

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sunday School

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Friday—Closed

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# Graceful Tidings

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## Reverend Sarah Reflects

Our Dear Church Family,

I can't believe that two months have passed since we began walking with you! We have been listening and learning and each day seems to bring the realization of some additional way that our Lord is being served through the ministries here. We are delighted to be sharing in the excitement and joy of being with each of you as we all walk our faith journeys together!

Of late, I have become keenly aware that the air is full of an electric energy as Grace's signature event draws near. The library is piled high with bags and boxes, volunteer sign-up sheets cover an entire table in the parish hall and we hear people counting down the days with enthusiasm. It's EGG ROLL time!

This will be the first time that Larry and I have helped to create and serve this wonderful gift from Yung and Hong-Ing Chou. As I watch

and listen to the excitement I can't help but ponder the joy the Chou's would experience to observe the impact their idea has had on the church they loved and the community it serves.

They could never have envisioned that sitting out a few egg rolls on a card table would grow into the spirit filled event that we are looking forward to. Oh, I'm told that it's hard work, but as those words pass from the mouths of former workers, the twinkle in their eyes tells the real story! I can see that you grow friendships and memories as you roll, fry and sell those egg rolls. It is apparent to me that this time together is not just a fundraiser, it is a homecoming! It is a time to share, laugh, and feel the love of Jesus in community!

Egg roll time is almost here! I can hardly wait!

In God's shalom and love!

Reverend Sarah

# Vestry Meeting Highlights July, 2016

There was no Vestry meeting in July—you are invited to attend the August 10th meeting

*Tanna Sherrill*  
Clerk of the Vestry

## Social Media Matters

These days, if an organization lacks an online presence, it may as well not exist as far as a growing number of people are concerned. Gone are the days when simply having a listing in the phone book or the local newspaper's church directory was enough to ensure people knew who you were and what you were about. To that end, Grace has expanded its online presence to include not just a website and a Facebook profile, but also an Instagram and a Twitter. Each of these social media platforms serves a unique function in assisting parishioners and members of the greater community in knowing what we're up to and what we're about. All three of these social media platforms have both a "desktop" version which anybody can access using an internet browser (Internet Explorer, Safari, Chrome, Firefox, etc.) on any desktop or laptop computer connected to the internet, and an "app" version which can be downloaded and accessed on a smartphone by first looking it up in the App Store. This gives users more flexibility in how they access our content and also ensures that we can reach out to the greatest number of people. To fully engage with Grace on these platforms so you can stay up-to-date on our posts, you will need a profile on each platform, which is free and fairly easy to set up with your email address and a password of your choosing. Here's a quick primer on how each platform works and how you can find Grace on it:

**Facebook:** Facebook is the most widely used social media platform and also the most complicated of the three platforms Grace accesses. It allows users to share a variety of content forms, ranging from pictures and messages of any length to events (complete with an invitation and RSVP function) and videos. There's even an instant messaging function which allows you to send private messages to other users and hold a conversation in real time. To find Grace's profile, type <http://www.facebook.com/gracechurch> into your internet browser's address bar, or search for "Grace Episcopal Church Lapeer" in Facebook's search bar at the top of your newsfeed. We post about events and general goings-on at Grace, as well as words of wisdom and even the occasional joke! You can help to spread the word about Grace to your friends and family by sharing our content on your own timeline, and we always appreciate a "like," from users.

**Twitter:** Twitter is another of the most widely used social media platforms and the simplest of the three. It allows users to share short messages (140 characters or fewer) with the world; this message is called a "tweet". There's also the option of sharing pictures, videos, and links to other webpages, but the real function of Twitter is still focused "tweeting". Users can "tag" other users within those messages using the "@" symbol before the user's profile name, either to mention them or to engage them in a conversation, and they can "tag" topics using the "#" symbol (Within the context of social media platforms, most young people call # a "hashtag" instead of a "pound" since its function is to "tag" things) to connect their message with the messages of other users who are talking about the same thing. For example, if a user wanted to tweet about the Episcopal Relief Fund's work in West Virginia (see last page), she could tweet "@EpiscopalRelief is doing great work addressing #westvirginiaflooding . So proud to support them. #disasterrelief" Twitter is a fantastic platform for quickly spreading news. You can follow Grace on Twitter @gracechurchLPE

