



First Quarter 2023

## From the Rector

**The Very Rev. Bill Nesbit, Jr.**

Well, a lot has happened since our last Messenger. We have gathered for Diocesan Convention, entered a new Liturgical Year, celebrated Christmas and New Year's, welcomed the Bishop and installed a new Rector, and cheered on the Chiefs to a Super Bowl victory... so not all that much. Who knows what the new year will bring!

Diocesan Convention this year was largely without drama. Our delegates Dotty Sanning and Cheryl Nield and I travelled to the two day event and represented Grace with grace.



The most exciting event, from our perspective, was that our deacon, Rev. Dr. Paula Hartsfield was awarded a Bishop's medal for service to

the church and community. When she returns from the mission fields of Florida we will award it to her during a service so she can wear it proudly!

In the beginning of December I was honored to join Peter and Dana Goldschmidt at the opening and dedication of the new Goldschmidt Surgical Center at Capital Region Medical Center. It was a wonderful evening with many luminaries. Well done, Peter and Dana!



The cold again tried to put a damper on our holiday celebrations, but we persevered with both a Family service and a Lessons and Carols service on Christmas Eve that was wonderful and well attended. Our new Choir Directors, Lacey Williams and Christy Pond, Organist Beth Eckles and a host of supporting

musicians, both choral and instrumental, made the season bright with music.



I cannot say thank you enough to all the many volunteers who helped to make these services powerful and holy opportunities to worship and praise God for all those, both regular and irregular attendees, who came to join us during the holidays. It was a magical time, just like it should be!



I had hardly come down from the high of the holidays when it was time to welcome Bishop Deon to Grace for our Celebration of New Ministry and my installation as the 30<sup>th</sup> Rector of Grace Church. We welcomed people from around the Diocese who joined us to celebrate the new thing that God is doing in Jefferson City. Thanks to Jeff Terry and Travis Griffin for a delicious reception.



Well, that is all I have for this issue, except for a last minute update to an article later in the Messenger. I got an excited call from former parishioner Carol Robertson last week saying she had found a new church in Colorado. Change is never easy but she wanted us to know that she could feel our prayers all the way in Colorado, and they have been a real support to her throughout the move. So, Well Done, crew. Keep up the good work.

Grace and Peace,

*Bill*

## Deacon's Corner

**The Rev. Paula Kindrick Hartsfield, Ph.D.**

### **Common Ground Celebrated 10 Years of Serving the Community!!**

A celebration of Common Ground's 10 years of providing assistance to those experiencing poverty was enjoyed by about 100 people September 23, 2022, at First Baptist Church. For 10 years, Common Ground Community Building has been providing an innovative and relationship-focused approach to addressing the needs of clients in poverty.

Over 10 years ago, Ken Luebbering brought to the Vestry the concept of an ecumenical center to better serve the needs of people experiencing poverty, especially the people who frequented the downtown churches. We can be proud that the Vestry said yes to joining with the other downtown churches in this endeavor. Now, the ecumenical mission has developed into a non-profit 501-3-(c), with Connie Perch currently serving on the board.

