

Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

Newsletter

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A New Program Year Starts

Traditionally, the week after Labor Day marks the beginning of the program year in most Episcopal Churches. This cycle of formation usually includes preparation for Confirmation, New Comers classes, and Fall, Advent, Lenten, and Easter Programs. We mix our programs to include Biblical theology, liturgy, prayer, and spirituality. Usually during our Fall study we cover a spirituality topic, followed by a Biblical study for Advent. During the Spring we tend to reverse the order, studying a book of Scripture for Lent, followed by a liturgy, history, or spirituality study after Easter.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAM

This year we will begin our cycle of formation with a Spirituality DVD program by Diana Butler Bass, entitled, "Embracing Spiritual Awakening." The program will be a 5-week series that will start on Wednesday, September 12, at 6:00pm. You are also invited to join us for Holy Eucharist at 5:15pm. As it is our custom, Adult Formation begins with supper which is provided by various attendees on a rotating basis. Diana Butler Bass is a renowned church historian who was a distinguished professor at Rhodes college in Memphis, among other prestigious universities. Currently, she is an independent scholar and an award-winning author of 10 books. She writes on American religion and culture. According to her website, "Her bylines include The Washington Post, The New York Times Syndicate, and The Huffington Post. She has commented widely on religion, politics, and culture widely in the media including USA TODAY, Time, Newsweek, CBS, CNN, FOX, PBS, NPR, Sirius XM, and CBC." This DVD is part of the "Awakening" series published by Church Publishing. We did a Richard Rohr DVD program from the same series about two years ago. Please plan to attend and bring friends.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES



At Grace Church Confirmation takes place when the youth is in the 8th grade or above. We do 5 classes of about an hour each that cover the history of our church, the major tenants of our faith, and important content from our Episcopal Catechism. We answer the questions, "What do we believe?" and "Why do we believe it?" The purpose is to inspire the youth to make an adult profession of their faith and to engage in ministry within the church and community. If you have a youth in the 8th grade or higher who hasn't been confirmed, please call Meg Kendrick and add him or her to the list. The classes will be held on Thursdays September 27, October 11, October 25, November 15, and December 6 all at 6:00pm.

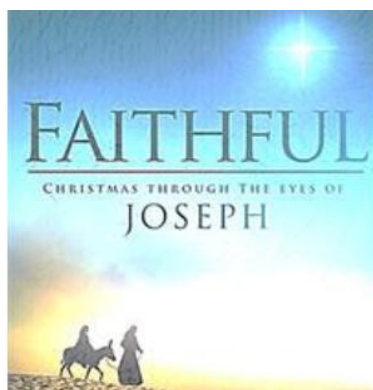
NEW COMERS CLASSES

We have a lot of new members and others who are interested in becoming members. Every year we offer 5 newcomers classes that begin with a dinner to get to know each other and share in some fellowship before the classes begin. The Rector will delight you with a delicious Colombian meal that features carne asada, black beans, yellow rice, cabbage salad, fried plantains, and, a special guava pastry for dessert. The Newcomers dinner will be held on Thursday, September 20, at 6:00pm. Please call Meg Kendrick to register. The five classes will be on Thursdays October 4, October 18, November 1, November 8, and November 29. All the classes will be at 6:00pm in the Rector's office. Please call Meg Kendrick to register.



ADVENT PROGRAM

Advent begins on Sunday, December 2, 2018. On Wednesday, November 28 at 6:00pm, we will begin a 4-week study by Adam Hamilton, called, "Faithful: Christmas through the eyes of Joseph." This DVD series explores the biblical texts where Joseph is mentioned and looks at the entire Biblical narrative on the birth of Jesus through the eyes of his earthly father. Little is known about Joseph and he is often a forgotten figure in the story of Christmas. Yet, his courage and faith, were fundamentally important to the birth and early life of our Messiah. This Bible study will lead us deeper into Joseph's life, story, and legacy. Please make plans to join us.



More information will be published soon about the Fall program for the Wednesday Morning "women's" Christian Formation Program, which meets at 9:00am during the program year. In the mean time, plan to attend our various programs and let us know if you would like to cook a meal for one of our classes, As always, I am grateful for your love and support of all our ministries and programs.

