

Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

"A loving congregation seeking unity with God and each other in Christ"

Newsletter

January 27 and
February 3, 2019

(225) 635-4065-Office

(225) 635-4410-Fax

Rector

Vy Rev. Dr. Roman Roldan
rector@gracechurchwfp.org

Parish Administrator

Meg Kendrick
administrator@gracechurchwfp.org

Preschool

(225) 635-4030

Lisa Foster
preschool@gracechurchwfp.org

Kari Ebner
Alyssa Louis
Allie Lowe
Stacy Loyacono

Director of Music Ministries

Melvin E. Hale
music@gracechurchwfp.org

Coordinator of Family Ministries

Alyssa A. Louis
youth@gracechurchwfp.org

Vestry

Leslie Daniel
Christian DeJean
Dr. Tom Flynn
Zed Howell
Heather Howle
Richard Kendrick
Drew Nordgren
Dr. Pat Schneider
Dr. Sue Steib
Missy Higgins, Treasurer
treasurer@gracechurchwfp.org
Stewart Hughes, Chancellor

Website

www.gracechurchwfp.org

Getting to Know Our Vestry Candidates

Vestry members are entrusted with ensuring the mission of Grace Church to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. The Church pursues this mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace and love. Our candidates are Kathy Kane, Tommy Loyacono, David Treppendahl, and Ellen Williams. We asked all candidates the same three questions: (1) who are you? Describe yourself; (2) what does Grace Church mean to you? And (3) If elected to vestry, what new ministries would you like to see develop at Grace? Or what ministries we currently have, which you would like to see develop further?

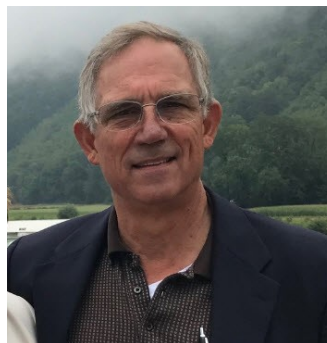


Kathy Kane: I was born and raised in the Episcopal Church. My family connections to Grace Church go all the way back to the early 1900s when my great grandparents attended church here. I love the rich history of our church and cemetery. I have been married to Tim Kane for 35 years and we have two children, James and Madeleine. I have worked in the credit union industry since 1984. I would call myself a numbers person. Please don't hold that against me. In Grace, I have taught Sunday School, currently serve on the Altar Guild, play in the Bell Choir, and served as Secretary of the ECW. I am not "running" for vestry. I don't have an agenda. A friend asked me and I agreed to allow her to submit my name. If elected, I see this as another opportunity to serve God and our church family.

Tommy Loyacono: I am honored to be nominated for the Vestry of Grace Church. Though I have only been a member a short time, Grace has been our family's church home since Stacy and I moved to West Feliciana in 2005. Both our boys were confirmed at Grace and served as Acolytes in their youth and Stacy is a long time member of the Altar Guild. Now that my career has settled to a point where I am in town more than out, I look forward to an opportunity to give something back to this church that has blessed us in so many ways over the years. I have been a paramedic my entire adult life and I have served in leadership roles for most of my career. I retired as the Chief of EMS in Baton Rouge and continue to work full time as a clinical auditor for Acadian Ambulance. Along the way I acquired two college degrees including a Master's in Public Administration. I have substantial experience with governmental and non-profit boards and commissions. I am impressed with the breadth of outreach ministries of Grace Church, it being a small-town church. I think it is important that we continue to nurture our outreach ministries both locally and abroad, and I believe it is vital that Grace continually seek to identify opportunities to attract young adults to our congregation.



David Treppendahl: I am both a local and an import. From Woodville and raised in St. Paul's EC, I grew up connected to West Feliciana and to members of Grace. Leaving home at 17, I joined the navy and spent the next decade outside the area. During that interim, I received a good education – formal and otherwise – and found and married a Louisiana girl, Coco, who has journeyed with me for over 40 years. In our first year of marriage, we church-shopped and selected a little Presbyterian Church in Norfolk, VA. When we moved to Baton Rouge, we joined First Pres there. One of the most joyful and fulfilling aspects of my life has been teaming up with Coco in raising our four children. First Pres played an instrumental role in the formation of their characters and in their spiritual development. Where possible, I would like to see some of the positive lessons we learned from First Pres' youth ministry applied at Grace. We moved to West Fel in 2002. Coco was immediately attracted to Grace while I was less enthused. The clear-cut theology of the Presbyterian Church, which clearly delineated right from wrong and black from white, appealed to me more than the Episcopalians' high tolerance for gray. In short order, though, I was drawn to the warmth and heart for service that I found at Grace and became a member. Since then, my theology has broadened and softened, and I have become an Episcopalian in spirit as well as letter. I find now that the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer are much better guides for me in my Christian walk than catechisms and commandments. I have come to embrace Richard Rohr's perspective that it's "Orthopraxy not Orthodoxy" that most pleases God. At earlier periods in my life, I would have quickly generated a list of changes I would make and things I would do if given an opportunity. But not now. I have been so impressed with the many things that Grace has done and is doing and doing very well. Not just physical improvements, which the Vestry has so effectively stewarded, but the outreach to the community. The role Grace played in helping people recover from the 2016 floods was marvelous and certainly pleasing and glorifying to God. If I am entrusted with membership on the Vestry, I will endeavor to competently continue the many good works that are on-going and will look for guidance from members of the congregation and from the Holy Spirit for what new ministries we should undertake to edify the Body of Christ and glorify God.