**Instagram:** Instagram is another very widely used social media platform. It allows users to share pictures and videos along with captions of any length to share with the world. Most notably, it allows users to edit and filter raw digital photos within its platform for artistic purposes or to simply compensate for the limitations of digital photography. Like twitter, it has a "tagging" system using "@" and "#" to allow users to associate those images with other users and topics. You can follow Grace's Instagram @gracechurchlapeer



August. We all know what happens in August. Egg rolls. A week of sauce making, vegetable chopping, meat marinating, cooking, Holy Rollers rolling, selling and oh, yes that smell of egg rolls frying. It's a time where once again the Grace family pulls together in mission to share ourselves with the community. It's a time to highlight our caring, our laughter, and our family. Thank you to all who work endlessly to make this fundraiser happen. Thank you to Jennie Spencer for making sure every job, every need is coordinated. Thank you to Della Hammond for making sure all supplies are ordered and on hand when needed. Thank you to the ECW for supporting this fundraiser. Thank you to you Grace family for pulling together and working endlessly to make this fundraiser happen. I as I sit here writing, I have a smile on my face... I'm smiling because as a family we all have a role, a job. The sign-up sheets are ready; names are in their places. I'm smiling because of the blessing God has granted us. Grace is moving forward.

Blessings,

*Mary Kay Mason*

### E.C.W. (Episcopal Church Women) News...

Eight people met on July 10th. There was discussion about proceeding with the fund raising project of a school fashion show as proposed by Tony Stroh. It would have school students use Thrift Shop clothing and be done in stages throughout the year with the finale being in the Spring. Sounds like a great idea. Watch for more details.

Egg roll plans and details were reviewed. It looks like everything is in place except replacement of fry pans (woks). Della Hammond is working on a resource. Tony Stroh volunteered to check on a possible source for pans as well.

Doris Stevenson asked for approval to have a Thrift Shop worker make bank deposits for her. This also appears to be in order from Rev. Parks input. Suggested we need to ask Treasurer, Bob Thomas for his concurrence before beginning this plan.



*Women of the Church*

Respectfully submitted,

*Della Hammond*

Secretary, Pro-Tem

# Food for Families Report



We have served 306 meals during the month of July. Our guests have dined on sloppy joes, ham and macaroni salad, chicken pasta salad, and pulled pork sandwiches. Trying not to use the ovens much in the heat!

We received a generous donation from the Lapeer Eagles Auxiliary and continue to receive miscellaneous donations of food items from church members and friends which are much appreciated. A meat slicer was donated which will soon be put to use slicing some hams we have.

We are working on getting things in the freezers used up before egg roll week when they need to use the freezers. Please save any meat donations until after the end of August.

*Lauraine Ferris*



## SAVE THE DATE!

Hope to see you at Lapeer Days August 19-20 for egg rolls! Sign-up sheets Are up with opening still available.

Remember this is a huge job and many hands make it run smooth. We need **YOU!**



Thanks for your service...

It is with heavy hearts that we accept the resignation of Kathy Levitt. Kathy's demanding work schedule has forced her to leave her role as our custodian.

We wish her well! May God be in all her endeavors and bring her peace and joy!

Reverend Sarah



We are ordering some Grace Episcopal Church T-shirts (will be delivered in time for Lapeer Days!)

Prices are:

Youth Small—Adult XL - \$15.00

Adult XXL- \$17.00

Adult XXXL - \$19.00

Orders will be due by August 5th. Please let Lori in the office know if interested.

