		Walk to Emmaus Retreat for Women at Bishop Lane Retreat Center	Rockford, IL
4/13/2024	Saturday	9:00AM	RAO 25 Turning Convictions into Action	Activity Center
4/20/2024	Saturday	4:00PM	Lift Every Voice Gospel Celebration	Sanctuary
4/21/2024	Sunday	10:30AM	One Worship Service Only (due to Naperville Women's Half Marathon and 5K)	Sanctuary
4/21/2024	Sunday	12:00PM to 1:30PM	Faith, Food, and Fun: Earth Day	Fellowship Hall
4/21/2024	Sunday	4:00PM	NaperVoice Spring Concert	Sanctuary
4/22/2024	Monday	9:30AM to 10:30 AM	KinderTot Fun Day	122, 123, Fellowship Hall
4/28/2024	Sunday	All services	Volunteer Recognition Sunday	
4/28/2024	Sunday	11:30AM to 1:30 PM	Holy Smokes Drive Thru Bar-b-q Youth Fundraiser	Lower Lot
MAY				
5/4/2024	Saturday	9:00AM to 12:00PM	Annual DuPage River Sweep	DuPage River
5/5/2024	Sunday	All services	Retirement Celebration for Claudia Hutchinson & Pennie Sawa (Parent's Day Out Director & Assistant Director)	Sanctuary and Activity Center
5/9/2024	Thursday	12:00PM	Over 50 Fellowship: Sock Hop	Fellowship Hall
5/10/2024	Friday	6:00PM	Children's Mother's Day Musical & Year-End Celebration	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
5/12/2024	Sunday	10:30AM	Mother's Day Musical	Sanctuary
5/17/2024	Friday	6:00PM to 8:30PM	Guys Gathering Together	Room 254
5/18/2024	Saturday	3:30PM	Naperville Men's Glee Club	Sanctuary
5/19/2024	Sunday		Pentecost	
5/19/2024	Sunday	9:15AM to 10:15AM	Sunday Funday: F.R.O.G. Day	Fellowship Hall
5/19/2024	Sunday	10:30AM	Senior Celebration	Sanctuary & Gathering Space
5/19/2024	Sunday	All services	Stephen's Minister Commissioning/Re-commissioning	Sanctuary
5/20/2024	Monday	12:00PM	KinderTot Fun Day	122, 123, Fellowship Hall
JUNE				
6/1/2024	Saturday	TBD	Baptism Reunion & Celebration: Splash Pad Outing	TBD
6/2/2024	Sunday	All services	Suds on Sunday Youth Car Wash	Lower Lot
6/2/2024	Sunday	10:30AM	Choir Sunday	Sanctuary
6/8/2024 to 6/15/2024	Saturday to Saturday		SidexSide Youth Mission Trip	Lawrence, KS
6/16/2024	Sunday	9:15AM to 10:15AM	Sunday Funday	Fellowship Hall
6/16/2024 to 6/18/2024	Sunday to Tuesday		Northern Illinois Annual Conference	Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center
6/23/2024	Sunday	7:00PM	SidexSide Youth Mission Trip Slide Show	Sanctuary
6/24/2024	Monday	9:30AM to 10:30 AM	KinderTot Fun Day	122, 123, Fellowship Hall

Learn more about all our upcoming events at peopleofgrace.org/events



Vacation Bible Camp (formerly Vacation Bible School) July 15 to July 19 at 9AM to 11AM

REGISTER
NOW!

Registration for Child Campers and Adult/Teen/Apprentice Volunteers is now open! We're excited to welcome you, your friends, and your neighbors to Vacation Bible Camp! Be sure to share an invitation with children you know ages 3 years old (and potty trained) to 5th grade, as well as those who want to volunteer.

This year's theme is **Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God**. As the campers experience the stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, science, and arts and crafts, they learn ways to connect with and trust God. And best of all, they understand they can connect with God at VBC, church, home, and every area of their lives. This unique program invites children on an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

We are looking for adult (18+), teen (entering 9th -12th grade fall of 2024), and apprentices (entering 6th -8th grade fall of 2024) to serve as we welcome many children. We would love to have you join our team. Registration for children and volunteers can be found at peopleofgrace.org/vbc. Looking forward to a great VBC!

**Information and registration at
peopleofgrace.org/vbc**



Grace Notes Publications

In 2024, Grace Notes will be published on a quarterly basis. The next edition will be published on July 1. The deadline for submissions for the July 1 newsletter is June 20. We welcome your announcements for the **weekly enews, website, and blog**. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday at Noon to appear in the Friday enews. Please send your questions and submissions to communications@peopleofgrace.org.

Lawnmower Needed

Does anyone have a 16"-20" power lawnmower in working order that they are no longer using? Trustees would like one to leave in the church courtyard for the small lawn there. Please contact Betty Long at 630-961-0258.

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