



## Hallelujah!

Dear Rachel,

Grace Mission is coming alive again! It is wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work in our midst! There is a growing core group of people who are very committed and hungry to grow spiritually. There is a wider group of regular and occasional visitors who are served and experience God's love for them here.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter were like finding an oasis in the desert, and many coming from non-liturgical backgrounds expressed how deeply meaningful our services were. It was beautiful to watch people sit, deep in prayer after the Good Friday service, enjoying the



## The Widow's Mite

We were recently visited by two young sisters who had never attended church before. The sermon was about the incredibly gracious

presence of God. So we continue to tend and feed this flock the Lord brings to us.

We are steadily relaunching ministries that had paused during COVID: Bible studies, the Grace Kids tutoring program, showers and laundry, hot meals, bagged lunches, clothing, health and social services. Soon, we hope to be able to provide additional support for those members of our community wrestling with addiction and to form an intercessory prayer team.

A big thank you to all who have prayed, given or volunteered over the last months. May God bless you richly!

Deacon Rachel Hill

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The fellowship of the believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the Apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

love of our heavenly Father as revealed in the parable of the prodigal son. The girls stayed for dinner and we had a wonderful conversation, as they had so many questions. I found them each a Bible to take home, and they left happily, promising to come back.

About five minutes later, I was called outside, as one of the girls had decided she wanted to make an offering. She had her money purse with her, and so I fetched the offering plate. She solemnly told me it was a lot of money. When she opened her purse, it was full of coins: cents, dimes, quarters. I asked her how much she wanted to give, and she responded, "All of it!"

She up-ended her purse and emptied it into the offering basket - just over \$5.00 - all that she had. It was so moving to witness this modern day widow's mite. What a beautiful response to God's love!



Volunteers help to serve meals and clean up several times a week.

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## We still need YOU!

Please log in to our SignUpGenius app link below. You will find opportunities to give and to serve.

If you are unfamiliar with how it works click on the blue tab for a tutorial.

Otherwise, please hit the orange tab to see our up to date needs and volunteer opportunities.

For additional questions or ideas, please contact Brenda Christie.

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Thank you so much for your help!

## Volunteer / Donate in kind Here



Nursing students (FSU) brought sunscreen, caps, and gave advice on how to protect your skin while spending hours outdoors.



### Grace Kids - tutoring and mentoring program!

As the Omicron variant waned we were able to secure a full contingent of enthusiastic and energetic volunteers to restart our after school program.

We are thrilled to have Jenna Allmann take the lead. She is completing her Master in Social Work at FSU, with an emphasis on applied behavior analysis, and is also a member of our Episcopal chaplaincy at Ruge Hall.

Jenna has a special vision for helping children overcome the effects of traumatic childhood experiences, and is including emotional intelligence and behavioral activities as well as homework help, tutoring and reading support.

**We are actively seeking a volunteer with a MSW, who can supervise**



We are so thankful for the wonderful FSU students and other volunteers who enable us to offer an almost 1-1 level of attention.

All volunteers go through a full background check and our diocesan Safeguarding God's Children training.

We plan to organize ongoing reading and behavioral support during the summer months. In the fall, we hope to expand our outreach to more children and their families.

Jenna's field placement at Grace Mission. This will enable her to continue into next year!



## Schedule May 2022

**Sundays 4:00-6:30pm**  
Holy Eucharist & Dinner

**Tuesdays 3:30-5:30pm**  
Grace Kid's - tutoring and emotional intelligence program

**Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am**  
Bible study & breakfast

**Wednesdays/Fridays 10:30-12:30pm**  
Hot showers by appointment, laundry

**Thursdays 11:30-1pm**  
Hot meal, bagged lunch, Ability 1st social worker

**Every "Third Thursday" at Grace 11:30-1:30pm**  
Hot meal, clothing giveaway, vaccination drive: COVID, Flu, Hepatitis A, HIV counselling, Ability 1st social worker



### Introducing Michael Francis

Mike has to be Grace Mission's most committed volunteer! When he first arrived in Tallahassee he was taken in by Revs. Sterling and Michael, and his bedroom was what is today our bookkeeper's office! He was confirmed by Bishop Stephen Jecko, and has walked faithfully with the Lord for many years. Since we began to reopen after COVID closure, Mike has patiently painted, driven the buses, been an usher and reader during services, and of late has undertaken a labor of love, keeping the chapel and family room spotless and ready for action. His service is a gift to us, and is invaluable when it comes to keeping God's grace flowing!

**How can we thank God enough for you?**



Many helpful hands made light work of our recent mailing!



Wednesday morning Bible study



Jenna Allman  
a gift from God!



Eagle Scout, Harrison Merrill, of St. John's, created an outdoor seating area under the "Struggling Tree."



Troop members built picnic tables from scratch! Amazing!



Black History Month celebrated in style!



Mountains of bedding



Thanks to FSU's "Chuck It For Charity" campaign.



Sous chef Dennis Halfhill gives us one day of service a week!



Every Thursday we are provided with a delicious home-cooked meal. Grazie mille!



Our shower closet has been restocked thanks to the families of Holy Comforter Episcopal School!



We now have a wonderful percussionist for our services!



A fantastic ministry team!



Michael Thomas (4th from left back row) used to be our bus driver - years ago. He is back and we are now able to collect folks living at the Kearney Center each Sunday.



A gifted board that serves!

## How can I pray for you?

Please pray that God would bless the ministry and service done in His Name!

Give thanks to God for His provision, especially for tutors for the after school program, more kitchen helpers, and a bus driver or two!

Please pray for those struggling to overcome powerful addictions, and those weighed down by depression, shame, and grief.

Please pray for the Lord to raise up older more mature men to encourage and help the young men to persevere and stand firm.

Please pray for an increase in financial partners for this ministry.

Please pray for special protection over all the staff and their families.

Please let us know if we can pray for you too!

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