	<b>The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>August 7</b> <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>	<b>The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>August 14</b> <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>	<b>The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>August 21</b> <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>	<b>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>August 28</b> <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>
Presiders & Preachers	Rev. Sarah Parks	Rev. Sarah Parks	Rev. Sarah Parks	Rev. Sarah Parks
Altar Guild	Sharon Gillis, Sandy Chapman & Sandy Arnold			
Altar Flowers	Julie Shepherd	Randye Clarkson & Kyle and Slone Rhein	Bob & Mary Ellen Thomas	Bob & Mary Ellen Thomas
Sanctuary Candle	Sandy Chapman	Dick & Darlene West	Bill & Lori Schmidt	Dick & Darlene West
Vestry Lockup	Dick West			
<b>9:00 SERVICE</b>				
Ushers/Greeters	Lauraine Ferris & Sandy Chapman			
EM	Tanna Sherrill	Nancy Wells	Kerry Spencer	Harold Schneider
Lector 1*	Harold Schneider	Robert Thomas	Barb Scharping	Craig Arnold
Lector 2**	Jean Coon	Tanna Sherrill	Mary Kay Mason	Sandy Arnold
Acolytes			Josh Spencer	Nick Bagadinski
			Amy Webster	Jennie Spencer
Hospitality Hosts	Jacque Piechowski	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>Lapeer Days</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

**TRANSFERS IN**

**FUNERAL/MEMORIALS**

**BAPTISMS/CONFIRMATION**

**WEDDINGS**



# August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  <b>5:00 PM</b> <b>KI Board</b> <b>Mtg</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <i>6:30 pm</i> <i>The S Group</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 Regular Sunday Service  ECW Mtg following service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>Vestry Mtg</b>  <i>6:30 pm</i> <i>The S Group</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 Regular Sunday Service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <i>6:30 pm</i> <i>The S Group</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Lapeer Days</b> <b>Egg Roll Sale</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Lapeer Days</b> <b>Egg Roll Sale</b>
<b>21</b>  9:00 Regular Sunday Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <i>6:30 pm</i> <i>The S Group</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  9:00 Regular Sunday Service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <i>6:30 pm</i> <i>The S Group</i>			

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# What's Going On in the Wider Church?

## **Our Parish**

On July 11th, Rev. Sarah Parks and Rev. Larry Parks led Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Visitor training. Seven parishioners attended the training, followed by a brief fellowship snack in celebration of Dick West's birthday. If you are discerning a call to deepen your ministry, feel free to reach out to Rev. Sarah or Rev. Larry to discuss your gifts.

Lapeer Days is coming! There are plenty of openings to volunteer... sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall!

## **Our Diocese**

On August 3, St. Christopher's in Grand Blanc will be holding their annual Katherine Stickney Huber Memorial Concert at 7:30 PM.

## **Our Denomination**

Following devastating floods in West Virginia, several Episcopal Churches in affected counties have partnered with Episcopal Relief and Development to help their neighbors recover. They have been collecting goods for local shelters and providing hotel rooms and gift cards to displaced members of the community.

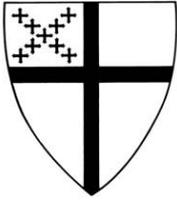
To find out more about Episcopal Relief and Development, or to donate directly, visit [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org)

## **Our Faith**

On July 15th, the Vatican condemned the attack in Nice, France, calling it "homicidal madness." On July 17th, Pope Francis led the crowds in St. Peter's Square in praying for the victims and families of victims of the attack on crowds celebrating Bastille Day. The attack left more than 80 people dead, including ten children.

## **Interfaith**

Following the many tragic events early in July, an interfaith peace rally was held on July 14 at Bouchard Park in Saginaw. The rally was coordinated by the New Ezekiel Project and was attended by many area Episcopalians, along with members of other Christian denominations and other faith groups.



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**The Rt. Rev. S. Todd Ousley, Bishop**

**The Rev. Sarah Parks, Priest**

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Robert Thomas	Treasurer/Vestry Member	810-441-7225	Hospitality Outreach/ Parish Life
<b>Staff</b>			
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