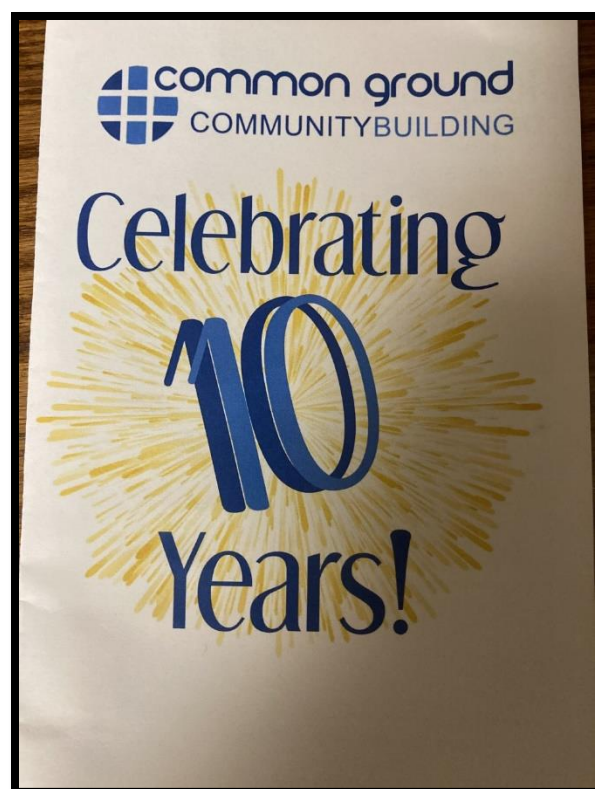
Since the beginning in 2012, Grace parishioners have served as receptionists on Tuesday mornings. The receptionists are very important to Common Ground clients and the two staff members. Currently, there is the need for another parishioner to serve for three hours per month. Receptionists work in pairs; so, our new volunteer would be working with an experienced receptionist. If you have a curiosity about this opportunity to see the face of Jesus in every person served, please contact Cathy Libey at 573/338-8901. Volunteer training will occur Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Common Ground anniversary celebration was not intended to be a fundraiser. Nevertheless, the event resulted in over \$16,000 being contributed to continue the important work of Common Ground. I think

this amount of money raised from a non-fundraiser event speaks to the confidence that donors have in the conscientious work of Common Ground.

There was an [inspiring video](#) shown at the event. It is worth your time to watch the video to learn about the inception of the idea, the refurbishing of the building and the current status of Common Ground. Following the celebration, a [very positive editorial](#) written by the News Tribune staff appeared in our newspaper.

As a deacon ordained to serve the lonely, marginalized, and disadvantaged, since 2012 my servant ministry has primarily occurred with Common Ground. With years of background and testimonials, I would love to talk with anyone interested in learning more about Common Ground.





## From the Senior Warden

By Sarah Schedler

“Christ is the world’s true Light, its Captain of salvation, the Day-star clear and bright of every race and nation; new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway: freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.”

We sang these words a few Sundays ago and I remembered how much I love this hymn, both the music and words. The tune, *St. Joan*, was written by Percy Collier and he named it after his wife. At least that’s according to hymnary.org where it is also said that “the tune requires confident organ accompaniment and a brisk tempo”. As I read that I was so thankful for our extremely talented organists that bless us with music every Sunday!

The words are equally as moving as the tune, poetically reminding us that Christ is the way to freedom from fear and division. Saying “all shall forsake their fear, to plough-share beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.” Writer George Wallace Briggs’ text was inspired by Isaiah 2:4 where these weapons of war are turned into tools for harvest when the Lord is the arbitrator for the nations and peoples. Thinking on the imagery in this verse and humming the hymn I found myself asking, “Will we ever get there?” And then I thought “Who’s ‘we’ and what does ‘there’ look like?” Was I asking myself this? I think I was at first, and then I realized these were questions for God. Prayers to be prayed...

I think our eyes and ears have to be open to find these instances of good coming out of troubled situations, of Christ’s love moving here on earth - in our small city and in small ways throughout the world. Getting past our fear only happens by following the true light of the world. And, sometimes, just singing in church can reveal God’s Kingdom.

## Columbarium installation moves forward

By Janie Johnson

Since February 2022, the Columbarium Committee has worked towards establishing a columbarium ministry here at Grace Episcopal Church. A columbarium is a structure or repository lined with spaces to house the ashes from a loved one’s cremation. The ashes are placed in an urn and fit into a small compartment called a niche. A plate, either brass or stone, is usually provided on the cover of the niche to identify the remains of the individual inurned. Columbaria are not a new option when it comes to burial. It is a contemporary version of the church cemetery only vertical and compact.



Historically, the church has been the final resting place of deceased members – either

within the church building or in an associated burial ground. It is a visible sign that the church cares for its members from birth and baptism through death and eternal life. Burial in the church, a place of prayer and peace, testifies to the holiness of the body. A final resting place in or near the church witnesses visibly that our departing is in God's hands and our death is part of His life.

With the desire for a columbarium ministry to be established at Grace Episcopal Church by a vote of the vestry on July 26, 2022, the columbarium committee continued to research and study the best placement, design, and cost for the parish. Based on the committee's research and professional planning assistance, the columbarium location is in the parlor specifically along the brick wall which allows direct access for all who wish to participate in Grace Church's new ministry. This location also provides a quiet place for meditation, prayer, and remembrance.

