

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ! Let us worship the Lord with gladness! If you are visiting, please let us know your name and fill out a visitor's form. We will be so blessed to know you and welcome you to the Grace Church family!

**Memory Verse – 1 Thessalonians 5:18** – give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

### Today:

- **Children's Ministry:** 10:00/11:30am  
Lesson today: "Paul: From Town to Town"
- **Life Prep Classes:** 11:30am  
**Youth (MS/HS):** "Playlist: Bible Lessons Based On Popular Songs"  
**Adults:** Sermon Discussion

### Mark the Date:

- 9.24 Baptism classes begin - please see Pastor John for information
- 9.30 Mid-Autumn Festival Evangelical Outreach (Mandarin only)
- 10.7 Ridgefield Park Street Fair (9-5pm)
- 10.14 Harvest Trip (2:30pm, see flyer)
- 10.15 Mission Sunday
- 10.21 Women of Grace (10am)

**2024 Deacon Board Nominations:** The board of deacons is beginning the process for nominating deacons for the coming year. Please prayerfully consider members of our church who will fit the Biblical requirements for deacons. The term for deacons is four years. Suggestions for candidates can be made to Pastor John, Minister Chan, or Board members (Ken Kam, Antony Yanuardy, Erin Miu, Alfred Lee) for consideration until 10/1. Thank you for your prayers in this important time in our church.

### Volunteers Needed:

- Help with Children Ministry – see Esther
- Bergen Cty Homeless Lunch Serving – Sign up on the announcement bulletin board.
- Nursery: Although there is no immediate need for Nursery help at this time, we are praying in faith for what we hope for, and assurance about what we do not see (Heb. 11:1). Please see Esther if you would like to be on the team ready to serve.

**Reminder to co-workers:** please remember to submit payment requests with receipts in a timely manner to the treasury. Thank you!

**Offering:** Please make your offering via Zelle: [ocmgracetreasury@outlook.com](mailto:ocmgracetreasury@outlook.com) or by check made payable to OCM Grace Church – send to church address, Attn: Treasury (specify for missions or general fund in memo)

Offering Summary		General Fund	Mission Fund
Target % of Budget Received YTD	261/365 days	72%	72%
Actual % of Budget Received YTD	Thru 9/19/2023	53%	65%

**Attendance:** 33 (9/17/2023)

<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>	
WORSHIP	9:30 AM
<u>WEEKDAY PRAYER TIME</u>	
DAILY TUES-FRI	12:00 PM
WEDNESDAY WITH BIBLE STUDY	8:00 PM
SEE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR THE ZOOM MTG TIMES AND LINKS	

### Daily Bible Reading:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=A>  
Some prayers in the bulletin are "Reprinted from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, copyright © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts"

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PASTORAL STAFF

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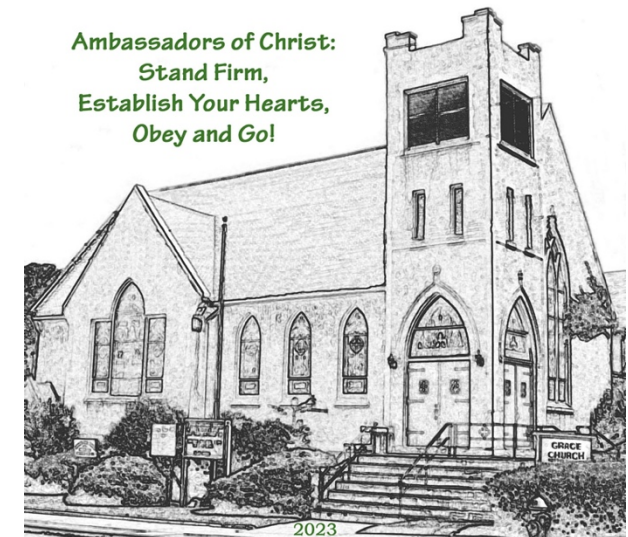
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## OCM Grace Church

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### September 24, 2023



2 Corinthians 5:20a; 1 Corinthians 15:58; James 5:8

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## OUR PRAYERS

God of miracles and of mercy, all creation sings your praise. Like the vineyard owner, your grace is extravagant and unexpected. Lead us to repentance and the acceptance of your grace, that we may witness to your love, which embraces both those we call friend and those we call stranger. *Amen.*

Pray supplications, prayers, intercession for all people.  
For leaders in high positions. 1 Tim. 2:1-2

### Our church:

- Upcoming deacon nominations

### Personal needs:

- Health and recovery: Harumi; Brother Fat Goh; James Loy; Uncle Lemuel; Coty's sister Amy; Gordon Huie; Mrs. Shu; PJ's sister Nancy; Mary Bruno's daughter Lisa and sister Patricia, Peter Konopka; Albert Wong; Toby Lai; Albert Lau; Mongyi Loy; Maria Ho; Lillian Yee
- Salvation: Mary Bruno's son Mario and daughter-in-law Yvonne; missionary friend Sarah
- Special protection: Peter Mui.

### The world:

- Mercy and Justice for the poor, oppressed, and under-privileged. (Isaiah 1:17)
- For the Ukraine-Russia war; the political situation Burkina Faso; other areas of the world that suffer from unrest and oppression.
- The Lord's mercy on the people of Libya, Morocco, Asia suffering from flooding, earthquake and hurricanes.
- Pray for persecuted Christians everywhere

### Our Nation:

- Just and righteous government
- Provision for the poor and needy
- Spiritual revival and turning to Christ
- An end to violence
- For God's mercy on the people of Maui

### Schools/Student:

- For renewal of the Good News Club in Fall/Spring
- College students beginning/returning to school
- All students remain strong in the Lord

Call to Worship Alex

Confession of Sin

Apostles Creed

Praise Antony/Youth

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Matthew 20:1-16 Chris

Sermon: Pastor John

### Three disciplines of a healthy church: 2. Thankfulness

Song of Response

Intercessory Prayer Pastor John

Offering Alex

Announcements Alex

Benediction Pastor John

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Psalm 145:1-2

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.

## SERMON NOTES