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Summer is finally here

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The flowers are stunning, our grounds at Trinity are newly planted, and there are many projects underway to restore the church building, refresh the grounds, renovate areas around the church, and create a beautiful boundary for the memorial garden. This renewal is so intertwined with our scriptures and our secular lives as we enter a new season. Keep a watchful eye on our calendar for events such as Mass on the Grass!

What a blessing to gather, in person, in our beautiful church. Even Singing, okay quiet singing, is back. We are hoping to restart choral singing by the end of summer. There families with children who may begin attending Sunday school this fall as well. We have reason to be joyful! If you are interested in Bible study, please let me know. I hope to start a Bible study either Wednesdays at noon or evening.

There is evidence that the wave of Covid 19 is subsiding. While we still need to be watchful, we are freer to gather. But there remains the epidemic of gun violence in our country. June 6th is gun violence Sunday. The national church and our diocese has many resources to reflect and pray and act on gun violence. Please understand this is not gun ownership. But a lack of training of those who own guns, a lack of safe storage and care in access to guns by those who should not have access because of youth, mental health issues, and a history of violence.

In a recent Clericus Meeting, the priests in attendance were asked who had someone close to them who had died as a result of gun violence, more than half answered in the affirmative. Join me in praying for an end to this epidemic:

Collect for Gun Violence: O Creator who remembers, we hold before you all who have died from the plague of gun violence in our land. We remember those who have taken their lives with a gun, those who have died in school shootings and

mass shootings, those who have died by a gun in the course of an argument or from abuse or by accident or during the committing of a crime. We lift our voices in sorrow and frustration knowing that every life is infinitely valuable to you. Receive all who have died into the arms of your mercy, bless those who mourn with the hope of eternal life, and strengthen our hearts and our arms to bring an end to this scourge. This we pray in the name of the one who overcame the power of death, your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In Person Church is Back

Everyone is welcome to come back to church in person. Masks are still required, along with social distancing.

Communion is being given with the host only, the priest comes to you in the pew.

Look at the calendar to see which Sunday's there is Holy Communion, usually with two services or Ante-Communion, with only one service at 10 am.

Still waiting to see when coffee hour and potlucks will be allowed again.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in church.

Mass on the Grass

2021's Mass on the Grass service will take place on Sunday July 11, at Jaycee Park, weather permitting.

There will only be one combined service at 10 am that morning, with Holy Communion.

At this point we will not be able to have a potluck, but maybe we can all bring a sack lunch and have lunch together. Watch the weekly bulletins for updated information on this.

Be sure to invite your family and friends and remember the splash pad is right there, so we can all splash after the service!!

Bring your own lawn chairs, if you would like a more comfortable chair to sit in during the service.

Things to Remember

Compline continues every Wednesday night at 9 pm on Zoom. The Zoom invitation goes out during the day on Wednesday.

Every Sunday morning services are in person and on Zoom. If you, or someone you know, are not receiving the Zoom invitation, please let the church know.

June's vestry meeting is Sunday, June 27 at 11:30 am, in person & Zoom.

The weekly June 6 – August 26, Children's Worship Materials have been emailed out, as above, let the church know if you are not receiving these.

A Welcome Back service is being planned for Sunday September 12, outside with a BYO picnic afterwards. Mark your calendar and watch for more information about this.

Rev Laura Purrenhage and Rev Gail will be sponsoring a community read, this Fall, with all the churches from Grand Ledge Area Ministry Association. Please let Rev Gail know if you are interested in joining them. The book selected is "So you Want to talk about race" by Ljeoma Oluo. We expect to have a number of copies available through the library. It is also available on Amazon and through Kindle and other electronic methods. If you need assistance in obtaining the book let Rev Gail know and she will help you. Watch for more information in the weekly bulletins.

If you would like to provide altar flowers, please remember to sign up on the altar flower sheet in the undercroft, send Jill an email or call the church with your information.

As you see on the calendar the AA and NA meetings are back meeting in the church, so be respectful to them if you happen to be in the church during their meeting times.

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