Ellen Williams: I'm a native Louisianan (born and raised in Houma), and attended LSU for my undergraduate degree and later Tulane for graduate school. I love to read, go on long walks, travel and have fun with my family and extended family of friends. I worked in the petro-chemical and oil refining business throughout my entire career which gave me the opportunity to travel and live in different places, lastly in San Antonio, Texas. I was raised as a Catholic but left the Church as a young adult. It was during my time in San Antonio that I was invited to attend services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. After finding my new Church 'home' there I was received into the Episcopal faith, which began a renewal of the spiritual life that I had wandered from years ago. I retired in January 2016 and moved from San Antonio with my spouse, Karen Snyder, to St. Francisville, and soon joined Grace Church. We love it here! I have found the congregation and staff of Grace Church to be a very welcoming group who reflect the stated core purpose of the Church: "To be a loving community seeking to restore all to unity with God and each other in Christ". I have witnessed this firsthand not only in worship services, but also in my participation with the centering prayer group, the Wednesday morning Bible study group and the Alter Guild, which I joined last



attend services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. After finding my new Church 'home' there I was received into the Episcopal faith, which began a renewal of the spiritual life that I had wandered from years ago. I retired in January 2016 and moved from San Antonio with my spouse, Karen Snyder, to St. Francisville, and soon joined Grace Church. We love it here! I have found the congregation and staff of Grace Church to be a very welcoming group who reflect the stated core purpose of the Church: "To be a loving community seeking to restore all to unity with God and each other in Christ". I have witnessed this firsthand not only in worship services, but also in my participation with the centering prayer group, the Wednesday morning Bible study group and the Alter Guild, which I joined last

**Intercessory prayers
are asked for Grace
Church members
who are ill:**

Brianna Blanchard, Diane Christopher, Jason Kennedy, Charlotte Maxwell, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, John Powell, Kay Tengler, Mary Thompson, Wendell Wade, Lillie Wilson, Pam Willson, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

Birthdays

Paxton McClendon-Jan. 27; Weese Winder, Mary Woodyear-Jan. 29; Taylor Sparks, Ricky Sparks, Jesse LaFayette Means IV-Jan. 30; Ruby Havard, Julie Woods-Jan. 31; Chris Dwyer, Emma Bell, Willis Daniel-Feb. 1; Stacy Betz-Feb. 2; Overton Nicholas-Feb. 3; Robbie Howle, Tommy Thompson-Feb. 4; Bill Willson-Feb. 6; Chris Metz, Morgan Moss-Feb. 7; Bob Toburen, Braylon Farthing, Dahn Savell, Justin Williams, Dana Hanchey, Gus Hill, Eleanor Tregle-Feb. 8; Peter Truitt-Feb. 9

**Wedding
Anniversaries**

Davis and Kathy Bankston-Feb. 1; Bill and Genie McClendon-Feb. 6

Other persons prayers are asked for:

Claiborne Arbutnot, Charles Barham, Walker Bell, Micaela Kell Bennett, Wayne Bergeron, Isabella Bertucci, Leslie Bickham, Phillip Bowen, Nancy Bowman, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Mason Brudewick, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Jenny Clark, Kitty Claus, Sandy Currier, Frances Woods Curry, Sandy Davenport, Kathleen Davis, Debbie Desmar, Helen Desselles, Cathy Doslovic, Molly Douglas, Amy Dwyer, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Ellen Ewald, Sara Fahey, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Jane Hamilton, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Michelle Jeansonne, Jill Joffrion, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Cathy K., Jody Lemoine, Jessica Liddle, Max, Charlotte Mayeaux, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Randall Nachman, Barton Platte, Susanna Prescott, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Cole Rourke, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Roland Toups, Deborah Vines, Emily Walz, Trey Watson, Dennisia Williams, Grayson Zeringue, Lynn Zinn.

