



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

Newsletter

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For Everything there is a Season

Change. It is inevitable. For some change is an exciting time of self-reflection and growth while for others it is a difficult time, full of difficult emotions. I personally see this period of change at Grace as a wonderful time to reflect on the past, look forward to the future, and determine who we are as Christians, people, and a family of faith.

When I was first elected as Senior Warden in January of 2019, I asked the question "what exactly does the Senior Warden do?" The answer I received is that when a permanent rector is with the Church, very little in the day to day operations are expected of the Senior Warden. However, in the absence of a rector, the Senior Warden becomes the person who makes sure the congregation is cared for, there are priests covering services, the bills get paid, and a search committee is formed to call a new permanent Rector. Accepting the position for a second year in January 2020, I knew this would be a period full of uncertainty, for some potential turmoil, and worry. It is with a humble heart, a fierce determination, and a love of Grace Episcopal Church, that I am embracing this new role in life. I believe we should use this time between rectors as chance for us to strengthen our bonds as a church family and rest in the love and peace of God.

Since Fr. Roldan's announcement, I have spent a lot of time with my Book of Common Prayer in recent weeks rediscovering prayers for congregations, rectors, and other inspiration in this time. I encourage you all to do the same. Please join with me in praying for our congregation, our vestry, and the future rector whom we will call. On page 817 of the Book of Common Prayer there is a prayer for the church family. I found this to be particularly poignant for where our congregation is today:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One of the most comforting parts of being an Episcopalian to me is the ability to walk into any church and know I will find a Eucharist that reflects the Book of Common Prayer and a common liturgy. I hope you too will find comfort in this.

I am overjoyed to work with Bishop Jenkins who has agreed to lead us until the Vestry can find an Interim Priest. I am thankful for our amazing team of lay persons who are stepping up to serve this congregation. I am grateful for Meg, our wonderful Parish Administrator. The various people leading our ministries all enable us to continue during this period of adjustment. I believe that this season of change will bring great people to our congregation and bring out the best in all of us.

The Vestry is hard at work prayerfully considering the formation of our search committee. We hope to receive input on your thoughts and feelings about Grace, who we are, where we have been, and where the future may lead. I intend to hold office hours every Monday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. I am also available other days by appointment. I am always available by email at leslie.daniel@ymail.com or on my cell phone 225-317-1957.

I once joked to Meg that I captain a pirate ship at home. My prayer is to keep this beautiful ship known as Grace afloat during this period of transition. Please reflect and pray for our search, our church, and our community.

Prayerfully,
Leslie Daniel, Senior Warden

Grace Preschool Registration is Open!



Preschool Registration for the 2020–2021 school year is open. Packets are available outside the main office in Jackson Hall as well as on our website under the Preschool Tab. Children must be 3 years old by September 30th, 2020 to attend Grace Preschool. Registration packets are due by March 31, 2020. Come grow with us at Grace Preschool.

Grace Announcements and Events

The **Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church** in the United States has asked us to pray for our Country during this Lenten Season. More specifically, Bishop Curry has asked that we pray and fast on Wednesdays as we remember this nation. Bishop Curry has in the past been very clear about praying for the President of the United States. It is part of our Christian inheritance and tradition that we pray for the President no matter our opinion of him or of his policies and practices. In the Book of Common Prayer on page 820 you will find prayers for our Country and for the President of the United States. These are the prayers that I pray, though I add the first names of the President and the Governor. For those who do not have a Book of Common Prayer at home or who wish the same but in older wording, the prayers mentioned above have been printed from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and are available in the foyer of the Church. +Bishop Jenkins

Please keep Steve and Cheryl Meaux, the father and step-mother of Missy Higgisn, as well as the Higgins family in your prayers. Steve and Cheryl passed away on Thursday, March 5th. May the peace of the Lord be with the Higgins family.

The ECW No-Bake Sale raised \$1,014.00 towards the youth center at Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. This is the most ever raised by our ECW! Thank you very much for your generous donations and continue to pray for the building of a youth center for the youth of our diocese.

