

Notes



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SUMMER



Fall

August 2024



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday School Opening
Sunday 9/8 @ 9:45

To Learn More
To Sing To Pray Together

WAIT! THERE IS NO NEED TO BE IN CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY!!

Who helped you grow-up in the faith? There was probably a Sunday School teacher, or Youth Group Leader or even a Religion Teacher somewhere in your past that was a key part of nurturing your faith. How about being part of doing this for the children of Grace? Sure, the biggest reason not to jump in is. "but I can't be there every Sunday." True – but almost no one can, which is why Grace needs more teachers and helpers, not less! The real need is for help with the youngest students – the one's who don't ask the hard questions, just for more crayons, but who are eager to learn about Jesus and who they get to be as Children of God. All they need is a bit of your time and energy and love. If you have some of that to share – even once a month – please reach out to Pastor Chris or Angela LaCroix-Fralish through the Church Office at OfficeGraceYorktown@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION
7TH & 8TH GRADES
Weekly Classes Begin
Sunday Sept 8 @ 9:45 am or
Tuesday Sept 10 @ 4:30 pm

18 more students!!
Wow! In this year of Grace's 2-year program the focus will be on the Bible – well, some of it – and it's exciting narrative of God's loving faithfulness.

Bible Study Tuesday @ Grace

Returning 9/3!!

6:30 a.m.
Breakfast & Bible Study in-person
A Chapter a Week in Ecclesiastes

11:00 a.m.
Online & In-person @ Grace
Reading Through Isaiah

7:00 p.m.
Online Video Conference
Reading Through the Old Testament

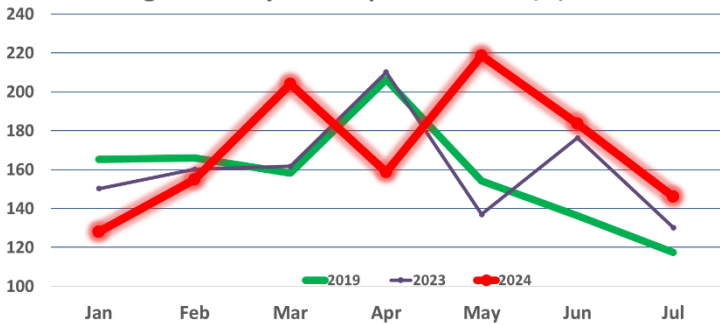
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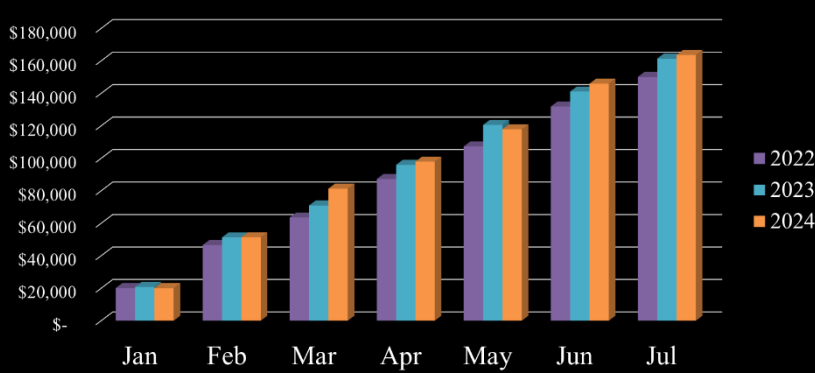
The Community Food Pantry at St. Mary's Mohegan Lake is once again holding a School Supply Drive for area children in need. When you are out school supply shopping consider purchasing items on their wish list: crayons, markers, pencils, notebooks, folders, and backpacks. Items can be placed in the St. Mary's collection box in the foyer or dropped off anytime to the white bin located outside the church doors. Last day to drop off items will be Wednesday, August 21st.

Some Numbers @ Grace

Average Monthly Worship Attendance (Inperson & Online)



Total Cumulative 2024 Envelope Giving



Grace is blessed! There is no other way to describe how things are trending. Take a quick glance at the two charts to the left and you can see the red average monthly attendance and congregation giving both continue to grow – both are actually ABOVE pre-Covid levels! Grace continues to explore a variety of new ways to connect and stay connected to worship, education, fellowship and outreach as we all adapt to what seem to be busier and tighter schedules. This has meant much more online activity and interaction. Now you can Worship, learn in Bible Study, participate in a Committee and make your offerings online and well as in-person. The result is that there is a stability in Grace’s “numbers” and even some growth! These are challenging times for the Church across all denominations and in far too many congregations. Grace’s leadership remains vigilant in monitoring our congregation’s “health,” prayerful in seeking God’s guidance and creative about how to continue to evolve in carrying out our mission of faithfully building God’s Kingdom through Grace.



Winter Coats?? Already??

Well, almost. Grace will be collecting coats throughout September so the coats are ready to be handed out when things cool down again in October. Look in your closet and on the racks in the store for new or very gently “used” winter coats, hats, gloves and mittens of all types in all sizes for children, women and men. Bring them to Grace’s narthex where there will be a special coat rack and basket to hang/drop your donations – deadline is October 9. Everything will be delivered to the Community Food Pantry at St. Mary’s Mohegan Lake to be distributed to those in need in our community.



If you are not receiving Grace’s Wed/Fri emails, contact Kristen in the Church Office at OfficeGraceYorktown@gmail.com

Grace Turns . . .

60



✠ Sunday, September 15th ✠

Grace held its first worship service on Sept 13, 1964!



We have come a long way thanks to God and many, many faithful people like you who have supported Grace’s ministry. Let’s make it 60 more, at least!!

