



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

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The Upcoming Restoration of Jackson Hall

There are exciting projects on the horizon for Grace Church. Of course, construction always creates anxiety for administrators and parishioners alike and I would like to address a few issues that are making a few of you worry:

WIDER SCOPE: The need to restore Jackson Hall began as a need to renovate our kitchen. In late 2016 and early 2017 we had a series of meetings to dream what a new kitchen might look like. We created a committee, hired architects, developed architectural drafts, and presented these drafts to the congregation at a Coffee Hour. We then began the active face of creating construction plans prior to issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for potential builders.

While we were doing all this planning for the kitchen, our Junior Warden identified serious maintenance needs in Jackson Hall: (a) the windows date back to the early 1980's and many of them are in very poor condition, especially the ones facing the cemetery and the parking lot; (b) there is insufficient insulation throughout the attic and there are many places where there is barely any insulation left; (c) the duct work for the air conditioning systems is leaking in various places and needs to be replaced; (d) the siding on many of the walls facing the parking lot, cemetery, and preschool is loose, broken, or showing serious signs of wear and tear; (e) there are old air conditioning units that are in constant need of repair and need to be replaced; (f) there is old carpeting in some of the rooms upstairs which is almost thread bare, shows heavy stains, and shows some tears in various places, etc.

In early 2018, the vestry made a decision to widen the scope of the "kitchen" project and to make it a "Jackson Hall Restoration Project." We brought the architects back and included all the Jackson Hall needs into the Request for Proposal. This RFP has gone out and we are now waiting for proposals from builders. The Vestry will soon review these proposals, approve a builder, and give authorization to hopefully begin construction in the Fall.

NO DEBT: Some of our parishioners are worried that a project of this scope will force Grace church to incur debt. Thanks to the generosity of past and present parishioners, this will not happen. Early in 2018, a subcommittee of Vestry joined forces with a subcommittee of the Finance Committee to present the Vestry with recommendations on how to invest the money we received from the oil lease in 2017. This joint committee set aside about 50% of the funds necessary for the Jackson Hall reconstruction. We will apply for Historic Restoration Tax Credits, as we did with the restoration of the church in 2015. We hope these tax credits will pay for an additional 20% of the project. We already have an additional 10% of our needed funds in savings, which came from contributions from parishioners at the end of 2017. This

leaves us with 20% of costs to fundraise. A number of you have verbally pledged your support towards this project and are just awaiting specifics, which we will give you as soon as we have the approved construction bid. Whatever is left, we will fundraise among the congregation at large. Our fervent hope is that we will not incur any debt for this project. Please keep us in your prayers as we work to make this goal a reality and let us know if you wish to pledge your support to the project.

MINIMAL INTERFERENCE WITH PRESCHOOL: We are starting the year with 27 students in the Preschool and we tend to pick up an extra student or two in September. There is a concern that the construction will prevent the use of the Preschool playground for 4 to 5 months. This is not the case. We built into the RFP a security fence to separate the playground from the construction site, so that the children can use their space safely while being protected from construction debris. Additionally, we are asking construction firms to plan demolition for weeks when school is out for break, on weekends, or after 4:00pm on weekdays. The demolition phase of these projects goes by very quickly and builders can work around the Preschool if needed.

EASTER 2019: Our goal is to have this project completed before Easter Sunday, which will fall on April 21, 2019. This will give us roughly six months from October 1, 2018 to April 1, 2019. We do not expect this project to last more than 4 months, but we have made plans for 6 months to account for any unforeseeable events that might take place. After discussions with the architects, we believe this time frame is realistic. We are currently thinking about creative ways to have Coffee Hour and fellowship during the construction. We will keep you informed about those plans later on. Please let us know if you have some ideas about how we can facilitate fellowship during these months.

Construction can be a stressful time in a church's life, but, over the last few years we have gained a great deal of experience on how to do this very well. Please pray for us and let us know how you might be able to help. Blessings, Fr. Roldan+

Ministry Spotlight: Music Ministry

Dear Grace, I thank you for allowing me to serve you for the past three years. It has been a joy and a privilege. My first official day at Grace was September 1, 2015. I will always remember and always be grateful for the warmth and Christian love with which you welcomed me. God willing, I hope to continue to serve you and our Lord at Grace Church for many more years.

Our faithful Grace Choir has dwindled over the past three years. Church Choirs, like other organizations, are constantly changing and are subject to attrition. No one is to blame - it just happens. Aging issues, health problems, family commitments, job changes, can all take a toll on choir membership. And this has been the case with the Grace Choir.

Please consider joining the choir this fall. If you have been in a choir before - great! If you've never sung in choir before - fine! Most of the members are not trained musically. We learn the music we sing in church week by week, together. Sight reading skills are not required. A magnificent voice is not required. What the Grace Choir needs is individuals with a willing spirit who can "make a joyful noise to the Lord." We work hard in the choir, but we have a great time. And choir is a wonderful way to serve God and the Church. Please consider joining us. **We need you!!**

The fall program begins with our first rehearsal on **Tuesday, Aug 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Grace.**

Yours in Christ, Mel Hale, Director of Music

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

Brianna Blanchard,
Jason Kennedy, Ronnie Martin, Charlotte Maxwell, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Kay Tengler, Wendell Wade, Pam Willson, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

Birthdays

Diane Davis, Miles Higgins-Aug. 13; Becky Wright, Carter Leak, Kathy Bankston-Aug. 14; Lacy Harvey, Lynn Ballard-Aug. 15; Axel Pattison, Susan Schneider-Aug. 16; Iris Stewart, Elizabeth Morris, Sydney Walker-Aug. 18; Olivia Adams, Audrey Ann Reinhardt, Cullen Weller-Aug. 19; Louise Maryman-Aug. 20; Karina Mulkey, Jamie Farmer-Aug. 21; Sophie Treppendahl-Aug. 22; Eliza Ann Barrow, Thomas Matthew Kendrick-Aug. 23.

