



GRACE
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOSTS
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Chilton



OCT 2023 From YOUR VESTRY

Dear Members of Grace Episcopal Church,

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with the blessings of our beloved community. As a vestry member, I want to take a moment to share with you the vital importance of stewardship in our church and what it truly means to be stewards of this remarkable congregation. Stewardship is a concept that often brings to mind monetary contributions, and indeed, financial support is crucial to sustain our church's mission and ministry. However, I want to emphasize that stewardship goes beyond the dollars we offer in the collection plate each Sunday. It encompasses the giving of our time and the sharing of our unique talents. It's about actively participating in and contributing to the programs and activities that make our church the vibrant and welcoming place that it is.

We all have our favorite aspects of Grace Episcopal Church that enrich our lives and those of others. Whether it's the inspiring Sunday School classes, the engaging Wednesday night Youth activities, the warm and communal Wednesday night dinners after service, the fellowship and conversations during coffee hour after Sunday service, the delightful doughnuts before church that bring a smile to our faces, or the dedicated individuals who read during the service, serve as acolyte mentors, or are part of the altar guild – all of these elements are part of what makes our congregation special.

These cherished programs and traditions require not just our appreciation but our active involvement and support. If we love these aspects of our church, we have a responsibility to help keep them going. Your time, your skills, and your passion can make a significant difference in ensuring these programs thrive and continue to touch the lives of our members and the broader community.

Additionally, I'd like to highlight that your stewardship contributions, including monetary ones, play a pivotal role in supporting the outreach ministries of our church. Your generosity reaches far beyond our walls and extends to organizations such as Crosslines, Lafayette House, and our ongoing ministry in Haiti. It also addresses the pressing needs within our own community. Your stewardship makes a tangible impact on those less fortunate, spreading the love and compassion that define our congregation.

We have launched our annual stewardship campaign, a time where we all have the opportunity to reflect on how we can contribute to our church's growth and mission. I urge you to consider how you can give of your time, your talents, and your financial resources to support the programs and ministries that mean the most to you.

Let us come together as a congregation, united in our commitment to stewardship, and ensure that Grace Episcopal Church continues to be a beacon of light and love in our community. Your contributions, in whatever form, are invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your dedication to our church, your generosity, and your unwavering support. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we touch, both within and beyond our congregation.

With gratitude and blessings,

Elaine Wurst
Vestry Member
Grace Episcopal Church

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Chris Hunter, Ceri Otero,
Dillon Kendall, Sam Lynch
- 3 Jeff Bell
- 4 Shary Lee
- 5 Cathy Thompson
- 7 Emily Kester
- 8 Pam White
- 9 Kirk Pierce
- 10 Mike Sneed
- 12 Jenny Martindale
- 13 Robin Frink, Madi Kyger
- 15 Crystal Stiles 16 Jeff Dankelson
- 17 Connor Wilkowski
- 18 Roger Kirby, Maranda Miles,
Jeremy Rodriguez
- 21 Dale Hopp
- 23 Serena Haffner
- 25 Harry Kester
- 26 Lisa Daugherty
- 27 Pat Cowan, Nic Smith
- 28 Scott Stone, Karma McGinnis
- 29 Julio Ovalle, Leslie Rodriguez

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 David & Liz Foster
- 3 Jimmy & Samantha Slates
- 10 Daniel & Stephanie Lynch
- 14 Ernesto & Maura Lao
- 15 Nic & Amanda Smith
- 17 Kirk & Piper Pierce,
Michael & Bonnie Tolle
- 18 Chris & Beth Kang
- 21 Harpo & Sally Clapper

VESTRY

The Stewardship breakfast was well received. Pledges have already been turned in for the coming year. Those who were not present at the breakfast should have received mailings with Stewardship information and pledge cards. If you haven't received a packet, call office. Please return the pledge cards by October 22. For the current year, pledge donations need to pick up if we are going to break even by the end of the year.

Youth programming is in full swing and off to a great start. The first Episcopal 101 class had 17 in attendance. The Parking Lot Party was a big success with increased attendance from last year. Father Jose reported that repairs needed to the Rectory at St. Nicholas - Noel are underway and will hopefully be completed soon.

A proposal to feed lunches to youth during the summer months when Bright Futures is not in operation was discussed. It is estimated that it would be \$6,400 to feed 50-100 youth for two months. We will continue to discuss this outreach with the goal of putting it into action in 2024.

