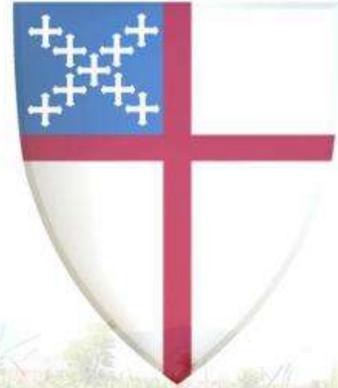


# Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church



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***The Church Office will be closed on  
Monday, May 31st, 2021, in observance of  
Memorial Day***

***Sign Up Link for our 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service  
Trinity Sunday  
1st Sunday after Pentecost***

<https://bit.ly/34auiYx>

## ***Another Step Toward a New Normal***

Reminders regarding revised COVID protocols for our services

Our Pentecost Sunday service was uplifting. Our choir led our congregation in singing hymns in our church for the first time since March 2020. It marked the first Sunday of revisions to our COVID protocols.

As a reminder, if you are fully vaccinated, you are no longer required to wear a

mask or physically distance. If you are not fully vaccinated, you must wear a mask and maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from any other parishioner. Books of Common Prayer and Hymnals have been returned to the pews and we may sing the assigned hymns shown in the Service Bulletin. We are again able to pass the Peace at the appropriate time in the service.

While we are no longer restricted on the number of parishioners that can attend our services, we still require that you register so that we have documentation for contact tracing if needed. The link to register for our service at 10:30 a.m. on Trinity Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, is shown below. If you contract COVID after attending one of our services, you must notify our office and we must then notify the Diocese and the County Health Department, and you may not attend a service until you have had a negative COVID test.

***Beginning on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, we will add back our 8 a.m. spoken Eucharist. When you register a week from now, you will have a choice between the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.***

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### ***Christian Adult Education Community via Zoom***

Please join us on Sunday, May 30th from 8:45– 9:30 a.m. on Zoom for lively discussion and fellowship. We are in the second of our six week series on the blessings of growing older. The book that we are drawing from is Joan Chittister's, *The Gift of Years*. You need not purchase the book to attend this series. Each week stands on its own. This week we are discussing OUTREACH, JOY, FAITH in the context of aging gracefully. You will be provided with a weekly outline including readings and other pertinent resources. Please send your email contact information to Susan Cooper, [susan@recooper.com](mailto:susan@recooper.com). You will be sent the Zoom account in a follow up email.

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### ***A Message from the Refugee Resettlement Committee***

Grace's members have most generously supported our refugee resettlement work with, e.g., kind and supportive words, volunteer time, in kind contributions of furniture, household items, TV's, computers and monetary donations over the past four years during which we have helped resettle 39 persons, including five families with children. During the pandemic several of our long time volunteers moved from Las Vegas and, for a ministry relying on shopping, apartment access and personal contacts among volunteers and refugees, the pandemic created

significant barriers. With the pandemic now receding and refugee resettlement opportunities increasing we are in need of some further help. While we are very grateful that this month and in April we have been able to help resettle two individual refugees arriving separately in Las Vegas, such resettlements reduced our furniture inventory and the amount of money in the "Refugee Resettlement Fund." In addition, we will be helping resettle a Syrian family (father, mother, 9 and 7 year old children) that escaped that country's horrific civil war, made it to Jordan and will arrive in Las Vegas on June 9.

We have the following needs:

**FURNITURE/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:** Sofas, kitchen tables, chairs, end tables, dishes, utensils, lamps, etc., in good condition.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Additional committee members to help with one or more of the following tasks: shopping, apartment set up, provision of food, furniture moving, driving refugees to appointments, etc. We are in particular need of persons capable of helping move furniture, including heavy pieces, from donor to storage facility to an apartment.

**MONEY:** Our monetary resources have always come from direct, individual donations not from Grace's budgeted monies. The two recent resettlements have reduced such resources somewhat. We would like to replenish the refugee fund to assure, as resettlement opportunities increase, that we are always able to respond appropriately when called on.

If you are able to respond to any of the above needs or know of someone who would like to help please notify Margie or me. On behalf of the Refugee Resettlement Committee we thank you for your previous support of our work.

PEACE AND JOY,  
Margie and Paul Turner  
Co-Coordinator, Refugee Resettlement Committee

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### ***Administration of Prayer List***

Deacon Cammie Houpt is now responsible for administrating the Prayer List. If you wish to add someone to the list please contact Dcn. Cammie at [cammiehaupt@gmail.com](mailto:cammiehaupt@gmail.com).

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## ***Altar Flowers***

Now that in-person worship has resumed, our Flower Guild is also being reactivated. If you would like to give flowers to commemorate a loved one's birthday or anniversary; in memory of a loved one; or in thanksgiving for your own or a loved one's health or recovery from illness, please contact Mamie Hechter, the Flower Guild's facilitator and floral designer, at [mhechter@cox.net](mailto:mhechter@cox.net).

A calendar has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for the rest of the year for anyone who wishes to signup.