The good news is the columbarium is in the process of being installed and it is a beautiful addition to our church. The unassembled columbarium was delivered to Grace on January 13, 2023. Installation of the columbarium began January 20, 2023, and is being completed by the Ron Irvin Cabinet Company as they designed the wood surround that completes the beauty of the project.



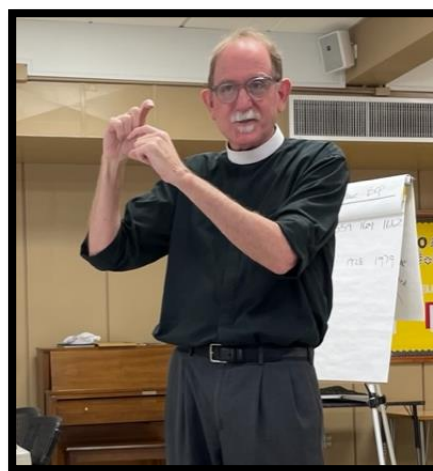
Although the installation is not finished yet, it is near completion. The date for its dedication will be announced soon. Following the dedication, the columbarium will be available for those wishing to apply for the right to inurnment and purchase of columbarium niches.

The Grace Church Columbarium Committee includes Janie Johnson, Susan Lissant, Dan Eckles, and Father Bill Nesbit

## New role at Grace

By Marshall Crossnoe

It is a joy and an honor for me to begin a new season of ministry at Grace Church. In many ways I've considered Grace my "home church" for twenty-five years. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve here as a priest in a part-time, volunteer way.



Debbie, Gabrielle, Claire, and I moved to Jefferson City in the summer of 1998; I was hired to teach history at Lincoln University. We joined Grace Church that fall, and jumped right in. I taught Adult Forum and middle school confirmation class; I went with the youth group on a mission trip to Chicago, and I served on the vestry. After conversations with Rev. Harv Sanders, I was licensed as a lay preacher (Harv let me preach on Trinity Sunday!), and soon

after that I began formation for ordination. In June of 2008, in no small part because of the faithful support of my family and my Grace Church friends, Bishop George Wayne Smith ordained me a priest at Christ Cathedral in St. Louis. I then served for fifteen years as part-time vicar at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Fulton and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Portland.

I retired from Lincoln in 2019, and from service at St. Alban's and St. Mark's in November, 2022. Rev. Bill Nesbit has graciously and generously invited me to serve on occasion at Grace's altars and in her pulpits, to do some teaching here, and to make some pastoral visits. I look forward to being a member of the Body of Christ with you in church and in our communities, for the life of the world.

## Reflections on Project Homeless Connect

**By Eunice Straub**

We know there is hope, love and caring around us when we look at the Project Homeless Connect 2022 that took place at the United Methodist Church, First Christian Church and First Baptist Church on September 30, 2022. Many participants from various denominations donated their time to become acquainted with those in need. It was well organized with a medical van, Pregnancy Help Center van, and dental van plus Community Health Services (vision, and screening), Social Services (housing, transportation, insurance, veterans' services, etc.) and haircuts or showers. As a tour guide you stayed with your friend so they could receive their services. You could also have lunch with them to get acquainted and to hear their story. My friend was so kind, thoughtful, and grateful. He had already begun preparing himself for employment. He had

applied for a job and thought he may have housing. He only wanted a haircut and a bus pass. We visited with social services in case there was something that he might want. Many others needed more of the available services which is a blessing for them. Transportation to different services at different times is a roadblock so it is essential to have these services in one place in order for these individuals and families to be successful. This project is an excellent pathway for those participating. I am thankful that I was able to participate with the rest of our Episcopal family pictured.



## Scouting News

**By Tom Nield**

In September 2022, our scouts hosted the Five Rivers District Field Day for local Cub Scout packs. In October, we participated in the Mizzou Merit Badge University, held a campout at Rock Bridge State Park, and supported Pack 3's Turkey Shoot. We had a good turnout of prospects at our annual Webelos Open House. During our annual Fishing Trip weekend, we were able to use the climbing tower at the camp. We did well with



our annual Cinnamon Roll sale in November. The residents at the Salvation Army shelter enjoyed the meal of baked ham, twice baked potatoes, and candied carrots in December.

