



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

Grace to Support Two Diocesan Seminarians

Grace has had a Seminarian Support Program since 2009. Funded through donations from various parishioners, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), the Mission and Outreach Committee, and the Rector's fund, the program has helped Fr. Tyler Prescott (South Carolina), Fr. Bryan Pyle (Central Florida), Deacon Suzie Johnston (Louisiana), Fr. Peter Kang (Louisiana), Fr. Aidan Smith (Juno, Alaska), and Fr. Zach Neubauer (Central Florida). With Zach's ordination in May of 2017 and the Rector's Sabbatical around the same time, Grace took some time off from our support program and concentrated on helping our missionaries in Mauritius (Indian Ocean), and Honduras. Now, with a new academic year starting soon, it is time to resume our work on behalf of future clergy in the Episcopal Church. We have chosen two bright young women from within our Diocese as our two new seminarians.



Lindsey Ardrey is originally from Bowling Green, Kentucky. She currently serves as the Children's and Youth Minister at St. George's Episcopal Church in New Orleans where she thrives on bringing the stories of the Bible alive. She loves exploring the Biblical text and chasing the stories of various characters—always asking how different a story might be if told from the perspective of women, children, the disempowered, or the forgotten. Lindsey believes in the collective strength of spirit-filled community and brings this passion to her work as co-chair to the Diocesan Commission on Racial Reconciliation. A perpetual student, her interests include reading, writing, cooking, and laughing with people she loves. She is a dynamic speaker who spoke at Grace during our High Tea fundraiser in 2017. Come August of 2018, Lindsey will start attending the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. We will share her mailing address a bit later for those among you who have sent notes and letters of support to our seminarians in years past.

Allison Reid is an experienced museum educator and non-profit leader with 21 years in the profession in the New Orleans area. She currently serves as a member of the senior team at the New Orleans Museum of Art, spearheading museum education initiatives, public programs, interpretive projects and school programs. Among the initiatives Allison currently directs are Mini Masters, NOMA's innovative early childhood education program, as well as the new Professional Pathways Internship program for students enrolled in Historically Black Colleges & Universities.

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She is passionate about making the museum a welcoming place for all community members, and has recently launched NOMA+, a new “pop-up museum” vehicle to serve the many neighborhoods in the greater New Orleans area. In 2014, at the urging of a friend, Allison visited St. Anna’s Episcopal Church, our partner Church in New Orleans. It was love at first sight. Currently, she chairs the Altar Guild and serves as Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, and Altar Server. In the Fall of 2018, Allison will attend seminary at University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. She hopes to ultimately return to the Diocese of Louisiana to continue her work with economically vulnerable and marginalized populations in a ministry setting.

This is the work she feels most passionate about at St. Anna’s. We will share Allison’s mailing address soon for those wishing to write her a note.

I strongly believe it is the duty of every congregation to raise leaders for our churches today. Seminary debt is a huge problem for many of our clergy and programs like ours help to alleviate serious needs during the formation process. I hope many of you will join us in supporting these two seminarians over the next three years. We will invite them to visit us at Grace in the near future and they will preach at one of our services once they have taken their Homiletics course. To assist this valuable program, please write a check to Grace Church or the Rector’s Discretionary Fund with a memo line Seminarian Program. We will include Lindsey and Allison in our Prayers of the People beginning in early May.

Please call me directly if you have any questions about this program or if you have any creative ideas for fundraising for our seminarians. Blessings to all, Fr. Roldan+

Ministry Spotlight: Nursing Home Ministry

The Grace Church Nursing Home Ministry not only brings the word of the Lord and Holy Eucharist to those living at St. Francisville Country Manor, but also brings joy, fellowship and community.

The nursing home ministry began when a need was discovered when one of our parishioners moved to the nursing home. Initially, a group of parishioners organized to go conduct Morning Prayer once a week. Through time, our ministry has evolved to include ice cream for a monthly party. Holy Communion was also added once a month as part of the ministry provided to the residents. Currently, the program is coordinated by Maria Gerry and myself. Throughout the year, we hand out Christmas cards, Palm Crosses, and Easter Crosses, which we often see in the residents rooms all year. The residents we see each week enjoy the singing, fellowship and Communion. We currently serve about 12 residents each week, sometimes more and sometimes less, but there are many that look forward to us visiting each week.

Our Grace team has dwindled through the years due to age, death, and parishioners moving away. This ministry is a simple and joyful one to participate in, all that is required is availability on Thursday mornings. Often, I hear the phrase “it takes a village,” and I truly believe it does. We are part of that village and we are in need of more volunteers. Please pray about joining us to bring the love of Christ and joy to our residents.

Thank you,
Sharon Gauthier

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

Emily Barrow, Jason Kennedy, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Olivia Pass, Don Reinhardt, Kay Tengler, Wendell Wade, Pam Willson, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

Birthdays

James Wray, Carolyn Porche-May 6; Katharine Leak Anderson-May 7; Kent Mitchell-May 8; Alyson Ballard Bell, Alan Dwyer, Susie Persons-May 9; Rhona Wray, Kristin Beauchamp, Susie Tully-May 10; Lisa Kleinpeter-May 11; Nolan Pruitt, Paige P. Woodard, Sharon Wilson-May 12; Kristen Lyon, Sarah Smart Feirn, Cappie Leake, Mickey Melancon-May 13; William Croft, Lynn M. Gaudet, Carol Woodward, Coco Treppendahl-May 14; Judy Nordgren-May 15; Marsha Lindsey, Olivia Elliott-May 16; Mary Austin Willis-May 18; Betty Sessions, Heather Howle-May 19;

