



THE
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MESSENGER

From the Rector

July 2019

Dear Parishioners of Grace,

I cannot help but note that as I write this, it is exactly one year since my first Sunday with you at Grace. It's shocking to me to realize this is the case. On the one hand, it feels like just yesterday that my family and I got here, and I certainly still remember unpacking boxes. But on the other hand, Grace and Jefferson City seem more like home than I would have imagined they would after just one year. You – the people of Grace – and your kindness and warmth, are an enormous part of that. I simply can't thank you enough for making us so welcome. As one tends to do on such occasions, I've been thinking a lot about the past year. Thinking about successes that we've had, and about things that I (and we) can do better.

To that end, I'll be engaging with some parishioners and lay leadership to get feedback about the past year, and to see if there are ways we can improve on our successes and learn from our experiences. If you have any thoughts about the last year, or things that you would like to see in the coming year, I hope that you'll let me know. You can also always talk to Jamie Hall, our Senior Warden, who would be happy to pass along thoughts and suggestions. I am tremendously excited about the year (and years!) to come! If this past year is any indication, I know that they will be joyful and Spirit-filled.

Among other things in the coming year, we will be looking to truly embrace the ministry of Invite Welcome Connect that some of you have already heard about, so as to make sure that when newcomers visit, we help them to

make Grace their church home so they can become a part of what we do at Grace, and so we can really be enriched by their gifts and presence to build us all up, together, as the Body of Christ. You will continue to hear more about this ministry as it develops, and as we think of more ways to open our doors to the Jefferson City community and embrace everyone who comes within reach. I'm indebted to Robyn Burnett and Ken Luebbering, for being willing to lead this vital ministry.

As I continue to reflect on the past year, I hope you'll do the same, and let me know any thoughts that you have. Most of all, though, I hope you know what a gift you have all been to me and to my family over the past year.

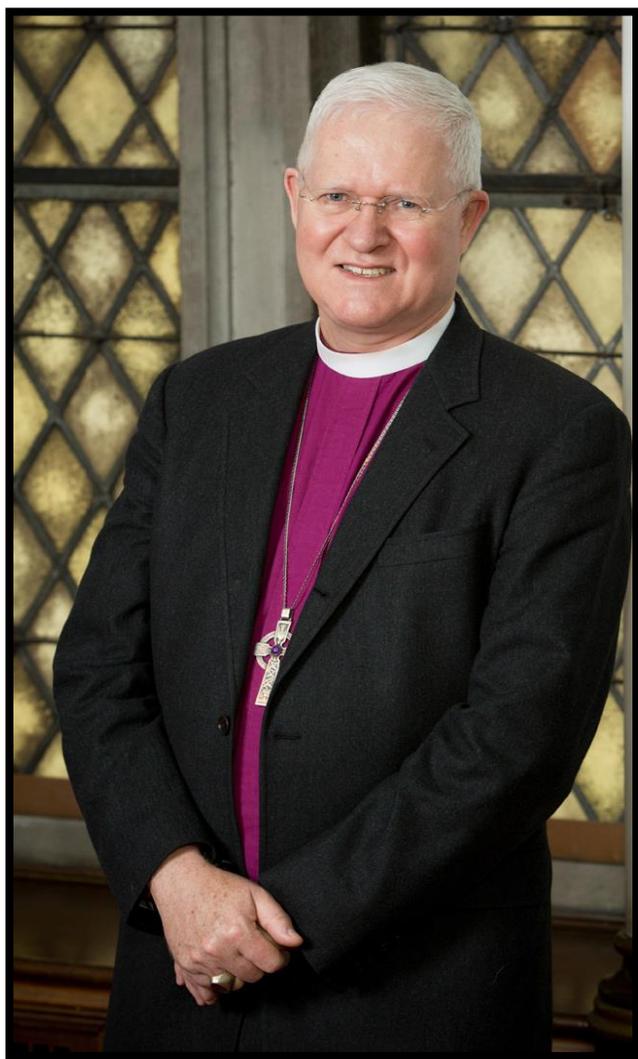
Grace and peace,
Ian

Thank you to Grace Church

The members of Community Christian Church want to express our appreciation for your participation in the Community Prayer Service following the tornado. Bringing the community together in prayer was crucial in beginning the healing process for our members and the community. Thank you for your ministry to all affected by this disaster.

Yours in Christ,
Community Christian Church

Episcopal Visit Sunday, August 11, 2019



A bishop's official pastoral visit to a congregation of the diocese is known as the Episcopal Visit. Canon law requires every diocesan bishop to visit every congregation in his or her diocese at least once every three years. The canonical purposes of a visitation are for the bishop to examine the condition of the congregation, oversee the clergy, preach, confirm, preside at the Eucharist, and examine parochial records. The *Book of Common Prayer* also assumes that the bishop's visitation will be an occasion for baptism, and that the bishop will preside.

