

Messenger

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Rector's Greeting

At the risk of coming off like Captain Obvious (or would that be Father Obvious), how about our wonderful new layout!! Beth has done a wonderful job of updating the layout of our quarterly newsletter. Doesn't it look beautiful?

It has been a relaxing summer and I have had the joy of welcoming our first grandchild, Aisling Jo Nesbit, in August. The arrival of the next generation in a family is an occasion for both joy and hope, and it has a way of refocusing priorities. I am also back from a CREDO conference, a program of the Church Pension Fund that is a week away from the normal busyness of parish life to give space for clergy to engage in a time of self-reflection and discernment. I am still processing all that occurred, but am thankful for the opportunity you have provided me.

At Grace we too have been refocusing priorities as we say good-bye to two of our long-standing parishioners.



Alice Bernard-Jones and Rob Crouse could not have been more different from each other, and yet they both have much to say about the diverse and wonderful community that is Grace. To read either of their obituaries is to see lives filled with action and love for their neighbors. Their loss will leave holes in our community that will be difficult to fill.

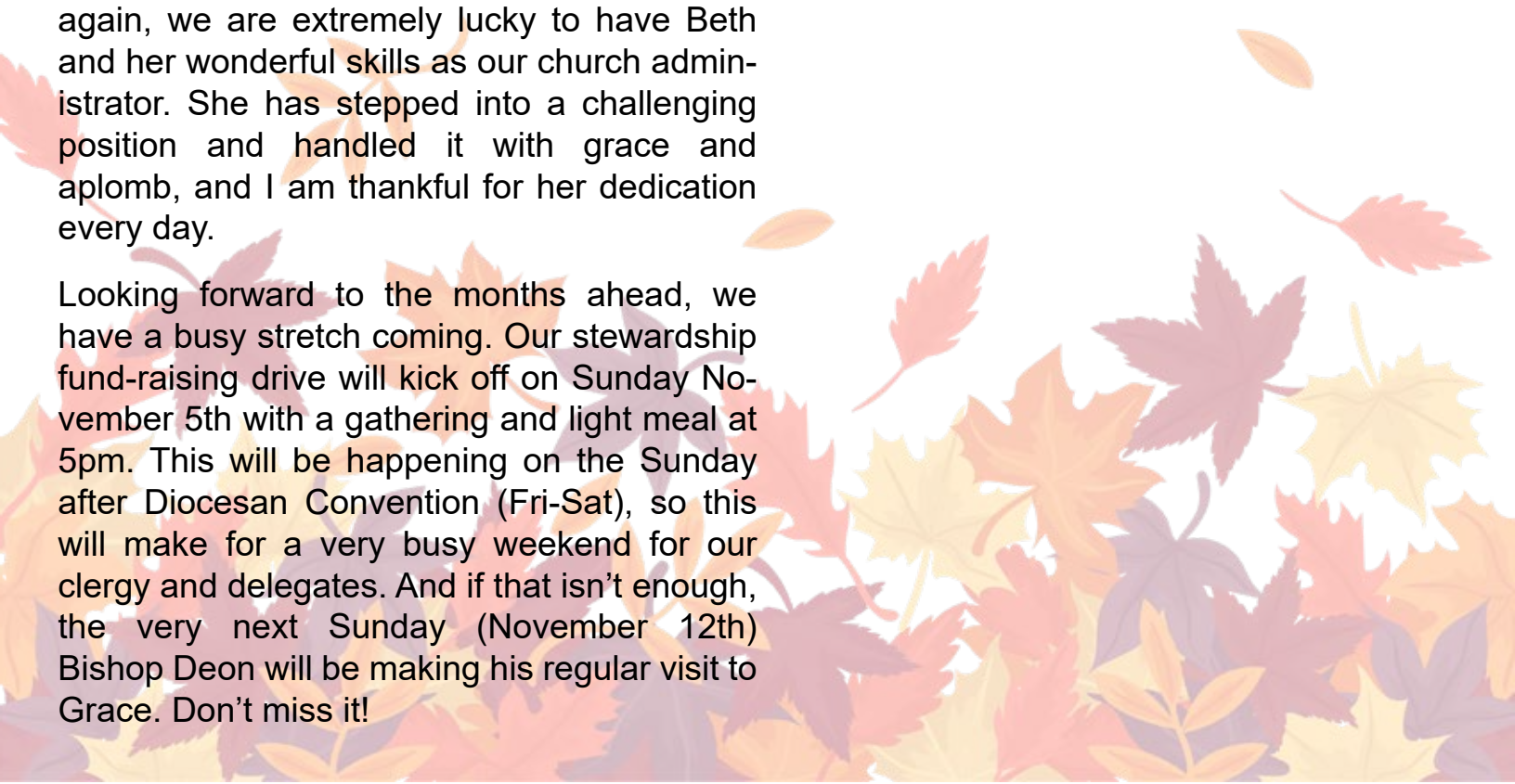
October also marked the end of our experiment with regular Angel Choir. Christy Pond has been working hard to develop the choir, but we have been unable to gather a regular choir beyond her children David and Madelyn. We will still be gathering a pick-up Angel Choir for special services like Christmas and Easter if we can, but Christy will be stepping down as Angel Choir director. I am deeply thankful for the work she has done this year, and the gifts of music that she and her children have shared, and I hope will continue to share as opportunities present themselves.

