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From the Desk of The Rev. Joe Pierjok

SPIRIT of GRACE

GRACE CHURCH, 820 Howard St, PO Box 596,
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ADDITION TO STAFF

It is with great joy that I write to you today to share some exciting news. It is my pleasure to announce that I have hired Spencer Orr to join our staff at Grace Episcopal Church as our Parish Administrator. This will be an addition to our current staff. Spencer will begin in his role as Parish Administrator on Tuesday, October 1st. In his role as Parish Administrator, Spencer will work closely with me overseeing all the day to day operations of the church office, and building needs and use. It is my belief that the impact of this new position will be seen and felt immediately and allow the two clergy to spend much more time meeting with parishioners, offering more intentional pastoral care, and offer both more time to focus on liturgy, and educational offerings.



Please join me in congratulating and welcoming
Mr. Spencer Orr!

**COFFEE
HOSTS**

OCT.

Cindy &
Terry
Chilton



**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Chris Hunter, Ceri Otero, Dillon Kendall, Sam Lynch
- 4 Shary Lee 5 Cathy Thompson
- 7 Emily Kester 8 Pam White
- 9 Kirk Pierce 12 Jenny Martindale
- 13 Robin Frink
- 14 Annette Mara, Dylan Hernandez
- 15 Crystal Stiles
- 18 Roger Kirby, Maranda Miles
- 19 Alicia Lopez 20 Bonnie Pugh
- 21 Dale Hopp 23 Serena Haffner
- 24 Matt Willingham
- 25 Cathy Hauser, Harry Kester
- 26 Leigh Salyer, Lisa Daugherty
- 27 Pat Cowan, Nic Smith
- 28 Scott Stone, Karma McGinnis
- 29 Julio Ovalle

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Jimmy & Samantha Slates
- 4 Matt & Audrey Willingham
- 10 Dan & Stephanie Lynch
- 14 Ernesto & Maura Lazo
- 15 Nicolas & Amanda Smith
- 17 Kirk & Piper Pierce,
Michael & Bonnie Tolle
- 18 Chris & Beth Kang

VESTRY

At the recent vestry meeting, several important updates were shared. The sacristy floor installation is underway, with trim needed by Sept. 16th for the Bishop Candidates' Meet and Greet. Fr. Joe reported that the Parish Administrator position has four applicants, with one interview completed. The vestry is encouraged to serve as table leaders for the Parish Stewardship Breakfast on Sept. 22.

Paige Rhymer has been hired as the new sexton, and Fr. Joe is pleased to announce a \$6,000 grant and a \$4,000 donation for the food program.

In property news, the roof will need to be replaced due to faulty installation at some point even though there is no leaking or other problems currently, and bids are being gathered.

The playground and butterfly garden projects are also moving forward, with the Hess family committed to maintaining the VBS Butterfly Garden.

Lastly, discussions on a new Legacy Society initiative are ongoing.

The PARISH PRAYER LIST

St Luke's: Louise Barton, Ann Carter, Tom Huntley, Karen Rouse

Oak Pointe: Richard Goolsby, Lida McCulloch

Wildwood: Helen Moss

Moberly: Eric Adams *OKC:* Kay Graham

Lockwood: Edith Walters

College View: Roger & Sherrie Stinnett

Foxberry Terrace: Connie Moss

Parishioners: Sue Godsey, Marilyn Kelley, Frank Lane, Gregg Vinson, Steve Wampler, Tracey Wilkowski, Vincent Wilkowski, Bill Wilson, Hans Ytell

Current: Lisa Bannerman, Micky Boyer, Jim Bracht, Barry Brown, Rilann Burnett, Stacie (Barkley) Cox, Heather Dabney, Carla Day, Jim Hunter, Jennifer Jeffries, Robert Johnson, Dennis Lane, Tiffany Leigh, Lopez & Macias Familie, Hillary Louise, Angie Miller, Gene Mitchell, Jane Mitchell, Ginia Oehlschlager, Mannie & Connie Orr, Lauren Petticrew, Greg Pierjok, J D Sample, Jeff Sawyer, Suzy Seim, Greg Turner, Kevin Watts, Dixie Wolf, Carolyn Wyatt, Michelle

Seminarian, Jory Mertens

BOOK Group, Wed Nights, 6:45 pm

Starts Oct 9

“Story of a Soul”

PLAY PRESENTATION, has been **POSTPONED**, Oct 25 & 26, and Nov 1 & 2, **“One in a Million”**

October Dates to Remember

2 Pet Blessing & Reception 6 pm

9, 16, & 23 Book Group 6:45 pm

12 Women's Bible Study

30 Blessing of Costumes & Trunk & Treat 6 pm

SAVE the DATE

TEA & THEE LADIES

FELLOWSHIP

Every Wed, 10 am

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thurs, 11 am

In-person or via Zoom

QUILTERS

Every Thurs, noon

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.

