

150th Birthday for Grace Episcopal Church in Wheatland

In 1874, folks attending this congregation had to travel by foot, horse, or horse and buggy. There were no cars then. Nor were there any phones, radios, TVs, or movies. The streets were not paved. For folks living out of town, it may have taken an hour or more each way to attend church services. Traveling was hot and dusty in the summer and cold and muddy in the winter.

The railroad went through Wheatland back then, but trains were pulled by a steam engine with a caboose in the rear.

In 1874, they sang many of the same songs we sing today. The Bible teachings have not changed.

In 2024, Grace Church welcomes all to attend. It is a small diverse congregation that would love to become the home church for all who would like to bring Jesus closer into their lives.

A cross is the center of the Christian faith. The cross represents the sacrifice of Jesus's life for the salvation of humanity. It also symbolizes the teachings of Jesus.

An interesting feature of this photo is it shows three crosses. One on top of the belltower, one over the entryway, and the shadow cross. Jesus was crucified along with two criminals. Inside

the church there is a large cross behind the altar. Not by intention, the cross casts two faint shadow crosses. Again, three crosses.

Grace Church encourages you to join us for a Sunday 10 AM service. For months with five Sundays, the fifth Sunday service may be held either in Grace Church, or at an Episcopal or Lutheran church in Marysville, Yuba City or Colusa. This information, and much more, is available at Grace Church's **https://gracewheatland.org** website.

Pioneer Memorial Hall in Wheatland is a part of Grace Church. This community center was built in 1914. For being 110 years old this year, the building is in very good shape. The Wheatland Historical Society, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other organizations meet in Pioneer Memorial Hall. Every year Grace Church hosts several events, including a summer evening with Sourdough Slim and a craft fair in the fall. This hall is available for use by the community. Contact Grace Episcopal Church at **gracechurchwheatland@gmail.com** for more information and pricing.