



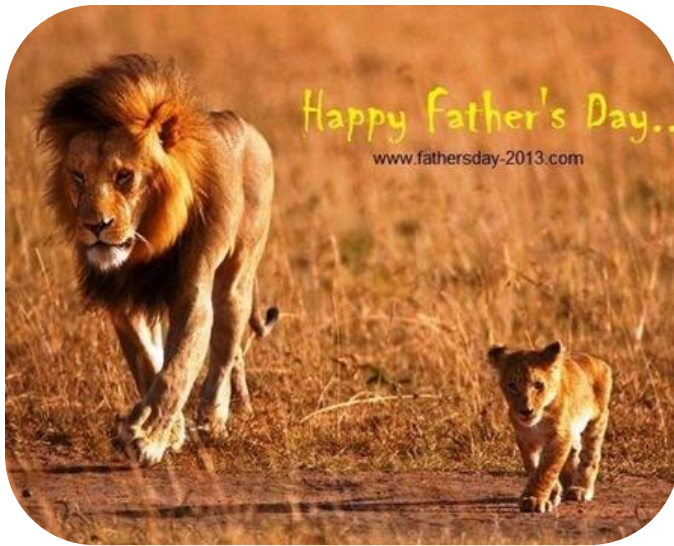
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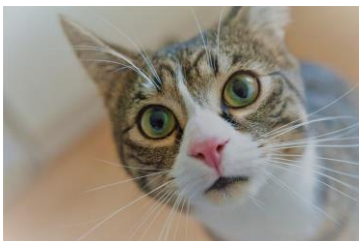
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Take Your Cat to Work Day



Attention Cat Lovers! People take their dogs everywhere, but here's a chance for the cats. June 22, 2022, is National Take Your Cat to Work Day, so leash up, crate up, or just pick up, your feline friend and take him/her to work with you. Think of the fun and entertainment you and your co-workers will have watching the cats create havoc in the workplace. Good luck!

From the Desk of Rev. Seay

On May 29th, 2022, Grace Church Worship said prayers for over 614 men, women, and children who have been murdered by assault weapons. For each of the of those over 60 shootings identified in the litany. I say to you; Let us pray.

For all those who have died in any incident of gun violence. Give to the departed eternal rest *.Let light perpetual shine upon them.* For survivors of gun violence. Grant them comfort and healing. *Hear us, Lord.* For those who have lost loved ones to gun violence .Grant them peace. *Hear us, Lord .*For those first responders who care for victims of gun violence. Protect and strengthen them. *Hear us, Lord.* Lord, have mercy *Christ, have*

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It is unnatural and ungodly to accept mass murder by assault weapons and twelve more since this writing was submitted. Yet we are accepting this as the new normal in America, and only in America. Always saying that “our hearts and prayers go to the victims and their families.” Looking for blame, making attention talk to end assault weapons or gun violence in general seems an impossible.

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Father's Day

Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. After hearing a sermon about Anna Jarvis's Mother's Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors of the Spokane Ministerial Alliance did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June.

Americans resisted the holiday at first, perceiving it as just an attempt by merchants to replicate the commercial success of Mother's Day, and newspapers frequently featured cynical and sarcastic attacks and jokes. But the trade groups did not give up: they kept promoting it and even incorporated the jokes into their adverts, and they eventually succeeded.

A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane speak in a Father's Day celebration¹ and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, fearing that it would become commercialized.

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Church Council Report

by Jennifer Wright, Chairman



Items that were discussed at our May and June Council meetings:

Electronic/keyless locks – we now have keyless entry locks on the side door of the Sanctuary and the

front door of the Parish Hall. If you would like a code, please reach out to Gary or Kim. We will also be installing a Knox Box for the Fire/Police Department on a post near the front of the church for their Emergency Access. Thanks to Kim for getting this done!

As you have probably heard, Bob & Janet Yinger will be moving soon to Spokane WA area. Currently, Janet is our Senior Warden and also on the Church Council, so we will need to fill her spot on the Council. Please let me know if you are interested in serving our church on our Council.

The Wild Goose Worship Service will be meeting June 12 and June 26th from 5:30-7pm. Again, if you haven't had the opportunity to attend one of these Praise Services, I highly urge you to do so!

Continued Thanks to EVERYONE in our congregation for ALL you do! Please remember to Stop, Look, Listen, and Respond with LOVE to each other! We can continue to do Great Things if/when we work together!

Blessings – Jennifer

UMCOR

by Peggy Finkowski

Our work:

UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters-be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, or other events – to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. We provide relief, response, and long-term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

History of Global Ministries:

Global Ministries' basic function is to be a "missional instrument" of The United Methodist Church as stipulated in the church's Book of Discipline (cf Par. 1301 and Par 1302.1). Since its inception, the agency was intended to be global in all respects, that is, it is to operate from everywhere to everywhere.