Many of you may have noticed a change in the church kitchen. The Vestry approved spending \$5,000 to purchase a used double stack convection oven from the going-out-of-business sale of La Chica Loca. They threw in a baking sheet rack and 12 baking sheets as well.

We found a six-burner range to replace the 10-burner range at no cost to Grace and the scouting program kicked in \$1,500 towards the cost of moving and installation. The previous range had 12 pilot lights; the current range only has one! The convection ovens shorten the amount of time we need to bake our cinnamon rolls, letting our scouts go home earlier and safer. The ovens will also make it easier for Grace to support catered events held in the parish hall.

A big shout out goes to Will Lewis and Lydia Downing for earning their Eagle Scout ranks this past December!

The annual Shrove Tuesday Ham and Pancake Supper is around the corner. Visit [www.gracescouting.org](http://www.gracescouting.org) and get your tickets in advance. The River Ridge String Band will be performing!

We do High Adventure, and Cool Stuff!



**Troop/Crew 10  
Jefferson City, MO**



## *2023 Shrove Tuesday Ham and Pancake Supper*

*February 21, 2023*

*5:00pm to 7:00pm*

*Dine in the Parish Hall or Take  
out!*

*Live music provided by the  
River Ridge String Band!*

## **2022 Annual Meeting-Summarized**

**By Carolyn Kerr**



The Grace Episcopal Church 2022 Annual Meeting was held in person, following a single service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2023. Fr. Bill Nesbit called the meeting to order a little before noon with an opening prayer.

After the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were accepted and approved, Fr. Bill began the meeting with the Rector's Report. He wanted everyone to know he's "honored to be speaking" to the congregation as the 30<sup>th</sup> Rector (instead of "Priest-in-Charge") of Grace Episcopal Church and is happy to be in this special place with everyone. He is excited that people have been watching the services on-line and then coming to visit Grace to see and experience what we're about. It's good that people are "checking us out" and giving us a try. That is an additional ministry of the Church. Fr. Bill also spoke about how he's glad to have children in the choir, but that we need more involvement from the kids and the families with children.



Fr. Bill introduced Sarah Schedler as the new Senior Warden and thanked Debra Greene for serving as the Senior Warden, especially for her leadership and loyalty to Grace and the Vestry. He also reminded everyone that Mary Jo Hitz, our parish administrator, was retiring. He will be taking Mary Jo to lunch at Madison's and invited parishioners to join them on February 7.

Finally, Fr. Bill provided an update on "Josie's Pantry," the red food pantry located outside Grace Church that Josie Hall build as her Eagle Scout project. Fr. Bill reminded everyone that "an amazing need" exists in Jefferson City, and that if we filled it every day, it would be empty every day. He's "thankful for Josie for her wonderful idea." An update on Josie's Pantry will be part of the annual report going forward.

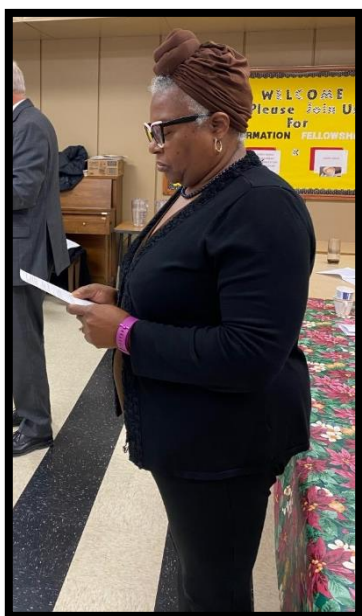
Debra Greene followed Fr. Bill's report by submitting the Senior Warden's Report. She recounted the work and diligence the Vestry went through in deciding to elect Fr. Bill as Rector and thanked those involved. She reminded those present that she will be sending out the Time and Talent surveys soon and asked for everyone's cooperation in filling them out and handing in or returning them. Debra needs to know what your skills and talents are.

