



GRACE CHURCH

OF WEST FELICIANA PARISH

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

Dear Grace Family,

Our recent Annual Meeting found us in the grips of a pandemic and without a Rector. As is our custom at this meeting, we elected new members to the Vestry. They are Zed Howell, Anne Klein, Christian Tregle and Ellen Williams. Three of the positions are for full three-year terms and one is for the remaining 2 years of Trish Toburen's term, as she resigned last year to concentrate on her discernment for the priesthood. The previous Vestry instructed that we would draw lots to determine who would take Trish's term, with the result that Ellen Williams will serve out the term. In addition, Zed Howell was elected Senior Warden, Tommy Loyacono was re-elected Junior Warden and Ellen Williams was elected Clerk. Upon election to the position of Senior Warden, Zed Howell submitted his resignation as Chairman of the Rector Search Committee. The recommendation to appoint Bobby Wilson as Chairman was made and he was elected to the position. Those serving through 2021 are Kathy Kane, Tommy Loyacono and David Treppendahl. Those serving through 2022 are Maria Gerry, Hamilton Willis and Ellen Williams. Those serving through 2023 are Zed Howell, Anne Klein and Christian Tregle.

The Vestry is the legal representative and agent of Grace Church, charged with specific responsibilities by the canons of The Episcopal Church. In the absence of a Rector, the Vestry also takes on most of the responsibilities of the Rector. Exceptions include responsibility for certain liturgical and spiritual guidance, which comes from the Diocese of Louisiana and Episcopal Church Canons. We are grateful for those who have stayed the course and continue to pray for our church during this transition.

In the coming days we will be looking at committees and events with an eye to the eventual reopening of society to full worship and fellowship. We will be reaching out to members of our church to volunteer once again to the Glory of God.

Yours in Christ,
Zed Howell

Senior Warden
Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

Lenten Retreat & Formation

The upcoming Lenten Formation will delve into Celtic Christian Spirituality. Following Mary C. Earle's book "Celtic Christian Spirituality: Essential Writings", participants will take inspiration from the primary texts of the lively Celtic Christian tradition, with selections from the works of Pelagius, Eriugena and St. Patrick, as well as prayers and poems from Wales, the Outer Hebrides and Ireland.

A weekly Zoom will meet Wednesdays in Lent beginning February 24 from 10:00 - 11:30a.m. Mary C. Earle will lead a Lenten Retreat over Zoom on February 27 from 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. You can sign up for both the Wednesday formation classes and the Retreat by following the links on our website.

Participants can learn more about Mary C. Earle at her website Marycearle.com and can order the book through www.materialmedia.com. You can receive 15% off the purchase by using the coupon code **gracechurch**.

If you need assistance registering, please contact the Parish Office.

Called to Serve?

We are always looking to include more people in the liturgical life of the parish. If you're interested in becoming a lay minister, lector, usher, joining the Altar Guild, or becoming an online lector, let us know! For more information, contact Carol Stamey at (225)-635-4065 or secretary@gracechurchwfp.org

Intercessory prayers are asked for Grace Church members:

Kyle & Marcy Dunaway, David Floyd, Tom Flynn, Patsy Hardouin, Carlile Higgins, Melissa Higgins, Bishop Charles Jenkins, Molly McGraw, Eric Nelson, Ruth Reed, Cozette Stevens, Julie Stewart, Eleanor & Glenn Thomas, Wendell Wade, Jake Wray.

Prayers are also asked for:

Ben Brown, Clint Bryant, Kaye Carroll, William David, Sarah Fahey, John and Linda Griffin, Andy Kershaw, Ramie LeBlanc, Andy Lewis, Suzanne McCormick, All those affected by COVID-19 and hurricane disasters.

Birthdays

Chris Dwyer, Emma Bell, Willis Daniel-Feb. 1; Stacy Betz-Feb. 2; Overton Nicholas, Amanda Robinson-Feb. 3; Robbie Howle, Tommy Thompson-Feb. 4; Bill Willson-Feb. 6; Morgan Moss-Feb. 7; Bob Toburen, Braylon Farthing, Dahn Savell, Justin Williams, Dana Hanchey, Gus Hill, Eleanor Tregle-Feb. 8; Peter Truitt-Feb. 9; Patsy Hardouin, Debbie Graves-Feb. 10; Penny Reinhardt-Feb. 11; Elizabeth S. Feirn, Davis Bankston Sr, John Moss-Feb. 12; Elizabeth David, Kay Tengler-Feb. 13; David Opperman, Paula Elizabeth Finley-Feb. 14; Logan Reinhardt, Richard Kendrick-Feb. 15; James Kane, Melissa Dowd-Feb. 18; Bill McClendon, Tiffany Swett-Feb. 19; Tyler Ferris-Feb. 20; Richmond Savoy- Feb. 22; Lauri Benton Dooley-Feb. 23; Rosalie Reymond, Stephanie Ferguson, Merrick Lambert-Feb. 24; James Boucher, Emma Olsen, Stacy Loyacono-Feb. 25; Roman Roldan, Lisa McGehee, Rucker Leake-Feb. 26; John Flippen, James LeBlanc, Kay Graves, Ellen Klein-Feb. 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Davis and Kathy Bankston-Feb. 1; Bill and Genie McClendon-Feb. 6; Charles and Betty Sessions-Feb. 10; Dwight and Martha Singer; Dennis and Cathy Keith-Feb. 20; Lin and Carlin Kendrick-Feb. 23;

