

# Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

## *Grace Elects New Leadership Team*



Richard Kendrick was elected unanimously as Senior Warden of Grace Church on February 21, 2017 by Grace's current Vestry. Richard joins a distinguished group of Senior Wardens who have lovingly led Grace Church since 1827. People like Samuel J. Powell, Richard Butler, Samuel Mc. Lawrason, Judge Golsan, Butler Lawrason, D. I. Norwood, James Kilbourne, A. W. Noland, R. W. Hamilton, P. A. Niebergall, James L. Stirling, Fred McIntyre, A. H. Magruder, Barrow Norwood, John Farrar, Jordan Truitt, Richard Holcomb, R. E. Barrow, Gordon Taylor, Ray Carpenter,

Murray Henderson, Pat Butler, H. B. Willis, Bill McClendon, Rucker Leake, Bert Babers, Stephen Dart, Lucie Butler, Jeff Pruitt, Miriam Garrett, Will Plettinger, Jimmy Benton, Walter Bankston, Donna Pitts, Susie Tully, Tommy Klein, Glenn Thomas, Stewart Hughes, and Landon Anderson.

Historically, the role of a Senior Warden in an Episcopal Church is that of representative leadership. The Senior Warden represents the Vestry of the church, which in turn represents the congregation as a whole, in all legal matters. These might include the purchase or sale of property, the relations between the parish and its clergy, and the continuation of worship and pastoral care in the absence of a Rector (in which case the Senior Warden works with the Vestry to secure proper clerical coverage until the Rector returns or a new Rector has been called to serve). The Senior Warden is a delegate to Diocesan Convention and, together with the Rector, represents the church in all matters related to the Diocese. As such, the Senior Warden signs the Church's pledge to the Diocese, works with the Treasurer and the Rector to complete the Church's Annual Parochial Report, and works closely with the Diocese's Canon to the Ordinary and Parochial Search Committee to hire the Rector in case of vacancy. As a partner in ministry with the Rector, the Senior Warden works in collaboration with the Chancellor to support the Rector in case of human resources conflict, when and if appropriate. Together with the Chancellor and the Rector, the Senior Warden oversees any litigation in which the Church or Vestry might become involved. The Senior Warden leads the vestry in reviewing and approving any persons from the church who are applying for Holy Orders in the Diocese. Lastly, the Senior Warden is a signatory in all bank accounts, leads all vestry meetings in the absence of the Rector, and supervises all staff in case of a Rector vacancy, until an Interim Rector has been called. On occasion, the Senior Warden may be called to serve on a Diocesan committee, when able and willing to do so.

### Newsletter

Feb. 26 & March 5, 2017

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More generally, the Senior Warden leads the Vestry in representing the needs and wants of the congregation in all decisions made by the Vestry. Ideally, the Senior Warden and Vestry will engage in an open and constructive dialogue with the Rector and congregation about what is going well and what is not going well in the church. Likewise, the Senior Warden leads the vestry in monitoring clergy and clergy-family wellness. He will encourage a clear and direct communication between the congregation, Vestry, and Rector. Lastly, he will assist the Vestry in maintaining a spiritual focus and be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all they do. After all, a Vestry is much more than a board of directors. It is primarily a group of servant leaders who are called to lead by example in matters of church attendance, stewardship, and prayer life. Above all, a Vestry is called to envision and map out where God may be leading the congregation. As such, a Vestry and their Senior Warden are called to be faith-filled, hope-full, and enthusiastic about the great potential of the congregation and its people. Ultimately, all a vestry does is meant to honor God through his Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of God's Holy Spirit. Without this trinitarian focus and a deep desire to serve the congregation with integrity and passion, vestries often devolve into 9-headed monsters. With Christ at the center, however, vestries can lead congregations into vibrant and joyful ministry on behalf of the people God has given them to serve.

Please keep Richard, Zed (who was named Junior Warden) and Dare (re-elected as Clerk) in your prayers and don't hesitate to come to them if you have any constructive recommendations to make Grace an even better and more loving community than we already are.

Blessings to you, Fr. Roldan+

**Kitchen Redesign Coffee Hour this Sunday, Feb. 26:** Please join us to view the plans to remodel our kitchen. Our kitchen is much more than the place we use for making coffee or setting up for parties. It is one of our biggest sources of outreach to the community. Join us, invite a few friends and bring all your questions.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Wednesday, March 1st at 7am. Join the group for breakfast catered by Audubon Café and a Bible Study afterwards.