Next, Tom Nield presented the 2022 Treasurer's Report and the proposed 2023 Budget. Tom noted that Grace Church financials have been doing well and that "we're still ahead in our investments," for the most part. He explained that he has been working with Rev. Pamela Stuerke to straighten out some of the issues that were found with inputting information into the books and will be setting up an audit. He will be handing over his Treasurer duties to Harry Richter in the coming months, and will be working with him during the transition. After summarizing the budget, answering some questions, and following some discussion, the 2023 Budget was voted received. A copy of the budget is available to any parishioner upon request.

Brent Hemphill provided a summary of four projects undertaken by the Vestry in 2022 as part of the Junior Warden's Report. A portion of the sidewalk was replaced on Adams St. in a joint project with the City, where the Vestry and the City shared the cost. The Diocese began inspecting every church in the Diocese and Grace Church was one of the first ones to undergo a major inspection of its interior and exterior. No immediate or critical problems were found. New A/C units were installed in the nursery, parlor, and narthex. The Vestry purchased four assistive listening devices from The Entertainer for parishioners to use during services.



After thanking the outgoing Vestry and Convention Delegates, the Nominating Committee presented their slate of candidates for Vestry, to replace the outgoing members, Melissa Hensley, Ted Koenig, Susan Lissant, Christy Pond, and Sally Reid; and Convention Delegates Dotty Sanning and Mike Reid. The Vestry candidates, class of 2023-2026, were Bob Knight, Julie Harker, Lisa Fox, and Mike McDonnell. Cheryl Nield will fulfill the final year of an unexpired term. Matt Krause was nominated as Diocesan Convention Delegate for 2023-2025, and David Heise was nominated as Alternate Delegate for 2023, to continue on as full Delegate for 2024-2026. All candidates were elected by acclamation. Congratulations and thank you for your service!



After a few announcements and last minute wrap ups, Fr. Bill led the Closing Prayer, and the meeting adjourned. See you all next year...

## Meet the new Vestry members



### Lisa Fox

One morning in the wee hours of October 1998, I drove a moving van into Jefferson City. The next morning, I was in the pew at Grace. I have never left.

I served on the Vestry through the time of Harv's retirement, through Joan Yetter's interim ministry and our amazing capital campaign, into the call for Shariya.

Several years ago, you all supported me in my mission trip into the Diocese of Lui in South Sudan. That experience has shaped much of my ministry in my day-to-day life.

Since then, my focus has been on liturgical ministry within our worship. I serve as crucifer, lector, intercessor, usher, and other duties as assigned. I love serving with Fr. Bill in this Parish!

### Julie Harker

I became a member of Grace Episcopal Church in 1991, a year after moving to Jefferson City with my son. My father introduced me to the Episcopal Church (in Branson, Missouri) a few years before that and I felt at home. I was previously a member of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Since becoming a member of Grace I have been involved in different ministries and served on several committees:

Altar guild, Bible School teacher, Sunday School teacher, Community Ministry committee, Communications committee, after-church counter, Common Ground garden volunteer, Stream Team recorder. I previously served on the Vestry in the early 2000s. I have spent most of my adult life here at Grace and it has been a blessing, a guide and a source of comfort to me. I met my husband Bob here and we were married at Grace by former Rector Harv Sanders in 2005, shortly before Harv retired. Together, Bob and I have three children and one grandchild: Eric, Amy and Haley Brunner live in south Florida. John & Alyssa Harker, and, Sarah Harker live in Columbia, Mo. I look forward to serving the church with fellow vestry members under Fr. Bill's guidance.

### **Bob Knight**

I've been married to Jane for 48 years and have two daughters, Jennifer and Katie. We have two grandsons, John and Lyle.

Jane and I grew up in Rolla, MO where I became a member of Christ Episcopal Church in 1966 and served as an acolyte. After returning to Rolla in the early 80's, I served on the vestry for 2 years before being transferred to Kansas City.

I completed college at Drury College in Springfield, Mo. with degrees in Business Administration and Psychology. While at Drury, I played trumpet in Jazz and concert bands as well as orchestra. I also played varsity baseball.

