



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

Newsletter

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Vestry Approves Major Restoration of Bishop Jackson Hall

In February of 2016 we began to dream of a new kitchen. A small committee was created and Mrs. Dare Didier volunteered to chair it. The committee met through early 2017 when they presented draft plans to the church at a Coffee Hour and answered a number of questions regarding the project. After those early meetings throughout 2016 and 2017, we identified other issues that widened the scope of the project to include the exterior and sections of the interior of Jackson Hall. Much of 2017 was spent creating architectural plans, securing permits, and making decisions regarding our needs and aspirations. By the end of August 2018, the Finance Committee recommended a funding formula to the Vestry to pay for the restoration. We were slated to approve the chosen bidder, the funding formula, and the start date at our vestry meeting in August. Two days before that vestry meeting, however, we learned that our Preschool needed to be licensed. Wisely, the Vestry chose to postpone any decisions regarding the restoration until the licensing issue was resolved, in case that space needed expansion or repairs. On Monday, September 24th, we received a Type I license for our Preschool, without any need for expansion. This cleared the way for our October 2, 2018 Vestry meeting, at which the bidder, funding, and schedule were approved.

What does this mean for our programs in the next few months? Basically, we will be asked to be patient while we are under construction. The offices in Jackson Hall will remain open and I will continue to see people for counseling. We will have a bit of noise and foot traffic from workers, but we will adjust to the best of our ability. Below is our plan to handle our ministries and programs from the start of construction, slated for November 1, 2018, through its conclusion by Easter Sunday, 2019.

COFFEE HOUR: We so enjoy our time of fellowship every Sunday morning that we have made arrangements to continue during our reconstruction. After the service on Sundays we will walk or drive over to the Golsan House for fellowship together. This will also serve as the place where we will host the Bishop's Reception when he comes for his annual visitation on Sunday, December 2nd.

BATHROOMS AND PARKING: Because we don't expect the workers to be on-site on weekends, we do not anticipate any problems with parking or bathrooms. Just exercise caution when walking in and out of Jackson Hall because materials will have to be stored within the hall space. It might be prudent if you use the bathroom doors that lead directly to our cemetery, rather than our front doors.

PRESCHOOL: The only affected area for our Preschool will be the playground, but we have asked the builders to install a temporary fence in between the playground and the work site to protect our children from debris. We only use Jackson Hall for music lessons and as a playground at times of inclement weather. The staff have a plan in place that will allow them to use space upstairs and the Church for some of these activities.

ADULT FORMATION: Until further notice the Men's Bible Study, Centering Prayer Group, Adult Formation Program on Wednesday evenings, Lectionary Bible study, and Sunday School Study will meet in the Rector's Study. The Wednesday Morning Study, which begins on 10/10/18 will meet in Jackson Hall for the first meeting, where they will make arrangements for a future location for the rest of the classes.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Children's Chapel will continue to meet in the Children's Chapel on the second floor of Jackson Hall; Church Mice will meet in the Preschool Room in Jackson Hall, where they will have their meal; and the Youth Group will meet in the Youth Rooms and Play Room and will have their supper in the Arts and Crafts Room in Jackson Hall. All children and youth programs will use the space in front of the Church for play time.

ANCILLARY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS: We have notified the Women Service League, Boy Scouts, OLLI, Sheriff's office, Garden Symposium, School Board and other groups that use our space that we will not be able to host any community programs and events until the end of April 2019. We believe our restoration will be completed by then, but, if this changes, we will inform all of you in writing via newsletters and Sunday inserts.

FUNDING: The Vestry has set aside 60% of the cost of the restoration. We are in the process of writing a grant for Historic Restoration Tax Credits, as we did for the restoration of our sanctuary. This will yield an additional 16% of the total bill. What this means is that 24% of the total bill will have to be fundraised. We already have a number of parishioners who have made verbal pledges and we have several fundraising events planned for the next few months. It is our desire to have this project fully paid for without the need of loans from vestry. Please pray for us and let us know how you might be able to help.

Please let Meg or I know if you have any questions or concerns and please pray for our restoration. May our Lord continue to bless you, Fr. Roldan+

There are several ministries that are looking for volunteers to help support their missions. Please review to see if there is a ministry that calls to you.

Altar Guild: 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 225-245-4732. To serve on Altar Guild, you are required to be baptized or received into the Episcopal Church. It is open to both men and women.

Acolytes: Our Acolyte ministry is one of our important ministries that adds to our services. All you need to be an Acolyte is a willing heart, have been baptized and be in 2nd grade or higher, and that includes adults! We are always looking to add to our list of acolytes, if you are interested, please contact Richard Kendrick at dodgynarwhal@gmail.com or 225-245-4442.

Church Mice: Open to all pre-k through 5th grade students. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month from 4–6 p.m. A great time for our youngest parishioners to learn about faith, fellowship, and deepen their relationship with Christ. We are in need of volunteers to help with the activities and to prepare a meal. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to prepare a meal, you can sign up in the narthex or reach out to Alyssa Louis at youth@gracechurchwfp.org

Choir: If you've never sung in choir before that's ok! Most of the members are not trained musically. We learn the music we sing in church week by week, together. What the Grace Choir needs is individuals with a willing spirit who can "make a joyful noise to the Lord." Please consider joining us. We need you! If you are interested in joining the choir us, please contact Mel Hale at music@gracechurchwfp.org.