Newsletter change

We want to keep you up-to-date with all that's happening at Grace. Beginning this month, we will transition to weekly eNews emailed on Friday. If you do not receive it and would like to be added, please reach out to the Parish Office. Our newsletter will still be mailed out monthly.

Announcements deadline

Did you know it takes a lot of coordinating to keep our communications up-to-date across our website, Facebook, and in the bulletins? Help us by getting your announcements, Altar flowers, and sanctuary candle sign ups in by Tuesday at 5:00p.m.

Sunday School

Please Join Us! The Sunday School group is welcoming new members as it begins a study of the book of Acts on February 14th. Meetings are currently being held from 8:15 to 9:00 AM each Sunday via Zoom. Members are welcome to participate by either video or audio only. The study will use a guide by N.T. Wright. Each lesson centers on a small section of scripture and the Wright commentary. No homework is involved. You may contact Sue Steib at suesteib@cox.net for additional information and login instructions.

*Thank!
You!*

Thank you to all who have been able to continue to financially support Grace Church. There are several ways to give:

- Mail a check to P.O. Box 28, St. Francisville, LA 70775.
- Give online through our website: www.gracechurchwfp.org
- Give by Text by texting **gracechurchwfp** and the amount you would like to donate to **73256**. Follow the prompts once you've texted.



Offering envelopes are in and located in the Narthex of the church. If you did not receive a box and would like to, please call the office and we will provide one for you.



Masks are required at all times and in all places of Grace's campus not only on Sundays but during the week as well. So, if you are stopping by the office or joining us for worship on Sunday, please do your part to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Prayer for Calling our Next Rector

Our Heavenly Father who has blessed this church family since 1827, and knows our needs before we ask. We pray that you guide and bless us with wisdom, patience, and open minds as the search proceeds, that our next rector will lead our congregation to serve you in peace and healing in our troubled world. All this we ask in the name of Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

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The Lectionary

February 7, 2021

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 14, 2021

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2,12-17
Psalm 103:8-14
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

February 21, 2021

The First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-9
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 28, 2021

The Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:22-30
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

February Calendar

- Feb 3** Evening Prayer (Zoom) • 5:15p.m.
Feb 4 Morning Prayer (Zoom) • 9:15a.m.
Rector Search Survey Results (Zoom) • 6:00p.m.
Feb 5 Morning Prayer (Zoom) • 8:00a.m.
Feb 7 **Morning Prayer: Rite I • 7:30a.m.**
Bible Study (Zoom) • 8:15a.m.
Holy Eucharist: Rite II • 10:00a.m.
Feb 10 Evening Prayer (Zoom) • 5:15p.m.
Feb 11 Morning Prayer (Zoom) • 9:15a.m.
Feb 12 Morning Prayer (Zoom) • 8:00a.m.
Feb 14 **Morning Prayer: Rite I • 7:30a.m.**
Bible Study (Zoom) • 8:15a.m.
Morning Prayer: Rite II • 10:00a.m.
Feb 16 *Parish Office closed in observance of Mardi Gras*
Feb 17 **Ash Wednesday • 5:15p.m.**
Imposition of Ashes, Holy Eucharist, & Music
Feb 18 Morning Prayer (Zoom) • 9:15a.m.
Feb 19 Morning Prayer (Zoom) • 8:00a.m.
Feb 21 **Morning Prayer: Rite I • 7:30a.m.**
Bible Study (Zoom) • 8:15a.m.
Morning Prayer: Rite II • 10:00a.m.
Feb 24 Lent Formation (Zoom) • 10:00-11:30a.m.
Evening Prayer (Zoom) • 5:15p.m.
Feb 25 Morning Prayer (Zoom) • 9:15a.m.
Feb 26 Morning Prayer (Zoom) • 8:00a.m.
Feb 27 Lenten Retreat (Zoom) • 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.
Intro to Celtic Spirituality
Feb 28 **Morning Prayer: Rite I • 7:30a.m.**
Bible Study (Zoom) • 8:15a.m.
Holy Eucharist: Rite II • 10:00a.m.

Email administrator@gracechurchwfp.org for Zoom call instructions