KNITTERS

Second & Fourth Tues,

Oct 8 & 22,

6 pm

CAREGIVERS

Third Tues, Oct 15, 2 pm

VESTRY

Third Tues, Oct 15, 5:30 pm

Promesas de Dios.

Según algunas estimaciones, hay alrededor de 5,000 promesas de Dios en la Biblia. Nuestro Dios es un Dios que hace promesas y cuando las hace, las cumple. Dios hizo promesas a todos los principales líderes de la Biblia, como Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Daniel y Pablo.

“Dios no es un hombre, por lo tanto, no miente. Él no es humano, por lo tanto, no cambia de parecer. ¿Alguna vez prometió sin cumplir?” Números 23:19

Puedes basar tu vida en una variedad de factores diferentes, desde tu propia inteligencia, estudios, hasta tu propio talento y experiencia. Pero también puedes elegir basar tu vida en las promesas de Dios. He aquí algunas de las promesas importantes de Dios.

No estaré Solo: Al encontrarnos frente a diversas adversidades debemos recordar lo que dice Isaías 43:2 “Cuando pases por las aguas, yo estaré contigo; y si por los ríos, no te anegarán.” Esto me da seguridad y confianza que no estoy solo.

Viviré muchos Años: En Proverbios 3:2-3 dice: “¡Nunca permitas que la lealtad ni la bondad te abandonen! Si así lo haces, vivirás muchos años, y tu vida te dará satisfacción”. Hay una correlación directa en vivir una vida de respeto hacia los demás y la promesa de vivir muchos años con satisfacción, pues habrá paz por todas partes.

Cosecharé Bendición: En Gálatas 6:9 dice “Así que no nos cansemos de hacer el bien. A su debido tiempo, cosecharemos numerosas bendiciones si no nos damos por vencidos”. Esta promesa nos asegura que si trabajamos diligentemente y no nos damos por vencidos Dios promete bendiciones para mi vida.

Tendré Descanso y Paz: Esto es lo que menos encontramos en el mundo moderno en que vivimos y por ello Jesús enfatizó esta promesa en Mateo 11:28 “Vengan a mí todos los que están cansados y llevan cargas pesadas, y yo les daré descanso”.

Tendré vida después de la Muerte: Posiblemente una de las más poderosas promesas es que hay vida después de la muerte porque Jesús dice en Juan 14:2-3 “Voy, pues, a preparar lugar para vosotros. Y si me fuere y os preparare lugar, vendré otra vez, y os tomaré a mí mismo, para que donde yo estoy, vosotros también estéis”.

Dios es un Dios de pactos y promesas y lo más importante es que Él cumple. Josué lo experimentó diciendo en Josué 21:45 “Ni una sola de todas las buenas promesas que el Señor le había hecho a la familia de Israel quedó sin cumplirse; todo lo que él había dicho se hizo realidad”.

Todas las promesas de Dios, sin embargo, vienen con una premisa. Es decir, Dios no reparte regalos a todos por igual a diestra y siniestra. Él provee promesas a quienes creen, son obedientes, y viven bajo sus principios.

Si Dios lo cumplido con todos los personajes de la Biblia puedo tener total certeza que también lo hará conmigo y con toda mi descendencia. Es por ello que debo de basar mi vida en las promesas de Dios.