The Vestry also continued the discussion of how to address the plumbing issues. A committee was established to create a plan for moving forward that can be discussed and voted on at future meetings.

The PARISH PRAYER LIST

St Luke's: Louise Barton, Tom Huntley, Mary Lambert

Oak Pointe: Nancy Frerer, Richard Goolsby, Lida McCulloch

Wildwood: Helen Moss

Moberly: Eric Adams *OKC:* Kay Graham

Lockwood: Edith Walters

College View: Roger & Sherrie Stinnett

Parishioners: Terry Chilton, Sue Friede, Marilyn Kelley, Frank Lane, Karen Rouse, Steve Wampler, Andrew White, Tracy Wilkowski, Vincent Wilkowski, Hans Ytell

Current: Tiffany Bennett, Jim Bracht, Alyson Brown, Pete & Carole Butkus, Sue Butler, David Crough, Addison Daniel, Mary Daugherty, Dolly Gaddy, Julie Giblin, Cindy Hoover, Dave Johnson, Janice Johnson, Robert Johnson, Bob Karraker, Tammy Larimore, Patrick McCarthy, Don Meadows, Chelsea Miley, Mary Moss, James Ray Nail, Claude Newport, Ginia Oehlschlager, Randy Orscheln, Nick Platt, Leigh Salyer, Morgan Schott, Murphy Seim, Krystal Transeau, Charli Trimble, Brenda Weir, Lynn Yankie, Yulia

Our Seminarians,
Katie Mansfield & Jory Mertens

SAINT'S MASS

18 St Luke, 6 pm

28 St Simon & St Jude, 5 pm

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

KC Lovin, cousin of Sydney Clark,
Sept 11

Delores Arner, parishioner and mother of
Connie Leek, Sept 2

Bill McNew, parishioner, requiem Oct 28

MAILING ADDRESS

CHANGE or NEW

Nancy Williams, 3 McKnight PL
#203 Saint Louis MO 63124

Michele Sexton, 2729 King Louis St
Henderson NV 89044

Angel Lopez & Selena Gomez, 1632
S Country Club Rd, Carthage Mo
64836

Patrick Bachelder, 426 Lyon, Apt A,
Carthage MO 34836

SAVE the DATE

4 Pet Blessing, 6 pm

4 & 11 Delivering Meals on Wheels

5 & 19 Episcopal 101, 6 pm

10 & 24 Knitters 6 pm

14 St Luke's Event 1 pm

15 Men of Grace, Maple Leaf Kick-off
Breakfast between services

25 Blessing of Costumes: 6 pm, Boofet:
6:30 pm, Trunk or Treat: 7 pm

27 & 28 Play

Nov 3 & 4 Play

5 Even Song 6 pm

La iglesia está espiritualmente unida a Jesucristo.

En los Evangelios, Jesús le dijo a los que serían sus discípulos que lo siguieran. Sin embargo, la relación actual entre Cristo y sus seguidores es mayor, más profunda, y más alta que ésta: “Cristo en ustedes, la esperanza de la gloria” (Col. 1:27). Ninguna otra religión se expresa de esa forma sobre la relación entre su líder y sus seguidores. Esta es la unión espiritual entre Cristo y la iglesia; estamos en Cristo y Cristo está en nosotros. Esta unión espiritual con Cristo es lo que nos une como iglesia. La presencia permanente del Rey Dador de Vida reside dentro de cada uno de nosotros y nos ha hecho uno en Cristo.

El Señor Jesucristo es la cabeza de la iglesia. A menudo la iglesia es rechazada por las cosas que sus miembros hacen o dejan de hacer. Pero el estándar por el cual medimos lo que la iglesia debe ser no está definido por algún líder o miembro de la iglesia. Cristo es el estándar. Él es la cabeza de la iglesia, y la iglesia es el cuerpo de Cristo. La iglesia está a salvo y segura en Él, de la misma manera que no puedes ahogarte con la cabeza fuera del agua. “La iglesia está llena de hipócritas”, se quejan algunos. ¡Pero Cristo no es hipócrita! Y si Cristo no es un hipócrita, es digno de nuestra confianza y obediencia, ¡incluso si nos dice que salgamos con un grupo de hipócritas!