Bishop Smith will be making his Episcopal Visit to Grace during the **9:30 a.m. service on August 11**. In addition to being here to celebrate the Eucharist, he also stands ready to provide the rites of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. These are the rites by which those who were baptized as children and would like to make an adult profession of their baptismal vows, those who were confirmed in another tradition and would like to be received by the Bishop into the Episcopal Church, or those who would simply like to reaffirm their baptismal vows before the Bishop are able to do so.

If you are interested in any of the above services, please let Father Ian know **as soon as possible!** We will be holding an Adult Confirmation Class, with the timing of those class sessions dependent upon those interested in taking part. These classes will explore some of the basics of the Episcopal Church, and will also be open to anyone who is interested in attending, even if you are not interested in Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation.

Please let Father Ian know if you're interested, or if you would like any further details on what these rites signify and/or entail!

Please watch your email and the August *Messenger* for details regarding special activities for that day.

Quilts: A Sign of the Kingdom Fr. Ian Lasch

I was delighted to hear recently from Sarah Murray (daughter of Mike and Sally Reid) and Joy Bower, two members of the Quilting Guild from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Kansas City (where Susan Lissant's brother, Fr. John Spicer, serves as rector). When they heard about the tornado in Jefferson City, they wanted to send some quilts and prayers to members of our congregation who were affected by the storm. They had previously sent quilts to Joplin following their tornado,

and parishioners there were thankful for the gift of solidarity through quilts and prayers. Just a couple of weeks ago, these beautiful quilts arrived and were passed on to Angela Lucero and Terry Tyler and David and Julie Heise. We are deeply grateful to the St. Andrew's Quilting Guild for the tangible reminder that we are all one Body, deeply connected to one another regardless of distance.

6 Million Steps for Kids
Jim Lowery

Thanks to you who have, in various ways, assisted those affected by the natural disasters in our community. Many of the people affected by the tornado of May 22 were already living in poverty; and now they have even more challenges.

At the Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) held at the LINC May 30-31, I observed people affected by the disasters calmly going to agencies represented there. At the Common Ground table, we asked victims their greatest immediate and long-term needs. It was sobering for several to look me in the eye and sadly say that food and clothing were their greatest short-term needs. They were directed to the appropriate resources for those needs; and Common Ground issued bus passes and gas vouchers, if transportation was an immediate need.

Amazingly, at that initial MARC, I saw few tears. However, as time has progressed, I have seen more tears at Common Ground and the mini MARC held at Quinn Chapel June 12. This outward sign of emotions is the realization and stress of the short- and long-term personal impact of this disaster to marginalized people. For example, it is commendable when people displaced from their homes find new housing because now there is an even greater shortage of low income housing in our community.

Many of you have contributed generously to the Common Ground disaster fund which is greatly appreciated. At this writing, the amount donated from all sources is over \$57,000. In my servant ministry with Common Ground since its inception, I can assure you that this nonprofit is a good steward of your contributions. The needs that we are able to fulfill, because of your contributions, for people affected by our natural disasters include vehicle repairs and insurance deductibles. A standard service we provide is out-of-state birth certificates and state IDs. The disasters have increased the need for these services, as well as utility assistance because of employment situations.

The full recovery from our natural disasters will be long-term. Your continued prayers for those impacted and the social workers and others trying to assist them are greatly appreciated.

Rev. Peter Munson stopped in Jefferson City June 10-12 on his journey of “6 Million Steps” (more like 7 million) from South Carolina to California. Peter stayed with Jim and Karel Lowery for a several nights to rest a bit and recharge his walking batteries. He also had arranged to have a new pair of shoes mailed here for a renewal of his feet. Peter started his trek in March and expects to finish in November.

Peter's official residence is in Arvada, CO, where he has served as Rector on the Eastern side of the Rockies for over 20 years. Peter is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and has a JD degree from the University of Colorado/Boulder and an undergraduate degree in Environmental Conservation from U of CO/Boulder.

Peter carries a 30 pound backpack with camping essentials and has established an elaborate network of people who know people clear across the country. He was heading for Calvary Episcopal Church in Sedalia after he left Jefferson City. You are invited to follow his journeys traveling US 50 to Colorado, then further after a short respite and visit with his wife, Julia. Their two adult children will probably find him along some long trek somewhere!

His www.6millionstepsforkids.org website chronicles his travels with people he meets and encourages participation in his program for donations for several children's charities. Safe travels Rev. Peter Munson and look out for those West Main Pizza parlors along the way. You can find more information on his Face Book page or call him directly at 303-908-5521 for contribution information or to identify friends/family stops along the way. A walk of faith for sure!



