

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

REMINDER: We have regathered for in person worship each Sunday at 10 am, and no reservations are needed. For those not ready to return, the livestream continues on our YouTube Channel.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Luke 24:41-43

Christ and Grace is a founding member congregation of Downtown Churches United, which runs The Hope Center here in Petersburg. Today, The Hope Center is a union of area faith communities, organizations and other charitable partners committed to filling the essential needs of Greater Petersburg's financially distressed citizens. This community effort provides daily lunches, a food pantry, and assistance with utilities.

Downtown Churches United was founded in 1969 along with nine other churches not only to help out people in need, but also to bring black and white people together who would not otherwise get to meet or to know each other during the turbulent years of civil unrest, racism, and integration of schools. The Rev. Boston Lackey, along with The Rev. Grady Powell, Sr. of Gillfield Baptist Church, were instrumental in making this dream a reality. It's just in our DNA to participate in this mission of care for the people of Petersburg.

Christ and Grace continues to support The Hope Center with financial gifts, with food donations for the food pantry, and in volunteering to provide weekday lunches. Together we can continue this legacy of love that began when two clergy friends, Boston and Grady, decided to follow Jesus by feeding the hungry and loving their neighbors. See the information elsewhere in this eNews for specifics about how you can help.

The pandemic has made it more difficult for many people to meet basic daily needs. We can witness the power of the Resurrection by loving our neighbor in a direct way. Families can shop together, teaching children how to serve as Jesus did, by feeding and healing the people. If you would like to join in this reorganized effort, please contact Elayne Pagano or Rev. Robin. When we feed the hungry we will see Christ among us, hungry and asking to be fed.

A PANDEMIC WILL NOT STOP US – HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY

Mark your calendars to help Christ and Grace feed the hungry. We will be providing 100 bagged lunches on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month.

You can help! Donate needed supplies, make a financial offering, or come help assemble lunches.

Dates: May 12, July 14, Sept 15, Nov 10

Place: Christ & Grace Kitchen

Time: 10:00 am

Menu for May 12: Ham & Cheese sandwich, chips, PB crackers or cheese crackers, cookies, fruit, bottled water

Donations Needed:

- 10 loaves of bread,
- 5 large containers of grapes or 10 bags of tangelos
- 100 packages of cookies, 2 per package
- 100 cheese & crackers packages
- 100 water bottles, 8-12 oz

Meat & cheese will be bought by Christ and Grace on the day of preparation of lunches.

Let us know how you want to help by contacting Elayne Pagano at epagano@roadrunner.com or 804-586-2951.

Please bring your food donations to the church kitchen 3-4 days prior to date needed. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and may be mailed or dropped off in the church office.

SINGING IN CHURCH? NOT YET!

We are so excited to return to our worship space, however it is not yet safe for the congregation to sing inside. Please enjoy the music with your ears, and let your hearts rejoice!

ALTAR FLOWERS

We are still in need of sponsorship for altar flowers. We have some dates in May, all of June, July 4th, and all of August. Thank you for your support for beautifying our altar. Please click below to sign up using the online form, or contact Lee at 243-3302 or shakubuku42@gmail.com. The cost is \$55, payable to Christ and Grace with "altar flowers" on the memo line.

"Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy!" Isaiah 35:2

PRAYER LIST

We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for Melissa Aigner, Dale Bateman, Daniel, Katie, and Thomas Clark, John Haman, Sharon Plymire, Tasha Rempfer, Mark Sheffield, Ted Simpson, Mary Villeponteaux and Elaine Yeatts.

THE COLLECT

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.