**Grateful thanks:** I hope you have noticed the foyer of Jackson Hall. It has had a makeover by Patrick Tandy and Susan Roland. Their wonderful talents and generous donations have made this a much brighter, beautiful entrance into Jackson Hall. The bowl on the console was given in memory of Evelyn Smith many years ago by Patsy Hardouin and hopefully will display fresh flowers quite often arranged by volunteers. Please thank Patrick and Susan when you see them.



**Preschool Registration:** Grace Preschool looks forward to registering new students for the 2017-2018 school year! Registration forms can be picked up in the foyer of Jackson Hall from March 6th through March 17th. All enrolling students must be three years of age by September 30th. Returning families and Grace Church members are granted the first openings in the registration process. The registration form and a \$125 non-refundable deposit must be returned by Friday, March 17 in person or by mail to P.O. Box 28 St. Francisville, LA 70775. For additional

information, please contact Director/Head Teacher Diana Weller at the Preschool, 635-4030.

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

David Barnes, Tom Morris, Sara Nelson, Margie Sheets, Kay Tengler, Eleanor Thomas, Wendell Wade, David Walker, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

**Birthdays**

Roman Roldan, Lisa McGehee, Rucker Leake-Feb. 26; James LeBlanc, Kay Graves, Ellen Klein-Feb. 27; Jean Hill, Donna Wright-March 2; Jim Roland-March 3; Joseph Horn-March 4; Carol Stamey-March 5; Claire Ricks-March 7; Hayden Howle-March 9; Daniel Schneider, Carl Fontenot, Wyatt Olsen-March 10; Carly Whatley, Daniel Gore-March 11.

**Wedding Anniversaries**

David and Kathy Beauchamp-March 2; Emmette and Emily Barrow-March 4; Trey and Caroline Marchive, David and Iris Stewart-March 5; Glenn and Anne Timmons-March 16.

*Other persons prayers are asked for:*

Charles Barham, Walker Bell, Micaela Kell Bennett, Jolie Berry, Leslie Bickham, Phillip Bowen, Leo Brown, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Mac Bullock, John Caruthers, Jenny Clark, Kitty Claus, Kathleen Davis, Debbie Desmar, Helen Deselles, Molly Douglas, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Mark Feltner, Juanita Ferguson, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Michelle Jeansonne, Jill Joffrion, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Cecil Kelly, Jody Lemoine, Bob Lewis, Jessica Liddle, Max, Paul McGuff, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Robin Michel, Dorothy Anne Millikin, Jimmy Mitchell, Rusty Melton, Randall Nachman, Barton Platte, Susanna Prescott, Susan Pray, Peter Purpera, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Cole Rourke, Stephen Seale, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Roland Toups, Denham Turner, Darold Whitmer, Zane Woodward.

*Those serving in the armed forces:* Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, James Boucher, Jay Christopher, Ryan Coacher, Ben Colia, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, Bryan Geltz, Edward Jenkins, Laura Latson, Shawn Lemons, Terry Palmer, James Powers, Jeff Ragusa, Christopher Willis, Matthew Young, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads.

**West Feliciana Quarterly Ladies Prayer Breakfast** will be Saturday, February 25, 8:30 until 10am at First Baptist Church. This is a free event; no pre-registration needed. The guest speaker will be Laura Peel, Director of Cardiology at Lane Regional Medical Center in Zachary. Her testimony includes a remarkable story of God's healing and how he used that to help her refocus on the most important things in life. All women of the church are invited to come and to bring a friend.

**The Baton Rouge Early Vocal Ensemble (BREVE)** will give a free concert at St. Mary's Church, Hwy 66, on Sunday, March 5. There will be a reception at 5pm followed by the concert from 6-7pm. **Reservations were required and there is now a waiting list.** Please honor your reservation or cancel in a timely manner. (Email [utgirl85@att.net](mailto:utgirl85@att.net) or leave a message at 635-4194.) In case of rain, the reception and concert will take place at Grace Church. Please bring a flashlight and light wrap or blanket. Donations will be accepted to benefit St. Mary's.

