



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

Newsletter

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Growing at Grace Preschool

This year has been one for the books! With the preschool getting licensed, new teachers, and the renovation of Jackson Hall, we have had a very busy year! There have been so many changes and all of them are making our preschool stronger than ever. Our staff have overcome all the obstacles that have been thrown their way and taken on more than they have ever had to before. As director, I am so proud of the staff and their development over the year. They have been an instrumental part of this preschool and have been very hands-on in every way possible. All teachers have had to take on 12 hours of staff development on top of their regular working hours. They have all clocked many extra hours on these classes and put in extra work to make sure that our licensing process went as smoothly as possible. Father Roldan and Meg Kendrick have been a huge part of the Preschool's successful year as well. They have taken extra classes and have gone above and beyond to make sure that we have all the support we need. Along with our wonderful teachers, the parents of the students have been so amazing and welcoming in my first year. I cannot believe all the wonderful connections that have been made through the parents and all the support that they are willing to give to our little school. So many parents have come to the preschool to help, offer support, or brought extra snacks or supplies. Without these parents and volunteers, we would not have the amazing program that we do. We are truly blessed with all of the families that pass through Grace Preschool!

With this year flying by, we are gearing up for registration for the 2019-2020 school year. Starting March 4th, we will have registration packets ready for pick up in Jackson Hall. Please make sure you come get a packet and sign the sheet as soon as possible. Registration packets will be due on March 29th. We are very excited for the registration process. Our first spots go to Grace Church members and we hope that we see some familiar faces in our classroom next year! We are also excited to announce that we are working toward extending our hours from 4:30 to 5:30 PM every day to accommodate the working families that we have wanting to attend the preschool!

We have many projects we are going to work on over the summer to make next year even more exciting and add more hands-on experiences for the students. I plan on making a class garden right outside of the preschool on the edge of the playground. With the addition of this garden, we will be able to plant and grow many kinds of vegetables and flowers. I am very excited for this project because it can be a year long project and kids can learn numerous lessons from gardening like the plant life cycle, parts of a plant, and how to care for the plants. If anyone would like to volunteer time or materials to the preschool we would appreciate it! The second project we have planned is to paint the inside of the preschool. We have brand new flooring and would love to make the whole preschool beautiful by giving it a fresh coat of paint in some new, fun colors! This project will be a great time for the parents of the new students to come

meet the teachers, get to know each other, and have a hand in creating their children's learning environment! We will be inviting all parents to come help in this project, along with any parishioners who would like to volunteer their time!

My vision for next year is to make sure that Grace Preschoolers start their school careers off loving school. I also believe in hands-on experiences in the classroom and that all students should be shown many different ways they can learn and problem solve. We do this by having students exposed to as much STEM, music, and art as we can fit into our days. These are valuable skills that students enjoy and enable the students to grow their creativity. We want to develop all their school skills, while also fostering their emotional and social skills they will use their whole lives. We will continue to have our music program every week. This program is loved by all the students and they look forward to it every week! We teach students about being kind to one another, how to use their manners, and how to be good friends and use their communication skills effectively. We also believe in growing our children's relationships with God and introducing them to God's love and lessons. Reading bible stories, singing songs, and prayers are incorporated every day in Grace Preschool. We also get weekly lessons from Father Roldan during Preschool Chapel. These include classroom visits with stories and music and visits to the church.

I cannot believe that my first year at Grace Preschool is coming to an end. It has been a wonderful first year filled with tons of learning (even for me)! I have met so many wonderful people and families through this experience and I look forward to meeting many more over the next year. I will always look back on this year with fond memories and smile, but I am also so excited for the new things to come in the following year.

Blessings,
Lisa Foster,
Preschool Director

Lenten Quiet Retreat with Mother Mary C. Earle & Bible Study



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/lenen-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!

The Lenten Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, March 13th at 6 p.m. following the 5:15 Holy Eucharist. We will be studying Mary Earle's book: Julian of Norwich: Selections from Revelations of Divine Love. Books will be available for purchase at the Lenten Quiet Retreat and then in the parish office. We pray you can join us!

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

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

Birthdays

Rosalie Reymond,
Stephanie Ferguson,
Merrick Lambert-Feb.
24; James Boucher,
Emma Olsen, Stacy
Loyacono-Feb. 25;
Roman Roldan, Lisa
McGehee, Rucker
Leake-Feb. 26; John
Flippen, James Le-
Blanc, Kay Graves,
Ellen Klein-Feb. 27;
Donna Wright-
March 2; Jean Marie
Hill, Jim Roland-
March 3; Joseph
Horn-March 4; Carol
Stamey-March 5;
Claire Ricks-March 7;
Hayden Howle-
March 9;

Wedding Anniversaries

David and Kathy
Beauchamp-March 2;
Emmette and Emily
Barrow-March 4;
Trey and Caroline
Marchive, David and
Iris Stewart-March 5

Grace Calendar & Reminders

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, Rob Cox, 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, Elizabeth Poole, Susanna Prescott, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Cole Rourke, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Angel Thompson, Roland Touns, 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).