After college I worked in retail management with Kmart Corporation and Venture Stores. I spent 3 years in the buying department at Venture Stores. After 7 years in retail, I began working for Economics Laboratory (now Ecolab, Inc) in sales and service. I continued in this same field working for Kraft Foodservice, (Salem, Mo.) and Gateway ProClean (St.

Louis, Mo.) for over 30 years. At Gateway ProClean, I was a Regional Business Manager covering mid Missouri, western and north western Missouri and eastern Kansas retiring in 2012. This industry provides training and products to help the healthcare, institutional and government entities meet and exceed established sanitation requirements and procedures pertaining to laundries, food service and housekeeping departments. We are the back of the house people who help make things nice and clean for these industries if you are a healthcare resident, hospital patient or customer at a restaurant.

We became members of Grace Episcopal Church when we moved to Jefferson City in 1989. I have served as an acolyte at the early service for the past 8 years.

After retirement it seems I've been busier than while working. Not only with family and house/yard projects but also managing our family's tree farm property in Texas County where we grow short leaf pine and hardwood trees.

### **Mike McDonnell**

My wife Maureen and I have been active with the Episcopal Church for the last 19 years since moving from St. Louis in 2003. After arriving at Lake of the Ozarks, we were members of St. George Episcopal Church, Camdenton, MO, for 17 years.

I became very active in the life of St. George and the surrounding community after moving to the Lake of Ozarks. I was also involved in the Southern Deanery, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Diocese of West Missouri.

My activities were as follows:

- Vestry for three terms, serving two terms as Senior Warden
- Founder and Co-director of the Lake of the Ozarks Stop Human Trafficking Coalition

- Led search for new rector after the St George priest retired.
- Managed St. George as Senior Warden with the help of the Parish Administrator (Maureen McDonnell) until we hired a new priest.
- Member of the Southern Deanery Budget Assessment Committee for Grant Applications
- Founder and Director of the St. George Chapter, Brotherhood of St. Andrew
- National Vice President Social Justice Ministry, Brotherhood of St. Andrew
- Member of the Credentials Committee at the Diocesan Convention
- Member of the committee to elect a new Bishop, emphasizing various methods of counting ballots.
- Delegate or alternate to the Annual Convention for 15 years.
- Licensed Worship Leader, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Eucharistic Visitor
- Diocese of West Missouri Bishop's Shield Recipient
- Founder and recipient of the St. George Servant's Heart Award
- Memorial Garden Committee Chair
- Involved in several other areas, including discussion leadership, authoring articles, speaking at various community events and the West Missouri Diocesan Convention, evangelizing, and fundraising.

In the winter of 2020, we moved to Jefferson City and have been members of the Grace family for two years. I serve Grace as an Acolyte for Rite 1, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Lector, and a Common Ground "Grace" Tuesday team member. Maureen and I love the Episcopal Church; serving is an honor!

## Farewell!

Grace said goodbye to long-time member Carol Robertson in December, 2022 as she moved to Colorado to be close to her daughter and son-in-law. She is missed!







## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 9 - Gloria Sanning
- 10- Lyric Seeney, Abigail Mpoy
- 17 – Madelyn Hensley
- 19- Claire Joyce Johnson
- 20- Sequan Collier
- 21- Susan Rozier, Marcel John
- 22- Stacy Hartsfield
- 24- Lee West
- 26 – Fr. Bill Nesbit

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 - Sally Reid
- 4 - Adam Armour
- 5 – Melissa Kane
- 6 - Dan Eckles
- 8 - Todd Rodemeyer
- 9 - Harry Richter
- 12- MiKayla Dominguez
- 13- Holly Joyce
- 15- Christen Ludewig
- 17 Terry Allen
- 18- Betsy McCune, Robyn Burnett
- 19- D'Arcy Crane
- 22- Courtney Crouse
- 24- Nancy Belcher
- 25- Jim Markham, Jerry Sill, Lisha Vandersteen
- 27- Sarah Harker