La iglesia es lo más valioso en la tierra. Pablo exhortó a los ancianos de Éfeso: “Tengan cuidado de sí mismos y de toda la congregación, en medio de la cual el Espíritu Santo les ha hecho obispos para pastorear la iglesia de Dios, la cual Él compró con Su propia sangre” (Hch. 20:28). La iglesia es el rebaño de Dios, comprada con la sangre de Cristo. No hay ninguna institución en el mundo más valiosa que ella: ni la familia, ni los negocios, ni el gobierno. Hay muchas causas dignas en el mundo que merecen nuestro apoyo. Pero ninguna causa secular debería usurpar nuestro compromiso con la iglesia por la cual Cristo murió. La iglesia es la esperanza del mundo.

La iglesia es la realización del propósito eterno de Dios. La Escritura no es una colección accidental de cuentos, poesías, y cartas. Es el desarrollo de un plan divino. Este plan de Dios se inició en la eternidad pasada y se logrará plenamente en la eternidad futura. La iglesia es esencial para el propósito eterno de Dios. A Pablo le fue concedido “sacar a la luz cuál es la dispensación del misterio que por los siglos ha estado oculto en Dios, creador de todas las cosas. De este modo, la infinita sabiduría de Dios puede ser dada a conocer ahora por medio de la iglesia a los principados y potestades en los *lugares celestiales*” (Ef. 3:9-10). La iglesia no es incidental al plan de Dios, es la plataforma de la gloria de Dios en los lugares celestiales.

With the start of our Fall 2023 – Spring 2024 Program Year at Grace Church some changes were made due to capacity needs and volunteer changes. The Junior High School and High School Youth Groups were combined and moved to the EpiscoPad next door to the church. With that our Youth Group on Wednesday night has been invited to make the EpiscoPad their own... with some thoughtful direction from the adult volunteers. They have already begun doing this work and now need our help as a congregation. The Youth Group has assembled a list of items and materials they would need to transform the EpiscoPad as their own.

Some of these items and materials include:

- Microwave
- New lighting
- Paint
- Clear totes and storage racks
- New window blinds
- Area rugs

These are only some of the items and materials needed by our Junior High and High School Youth Groups. If you feel called or want to help our young people acquire their necessary items, please email Fr. Collin at associate@gracecarthage.com or call the church office 417-358-4631 and ask for Fr. Collin.

ST FRANCIS DAY PET BLESSING with RECEPTION

Join us on Wednesday, October 4th at 6 pm for our pet blessing and reception hosted by the Hospitality Team. This service is open and welcome to everyone, people, and animal alike. Any donations given will go to the Carthage Humane Society.

WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!



MARIAN WALL

On the Southeast corner of the Parish House you may notice the growing collection of icons, images, etc. of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is intended to be a place where, as you find or need to part with an image, icon, etc. of the Blessed Virgin Mary it can be added to the collection on our Marian Wall. If you have any questions, or want to add something to the collection, please see Fr Joe or Fr Collin and speak with them.

VESTRY NOMINEES

Those interested in running for the Church Vestry 2024 should sign up in the Parish Hall.

Qualifications:

Be known to the Treasurer

Member in good standing

Taken communion at least 6 times in the past year

Sixteen years of age or older

About Vestry:

Vestry meets once a month on a Tuesday

Three year term—Voting for four

Sign-up until **Oct. 15**

Further questions contact Fr Joe

The Grace Players will be

performing

"A Haunting We Will Go"

October 27 & 28

and

Nov 3 & 4

If you are interested in helping or have any other questions please feel free to reach out to

Fr. Joe at

priest@gracecarthage.com

Ole World Market

Dec 1 & 2

**TEA & THEE LADIES
FELLOWSHIP
Every Wed, 10 am**

NEEDED

Altar Guild Helpers

For more info call Debby Orr
417-850-3433

**BIBLE STUDY
Every Thurs, 11 am**

In-person or via Zoom (link sent weekly
to email list)

**ST LUKE'S EVENT
2nd Sat, Oct 14, 1 pm**

Fun, Crafts & Refreshments
Come out and enjoy the fun!

**FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP
Every Thurs, 3 pm**

Pull up a chair and make new friends!

**MEN of GRACE FELLOWSHIP
1st & 3rd Sat, 9 am**

Men of the parish are invited to join in
the fellowship and activities.

Breakfast Oct 15 between morning
services

**BLESSING OF COSTUMES
TRUNK or TREAT
Wed, Oct 25**

Mass will start at 6 pm in the church.
During that time, be sure and wear
your costumes for the blessing of
costumes. After the mass will be the
Boofet of Terror. Weather permit-
ting at 7 pm, the trunks will have
been decorated on the parking lot
and the treats will begin. There will
be a prize for the Best Decorated
Trunk
(word has it, it might be \$100!)

