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The Tower

Dear Grace Family,


It is over three months since Aclyne and I came to join you in your journey of life and faith! Wow...it doesn't feel that way because of the many things that we have had to do. I don't know about you but we have felt tremendously blessed to be here with you all. Your welcome, love, warmth, and support have helped us fit in just right. You all have a heart for our church, everyone is involved in some way. What can hold us back if we all come together?

This has also been a busy season! As you know, we got here at the beginning of December and got right into the business of life, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Annual meeting, two funerals, and now Lent with a missed Ash Wednesday service due to bad weather...and here I thought we were Michiganders...LOL! That was a first! ***My highlight has been visiting with the homebound and some of our online community. They have shown me immense faith, love, and commitment to Christ and our church.***

Our congregation is already growing in numbers, and we hope and pray that we will continue to grow, not just in numbers but also in our faith and service to the community of Port Huron and beyond. I know we have come from a very harsh pandemic, and some of us will carry scars we got from it for the rest of our lives.

This, however, should not hold us back, rather, it should unite us more and propel us to move forward. Remember the words of Paul,

"...but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:3-5).



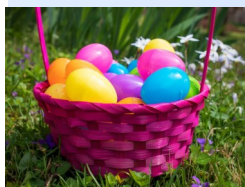
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I appreciate the way you have all recovered and picked up with our programs and are moving forward in faith and hope. We thank God that our worship is going well and our choir growing in leaps and bounds. I am encouraged and have hope for our children and youth ministry, our outreach is touching lives through your support and contributions and we do not take this for granted. I would also like to thank our vestry for their support and all involved in different kinds of ministries here at the church and beyond. You all make me proud to be your priest.

Finally, this weekend, we say farewell to our brother John Speller and his family as they worship with us this Sunday before he moves to Maryland to live near his children and grandchildren. We are all grateful to God for John and his family for their time here at Grace, especially Rev. Lydia Speller's ministry among us. I know that they will all be missed.

Throughout the pages that follow, you will see some of the things that we have been able to do as a church, and planned events to look forward to. Please take note and join us for one or two of those.

Together Forever!
Rev. Shadrack Owuor



YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EGG HUNT

Sunday April 9 after 10am
Service.

We will hunt for Easter eggs in the memorial garden and whoever finds the Golden Egg is the big winner!! Please join us for fun with your children.

Questions please ask Tracey Larson.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! CONFIRMATION

On July 29, 2023 four of our young adults will be confirmed in Saginaw. The service begins at 4:00 at St Paul's in Saginaw.

Please plan on attending to see:
William Gibson, Christopher Larson,
Kegan McPharlin, & Charlotte O'Brien
become confirmed into the Episcopal Church!

BINGO

Another Bingo night is being plan as a fellowship night! Mark you calendars for this fun evening of fellowship, food and prizes!

APRIL 21
6-8PM

Bring a dish to pass and a white elephant gift!



April 2nd - The Sunday of the Passion

10am Liturgy of the Palms and
Holy Eucharist
Stripping of Altar

April 6th- **Maundy Thursday**
6pm Dinner Service w/Eucharist

April 7th- **Good Friday**
10am Stations Service
11:30am Good Friday Service

April 9th- The Sunday of the Resurrection

EASTER DAY
No 8am service
10am Festive Eucharist

Easter Remembrances

April 9 - Easter Sunday

To The Glory of God and in Loving Memory of ..[or] Thanksgiving for...

Name: _____

The gift of: _____

_____For the altar

_____Where needed

Please have your flower memorial and donation in the church office
by April 2, 2023

ECW News

KNIT, CROCHET & CRAFT

The second Tuesday at 10:00 in the Gathering Place is our time to come together, do handicrafts, and visit over coffee or tea. Come learn about our Prayer Shawl Ministry and Afghan Squares. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, let Ann Brown

(810-434-8396) know. Put these dates on your calendar:

APRIL 13th MAY 11th JUNE 8th



ECW SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you planning on continuing your education after high school, perhaps college or trade school?

Remember we have two \$600 scholarships to help make that happen. Look for applications outside the Finance Office.



SOUP GROUP

We peel, chop, dice, slice, smash, stir, boil, and more!! We talk and laugh the entire time! Come join us and make soup. We meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday at 11am. The next soup will be April 12th.

Questions:

call Linda Brennan 810-824-0901 or Jane Clay 810-434-4977

Bring any recipes you might have for soup that can be made in 2 hours!

Thank you!!



If you are interested in any of the above—anyone please feel free to contact the person in charge or just show up. Everyone is welcome!

GARAGE SALE 2023 GARAGE SALE 2023

Date to be announced.

We're looking forward to our annual garage sale this summer. Remember as you're doing your spring cleaning to set those donations aside (no clothing please). Call Pat McPharlin (810-987-5978) for pick-up or bring to church. It's not too early!

Garage Sale Sponsors: Building and Grounds ECW



BOOK CLUB

Fellow bibliophiles, feel free to join us on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 pm!

Upcoming meetings:

3/27/2023 - Eleanor Oliphant is Completely fine by Gail Honeyman

4/24/2023 - The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

5/22/2023 - The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

Questions? Contact Nicole Leininger (515) 314-5195



A yellow pushpin with a black stem and a silver-colored top ring, pinned to the page.