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

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

Birthdays

Annie Ruth Paul, Jude Weller-Oct.8; Emmette Barrow-Oct. 9; Eileen Barrow-Oct. 10; Lucie Butler, Shannon Pollet-Oct. 11; Mary Elizabeth Barrow, Wil Wilson, Davis Havard, Joshua David-Oct. 12; Ben Klein, Don Reinhardt-Oct. 13; David Weller, Claire Ford, Daisy Howell-Oct. 14; Judy Miller, Dixie Blue, Michael Benton-Oct. 15; Jack Donnelly, Arthur Lewis, Jordon C. Truitt-Oct. 16; Anderson Adams, Linda Pruitt, Tara Jones-Oct. 17; Ruthie Lindsey, Kevin Griffin-Oct. 18; Megan Gill, Alex Persons, Lisa Fisher-Oct. 20

Wedding

Anniversaries

Tom and Susie Tully-Oct. 9; T. J. and Olivia Woodside-Oct. 10; Cynthia and Overton Nicholas-Oct. 15; Michael & Bethany Luneau-Oct. 16; Emilie and Nathan Johnson-Oct. 19; Sean and Katie Harrison, Larry and Susan Schneider-Oct. 20 .

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, Cole Rourke, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Roland Toups, Deborah Vines, Dennisia Williams, Rufus Yerger, Grayson Zeringue, 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).

What's Happening at Grace?

The Blessing of the Animals for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on Saturday, October 6th at 10 a.m. in front of the church. All pets are welcome to receive a blessing from Fr. Roldan. Please keep all dogs on leashes and other small pets in cages or bowls. This is open to all in the community, please invite friends!

Grace Preschool Sunday is Sunday, October 7th during the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Join us to celebrate this wonderful ministry of Grace Church. Afterwards, we will have a cookout, bounce houses, games, and more!

The Wednesday Morning Prayer Group will begin their study on Embracing Spiritual Awakening, on Wednesday, October 10th at 9 am. They will convene in Jackson Hall and will conclude by 10:30 am. Books will be available by October 3rd at Conundrum Books on Ferdinand Street The study will continue through November 7th.

Women's Ecumenical Breakfast is Saturday, October 13 at 8:30 a.m. Fr. Roldan will lead us in a riveting discussion entitled Coming to America and Beyond! Fr. Roldan will talk about his physical journey from Colombia, SA to the United States and his spiritual/religious journey from Roman Catholicism to the Episcopal Church. Framed in a humorous presentation, he will talk about the spirituality of journeys and will touch upon faith in America in the 21st century. Plan to join us and bring friends.

Church Mice returns! Our next Church Mice for all pre-k through 5th grade students will be on Sunday, October 21st from 4–6 p.m. A fun lesson, craft, and dinner will be provided. Bring your little ones to learn more about their faith and to grow the bonds of Christian fellowship.

The Grace Youth Group will be hosting other youth groups from across our diocese for a Youth Hike in Clark Creek on Sunday, October 21st. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and muddy! Meet in the Grace Church parking lot at 1 p.m. They will return by 5 p.m.

The Grace Youth Group is creating a trunk for Trunk or Treat at the West Feliciana Sports Park on Thursday, October 25th. If you would like to donate candy for them to give out, please drop off bite-sized wrapped Halloween candy to Jackson Hall.

The Grace Church Family Yard Sale will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 27th. Come out to find new treasures and help fundraise towards the Jackson Hall renovation. Our Children and Youth ministries will have food and refreshments for sale as well

Save the Date: Altar Guild Day of Reflection, November 17th from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. Please register by November 10th, 2018 by calling the Solomon Center, 985-748-6634. There is no cost to attend this program. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Cook, Diocese of Louisiana Altar Guild Chair at 504-439-3885 or by email, cacook31@att.net.



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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday October 7, 2018

Acolytes: Hayden Howle, Ella Corrine Howle,
John Barrow Klein, Evelyn Pollet
Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Lucie Butler;
10 a.m.: Rucker Leake, Sara Klein
Ushers: Dwight Singer, Carl Fontenot
Lectors: Glenn Thomas, Trish Toburen
Vestry Rep: Tom Flynn
Altar Guild: Team 4
Altar Flowers: C. Claude Baron
Sanctuary Candle: Sharon Gauthier
Coffee Hour: Heather & Rob Howle

Sunday October 14, 2018

Acolytes: James Kirschling, Karina Mulkey, Joey
Peno, Jesse Means
Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: C. Stevens/S. Gauthier
10 a.m.: Brandie Olsen, Sheryl Wynters
Ushers: Tony Horn, Tiger Olsen
Lectors: Will Plettinger, Donna Wright
Vestry Rep: Zed Howell
Altar Guild Team 1
Altar Flowers: Dixie Blue
Sanctuary candle: Penny Reinhardt
Coffee Hour: Connie & Landon Anderson

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

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Wednesday, October 10

5 - 7pm - Youth Group
5:15pm - Eucharist
6-8 pm - Adult Formation Class

Thursday, October 11

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

Friday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 17

5 - 7pm - Youth Group
5:15pm - Eucharist
6-8 pm - Adult Formation Class

Thursday, October 18

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

Friday, October 19

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