**VESTRY
Tuesday, Oct 17, 5:30 pm**

**KNITTERS
Tues, Oct 10 & 24, 6 pm**

GRACE GIFT SHOP
Hours: Tues. 9 am—1 pm
Thurs. 1—5 pm
Sunday Morning
Many NEW Items
RUTH HARTMAN 471-388-3955

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ENDS
NOV 5**

Saturday, before retiring for the
night, turn clocks BACK one hour.

MINISTERS of WORSHIP: OCTOBER

XVIII PENTECOST

Sun, Oct 1: 8 am

Reader: Shirley Gollhofer

Prayers/*Chalice*/ Server: Bill Putnam

Sacristan: Becky Edds

XVIII PENTECOST

10:30 am

OT: Barbara Mountjoy

NT/*Chalice*: Austin Rhymer

Prayers/*Chalice*: Andy Lynch

Mentor: Tracy Wilkowski

Server: AJ Rhymer

Cross: Connor Wilkowski

Torches: Lincoln & Barrett Cook

Sacristan: Becky Edds

AV: Elisa White

Ushers: Jack & Jeanie Slates

Flower Delivery: Ann Ulmer,

Pat Brown

Wed, Oct 4: 6 pm

Reader: Regina Newport

Chalice: Jory Mertens

Sacristan: Becky Edds

Fri, Oct 6: 10 am

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat, Oct 7: 9 am

Sacristan: Becky Edds

5 pm

Reader/*Chalice*: Michael Goolsby

Sacristan: Beth McDaniel

XIX PENTECOST

Sun, Oct 8: 8 am

Reader: Ashley Rouse

Chalice/Prayers/Server: Chuck Edds

Sacristan: Connie Leek

XIX PENTECOST Oct 8

10:30 am

OT: Paige Rhymer

NT/*Chalice*: Michael Goolsby

Prayers/*Chalice*: Austin Rhymer

Mentor: Kirby Newport

Cross: Brooklyn Rhymer

Server: Paige Rhymer

Torches: Alana Harris &

Allie Rhymer

Sacristan: Connie Leek

AV: Jennifer Rhymer

Ushers: Max Hill &

Steve Erwin

Flower Delivery: Zelma & Julie

Wed, Oct 11: 6 pm

Reader/*Chalice*: Jon Haffner

Sacristan: Connie Leek

Fri, Oct 13: 10 am

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat, Oct 14: 9 am

Sacristan: Connie Leek

5 pm

Reader/*Chalice*:

Sacristan: Connie Leek

XX PENTECOST

Sun, Oct 15: 8 am

Reader: Ashley Rouse

Chalice/Server:

Prayers: Shirley Gollhofer

Sacristan: Elisa White

XX PENTECOST Oct 15**10:30 am**

OT/Chalice: Ruth Hartman
NT: Regina Newport
Prayers/Chalice: Larry Hartman
Mentor: Elisa White
Servers: A J Rhymer
Cross: Connor Wilkowski
Torches: Barrett & Lincoln Cook
Ushers: Chris Orr & Tom Flanigan
Sacristan: Elisa White
AV: Jim Wakefield

Flower Delivery: Diann Ferguson
 Cathy Thompson

Wed, Oct 18: 6 pm

Reader: AJ Rhymer
Chalice: Austin Rhymer

Sacristan: Elisa White

Fri, Oct 20, 10 am

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat, Oct 21: 9 am

Sacristan: Elisa White

5 pm

Reader/Chalice: Bill Putnam

Sacristan: Elisa White

XXI PENTECOST**Sun, Oct 22: 8 am**

Reader/Chalice/Server: Bill Putnam

Prayers: Ashley Rouse

Sacristan: Beth McDaniel

XXII PENTECOST Sun, Oct 29: 8 am

Reader: Ashley Rouse

Chalice/Server: Chuck Edds *Prayers:* Shirley Gollhofer *Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

XXII PENTECOST 10:30 am

OT: Regina Newport

NT/Chalice: Andy Lynch *Prayers/Chalice:* Mark Sponaugle

Server: AJ Rhymer *Torches:* Ruth Hartman & Elaine Wurst

Cross: Larry Hartman *Ushers:* Richard Ralston & Jimmy Grimes

Sacristan: Becky Edds *AV:* Jim Wakefield *Flowers:* Jeanne Goolsby

XXI PENTECOST Oct 22**10:30 am**

OT: Brian Jones
NT/Chalice: Michael Goolsby
Prayers/Chalice: Andy Lynch
Mentor: Elaine Wurst
Server: Tristan Lynch
Cross: Trenton Lynch
Torches: Peyton Lynch & Carson Stremke
Ushers: Jim Wakefield & Allie Rhymer