The summer has also provided the opportunity for Beth Prenger-Boeckmann and I to learn to work together and get to know each other's quirks. (Really for Beth to get to know mine!!) I may have said this before, but I will say it again, we are extremely lucky to have Beth and her wonderful skills as our church administrator. She has stepped into a challenging position and handled it with grace and aplomb, and I am thankful for her dedication every day.

Looking forward to the months ahead, we have a busy stretch coming. Our stewardship fund-raising drive will kick off on Sunday November 5th with a gathering and light meal at 5pm. This will be happening on the Sunday after Diocesan Convention (Fri-Sat), so this will make for a very busy weekend for our clergy and delegates. And if that isn't enough, the very next Sunday (November 12th) Bishop Deon will be making his regular visit to Grace. Don't miss it!

And all of this happens on verge of heading into the Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmas season. As we get our feet under us coming out of COVID, little by little we are working our way back to the vibrancy that is the mission and ministry of Grace Church. Everyone isn't back yet, and some of them may never come back, but others are coming. We are different than we once were, but then, so is the world in which we live. So really, our job is the same as it has always been. To take the gifts and people God has given us and be God's grace in the world today. To be Grace to the best of our ability!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill", with a small cross-like mark at the end.

Treasurer's Report

By Harry Richter

First of all, I want to thank those who have pledged financial support of the parish for their diligence in meeting their commitment on a regular schedule. I think the fact that many of you have arranged for electronic transfer of funds has helped eliminate fluctuations in cash flow due to vacations, holidays, etc.

On the income side, the only budget category that is behind budget is plate offering, even after allowing for the portion that goes to the rector's discretionary fund. So far, that has been offset by above budget amounts from investment and endowment income.

Expenses are within budget, except for an unexpected repair to the dish sanitizer costing more than \$1,500. Ongoing capital projects include replacement of the controller for the bell system and upgrades to the pipe organ. The cost of these projects will be covered by endowments and bequests given to the parish by now deceased members.

Rest assured that the vestry is very diligent in acting as stewards of the parish funds, especially with regard to unbudgeted expenses like capital improvements.

forum, and book study all have begun. Our stewardship campaign is around the corner, and then, Advent is coming. A lot happens as we come to the end of the liturgical year and prepare for the new one. We are hard at work within and outside of Grace. I see so many opportunities and have so many hopes and dreams. It is exciting, but overwhelming...

Then, I realize that I am thinking of this work in terms of myself only. It seems no matter how many times I am reminded that we do nothing alone, without God, I revert back to this thinking. Self-reliance is a double-edged sword I think. To "make it" in our current world, one has to be. That's survival. But to "make it" in a faith community or to grow our church's mission and cultivate the Kingdom of God, one cannot be. We have to fully rely on one another and our creator who is always alongside of us. That is part of the hard work we do! It's hard to let go of the security of self-reliance, to be more vulnerable and trusting, to rely on a presence and purpose we may not understand. Or maybe that's just my struggle.

I have a piece of framed calligraphy that was given to my parents. I look at it almost every morning. It is part of a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins. I didn't know that until now, and it is a beautiful and comforting piece. I encourage you to look it up if you are so moved. It says:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a known way."