Have dinner with the Camp Hardtner Director! Sunday, Feb. 24th from 6–8 p.m. at St. James in Baton Rouge. At Camp, all are invited to participate, and Dinner with the Director is just like that. Episcopalians. Non-Episcopalians. The heavily invested or the simply curious. Former campers. Future campers. Current campers. Families and children. Moms. Dads. Grandparents. Priests. Youth workers. Dinner will be gumbo, rice, salad, breadsticks, milk and cookies of course! If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Email of fice@camphardtner.org or call 318-765-3794. Suggested Donation: \$10 per person. Please RSVP using the form below so that we can plan the meal accordingly. If you do not wish to make a donation at this time, please select "RSVP Only", and you are welcome to bring cash, check, or credit debit cards to the event. RSVP at www.camphardtner.org/calendar/dinner-with-the-director-5.

The inaugural meeting of the Seekers & Sages will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 26th at 6 p.m. at Restaurant 1796. This month's book is *The Life of Pi*. Please read the book and come ready to discuss. There will be a cash bar and dutch treat dinner, please sign up by emailing Coco Treppendahl at cocotrepp@bellsouth.net. Seekers & Sages is a Grace Church Book Club open to all ages (high school senior minimum), denominations, and dispositions.

The Baton Rouge Deanery is sponsoring a float in the Krewe of Southdowns Parade on Friday, March 1st in Baton Rouge. We recruiting youth and adult volunteers who would like to ride on a float sponsored by our deanery. If you are interested please speak with Fr. Roldan.

You are cordially invited to the Home Blessing of Claude Baron on Sunday, March 3rd. The blessing will occur immediately following church—there will be no coffee hour this day. Food and refreshments will be provided. Claude's home address is 4879 Leonard Street.

The Church Offices will be closed on Tuesday, March 5th for Mardi Gras. Please join us on Wednesday, March 6th as we begin Lent. We will have services at 7am, 10am (Preschool service), and 5:15pm. The first and third services will include Holy Communion. The children's service will be no longer than 15 minutes and will be more informal.

Join Camp Hardtner campers, counselors, and alumni for a mini-day of camp at St. Paul's Episcopal Church NOLA on Sunday, March 10th from 3 - 6pm. We'll play camp games, do crafts, sing songs, worship, and have snacks all in the tradition of Camp Hardtner. We will also have opportunities for youth and parents to learn more about camp through question and answer sessions. This event is for every one who loves camp and is interested in learning more about Camp Hardtner. If your camper is interested in attending, please contact Alyssa Louis youth@gracechurchwfp.org, 225-245-1385.

Mark your calendar—VBS is coming! The summer is almost here and we are busy preparing for our trip to Athens to hear all about Paul's Dangerous Journey to share the Gospel of Christ. We need adult volunteers to help us spread Paul's message. If you are interested in serving please reach out to Alyssa Louis, youth@gracechurchwfp.org, 225-245-1385. VBS is July 8th–13th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Jackson Hall. Registration information will be released at a later date.

We are in need of Coffee Hour Monthly Coordinators for March, June, and September. There are also several dates open to host a coffee hour for the church. All you need to provide is cookies and coffee. If you can help with this great fellowship event, please let Meg know by calling the office, emailing, or signing up in the narthex.

The following dates are open for Altar Flowers and Greenery: March 31 (greenery), May 26, June 2, June 30, July 7, September 15, November 3, December 22 (greenery). If you would like to sign up for one of these open dates, please let Meg know by calling the office or emailing her. Thank you!

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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday February 24, 2019

Acolytes: Mary Barrow, R.E. Barrow, John Barrow
Klein, Evelyn Pollet

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

Ushers: Will Plettinger, Shannon Pollet

Lectors: Bill McClendon, Drew Nordgren

Vestry Rep: Drew Nordgren

Altar Guild: Team 2

Children's Church: Carlin Kendrick

Altar Flowers: Carlin and Lin Kendrick

Sanctuary Candle: Penny and Don Reinhardt

Coffee Hour: Donna Wright

Babysitters: Marleigh Jaehnel, Madie Kane

Sunday March 3, 2019

Acolytes: Grant Rome, Clara Jane Hughes, Crew
Rome, John Taylor DeJean

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

10 a.m.: Rucker Leake, Drew Nordgren

Ushers: Joe Savell, Dwight Singer

Lectors: Will Plettinger, Glenn Thomas

Vestry Rep: Pat Schneider

Children's Church: Richard Kendrick

Altar Guild Team 3

Altar Flowers: Mary Woodyear

Sanctuary Candle: Marcia Willis

Coffee Hour: No Coffee Hour—House Blessing

Babysitters: Lorna Klein, Sarah Roldan

February 24, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist
Coffee Hour

March 3rd, 2019

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist
Coffee Hour

Wednesday, February 27

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

Thursday, February 28

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

Friday, March 1

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

Sunday, March 3

7:30am - Eucharist

8:45am - Bible Study

10:00am - Eucharist

Wednesday, March 6

7 am—Ash Wednesday Eucharist

10 am—Children's Ash Wednesday Service

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Ash Wednesday Eucharist

Thursday, March 7

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

Friday, March 8

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study