Wedding Anniversaries

Don and Penny Reinhardt-Aug. 13; Tommy and Laura Thompson-Aug. 14; Mike and Lea Williams-Aug. 16; Bert and Jerry Babers-Aug. 18; Eric and Sara Nelson-Aug. 20; Billy and Helen Williams-Aug. 23.

What's Happening at Grace?

Other persons prayers are asked for:

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, Ellen Ewald, Mark Felner, 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, Lainee Martrain, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Randall Nachman, Barton Platte, Susanna Prescott, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Roland Toups, Deborah Vines, Dennisia Williams, Rufus Yerger, Lynn Zinn.

Those serving in the armed forces: Parker Blanche, Amanda Brown, 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).

The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church in Weyanoke at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 11th. Join us for this beautiful service and to see the hard work the St. Mary's board has done to restore the church. Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to share, a reception will follow the service.

The West Feliciana Parish Library will be showing *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* as their Senior Movie on Friday, August 17th at 10 a.m. Our Over-50's Club has attended a few senior movies—join them this month for a great movie!

The Rev. Cannon Shannon Manning will preach on Sunday, August 19th at the 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist. She will also lead the Bible Study at 8:45 a.m. Cannon Manning is the Cannon to the Ordinary for Bishop Thompson. Please join us to hear this dynamic preacher and learn more about the diocese.

Bishop Jenkins will preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist at St. John's Chapel on Sunday, August 19th at 7:30 a.m.

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 21st at 4:30 p.m.

There will be a Vestry Meeting on Tuesday, August 21st at 5:30 p.m.

The Rev. Bill Terry will preach on Sunday, August 26th at the 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist. He will also lead the Bible Study at 8:45 a.m. Fr. Terry is the Rector of St. Anna's Episcopal Church in New Orleans. We have supported numerous ministries, such as Anna's Place. Please join us for a great service!

Help Fundraise for the Jackson Hall Restoration at Grace's Multi Family Garage Sale!

There will be a multi-family Garage Sale on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Grace Church Cemetery to benefit the Jackson Hall Restoration. This sale will be open to every family at Grace Church. Each family is responsible for setting up, displaying, pricing, selling, manning their area, making change, and clean up afterwards. The space is limited so entrance into the sale will be on a first come, first serve basis. Each family that participates in the garage sale is asked to donate 25% of their proceeds from the day to the Jackson Hall Restoration Fund. The deadline to sign up for a booth is Friday, August 31st, please call Dixie Blue at 225-931-5431.

The Altar Guild is recruiting new ladies! If you are interested in learning more about what it means to serve on the Altar Guild or know that you would like to serve, please contact Maria Gerry, our Altar Guild Directress, at 225-245-1062.

Please review the prayer lists. If you see someone who needs to be removed or if you would like to add someone please email Meg at administrator@gracechurchwfp.org or call the office at 635-4065. Thank you!

Be a hero, be a leader! Become a Reader Leader at Bains Lower Elementary. Leaders read with their first grade buddies at least one time a week for 20-30 minutes between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday. If you are interested in participating, please contact Stephanie Ferguson for more information stephferg34@gmail.com or 225-535-0005

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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday August 12, 2018

Acolytes: James Kirschling, Lena Fin, Evelyn Pollet
Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Lucie Butler;
10 a.m.: Rucker Leake, Landon Anderson
Ushers: Joe Savell, Zed Howell
Lectors: Glenn Thomas, Trish Toburen
Vestry Rep: Zed Howell
Altar Guild: Team 4
Altar Flowers: John & Sue Steib
Sanctuary Candle: Charles & Betty Sessions
Coffee Hour: Don & Penny Reinhardt
Children's Church: Meg Kendrick
Babysitters: Emma Olsen, Madison Pollet

Sunday August 19, 2018

Acolytes: Hayden Howle, Ella Corrine Howle,
Wyatt Olsen
Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: S. Gautier/C. Stevens
10 a.m.: Drew Nordgren, Brandie Olsen
Ushers: Robert Singer, Kelly Ward
Lectors: Will Plettinger, Dixie Blue
Vestry Rep: Heather Howle
Altar Guild Team 1
Altar Flowers: Kathy Kane
Sanctuary candle: Don & Penny Reinhardt
Coffee Hour: Christian and Jaime DeJean
Children's Church: Richard Kendrick
Babysitters: Shayn Rayford, Sarah Roldan

August 12, 2018

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

August 19, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist
at Grace & St. John's
Bible Study
10:00am - Holy Eucharist
Coffee Hour

Wednesday, August 15th

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

Thursday, August 16th

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

Friday, August 17th

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

Sunday, August 19th

7:30am - Eucharist
8:45am - Bible Study
10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, August 22nd

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

Thursday, August 23rd

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

Friday, August 24th

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