Senior Warden's Report

By Sarah Schedler

I last wrote about how summer was perhaps the "down season" for the church when it came to activities and attendance, but not for the true work of the church. Now, fall is here (thank you, God) and we are "busy" again! Sunday school, adult

Project “Make a Joyful Noise”

by Lacey Williams
Chancel Choir Director, Grace Episcopal Church

When I approached the duties of chancel choir director, I took stock and noticed that there was something that our choir, and by extension, our choral office lacked: a designated space, and in the case of the office, a lack of air conditioning. Some wouldn't give too much thought to this, but seeing as the choir had no true designated space, I brought my thoughts and rationale for these changes to the choristers and wanted their honest feedback. As usual, they were receptive and gave a good amount of positive and practical feedback.

Initially, this project began after I presented my ideas to the choir and was later presented with a drawn layout of the space. This sketch detailed a rehearsal space in addition to office space. The offer of a piano gifted for this rehearsal space was also in the works. However, before I had a moment to present my idea to Fr. Bill, the project was kickstarted with a surprise delivery of said piano. In honesty, surprising our Rector with a piano wasn't the intent; there was no clear timeline on when it was to arrive. It wasn't until I received a message that I forgot to send a salient missive. After many apologies and a lay-out of what I had in mind, the slow but steady progress toward the project began.

When word came that this project was given the green light, there was relief, then slight panic: with an established end date along with the requested space, there was a lot of work on the horizon. The youth room, with its bright, multicolored walls, brought the challenge of not only the amount of paint needed, but how many coats would be needed to cover each bright wall. With the colors selected and supplied by Lowes, along with supplies and painting tools in hand, we sat to work with clearing and preparing the room for two painting sessions and three days of moving file cabinets and various other items. Many chorister hands made work light and fun; their willingness to help along with their hard

work helped to bring this space to reality. While there are a few items and details to take care of, the room offers a designated choir space.

Project Homeless Connect

by Cathy Libey

“Hi, my name is Cathy” began a morning of conversation and a lot of listening. This was my second year to volunteer as a tour guide at the local Project Homeless Connect which was held Friday, September 29th. It was created to bring as many medical and social opportunities to one place to help the unhoused and nearly unhoused.

As a tour guide, my goal was to direct my client to find all the different organizations he might need to help him. My client and I spent about three hours in the 300 block of Capital Avenue. We began by stopping at the Medical and Dental trailers to make any appointments he might need. He chose not to take advantage of them as they were not needed at this time. We sat down on the steps in front of the First Baptist church to look at the long list of offerings and what might help him. He chose not to take advantage of any of the opportunities in the First Baptist Church, as it was geared towards medical booths. He could have received vaccinations, eye exams and new glasses, and hearing exams, among many other offerings.

We headed towards First Christian Church, as this church held the social services that he was most interested in for his situation. We talked with someone to help with food stamps, housing, and several other booths. He also took advantage of a lot of the items offered, such as socks and food that were provided by many of the organizations. Other opportunities available to attendees were birth certificates, HIV/AIDS testing, and bus passes.

When we finished getting help at First Christian, we returned to get a hot lunch at First Methodist Church. My client and I enjoyed a full meal all donated by Sweet Smoke. While we were eating, I got the opportunity to learn so much about the struggles of the homeless. I learned:

- 1) They need transportation after 5 p.m.
- 2) Without available transportation that is accessible throughout the community, they cannot take advantage of the service organizations that are all around the community.
- 3) He was lucky that he could take advantage of a service organization that would offer a shower and a warm meal. But he said the paperwork was tough to get through to take advantage of these opportunities.
- 4) He is currently sleeping on a park bench and must take everything he owns with him when he goes to his full-time job. So he can't own much of anything.

Project Homeless Connect is an event that provides an opportunity to help the homeless. Bringing all of these organizations together for one day truly gives the homeless some hope. But I know that I came away with a better understanding of the struggles that face our fellow community members. One day, a few hours, and the willingness to help. Project Homeless Connect helps us all move forward.



Glory in the Garden

by Jennifer Krause

The Lohman Prayer Garden continues to offer a peaceful passage and play space for the community at the Salvation Army.

Warren Stier led Scout Troop 10 in completing his Eagle Scout project this spring, building a seating area near the bridge. The Salvation Army uses this space as an outdoor classroom and worship area. It was even the site of a wedding!