April 2 Making of Palm Crosses



April 7 Placing of lilies and decorating
for Easter—after good
Friday services.



The loving sympathy of the
congregation is
extended to the families of ...

Herbert Campbell
February 19, 2023

Susan Haddad
March 5, 2023

*“May the souls of the faithful
departed rest in peace,
O Lord, and let light
perpetual shine upon them.”*

Dinner at 5pm Auction at 6pm

It's not too late to pick up your items from 2022. Contact the person you purchased from. Or if you donated an item and haven't delivered contact the buyer.

Any questions, please contact:

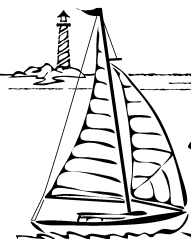
Linda Brennan 810-824-0901
Carol White 810-985-4784

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE



March 19	Festive coffee hour
March 26	Gibson
April 2	Volunteer Needed
April 9	Easter

Betsy & Matt Selepack want to remind you that they will help with coffee hour, if you want to do something but don't have time to set up an/or clean up. Sign-up in the Gathering Place and let one of them know if you need help!



The Mariners' Service will be at 10 a.m. on April 30.

The fellowship hour following the service will be at the Yacht Club. We've all been invited to join them for brunch.

OUTREACH

Outreach is continuing to help seniors identified by the Council on Aging through deacon Linda Crane. There are around 25 adults and then we send bags for 3 families from one of the two schools in our area. Big thank you to Nancy Kelley, Jane Clay, Carol White, Kathy and Dave James for helping to pack bags each week and shop for things that are needed to fill in where we have gotten low. Please continue to help by bringing juice, peanut butter and jam, canned peaches/pears and granola bars. Your amazing generosity continues to touch lives! Thank you so much!

Our Rev. Lydia Speller Garden is soon to be planted. Jeanette Ettin is busy getting ready for a meeting on March 18 at 10am to plan for the spring. All are welcome. Maureen Porada is talking with the soup kitchen regarding food trucks. We know we will have at least one on our property. Watch for the announcement.

We are going to prepare spring "basket" for the senior's from Grace that are homebound or too sick at this time to come to church.

Also, if you don't have a Kroger card with Grace assigned as the recipient of their rewards, consider getting one.

Flower Ministry:

- The flower ministry uses the altar flowers to create multiple bouquets each Sunday.
- The objective is to brighten the day of someone not able to attend our beautiful service.
- There are several ways YOU can help.
 - ◊ Donate bud vases to the ministry. Leave them in the kitchen or flower bar
 - ◊ Do you know someone that needs cheering up? Sign up to make a delivery. Or submit the name to the In-reach committee.
 - ◊ If you have the time, volunteer to stop in for a 10 min visit on your way home and deliver a vase to someone on our homebound list.

In-Reach Committee:

The In-Reach committee seeks to actively engage with those members of our congregation that are unable to attend services on Sunday and other events.

While we do our best to keep track of our church family, we could use help. Do you know someone who is ill, or can no longer drive etc. Please let the office know and we will show some Grace love.

There are several ministries included under the In-Reach umbrella such as care packages, Cards, Errands, Soup, Flowers, and Communion at Home.

If you would like to join the committee we would love to have you, we meet at 4:15 on the first Tuesday of the month.



LENTEN LUNCHEONS

The Olde Town Churches Lenten Lunches have returned! Each Thursday in March from 12 to 1 o'clock there will be lunch and a message on Reconciliation at St John's Church at the corner of 7th. and Pine Street. We hope more Grace people will come, especially on March 23rd. when Reverend Shadrack will be the speaker and Grace will provide the lunch. There are sign up sheets in the lobby and at Coffee Hour for help and donations of cookies.

Contact Mary Gale for more information.

Forward Day By Day:

Booklets are available in regular and large print. We have a few left for Jan-March and the next April-June series will be available soon.

If you would like a copy they are located outside of the Finance Office. If you need one mailed or delivered contact the church office.

A small donation if possible is requested to help cover the costs.

CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTAL PLAYERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

If you are interested in playing for Easter Sunday, practices are 11:30 a.m. right after Sunday Services on March 19, 26, April 2. Possibly an additional practice either Wednesday night, April 5 with the choir at 6:00.

Hopefully we can have a practice on Saturday, April 8 time to be determined.



Carry Grace

March 26th, In memory of my brother, Robert C. Johnson, the gift of
of
Emily Klein .

CALLING ALL DIRT DIGGERS - Lees Memorial Garden and Grace Grounds are waiting!

As of March 20th., Spring Is Here! Come to Manis's (Tenth and Union) on April 11th. at 9:00 for breakfast and to discuss plans for the coming season. Then proceed to the garden for some winter clean-up. Nothing strenuous, just picking up winter's mess. Put the second Tuesday of each month from now to October on your calendar for our monthly check-in over breakfast or coffee. All are welcome in the garden - no skill level required!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

On **May 24, 2023**, we will be Celebrating the New Ministry of Rev. Shadrack Owuor. This is a very important day in the life of our church . The bishop will be here to help us celebrate! Please plan on attending. It will be the official beginning of our journey with Rev. Shadrack leading us.