Just last month in September from Sunday the 15th to Saturday the 21st all four of our nominees for the next bishop diocesan of West Missouri were here in the flesh with us touring and getting to know our diocese better. For five whole days our nominees traveled across a significant portion of our diocese, being able to speak to and hear from numerous members of the diocese representing just about every single parish and they were able to get an up close and personal look at the sacred spaces we cherish across the diocese. I cannot thank each of you enough for showing Grace Church's exceptional hospitality to our nominees and siblings in Christ from across the diocese. Grace Church hosted the largest event (by attendance) during the whole week. This is something to be super proud of! Beyond the fun of the meet and greets, the even more difficult days of discernment are ahead of us as we approach our bishop election in November, just two days after our presidential election for the country. This is a big deal and there is no easier way to say it matters than to say it matters. Who our next bishop is makes a world of difference for each of us. This is our chief priest and pastor, our guide, our discipline, our voice to the wider church, and the list goes on. We are a church of bishops. Taking the time to carefully and seriously pray for each and every one of our nominees is part of our work as Christians in this place. Please include our nominees and the diocese in your daily prayers and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern who is called to be our next bishop. When you feel you have done the careful and prayerful work of discernment, please share with each of our delegates and the clergy of this parish who will represent you at diocesan convention your thoughts and opinions on who you believe is called to be our next bishop from our slate of nominees. It is incredibly important that we hear from you in this process. If you ever have any questions about this process or how it all works, please do not hesitate to ask me or Fr. Joe any questions, we would be happy to help. As a reminder, your delegates representing Grace Church this year at the diocesan convention are Becky Edds, Chuck Edds, Ruth Hartman, Debby Orr, Spencer Orr, Jennifer Rhymer, Mark Sponaugle, Zelma Watts, and Elisa White. Our alternates for convention are Alyssa Hess, Shirley Gollhofer, and Mark Jones. Delegates to convention are elected every year at our parish annual meeting. For more information related to the Bishop Search process or to listen to the meet and greet Q&As from September. Go to diowestmo.org and follow the Bishop Search links.

Fr. Collin Larimore

MINISTERS of WORSHIP: OCTOBER

Wed, Oct 2: 6 pm

Reader: A.J. Rhymer
Chalice: Austin Rhymer
Sacristan: Zelma Watts

Fri, Oct 4: 10 am

Sacristan: Sue Neely
Reader: Carole Pryor
Server: Mark Jones

Sat, Oct 5: 9am

Sacristan: Cindy Chilton

5 pm

Reader: Leigh Salyer
Chalice: Michael Goolsby
Sacristan: Jeanie Slates

XX PENTECOST

Sun, Oct 6: 8 am

Reader: Shirley Gollhofer
Chalice/Prayers/Server: Bill Putnam
Sacristan: Shirley Gollhofer

XX PENTECOST 10:30 am

OT: Barbara Mountjoy
NT/Chalice: Elaine Wurst
Prayers/Chalice: Austin Rhymer
Mentor: Tracy Wilkowski
Server: Connor Wilkowski
Cross: Sam Hess
Torches: Allie Rhymer & Owen Hess
Sacristan: Cindy Chilton
AV: Jennifer Rhymer
Ushers: Larry & Ruth Hartman
Flower Delivery: Gloria Gubser & Peggy Ralston

Wed, Oct 9: 6 pm

Reader/Chalice: Jon Haffner
Sacristan: Zelma Watts

Fri, Oct 11: 10 am

Sacristan: Sue Neely
Reader: Zelma Watts
Server: Mark Jones

Sat, Oct 12: 9 am

Sacristan: Jeanie Slates

5 pm

Reader/Chalice: Bill Putnam
Sacristan: Jeanie Slates

XXI PENTECOST

Sun, Oct 13: 8 am

Reader: Ashley Rouse
Chalice/Server: Chuck Edds
Prayers: Mark Sponaugle
Sacristan: Shirley Gollhofer

XXI PENTECOST

Oct 13: 10:30 am

OT: Michelle Theerman
NT: AJ Rhymer
Chalice: Austin Rhymer
Prayers/Chalice: Michael Goolsby
Mentor: Jennifer Rhymer
Cross: Allie Rhymer
Server: Brooklyn Rhymer
Torches: Peyton Lynch & Carson Stremke
Sacristan: Cindy Chilton
AV: Elisa White & Alana Harris
Ushers: Max Hill & Steve Erwin
Flower Delivery: Zelma Watts & Julie Anderson