Bridgid Mendenhall and Jennifer Krause installed a native Missouri wildflower/plant area around the new benches. A young family was excited to help nurture the plants with water during the hot summer months. We look forward to the plants becoming more robust each season.



Several Grace members planted an overcup oak provided by Bishop Deon. Other trees in the Garden received pruning thanks to the much-discounted service from Korte Tree Care.

On Sunday, September 24th, the Capital City HS girls and boys soccer teams joined forces to refresh the mulch at the Lohman Prayer Garden and Playground. They were a hard working bunch, and the grounds look amazing! Thank you to Capital Sand for providing the mulch at discount..





One current need: the bridge now has some sagging and missing boards. If someone has time & talent to contribute to this repair project, please contact Jennifer Krause at jenniferpkrause@gmail.com or 573-353-1520. Everyone is welcome to visit and enjoy this garden space. Thanks for your support!

Deacon's Corner Common Ground Update

by Paula Hartsfield

United Way

You may have heard it announced that Common Ground was named a new United Way partner agency in August. Common Ground's original application to become a partner agency was submitted the beginning of 2019. After the tornado hit Jefferson City in April 2019, United Way of Central Missouri put applications on hold. Following the tornado, Covid occurred, further delaying United Way addressing the possibility of new partner agencies. Therefore, it was a long-awaited joy when United Way was able this year to finally consider new partner agencies.

Common Ground will be receiving \$30,000 from United Way for 2024 and must quit being an agency receiving funds from the Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign. Funds yearly contributed by state employees were about \$5,000; so, the United Way contribution will more than offset the loss. Being a United Way partner agency validates Common Ground as a non-profit providing important services to those in need, which we all already knew. With the

Nimbleness of Common Ground

Common Ground's social worker, Meketa Clark, a mother of two young children, became tired of the daily drive to Jefferson City and decided to resign. Employing a part-time social worker is one of the unique aspects of Common Ground. The not-for-profit assists a variety of people with complex life situations making the skills of a social worker vital. The position was advertised; but a social worker with the right heart and skills was not found. Because of the creative and flexible nature of Common Ground, an ideal arrangement developed. Starting October 2, 2023, Kate Amick returned to her part-time benevolence coordinator position which she left two years ago when her baby boy was born. This school year he enrolled in the Moreau Montessori School making it possible for Kate to return to the work she loves. Common Ground clients will still benefit from the skills of Meketa who will be available from a distance and come to Jefferson City as needed. Another component of this win-win situation is that Meketa will be able to develop her own small business in Columbia.

Deacon's Discretionary Account Providing Ongoing Assistance

You have likely heard and read about the small homeless program Common Ground has named "Families Forward" Suzanne Richter is an advocate in that program working with a family for a year, providing sage guidance, hopefully leading to self-sufficiency. A current participant in the program is working nights and has two small children. Life is really a struggle for her; and she is trying very hard to provide a stable environment for her two young children. Hearing an update on this family at our last monthly meeting of Family Forward Advocates, I decided that a good use of the funds you provide for my servant ministry would be a monthly \$40 gas voucher for this participant family. This is just one example of how funds you contribute to the deacon's discretionary account help the impoverished.

Jesus said in Matthew 25:35: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me," (NRSV). So shall we do as the community of Grace.

Scouting Update

By Tom Nield

It's starting to feel like Fall is in the air, and that means it's time to stock up on Trail's End popcorn, Burgers Smoked Sausage and Meats, and Venture Made Cinnamon Rolls! Go to our web page at www.gracescouting.org, tap the desired link, and make your order. Trail's End is delivered right to your home. Burgers products and Venture Made Cinnamon Rolls will be available for pickup on November 19, the weekend before Thanksgiving. The last day for Burgers orders is October 30, and the last day for Venture Made Cinnamon Rolls is November 15. Trail's End is now available all year!

This past summer we sent two crews on two separate high adventure treks, the Coral Reef Adventure at Florida Sea Base and the New River Trek at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Our junior scouts went to Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky. Sixteen scouts and five adults attended Summer Camp at the Lake of the Ozarks. One of our scouts worked as staff at the National Youth Leader Training course run by the Great Rivers Council.