Those serving in the armed forces:

Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, Jay Christopher, Ryan Coacher, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, Polly Finley, Bryan Geltz, Edward Jenkins, Laura Latson, Shawn Lemons, Terry Palmer, James Powers, Jeff Ragusa, Christopher Willis, Matthew Young, Aaron Zuccaro, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

year. There are so many remarkable people in this congregation whose faithfulness and Christ-like servanthood are an inspiration to me. If elected to the vestry, I will work with the other vestry members to have conversations with the congregation to explore new ministries and/or enhance current ministries that further the purpose of Grace Church. In my time here, I have come to know that there is a lot of potential for good works by our church community, and my desire is to help fulfill that potential. Personally, I have a passion for adult formation, which is why I am honored to be able to lead the Wednesday morning Bible study committee. I believe that as this committee continues to listen to the voices of our parishioners, we will grow in attendance and broaden our topics of study. Outside of Grace Church, I volunteer regularly at the local food pantry and with the Ministry Against the Death Penalty (MAPD), an organization founded by Sr. Helen Prejean. Through my work with MAPD, I have come to realize how important prison ministry is to the offenders at Angola, and to the family and friends of the offenders. In light of this, I would like to look at Grace's current prison ministry and discern with our community as to whether there may be additional opportunities to increase involvement among our church members.

Grace Events



On Saturday, March 9, 2019 Grace will host a Lenten Quiet Retreat with renowned theologian, author, poet, retreat leader, Spiritual Director, and Episcopal Priest Mary C. Earle. Mother Earle was a professor of spirituality at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, and is the author of nine books, including *Desert Mothers*; *Broken Body, Healing Spirit*; and a commentary on Julian of Norwich's *Revelations of Divine Love*. Rev'd Earle will present a program on the English Anchorite and Mystic Julian of Norwich. During the course of this day, participants will be treated to an inspiring discussion of Julian and her relevance today. Quiet reflection times will be provided throughout the day for all to experience the natural beauty of Grace Church's grounds. The retreat will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and lunch and refreshments will be provided. Tickets are \$20.00 and

are available through <https://bontempstix.com/events/lenten-quiet-day>. We have plenty of scholarships available for those in need. Please reserve your spot today. We pray you can join us for this special day!

Sign up lists for altar flowers, Sanctuary candle, Coffee Hour, Altar Guild, Lector, and Usher are in the narthex. These sheets will also be passed around during the Annual Meeting

Offering envelopes for those who signed up and extra envelopes if you've decided you want them now are in the narthex. We will hand out the remainder during the Annual Meeting. If you would like your box to be mailed to you, please email Meg at administrator@gracechurchwfp.org.

Grace's 192nd Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27th after the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Grace Church. We will recognize the three vestry members rolling off this year, Christian DeJean, Heather Howle, and Richard Kendrick and elect three new members to the vestry. We will also review the 2018 year and review the 2019 budget..

Grace Church
of West Feliciana Parish
P.O. Box 28
St. Francisville LA 70775

Address Service Requested

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 14
St. Francisville LA 70775

Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday January 27, 2018

Acolytes: James Kirschling, Baus Fin, Lena Fin,
John Barrow Klein

Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Lucie Butler
10 a.m.: Maria Gerry, Sara Klein

Ushers: Robert Singer, Kelly Ward

Lectors: Landon Anderson, Dixie Blue

Vestry Rep: Richard Kendrick

Altar Guild: Team 2

Children's Church: Christie Reinhardt

Altar Flowers: Christian & Jaime DeJean

Sanctuary Candle: Zed & Rachel Howell

Coffee Hour: None—Annual Meeting

Babysitters: Lorna Klein, Emma Olsen

Sunday February 3, 2018

Acolytes: Karina Mulkey, Clara Jane Hughes, Jesse Means, IV, Cecile Means

Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: C. Steves/S. Gauthier

10 a.m.: Rucker Leake, Drew Nordgren

Ushers: Carl Fontenot, Tony Horn

Lectors: Missy Higgins, Rachel Howell

Vestry Rep: Leslie Daniel

Children's Church: Carly Whatley

Altar Guild Team 3

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:

Coffee Hour: Drew Nordgren

Babysitters: Madison Pollet, Sarah Roldan

January 20, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist
Coffee Hour

February 3, 2019

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist
Coffee Hour

Wednesday, January 30

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

Thursday, January 31

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

Friday, February 1

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

Sunday, February 3

7:30am - Eucharist

8:45am - Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, February 6

Church Office Closed

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

Thursday, February 7

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

Friday, February 8

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study