Wed, Oct 16: 6 pm

Reader: Paige Rhymer
Chalice: A. J. Rhymer
Sacristan: Cindy Chilton

Fri, Oct 18: 10 am

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Reader: Carole Pryor

Server: Mark Jones

Sat, Oct 19: 9 am

Sacristan: Cindy Chilton

5 pm

Reader/Chalice: Michael Goolsby

Sacristan: Jeanie Slates

XXII PENTECOST

Sun, Oct 20: 8 am

Reader/Chalice/Server: Bill Putnam

Prayers: Shirley Gollhofer

Sacristan: Shirley Gollhofer

XXII PENTECOST

Oct 20: 10:30 am

OT/Chalice: Ruth Hartman

NT: Regina Newport

Prayers/Chalice: Larry Hartman

Mentor: Elisa White

Servers: Alana Harris

Cross: Sam Hess

Torches: Barrett & Lincoln Cook

Ushers: Chris Orr & Zach Hess

Sacristan: Jennifer Rhymer

AV: Jim Wakefield & Allie Rhymer

Flower Delivery: Diann Ferguson &

Cathy Thompson

Wed, Oct 23: 6 pm

Reader/Chalice: Jory Mertens

Sacristan: Zelma Watts

Fri, Oct 25: 10 am

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Reader: Zelma Watts

Server: Mark Jones

Sat, Oct 26: 9 am

Sacristan: Jeanie Slates

5 pm

Reader/Chalice: Michael Goolsby

Sacristan: Jeanie Slates

XXIII PENTECOST

Sun, Oct 27: 8 am

Reader/Chalice/Server: Chuck Edds

Prayers: Ashley Rouse

Sacristan: Shirley Gollhofer

XXIII PENTECOST

Sun, Oct 27: 10:30am

OT: Leigh Salyer

NT: Nic Smith

Chalice: Jennifer Rhymer

Prayers/Chalice: Andy Lynch

Mentor: Elaine Wurst

Server: Trenton Lynch

Cross: Walker Lasley

Torches: Peyton Lynch &

Carson Stremke

Ushers: Jim Wakefield &

Allie Rhymer

Sacristan: Cindy Chilton

AV: Mike Robertson &

Brooklyn Rhymer

Flower Delivery: Jeanne Goolsby

Wed, Oct 30: 6 pm

Reader: Regina Newport

Chalice: Jory Mertens

Sacristan: Zelma Watts

DAILY READINGS in OCTOBER 2024

Tues, Oct 1: *Hosea 4:1-10, Acts 21:1-14, Luke 5:12-26*

Wed, Oct 2: *Hosea 4:11-19, Acts 21:15-26, Luke 5:27-39*

Thurs, Oct 3: *Hosea 5:8—6:6, Acts 21:27-36, Luke 6:1-11*

Fri, Oct 4: *Hosea 10:1-15, Acts 21:37—22:16, Luke 6:12-26*

Sat, Oct 5: *Hosea 11:1-9, Acts 22:17-29, Luke 6:27-38*

XX PENTECOST, Sun, Oct 6: *Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16*

Mon, Oct 7: *Hosea 14:1-9, Acts 22:30—23:11, Luke 6:39-49*

Tues, Oct 8: *Micah 1:1-9, Acts 23:12-24, Luke 7:1-17*

Wed, Oct 9: *Micah 2:1-13, Acts 23:23-35, Luke 7:18-35*

Thurs, Oct 10: *Micah 3:1-8, Acts 24:1-23, Luke 7:36-50*

Fri, Oct 11: *Micah 3:9—4:5, Acts 24:24—25:12, Luke 8:1-15*

Sat, Oct 12: *Micah 5:1-4, 10-15, Acts 25:13-27, Luke 8:16-25*

XXI PENTECOST, Sun, Oct 13: *Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31*

Mon, Oct 14: *Micah 7:1-7, Acts 26:1-23, Luke 8:26-39*

Tues, Oct 15: *Jonah 1:1-17a, Acts 26:24—27:8, Luke 8:40-56*

Wed, Oct 16: *Jonah 1:17—2:10, Acts 27:9-26, Luke 9:1-17*

Thurs, Oct 17: *Jonah 3:1—4:11, Acts 27:27-44, Luke 9:18-27*

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

Sat, Oct 19: *Ecclesiasticus 3:17-31, Acts 28:17-31, Luke 9:37-50*

XXII PENTECOST, Sun, Oct 20: *Job 38:1-7, 34-41, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45*

Mon, Oct 21: *Ecclesiasticus 4:20—5:7, Revelation 7:1-8, Luke 9:51-62*

Tues, Oct 22: *Ecclesiasticus 6:5-17, Revelation 7:9-17, Luke 10:1-16*

Wed, Oct 23: *Acts 15:12-22a, I Corinthians 15:1-11, Matthew 13:54-58*

Thurs, Oct 24: *Ecclesiasticus 10:1-18, Revelation 9:1-12, Luke 10:25-37*

Fri, Oct 25: *Ecclesiasticus 11:2-20, Revelation 9:13-21, Luke 10:38-42*

Sat, Oct 26: *Ecclesiasticus 15:9-20, Revelation 10:1-11, Luke 11:1-13*

XXIII PENTECOST, Sun, Oct 27: *Job:42:1-6, 10-17, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52*

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

Tues, Oct 29: *Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12, Revelation 11:14-19, Luke 11:27-36*

Wed, Oct 30: *Ecclesiasticus 28:14-26, Revelation 12:1-6, Luke 11:37-52*

Thurs, Oct 31: *Ecclesiasticus 31:12-18, 25_g—32:2, Revelation 12:7-17, Luke 11:53—12:12*