L to R—Jim Lowery, Rev. Peter Munson, Elias Lasch, Rev. Ian Lasch

(Photo courtesy of Karel Lowery)



REMINDER

Samaritan Center Auction Pallets

Instead of preparing a “church basket” for the Samaritan Center Auction this year we are accepting donations to purchase a pallet of food (i.e., milk, cereal, etc.) during the live auction portion of the evening.

Please either mail your donation to the church or place your check in the alms basin on Sunday morning. There is also an envelope on the bulletin board at the top of the Parish Hall stairs where you can place your donation. If writing a check, please write “pallet donation” on the memo line.

Donations will be accepted until Sunday, July 7.

Thank you for your support of this ministry.



Tuckpointing equipment leaving

Church Assistance Endowment Fund Grant

Over the past year, your Vestry has been working to try to come up with a master plan of repairs needed and anticipated to the physical plant. This work is ongoing, and part of an intention to be good stewards of our physical resources. As part of this work, you may have noticed, we’ve conducted some repairs, waterproofing, and tuckpointing to the south (High Street) wall of the church. We’ve also identified a few other projects that need to be done, including replacing the doors and thresholds that lead from the courtyard into the hallway by the kitchen and adding door openers to the narthex and accessible restroom doors to make these areas fully accessible. In order to complete these projects, we have applied for and received a grant from the Diocese of Missouri’s Church Assistance Endowment Fund, which will pay for a significant portion of this work. This work will continue, as well, as we find some more projects which can be completed so as to take the best care possible of our building and grounds, and make sure that everyone is able to enjoy them, for years to come.

HEROES IN THE GARDEN

Thursday, July 11, 2019
Capitol Plaza Hotel

5:30 P.M. – Social Hour & Silent Auction
6:45 P.M. – Dinner and Live Auction



- 1 – Mary Lou Hendricks, Madeline Pond
- 2 – Shannon Gilmore, Dennis Belcher
- 3 – Nancy West
- 4 – David Myers
- 5 – Jeremiah Okpro-Abraham
- 6 – Megan Kerr
- 7 – Jane Hughes
- 9 – Kate Nash
- 10 – Arthur Allen, Marsha Kistler
- 12 – JJ Sill, John Bakewell
- 13 – Ashley Armour
- 14 – Sam Bone
- 18 – Bob Irvin
- 19 – David Overfelt
- 20 – Malcolm Buxton, Veda Breeden,
Carolyn Kerr, Amy Greatsinger
- 21 – Ralph Kalberloh, Rachel Sale, Nick Turner
- 22 – Nathan Weis
- 23 – Laura Conley, Cathy Harbison, Christy Pond
- 24 - Turner Tyson, Dejan Collier, Zaryn Kamara
- 26 – Edward Nylander
- 27 – Henry Stier
- 29 – Annette Markham, Ron Jeffries, Mary Russell,
Emily Bartlett
- 29 – Gerry Goff, Anthony Greatsinger
- 31 – John Myers Lauren Kistler



Women of Grace Bible Study
Nanette Ellis

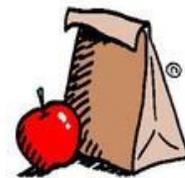


Our Women's Bible Study will meet on **Thursday, July 11 at 10 a.m.** We continue our study of Esther with our second of three sessions entitled "Helping Our Voices Bloom." Scriptures for discussion and reflection are Chapters 4 through 8 of the Book of Esther.

How do we learn from Esther to use our voices at the right time? How does God call us to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves?

All women of Grace and friends are welcome to attend.

Food 4 Kids
Karel Lowery



Grace Church will once again provide lunch packing for the Food 4 Kids program this summer. Our week is **July 22-26 (10:30-11:30 each day).**

Pease **contact Karel Lowery** if you are available to work a day or two during the week. We usually work with a team of 4-6 people each day. The meals are delivered by other organizations or churches to four sites around town.



Scouting News Tom Nield

School Supplies for the Samaritan Center Sally Reid

The Samaritan Center is collecting new school supplies for distribution to families in need. Each year a number of children in Mid-Missouri receive school supplies from the Samaritan Center.

The supplies are distributed in three age groups: kindergarten, grades 1-5, and grades 6-8.

Currently the need is for the items for Kindergarteners.

