

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, everyone, to OCM Grace Church! We are happy that you are here to worship the Lord together! May the Lord bless you richly with His steadfast love and joy!

Memory Verse for the Week – Deuteronomy 8:3

And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Today:

- **Children's Ministry:** Lesson today: The terrible lie
- **Life Prep Classes:**
 - Youth:** Take out the Trash
 - Young Adults:** Meet in Bergen House
 - Adult:** Jesus The God Who Knows Your Name, by Max Lucado
- **New Bridge Volunteering:** 1:30pm at New Bridge Medical Center (all welcome to join)

Mark the Date:

- 09.27 – Mid-Autumn Festival lunch (with guest EM pastoral candidate Pastor Chad)
- 09.30 – Homeless Shelter Lunch Volunteering
- 10.03 – Ridgefield Park Street Fair Outreach 9-5 pm
 - Please sign-up to volunteer for this important witnessing opportunity.
- 10.04 – Concert of Prayer for Mission Sunday 1:30 - 2:45 pm in Sanctuary
- 10.04 – OCM Main Church 65th Anniversary Dinner 5:30 pm
 - registration info: <https://ocm.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3419519>
- 10.10 – Women of Grace 10 am. Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado
- 10.11 – Mission Sunday - Speaker Rev Jerry Schmoyer; Workshop: Rev. Aaron Shum
- 10.22 – CEF Fall Dinner - come have dinner and learn about how to reach children with the Gospel

Lunch fellowship w/ Pastoral Candidate: Please join on 9/27 (Sun) as we gather for "Mid Autumn Festival" lunch with EM pastoral candidate Pastor Chad and his wife Hannah.

2027 Deacon Board Nominations: The board of deacons is beginning the process for nominating deacons for 2027. Please prayerfully consider members of our church who will fit the Biblical requirements for deacons posted on the bulletin board. The term for deacons is four years. Suggestions for candidates can be made to Pastor John, Minister Sandy, Alfred Lee, and Erin Miu for consideration until 10.4. Thank you for your prayers in this important time in our church.

Grace Festival Choir is calling for singers! We will offer special music at the church anniversary service on 11/8. Practice dates: 10/11, 10/25, 11/1. Please talk to Li-Chan.

Volunteering Opportunities: Bergen New Bridge Medical Center; Homeless Shelter - see PJ

Pastoral Search Committee:

Alfred, Alex, Candi, Maris, Marissa, Sebastian, Susan, and Yacer.

Offering:

Two ways of giving: Zelle via church account, ocmgracetreasury@outlook.com; mail checks payable to OCM Grace Church to 90 Mt. Vernon St, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660, Attn: Treasury (specify for missions or general fund in memo)

Attendance for 9/13: 44

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"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. Luke 12:35-37"

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Erin Miu (Christian Education, Building/Service; Treasury)
Alfred Lee (Fellowship; Mission; Secretary)

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Call to Worship

Alfred

Psalms 18:30-33

³⁰ This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the Lord proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
³¹ For who is God, but the Lord?
And who is a rock, except our God?—
³² the God who equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.
³³ He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.

Confession of Sins

Apostles Creed

Praise

Pastor John

Blessing for the Children

Pastor John

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-4

Betty

Sermon

Pastor John

The Marks of a Christian Leader: Humbleness, Love, Prayer

Song of Response

Holy Communion

Intercessory Prayer

Yacer

Offering

Alfred

Announcements

Alfred

Benediction

Pastor John

Silent Prayer

OUR PRAYERS

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

Dear God, please humble and teach us your wisdom,
that we do not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the
mouth of the Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Praise:

- We give thanks to Jesus on this day of Communion for dying on the cross for our sins. Praise Him!

Personal needs:

- Health and recovery: Celine's father; Coty's sister Amy; PJ's sister Nancy; Peter Konopka; James Loy; Willie's wife Lyndell; Kwong and Kwong's mother; Albert; Marco's dad (Brother Kin Fat Chen); Maris and Darren; Kathy Mui.
- Peace and strength: Yacer
- Special protection: Peter Mui; Mary Bruno

Our Church:

- The theme this year, *Keep Your Lamps Burning*, will take root in our lives through the Holy Spirit.
- The growth of children and youth ministries.
- The young adults group will form a strong bond and encourage one another to walk closely with Jesus while navigating new stages of their lives.
- Need deacons for the next term, beginning in Jan. 2027.
- Search for the new Pastor.

Our Nation:

- For all levels of government and all public servants to humbly seek God's wisdom and lead in His love and righteousness.
- For God's Spirit to bring reason, calm, justice, and peace to the nation.
- For Spiritual revival and turning to Christ

Our World:

- For peace; for the suffering in all war-affected areas.
- For all who suffered under extreme weather and natural disasters.
- For Japan, Venezuela, Colombia and all those impacted by the earthquakes.
- Please pray for Nepal flood victims, and the ongoing flood rescue mission

Missions:

- For the Gospel of God's love and salvation to reach every nation.
- For missionaries we support: Donna Baptiste, Calvin Chan; Kenny/Cindy Chau; Daniel/Karla Grenz; Paul and Dorothy Lacy; Gordon Law; Linda Schramm; Jerry Schmoyer; Esther T.