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 - Roberta Grey, Katie Knight, Blanche Nylander
- 6 - Jeff Richter, Craig Overfelt, Bobette Tracy
- 9 - Barbara Mealy
- 10- Matt Dominguez
- 11- Linda David, Scott Sanning
- 12- Paula Hartsfield
- 13- Mimi Cool, Peter Goldschmidt, Brian Libey
- 15- Laura Tyson Terrabonne
- 17- Julie Cochell Couch, John C. Kerr
- 18- Eden Sanning
- 20- Jeanne Sill
- 22- Logan Nichols
- 23- Tommy Greene, Colleen Perch Peluso, Kevin Thompson, Jon Hensley
- 25- Roger Weis
- 26- Wendy Libey
- 28- Stella Crane, Margaret Johnson
- 30- Katie Spear

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 - Marion Spicer
- 5 - Elayna Bonachea
- 6 - Andrew Nield, Warren Stier
- 7 - Robert Morris
- 10- Daphne Hedges
- 11- Janis Bleeke, Jordon Myers
- 12- Dana Goldschmidt,  
Eric Overfelt, Wyatt Sanford,  
Jamie Hall
- 13- Laura Ludewig
- 14- Bryce Dallmeyer
- 16- Deanna Hemphill
- 17- George Hartsfield
- 20- Sandra Hinde, Michelle Rodemeyer,  
Josie Hall
- 21 – Evelyn Spear
- 23- Kathryn Hajaved
- 24- Beth Elliott
- 26- Ruth Buell, Tracy Armour
- 28- Eric Brunner, Carter Johnson
- 29 – Sandy Nolan

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**STANDING NOTICES**  
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The Clergy may be called at any time for emergencies such as illness, accident, or death. Otherwise they may be contacted during the day at the church. Voice mail messages may be left at other times. Fr. Bill's day off is Monday.

**PASTORAL CARE, COUNSELING and SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:**

If you need counseling for personal issues, Father Bill is available to help. He has special training in these areas and is happy to meet with anyone who feels the need. We also maintain relationships with professionals to whom we can refer you as needed. We are here to help as you face the challenges of life – personal, economic, and spiritual. If you need us, call us.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:**

When you or anyone you know is going into the hospital, please let us know. When you are discharged, or are transferred to another health facility, please let us know, or have a member of your family inform us. It is not safe to assume that we will hear of these needs in any other way. We like to visit you, but with two hospitals in Jefferson City and two more in Columbia, we need to know where you are. We also like to lift you up in prayer, so keep us informed of your whereabouts and your needs. Fr. Bill especially likes to pray with you before surgery. Yes, even at the crack of dawn!

**MONETARY SUPPORT:**

Our Parish is supported by the generous offerings of the people. The standard of giving for the Episcopal Church is the tithe. All members are encouraged to pray and strive for this level of Christian giving. As I am sure you remember, before the pandemic a collection was made at all services. Now that we are not meeting in person, we rely on you to get your donations to the church via the mail. We have offering envelopes available for regular givers, and methods of automated electronic giving are also available. If you desire, a

pledge form is available through the Parish Office. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**The Clergy must be consulted before all Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals.**

**BAPTISM:**

Holy Baptism is administered on designated Sundays during the service. Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day (or the Sunday after), the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (the first Sunday after Epiphany) and the Bishop's visitation. Godparents must be baptized Christians. It is recommended that they be either a confirmed member of this parish or active in their own parish. As you have seen, virtual baptisms require a little special care, but are certainly possible. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for the Baptism and to schedule pre-baptismal instruction.

**MARRIAGE:**

Holy Matrimony is solemnized only after instruction by the Clergy. It is recommended that six months notice be given. No marriage may be solemnized unless at least 30 days notice has been given. The seasons of Advent and Lent are generally not appropriate for marriages. A pamphlet on getting married at Grace Church is available in the Parish Office.

**TIME OF DEATH AND FUNERALS:**

Please notify the church immediately at the time of a person's death. We also have funeral planning forms if you are interested in making your final wishes known to the church and your family. It is appropriate that the Christian dead be buried from the church. Please contact the Clergy before arrangements are made with the funeral director.

**PRAYERS:**

Prayers are offered at all services at Grace Church for those who are sick and in need of God's guidance, for travelers, for those celebrating birthdays, wedding anniversaries or other needs which may exist. If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office (573-635-4405).

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