

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 11, 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*

## **HOPE CENTER LUNCH**

Mark your calendars to help Christ and Grace feed the hungry. We will be assembling 70 bagged lunches in the kitchen at Christ and Grace at 10 AM on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. You can help! Donate needed supplies, make a financial offering, or come help assemble lunches.

Menu for July 14: Meat & Cheese sandwiches, chips, cookies, fruit, bottled water

Donations Needed:

- 11 loaves of bread
- 6 bags of Cutie tangelos
- 70 2/pack cookies
- 70 water bottles
- monetary donations for meat/cheese for sandwiches

(Make checks payable to Christ and Grace with Hope Center lunch on the memo line)

Let us know how you can help by contacting Elayne Pagano at 804-586-2951 or [epagano@roadrunner.com](mailto:epagano@roadrunner.com).

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.

## **LEMONADE OUT OF LEMONS**

It's been a lemon of a year - time to make lemonade! Join us for lemonade and cookies in Lackey Hall after the 10 AM service. All who are comfortable returning are welcome. Please allow safe distancing and we recommend that you stay for a short time. Masks are optional for the fully vaccinated.

Volunteers needed to serve - contact Lee Boisseau.

## **FUNERAL SERVICE FOR PRET KAICHEN**

For those who were unable to attend the service for Pret Kaichen at Christ and Grace on Tuesday, July 6, it can be viewed on our YouTube channel for a short time before it is removed.

## **FAITH-FILLED GENEROSITY**

Now is a good time to catch up on your Christ and Grace pledge. Look for your contribution statement with this mailing. For questions, please call the church office at 733-7202. Thank you for your support.

## **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 James Christiansen, Thomas Clark, Shannon Farthing, Melba Felty, Rod Hale, Kathy Hackett, Robin Jane, Heydon Lewis, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Mary Villeponteaux and Wyitt.

## **THE COLLECT**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

## **Mark 6:14-29**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.