**Audubon Pilgrimage** weekend is quickly approaching. (March 17, 18, 19). Many visitors enjoy visiting beautiful Grace Church. If you are interested in volunteering at Grace during the Pilgrimage, please sign on the "Audubon Pilgrimage Volunteers" sheet found in the Narthex or call Lyn Lokey at 635-2240. Thanks!

**Our Lenten Study:** "Intimacy with God: An Introduction to Centering Prayer" by Fr. Thomas Keating. The class will begin Wednesday, March 1 and continue until March 29. "We rarely think of the air we breathe, yet it is in us and around us all the time. In similar fashion, the presence of God penetrates us, is all around us, is always embracing us."— Fr. Thomas Keating. Meet in Bp. Jackson Hall for the morning class 9 -10:15am or the evening class 6:00-7:15 pm. **Register in the Narthex, so we know how many books to order.**

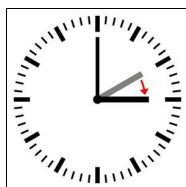
**Altar Flowers** are needed for April 30, May 7, May 14, July 2, July 9, July 23, July 30, August 13, August 27, October 15, November 5, November 26, and greenery is needed for Dec. 10. If you would like to provide flowers for one of these Sundays, please write your name on the list in the narthex.

**The Church Office will be closed** on Tuesday, February 28, for Mardi Gras.

**Ash Wednesday services with imposition of ashes and Eucharist** will be at 7:00am on March 1, the Preschool will also have a shorten version at 10:30am, no Eucharist, but everyone, parents and friends, are invited to participate in, and then the regular 5:15 service will also have Imposition of Ashes and a Eucharist.

**New lay minister schedules:** I will be working on the new lay minister schedules that begin March 12th. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to usher, to be a lector, or a babysitter, so I can include you in these new schedules. Thanks, Anne Klein

**Weekday services:** We have Morning Prayer in the church on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8:00AM, Thursdays at 9:15, and Eucharist on Wednesdays at 5:15pm and Fridays at 7:00AM.



**Daylight savings time** begins March 12 at 2am in the morning. Remember to move your clocks and watches **forward** one hour.

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## Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

### Sunday, February 26, 2017

**Acolytes:** Karina Mulkey, Emma Olsen, Clara Jane Hughes, Madison Pollet, Paul Opperman, Mary Jane Opperman

**Chalice bearers:** 7:30am: Sharon Gauthier  
10am: Mark Mulkey, Sara Klein

**Ushers:** Austin Roldan, Joe Savell

**Lectors:** Landon Anderson, David Bunch

**Vestry Rep:** Christian DeJean

**Altar Guild Team 1**

**Altar flowers:** Charles and Louise Jenkins

**Sanctuary Candle:** Tiger and Brandie Olsen

**Coffee Hour:** Ashley & James Fox-Smith

**Babysitters:** Madie Kane, Volunteer needed

### Sunday, March 5, 2017

**Acolytes:** Elizabeth Hughes, Paul Opperman, Joseph DeJean, Logan Reinhardt

**Chalice bearers:** 7:30am: Bryan McClendon  
10am: George Newton, Sheryl Wynters

**Ushers:** Dwight Singer, Robert Singer

**Lectors:** David Barnes, Dixie Blue

**Vestry Rep:** Dare Didier

**Altar Greenery:** Jean Marie Hill, Colleen Hill

**Altar Guild Team 2**

**Sanctuary candle:** Ronnie and Pat Martin

**Coffee Hour:** Anne Klein

**Babysitters:** Sarah Roldan, Lorna Klein

### February 26, 2017

7:30am - Eucharist

10:00am - Eucharist

Coffee Hour

with Kitchen Redesign  
showing

### March 5, 2017

7:30am - Eucharist

10:00am - Eucharist

Coffee Hour

BREVE Concert;

5pm Reception

6-7 pm Concert

### Wednesday, March 1 (Ash Wednesday)

7:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00am - Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

9:00am - Lenten Bible Study

10:30am - Preschool Ash Wednesday service

5:15pm - Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

5-7pm - Youth Group

6:00pm - Lenten Bible Study

### Thursday, March 2

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship at SF Country Manor

### Friday, March 3

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

### Sunday, March 5

7:30am - Eucharist

10:00am - Eucharist

Coffee Hour

### Wednesday, March 8

5:15pm - Holy Eucharist

5-7pm - Youth Group

### Thursday, March 9

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship at SF Country Manor

### Friday, March 10

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study