Blessings, Fr. Roldan+

Ministry Spotlight: Church Mice

The Church Mice Program is changing! We will now meet on the third Sunday of every month from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. from September to May. Our next Church Mice will be on Sunday, September 16th. Children will still receive a fun lesson to teach them about what it means to be an Episcopalian and develop their relationship with Jesus Christ. We will also have dinner for the children. We are in need of volunteers who are willing to prepare a meal for September through May. If you are interested, please sign up in the narthex. We also need volunteers to serve November through May, there is also a sign up sheet in the narthex. The meeting dates for Church Mice are the following: Sept. 16th; Oct 21st; Nov 18th; Dec 16th; Jan 20th; Feb 17th; Mar 17th; Apr 21; May 19th. If you have any questions or are interested in serving a meal or volunteering, please contact Lisa Foster at pre-school@gracechurchwfp.org or 601-631-4825.



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

Douglas Linwood Kendrick, IV, Thomas LaCroix- Aug. 26; George Silbernagel- Aug. 27; Charlie Schneider, Bobby Wilson-Aug. 28; Suzie Silbernagel- Aug. 29; Susan Willis -Aug. 30; Mary Jane Opperman-Aug. 31; Clayton Daniel -Sept. 1; Tony Horn-Sept. 3; Evelyn Ray Pollet-Sept. 5; James Kirschling Susan Leake, David Beauchamp-Sept. 6; Marsha Dardenne, Chaille Lambert-Sept. 7; Hayes Howell-Sept. 8.

Wedding Anniversaries

Charlie and Anne Murrell Locke Schneider Sept. 1; Bruce and Carol Stamey-September 2; Bob and Trish Toburen-Sept 5 Bill and Willia Perkins-Sept. 8

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 Elison, Jennifer Erickson, Ellen Ewald, Mark Feltnner, 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, 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 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).

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!

There will be a vestry meeting on Sunday, August 26th after the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

You will have the opportunity to participate in the Community Mission Appeal (CMA) on Sunday, August 26th, which funds specific ministries in and around the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. The grants that are awarded to the different organizations depend solely on the funds that are raised from the churches of the Diocese. Last year, we were able to award \$27,250 to these ministries. Thank you for your generosity next Sunday in giving to the Community Mission Appeal!

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 Youth Program Year is on a roll! We need your support to continue to make these ministries successful and fun for our young parishioners. If you are interested in preparing dinner for the youth group and/or serving as a volunteer, please reach out to Alyssa - youth@gracechurchwfp.org or by phone 245-1385. Sign up for meals is the narthex.

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!

Three of our parishioners are studying abroad. They would love to hear from you, please consider sending a small note to make their day.

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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday August 26, 2018

Acolytes: Mary E. Barrow, Evelyn Pollet, Hayes Whatley

Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Bryan McClendon;
10 a.m.: Maria Gerry, Landon Anderson

Ushers: Carl Fontenot, Tony Horn

Lectors: Landon Anderson, Donna Wright

Vestry Rep: Richard Kendrick

Altar Guild: Team 2

Altar Flowers: Ronnie & Pat Martin

Sanctuary Candle: Richard & Meg Kendrick

Coffee Hour: Christian & Jaime DeJean

Children's Church: Carly Whatley

Babysitters: Grant Rome, Shelby Griffin

Sunday September 2, 2018

Acolytes: Emma Olsen, Wyatt Olsen, Jesse Means

Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Carol Stamey
10 a.m.: Sheryl Wynters, Sara Klein

Ushers: Zed Howell, Richard Kendrick

Lectors: Missy Higgins, Rachel Howell

Vestry Rep: Drew Nordgren

Altar Guild Team 3

Altar Flowers: Mary Woodyear

Sanctuary candle: Edward & Leslie Daniel

Coffee Hour: Tim & Kathy Kane

Children's Church: Richard Kendrick

Babysitters: Angelina Hardin, Landry Higgins

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Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist
Coffee Hour

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Coffee Hour

Wednesday, August 29th

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

Thursday, August 30th

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

Friday, August 31st

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

Sunday, September 2nd

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

Wednesday, September 5th

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

Thursday, September 6th

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

Friday, September 7th

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