Your gift, joined with the gifts of others, makes a significant impact in the lives of individuals and communities. And when you give through the Advance, 100% of your gift goes to serve others in the way that you choose. (If you include a specific Advance number, with your gift, it goes to that effort!)

Contact Information: Website: umcor.org;

Gift mailing address :

Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO

POB 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068

The 4th of July will be here soon. Returning after 3 years, there will be two Concerts and Dedication of Quilts, one at 10:30 am and another at 1 pm. We will be in-person at Grace with our Methodist minister, Rev. Cliff Seay dedicating the quilts.

Fifteen Quilts of Valor will be on display made by the Loose Threads, (Grace ladies sewing group). We have awarded over 400 quilts over the 17 years of participation. These quilts are sent to soldiers, veterans; any service person who has been in any conflict, war or in harm's way defending our country.

For a sponsorship of \$50 donation, a quilt will be sent to a service person designated by QOV Foundation. If you wish to sponsor a quilt in honor of or in memory of someone, or to just support this project, you may fill out a sponsorship form and send it with a check to Grace Church, memo QOV, P.O. Box 1559, Buena Vista CO 81211.

Forms will be available at church and collected until the end of June. Or you can donate online at gracechurchbvco.org, select donate, select fund: Quilts of Valor. You will be contacted to complete the sponsorship form. Acknowledgment of donations will be made on July 4. Thank You for your support.

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is no secret what God can do; what He has done for others He can do for you. We need to pray for each other. We are still one nation under God, not politics, we hold certain truths to be self-evident, not cooperate sponsors who subjugate or suppress the majority will of the people. Since God is love and God is a Spirit, then hate and demons are evil making part of the problem a spiritual problem.

Blessing Extended,
Rev. Seay



TRANSITIONS

Please continue to pray for Sherry's daughter-in-law, Jenny who has five weeks of chemotherapy to go.

Grace asks for prayers of communication and healing for her two children that aren't speaking to her.

Nancy asks for prayer s for her friends , Bill, and Karen. He has prostate cancer, and she has a mass on her thyroid.

Nancy also requests prayers for the McAlister family.

Sherry would also like us to pray for her sister-in-law, Pat, who broke her femur.

Please pray for Patty's friend, Crystal, who lost her husband in an accident.

Please pray for Janet and Bob Yinger and their move to Washington.

Remember the people in Ukraine, and all the people in the Unites States that are victims of gun violence.

Worship Committee

by Bonnie Young

The Worship Committee is extending a call to anyone who is interested in training as an acolyte or carry the crucifer. The Acolytes process with the clergy carrying the cross. They are also requested to serve Communion or even to read scripture.

There are other activities under the Worship Committee's responsibilities. There are needs for readers, ushers and especially tech people who operate the sound system.

If you want to be involved in any of these activities, or other things that the worship committee is doing, please contact Bonnie Young, byoung81211@gmail.

Free Showers at CUCC

Free showers at CUCC (across the street from the post office off Crossman)
Fridays 12:00-2pm.
Towels, soap, shampoo...all toiletries provided
Men, Women, Families invited
Other personal hygiene products available to keep

If you know of anyone who could use this free service, or of a place that could pass on this information please do. If you would like to know more about this program, contact Martha Bauman.

Father's Day

US President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation, but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation

In 1957, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus "[singling] out just one of our two parents".¹ In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in **1972**.



Announcements

If you currently HAVE a key to any church building, please make sure to let Judy Epperson know so she can put you on our Key Log.

The Grace Church Choir will be performing in two concerts on the 4th of July, one at 10:30 am and one at 1:00pm. There will be a dedication of the Quilts of Valor at each concert. Please come and join the choir in this annual celebration of our nation's birthday.

The Loose Threads will have a bazaar in the parish hall on the 4th of July. Come see the unique things they have made. Proceeds go to outreach projects.

The 4th of July Parade has been moved to 9am instead of the usual 10am start time. Bring your lawn chairs and join us at the church to watch the parade.

Grace Church Parish Hall will be open all day on July 4th. Free lemonade and cookies will be served.

If you would like to learn how to run the sound system during church services, contact Ed Butler or Ray Stwalley. They will be glad to train you.

The new directory will be coming out soon. If aren't in it and would like to be, send your information to Judy Epperson at admin@gracechurchbvco.org.

The worship committee needs people to sign up to be acolytes, readers, and ushers. Contact Bonnie Young for more information.

Birthdays



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6/3 Becky Arthur

6/8 Mary Hallman

6/13 Keith Baker

6/18 Ray Stwalley

6/22 Margaret Butler

6/26 Tom Bauman

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