Sacristan: Beth McDaniel

AV: Mike Robertson & Brooklyn Rhymer

Flower Delivery: Jeanne Goolsby

Wed, Oct 25: 6 pm

Reader/Chalice: Jory Mertens

Sacristan: Beth McDaniel

Fri, Oct 27, 10 am

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat, Oct 28: 9 am

Sacristan: Beth McDaniel

5 pm

Reader/Chalice: Michael Goolsby

Sacristan: Beth McDaniel

DAILY READINGS in OCT 2023

XVIII PENTECOST Sun, Oct 1: *Exodus 17:1-7, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32*

Mon, Oct 2: *II Kings 17:24-41, I Corinthians 7:25-31, Matthew 6:25-34*

Tues, Oct 3: *II Chronicles 29:1-3, 30:1-27, I Corinthians 7:32-40, Matthew 7:1-12*

Wed, Oct 4: *II Kings 18:9-25, I Corinthians 8:1-13, Matthew 7:13-21*

Thurs, Oct 5: *II Kings 18:28-37, I Corinthians 9:1-15, Matthew 7:22-29*

Fri, Oct 6: *II Kings 19:1-20, I Corinthians 9:16-27, Matthew 8:1-17*

Sat, Oct 7: *II Kings 19:21-36, I Corinthians 10:1-13, Matthew 8:18-27*

XIX PENTECOST, Sun, Oct 8: *Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Phil 3:4b-14, Mt 21:33-46*

Mon, Oct 9: *II Kings 21:1-18, I Cor 10:14—11:1, Mt 8:28-34*

Tues, Oct 10: *II Kings 22:1-13, I Cor 11:2, 17-22, Mt 9:1-8*

Wed, Oct 11: *II Kings 22:14—23:3, I Cor 11:23-34, Mt 9:9-17*

Thurs, Oct 12: *II Kings 23:4-25, I Cor 12:1-11, Mt 9:18-26*

Fri, Oct 13: *II Kings 23:36—24:17, I Cor 12:12-26, Mt 9:27-34*

Sat, Oct 14: *Jeremiah 35:1-19, I Cor 12:27—13:3, Mt 9:35—10:4*

XX PENTECOST, Sun, Oct 15: *Ex 32:1-14, Phil 4:1-9, Mt 22:1-14*

Mon, Oct 16: *Jer 36:11-26, I Cor 13:1-13, Mt 10:5-15*

Tues, Oct 17: *Jer 36:27—37:2, I Cor 14:1-12, Mt 10:16-23*

Wed, Oct 18: *Ecclesiasticus 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-14, II Tim 4:5-13, Luke 4:14-21*

Thurs, Oct 19: *Jer 38:1-13, I Cor 14:26-33a, 37-40. Mt 10:34-42*

Fri, Oct 20: *Jer 38:14-28, I Cor 15:1-11, Mt 11:1-6*

Sat, Oct 21: *II Kings 25:8-12, 22-26, I Cor 15: 12-29, Mt 11:7-15*

XXI PENTECOST, Sun, Oct 22: *Ex 33:12-23, I Thessalonians 1:1-10, Mt 22:15-22*

Mon, Oct 23: *Acts 15:22-22a, I Cor 15:1-11, Mt 13:54-58*

Tues, Oct 24: *Lamentations 1:1-12, I Cor 15:41-50, Mt 11:25-30*

Wed, Oct 25: *Lam 2:8-15, I Cor 15:51-58, Mt 12:1-14*

Thurs, Oct 26: *Ezra 1:1-11, I Cor 16:1-9, Mt 12:15-21*

Fri, Oct 27: *Ezra 3:1-13, I Cor 16:10-24, Mt 12:22-32*

Sat, Oct 28: *Deuteronomy 32:1-4, Ephesians 2:13-22, John 15:17-27*

XXII PENTECOST, Sun, Oct 29: *Deut 34:1-12, 1 Thess 2:1-8, Mt 22:34-46*

Mon, Oct 30: *Zechariah 1:7-17, Rev 1:4-20, Mt 12:43-50*

Tues, Oct 31: *Ezra 5:1-17, Rev 4:1-11, Mt 13:1-9*

