

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

I am looking forward to summer.

The rhythm of life changes as the days get longer and the sun shines brighter. I am able to get outside more, walking our dog around the block several times a day, running in the early morning light, having dinner with Susan on the roof of our apartment building. I like the pace the warmer weather brings.

Even Sundays are different.

Sunday mornings at Grace are more relaxed and reflective, a perfect time to catch your breath and connect with God. It is an opportunity to sit in silence, listen to the Word of God, hear a great sermon, let beautiful music touch your soul. Our air conditioning system keeps the sanctuary cool and comfortable, and we offer Summer Garden during the 10:30 service so children can have fun learning about God while parents attend worship. Yes, summer is a wonderful time to be in church.

Before we move into our summer routines, though, we want to celebrate another great year at Grace Church.

This coming Sunday, June 7, we have Choir Recognition during the 10:30 service. We will honor our Adult and Children's Choirs and give thanks for the great music which enhances our worship Sunday after Sunday.

Then, immediately following the 10:30 service, we have our annual parish picnic. The picnic is always a great time, with delicious food and fun fellowship, so I hope you will join us. If you do, please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. We'll provide all the main fixings. And, we could use some help cleaning up after the picnic. If you can spare some time, please respond to this email and let me know.

See you then,
Andrew