We are still collecting personal hygiene products for boys and girls as well as small toiletry or make up bags for students at West Feliciana High School who lack the resources to come to school clean and healthy. Also, there still a need for individually wrapped healthy snacks for the children that may come to school hungry. If you would like to donate items to this ministry, please drop them off at the church office. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in donating to this much needed cause.

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

Valerie Barnes, Libby Dart, Melissa Higgins, Jason Kennedy, Charlotte Maxwell, Elizabeth Denton Mitchell, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Shane Pollet, Carolyn Porche, Cozette Stevens, Kay Tengler, Glenn Timmons, Wendell Wade, Marcia Willis, Pam Wilson, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

Birthdays

Hayden Howle-March 9; Elena Eugenie Fin, Carl Fontenot, Wyatt Olsen, Daniel Schneider -March 10; Carly Whatley, Daniel Gore-March 11; Kathy Beauchamp, Carolyn Douglas-March 12; Beau Farmer, Lyn Lokey-March 13; Reese Achord, Eddie Gore, Sarah Roland, Jim Weller-March 14; Cozette Stevens, Beverly Walker-March 17; March 18; Asher Simcoe-March 19; William Klein, Tom Tully-March 21

Wedding Anniversaries

Glenn and Anne Timmons-March 16; Troy and Lynn Ballard, Kenneth and Dixie Blue-March 17

Other persons
prayers are asked
for:

Claiborne Arbutnot, Charles Barham, Kevin Beauchamp, Micaela Kell Bennett, Isabella Bertucci, Leslie Bickham, Phillip Bowen, Ben Brown, Mason Brudewick, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Darby Buras, Jenny Clark, Daryn Conrad, Rob Cox, Sandy Davenport, William David, Kathleen Davis, Jessica DeLee, Debbie Desmar, Helen Desselles, Cathy Doslovic, Molly Douglas, Amy Dwyer, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Jerry Green, Jane Hamilton, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Michelle Jeansonne, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Pat Laurent, Jody Lemoine, Jessica Liddle, Max, Charlotte Mayeaux, Laine Martrain, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Cheryl Meaux, Steve Meaux, Robin Michel, Jimmy Mitchell, Ruth Morris, Randall Nachman, Walter Oliveaux, Barton Platte, Elizabeth Poole, Susanna Prescott, Tammy Riggs, James and Sylvia Roach, Yvonne Rogers, Cole Rourke, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Rusty Snyder, Cade Stapleton, Kaitlyn Temple, Roland Troups, Millie and Howard Varner, Deborah Vines, Emily Walz, Jake Washington, Deacon Zekes, Lynn Zinn.

Those serving in the
armed forces:

Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, Jay Christopher, Ryan Coacher, Carlile Cointment, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, Polly Finley, Bryan Geltz, Edward Jenkins, Laura Latson, Shawn Lemons, Terry Palmer, James Powers, Jeff Ragusa, Christopher Willis, Aaron Zuccaro, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 1st 222 Aviation Regiment.

The Food Bank needs your help! We are still in need for two pound bags of dried kidney and navy beans, and baby food that has not expired at our local Food Bank. Please drop your donations in the Food Bank Barrel in the Foyer of Jackson Hall and thank you for your continued support.

Daylight Savings Time is this Sunday, March 8th. We are springing forward so don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead before going to bed on Saturday.

Spring Daffodil Sale! It's time to order your daffodil flowers now which will be available for pick up at Jackson Hall on Wednesday, March 18th between 10:00am-1:00pm. (Later pick up is available!) A vase of 40 flowers is \$25 and case orders are also available. The sale is sponsored by the Southern Garden Symposium and Feliciana Master Gardeners to support community garden projects and 4-H scholarships. Order forms are in Jackson Hall, or can be emailed to you by contacting Rachel Howell at 225-907-4194 or utgirl85@att.net. March 9th is deadline to order. We are hoping to place daffodils throughout Grace cemetery for the Pilgrimage tour on Friday, March 20th. Thank you for your support.