JOIN US!
Every Sunday

Youth & Family Ministry and Fellowship Events News



Mar 5
Mar 19
Apr 16
Apr 30
May 21

Youth in grades 6th-12th
are invited to join.

Questions?
See Sara O'Brien or Christy Allen

Junior Choir In-formation

Rehearsals are every Sunday at
9:30am



**New Voices Always
Welcome!**

Questions? See Sara O'Brien

Little Free Library



Located outside
the 6th St entrance.
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Current Fellowship Activities

Lent Puzzles
Grace Compassion Project

Upcoming Fellowship Activities

March 17 Craft Night
We will be making Hymnal Wreaths

Safe Church, Safe Communities –

A Safe Place for Every Person

The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan commits to creating safe environments, especially for children, youth, and vulnerable adults, from sexual, physical and/or personal abuse or exploitation.

Training: April 28 at 5:30pm – Dinner Provided Questions? See Tracey Larson.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Bishop of Eastern Michigan

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Join Us for Worship

Sunday— Holy Eucharist
8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Intergenerational Formation at 9:00 a.m.
(Sept. thru May)

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Junior Warden:	Jerry Mrowczynski
Acolytes	
Altar Guild	Wendy Herbert
Bible Study Wednesday	Linda Brennan
Buildings & Grounds	Jim Kemp
Coffee Hour	Matt & Betsy Selepack
Communications Committee	Tim O'Brien
Episcopal Church Women	Donna Glombowski/Mary Gale McPharlin/Ann Brown
Eucharistic Ministers	Linda Crane
Finance Committee	Jeff Thomson
Funeral Luncheons	Mary Gale McPharlin/Ann Brown
Ushers	Matt Larson
Jr. Choir	Sara O'Brien
Outreach	Debbie Wine
Worship Ministries	Rev. Shadrack

- **Please check with the church office and the calendar before scheduling any events to be certain the date is available!**



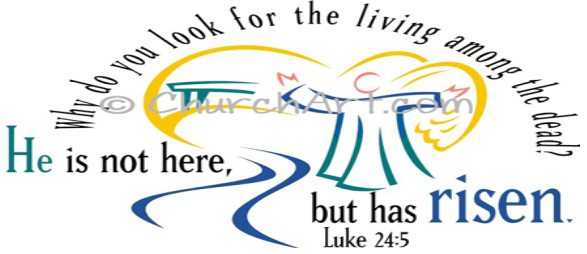
March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sacristans for March chair: Mary Lou Creamer			1 10:00am Bible Study	2	3 6pm NA	4 8am Yoga 10 am AA 7pm NA
5 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> Lent 9:00 am B & G meeting 9:30am Youth Choir 10 am Holy Eucharist/ Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour:	6	7	8 10:00am Bible Study	9 10am Crafts/Knitters	10 6 pm N.A.	11 8:00 Yoga 10 am AA 7pm NA
12 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 8am Holy eucharist 9:30am Youth choir 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour: 11:30am Yuth Group	13	14 	15 10:00 am Bible Study	16	17 6 pm N.A.	18 8:00 Yoga 10 am AA 7pm NA
19 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Formation 9:30am Youth Choir 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Coffee Hour:	20 	21	22 10:00 am Bible Study 5:30pm Finance	23	24 6 pm N.A.	25
26 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Formation 9:30am Youth Choir 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 Instrumentals 11:30am St. Marthas	27 7pm Book club	28	29 10:00 am Bible Study 6 pm Vestry	30		



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April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sacristans for April chair: Cindy Minnie Gayle Farr Cindy Lynch Maureen Porada		Remember you can access the calendar by going to the church website at graceporthuron.net and click on calendar!! Don't see your event? Please email the secretary at secretary@graceporthuron.net or call the church office @ 985-9539 and the calendar will be updated !				I 8am Yoga 10 am AA 10am Altar Guild Palm Crosses
2 <i>The Sunday of the</i> Passion Palm Sunday 9:00 am B & G meeting 9:30am Youth Choir 10 am Holy Eucharist/ Sunday School 11:30am Coffee Hour: 11:30am Instrumental Rehearsal	3 <i>Holy Monday</i> 	4 <i>Holy Tuesday</i>	5 <i>Holy Wednesday</i> 10:00 Bible Study	6 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Eucharist in Gathering Place	7 <i>Good Friday</i> 10am Stations of the Cross 6 pm N.A.	8 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 8:00 Yoga 10 am AA 7pm NA
9 <i>The Sunday of the Resurrection:</i> Easter Sunday 9:30am Youth choir 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour: 11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt	10	11	12 10:00 am Bible Study	13 10am Crafts/Knitters	14 6 pm N.A.	15 8:00 Yoga 10 am AA 7pm NA
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30 <i>Mariners</i> Service 8am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Formation 9:30am Youth Choir 10 am Holy Eucharist/Mariners Service 11:30am Coffee Hour: @ Yacht Club 11:30 Youth Group						

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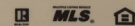


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