Donation of the following items would be greatly appreciated—

- Kindergarten child-sized backpack
- School supply box or zippered bag
- Small glue sticks
- Box of 24-count crayons
- Pink erasers
- Solid color vinyl pocket folders w/brads
- Solid color vinyl pocket folders without brads
- #2 pencils
- Washable classic color markers
- 1 inch plain 3-ring binder with inner pockets
- Black Dry Erase markers (bullet tip)
- Blunt tip student scissors
- 3 x 3 Post-It notes
- Yellow highlighter

Distribution of packets begins will begin the last week of July through the food pantry at the Samaritan Center. Please drop off your donation in the box in the Narthex by Wednesday, July 24. Donations may also be dropped off at the Center at anytime.

For more information, contact Samaritan Center at 573-634-7776.

June is when the scouting program takes an “operational pause.” We had one meeting where we all went to Memorial Pool to practice taking the BSA Swim Test. The big event for June is holding our annual planning meeting. At the annual meeting we identify which weekends to have activities for the troops and the crew. The meeting dates are set and the youth members plan and prepare for the weekend activities at those meetings. Eight of our Crew members gained certification or were recertified in Wilderness First Aid and CPR/AED. By the time you read this, five scouts and two adults will have completed a “50 Miler” on the Meramec River and Troop 10(G) will have had a Land Navigation campout.

July is a huge month this year. We are sending, from both troops, twenty-five youth and six adults to Camp Hohn for summer camp. Crew 10 is sending twelve youth and four adults to Florida Sea Base. We are also sending four scouts to the National Youth Leadership Training course.

We have more scouts who need Eagle Scout projects. If you are a member of a non-profit and have something that needs done, please get in touch with me!

Check out www.gracescouting.org to see what your scouting program is up to!

FOOD FOR THE MONTH

The food collected in the wagon outside the nursery during the month of July will be delivered to the Samaritan Center the first of August. They are currently in need of any kind of boxed cereal/oatmeal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cornbread mix, tuna, and pork and beans.

Please continue to be generous with your contribution to this outreach mission of our parish.



USHERS

8:00 O'clock Service

- July Bob Morris
- Aug Todd and Michelle Rodemeyer

9:30 O'clock Service

- July 7 Sandy Nolan
- 14 Harry Richter
- 21 Mike Reid
- 28 Roger Weis
- Aug 4 Josie Hall

SERVERS

8:00 O'clock Service

- July 7 Bob Knight
- 14 Brian Barnett
- 21 Daphne Hedges
- 28 Daphne Hedges
- Aug 4 Bob Knight

9:30 O'clock Service

- July 7 Matt Krause, Ted Krause, Mae Krause
- 14 Darby Hall, Josie Hall, Caroline Hensley
- 21 Lisa Fox, Henry Stier, Warren Stier
- 28 Andrew Nield, Jordan Myers, Devon Kanga
- Aug 4 Darby Hall, Josie Hall, Caroline Hensley

ACOLYTE DIRECTORS

- July 7 Matt Krause
- 14 Bernard Collier
- 21 Ted Koenig
- 28 TBA
- Aug 4 Bernard Collier

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:00 O'clock Service

- July 7 Todd Rodemeyer
- 14 Daphne Hedges
- 21 Dotty Sanning
- 28 Mary Russell
- Aug 4 Jerry Sill

9:30 O'clock Service

- July 7 Steve Hall
- 14 Jim Lowery
- 21 Vicki Myers
- 28 Robyn Burnett
- Aug 4 Tom Nield

LECTORS

- July 7 Krause Family
- 14 Ken Luebbering
- 21 Vicki Myers
- 28 Peter Goldschmidt
- Aug 4 TBA

ALTAR GUILD

8:00 O'clock Service

- July Krista Barnett
- Aug Michelle Rodemeyer

9:30 O'clock Service

- July Suzanne Richtert
- Aug Janie Johnson and D'Arcy Crane

Wednesday

- July Karel Lowery
- Aug Karel Lowery

VESTRY PERSON OF THE WEEK

- July 7 Jamie Hall
- 14 Suzanne Richtert
- 21 Ken Luebbering
- 28 Suzanne Richtert

NURSERY ASSISTANTS

- July 7 JoAnn Mohler
- 14 Carolyn Kerr
- 21 Linda Tyson
- 28 Liz Lehmann
- Aug 4 Jamie Hall

COUNTERS

- July 7 Vicki Myers and Susan Lissant
- 14 Carolyn Kerr and Lisa Fox
- 21 Carol Gilmore and Carol Robertson
- 28 Dotty Sanning and Vicki Myers
- Aug 4 Janie Johnson and TBA

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

We invite you to consider hosting coffee hour. Please sign the list in the parish hall if you would like to participate in this particular ministry of hospitality.

- July 7 Carol Robertson
- 14
- 21
- 28
- Aug 4 Minette Barlay and Nefertiti Kanga



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DEADLINE

The deadline for the July Messenger is

Monday, July 15th.

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