Wedding Anniversaries

Sam and Barbee Irwin-May 6; Sarah and Kyle Rhody-May 9; Kevin and Lori Griffin-May 10; James and Ashley Fox-Smith-May 13; Abram and Lacey Harvey-May 14; David and Coco Treppendahl-May 18; James and Briana Boucher-May 19;

Other persons prayers are asked for:

Sister Abigail, Claiborne Arbuthnot, Charles Barham, Micaela Kell Bennett, Wayne Bergeron, Isabella Bertucci, Leslie Bickham, Phillip Bowen, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Jenny Clark, Kitty Claus, Sandy Davenport, Kathleen Davis, Debbie Desmar, Helen Desselles, Cathy Doslavic, Molly Douglas, Amy Dwyer, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Jane Hamilton, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Michelle Jean-sonne, Jill Joffrion, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Cathy K., Jody Lemoine, Jessica Liddle, Max, Charlotte Mayeaux, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Kathy Drew Matter, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Randall Nachman, Barton Platte, Susanna Prescott, Susan Pray, Jeanette Rackley, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Roland Touns, Denham Turner, Deborah Vines, Dennisia Williams, Rufus Yerger, Lynn Zinn.

Those serving in the armed forces: Parker Blanche, Amanda Brown-ing, Jay Christopher, Ryan Coacher, Ben Co-lia, 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).

My Dear Grace Church family,

What a beautiful party you gave me to celebrate my retirement. My family and I had a wonderful time. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the planning and execution of your grand ideas. I don't know who the members of the planning committee were, but you out-did yourself. The generous donations to the "Anglican Purse" overwhelmed me and the surprises kept coming throughout the evening, the note cards, the wine with my name on the label, the delicious food and cake, just to name a few.

As you know, this job has been a joy for me. Dr. Senette, Bishop Jenkins, and Fr. Roldan's kind words filled my heart and humbled me. Grace Church has been my love for years and the parishioners make it such a rewarding place to work. It's been a great 38 ½ years and I look forward to being just a member now.

An AMAZING party - thank you to everyone who participated and joined in the celebra-tion. Anne Klein

What's Happening at Grace?

Beginning on Sunday, May 6th we will have all church services in Jackson Hall while the plaster on the ceiling above the organ is replaced. We will return to the sanctuary no later than July 1st, 2018.

We will be presenting our Senior Acolytes with a scholarship from the Order of St Vincent, if you would like to make a donation towards this scholarship, please make a check payable to Grace Church, memo line Acolyte Scholarship. Drop in the offering plate or to Meg in Jackson Hall.

2018 Graduating Senior Recognition will be held on May 6th at coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service. We look forward to celebrating our graduating seniors,

Clayton Daniel
Elizabeth Hughes
Nicole Mulkey
Ruby Roberg
Fiona Tully
John Emory Walker

There will be a VBS Committee Meeting on Sunday, May 6th following the Senior Recognition at Coffee Hour. Please join us!

Church Mice will be held Wednesday, May 9th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join us for the 5:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist then stay for dinner and a lesson.

We will have a farewell party for Diana Weller on Thursday, May 10 at 6:00pm here at Grace Church. Mark your calendars as we say farewell to our Preschool Director.

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 15th at 4:30p.m.

There will be a Vestry meeting on Tuesday, May 15th at 5:30 p.m.

The Women's Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, May 19th at 8:30 a.m. It is hosted by St. Francisville United Methodist Church and will be held in the SFUMC Fellowship Hall

Pentecost Sunday is May 20. at Grace following the 10am service. Grace Church will provide the delicious fried chicken Please sign up to bring a dish in the narthex and bring your lawn chair. There will be games, bounce houses and more! Please join us!

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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday May 6, 2018

Acolytes: Paul Opperman, James Kirschling,
Mathilde Fox-Smith, Charles Fox-Smith
Chalice bearers: 7:30 am: Bryan McClendon;
10 am: Sheryl Wynters, Landon Anderson
Ushers: Will Plettinger, Shannon Pollet
Lectors: Trish Toburen, Missy Higgins
Vestry Rep: Drew Nordgren
Altar Guild: Team 2
Altar flowers: Mary Thompson
Sanctuary Candle: Stacy Loyacono
Coffee Hour: David & Iris Stewart
Babysitters: Shayn Rayford, Sarah Roldan

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Acolytes: Hayden Howle, Mary E. Barrow, Ella
Corrine Howle, R.E. Barrow
Chalice bearers: 7:30am: Carol Stamey
10:00am: Maria Gerry, Sara Klein
Ushers: Rob Reinhardt, Joe Savell
Lectors: Heather Howle, Rachel Howell
Vestry Rep: Zed Howell
Altar Guild: Team 3
Altar flowers: Olivia Pass
Sanctuary candle: Anne Klein
Coffee Hour: Richard & Meg Kendrick
Babysitters: Shelby Griffin,

May 6th, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist
Bible Study
10:00am - Holy Eucharist
2018 Senior Recognition
Coffee Hour

May 13th, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist
Bible Study
10:00am - Holy Eucharist
Coffee Hour

Wednesday, May 9

5-7 pm - Youth Group
5:15pm - Eucharist

Thursday, May 10

9:15am - Morning Prayer
10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

Friday, May 11

7:00am - Eucharist
8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

Sunday, May 13

7:30am - Eucharist
9:15am - Bible Study
10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, May 16

5 - 7pm - Youth Group
5:15pm - Eucharist

Thursday, May 17

9:15am - Morning Prayer
10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

Friday, May 18

7:00am - Eucharist
8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study