The Lenten Adult Formation Series will continue the study of the *The Desert Mothers*. During our weekly meetings, we will continue to explore the writings of the women of the desert while reflecting on how we can continue to apply the spiritual practices in our lives today. The study will continue on Wednesdays through April 1st at 10:30 a.m. in Jackson Hall.

Don't feel like cooking? Join us for a fellowship outing to Mt. Carmel's Fish Fry on Friday, March 13th. We'll meet at the Catholic Church for dinner at 5:40 p.m. If you would like to join us for this fellowship opportunity, please meet us at Mt. Carmel.

Father Van Windsor will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at St. John's Chapel on Sunday, March 15th at 7:30 a.m.

Registration is open for Happening #84 March 20–22 at Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. Happening is a youth-led spiritual formation weekend designed for high school teens in grades 9-12 to connect with Christ and one another. Happening is a retreat based on building Christian community that is open and welcoming to all. Hosted by the Episcopal Church, you do not need to attend an Episcopal church or school to attend. The prayer for Happening is for all of us to return to our many churches, schools and communities ready to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. If your 9-12th grader has never Happened before and is interested in attending, please reach out to Alyssa Louis by email at youth@gracechurchwfp.org. Scholarships are available through Grace and the Diocese.

St. James will host "A Holy Journey: Transformation Through Darkness and Light", a Lenten Quiet Day from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 28, in the Chapel of the Twelve Apostles. The day of reflection and meditation will be directed by the Rev. Canon Shannon Manning. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided 30 minutes prior to the event start.

Grace Church Office Hours

- **Senior Warden, Leslie Daniel:** Mondays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Parish Administrator, Meg Kendrick:** Monday–Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Secretary, Carol Stamey:** Tuesday–Friday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Sexton, Leonard Mitchel:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings

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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

March 8, 2020

Acolytes: Baus Finn, John Barrow Klein, Andrew Klein, Lena Fin

Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Bryan McClendon
10 a.m.: Trish Toburen, Sara Klein

Ushers: Richard Kendrick, Shannon Pollet

Lectors: 7:30 a.m.: Dr. Pat Schneider

10 a.m.: Bill McClendon, Drew Nordgren

Vestry Rep: Tommy Loyacono

Altar Guild: Team 3

Children's Church: Carlin Kendrick, Lisa Foster

Altar Greenery: Zed and Rachel Howell

Sanctuary Candle: Ronnie & Pat Martin

Coffee Hour: Carlin Kendrick

Babysitters: Andrew Godke, Ashleigh Godke

March 15, 2020

Acolytes: Grant Rome, Joey Peno, Crew Rome, Colt Rome

Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Carol Stamey
10 a.m.: Joey Gammill, Karen Snyder

Ushers: Will Plettinger, Joe Savell

Lectors: 7:30 a.m.: David Opperman

10 a.m.: Justin Peno, Karen Snyder

Vestry Rep: Drew Nordgren

Children's Church: Charlotte Peno, Meg Kendrick

Altar Guild: Team 4

Altar Greenery: Ronnie and Pat Martin

Sanctuary Candle: The Pinson Family

Coffee Hour: Sheryl Wynters

Babysitters: Lily Dickerson, Emma Olsen

March 8, 2020

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 am - Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist
Coffee Hour

Readings:

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 15, 2020

7:30am - Holy Eucharist
at Grace & St. John's

8:45 am - Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist
Coffee Hour

Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Wednesday, March 11

10:30am - Adult Formation

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

Thursday, March 12

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

Friday, March 13

7:00am - Eucharist

7:45am - Breakfast & Fellowship at
Birdman

Sunday, March 15

7:30am - Eucharist at Grace & St. John's

8:45am - Bible Study

10:00am - Eucharist

Wednesday, March 18

10:30am - Adult Formation

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

Thursday, March 19

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10am - Worship: SF Country Manor

Friday, March 20

7:00am - Eucharist

7:45am - Breakfast & Fellowship at