Aidan Struempf passed his Eagle Board of Review this past summer. His project was rehabilitating a number of headstones at a local cemetery. We have a scout sitting his board later in October, and another scout recently finished his Eagle project. If you know of a non-profit that has a project idea, please let us know.

Fall is always a busy time for us. In addition to our fundraising efforts, we have our annual events for recruiting Webelos scouts, the Mizzou Merit Badge University, and supporting the Salvation Army. We are hoping to have a "garage sale" for our excess equipment, so stay tuned for more details.

Lastly, the BSA recently updated its policy concerning adult attendance of overnight events. To attend an event longer than 72 hours, an adult has to be a registered leader. The updated policy now states that adults are required to be registered leaders for any overnight event.

We have always operated with a small cadre of adult leaders. Due to familial obligations, outside interests, and being involved in scouting at the district and council level, this updated policy will impact our ability to put on overnight events. If you know of anyone who is interested in working with youth or is a former scout, please let them know that we can use their help!

We do High Adventure, and Cool Stuff!



Human Trafficking / Modern Day Slaves

By Mike McDonnell

We live in a world rife with cynicism, racism, hatred, and bigotry. The most despicable of all these sins is enslaving another person to accommodate man's greed, lust, and insatiable desire to control another's life. It is a primary reason I became involved in the stop human trafficking movement. It is also why I decided to step back.

There are two areas of human trafficking defined by the "Trafficked Victims Protection Act."

Labor Trafficking: "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery."

Sex Trafficking: "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion. Or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age."

President Obama opened his 2012 speech to the American Bar Association with a profound statement about human Trafficking. "It ought to concern every person because it is a debasement of our common humanity. It ought to concern every business because it distorts markets. It ought to concern every nation because it endangers public health and fuels violence and organized crime. I'm talking about injustice, the outrage of human Trafficking, which must be called by its true name--modern slavery."

On January 11, 2018, the Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, issued his statement about human trafficking. "We know for sure that for this crime to occur, perpetrators must devalue and dehumanize another person." I was struck by the bishop's words that put human trafficking in a light that all should understand.

Human Trafficking encompasses every corner of the world, for example:

- The Walk Free Foundation's Global Slavery Report estimates that more than 49.6 million people are in forced labor and forced marriage.

- Roughly a quarter of all victims of modern slavery are children.

- Their Slavery Index places the U.S. with the 10th highest number of people in modern-day slavery, 1.1 million.

- The U.S. Department of Labor identifies modern-day slavery as sex trafficking, child sex trafficking, forced labor, bonded labor or debt bondage, domestic servitude, forced child labor, unlawful recruitment, and the use of child soldiers.

- UNICEF finds high exploitation in prostitution, massage parlors, pornography, sex tourism, forced marriage, sweat-shop work, begging, armed forces, and migrant farming.

- Eighty percent of labor trafficking stems from undocumented immigrants who come to the United States with a promise of employment and a better life.

- Eighty-three percent of sex-trafficked victims are U.S. citizens (U.S. Department of State, 2022).

- The United Nations Office on Drug and Crime statistics show that "only one out of 100 people are rescued from human trafficking."

All the statistics concerning human slavery deserve attention; however, a few deserve a closer look. The average lifespan of a sex trafficking victim is seven years. Considering that the average trafficked victim is 12, her life would be over at 19 when it should just be beginning. Young girls and women are sold and forced to supply sex multiple times daily. An FBI investigator said that the most times that he was aware of a girl being compelled to have sex was 45 times in one day, and another law enforcement officer said that the youngest victim he knew about was a two-year-old girl. Sex for these victims is probably not the sex we know. It is vaginal sex, anal sex, oral sex, being urinated and defecated on, and often it is so violent that it leads to severe injury or death. These circumstances should arouse the human spirit's desire for justice and a passion to defeat the evil of sex trafficking.

Despite how pornography and prostitution are marketed, they are not glamorous or the girl's chosen profession, nor a satisfying sexual experience, profitable, or uplifting encounter for these women. It often involves embarrassment, excruciating pain, and little profit from selling their bodies. After all, the perpetrators consider them nothing more than "mere merchandise" to be used for profit.

To clarify some of my statements, I consider prostitution and sexual abuse integral to sex trafficking. Even though some consenting adults choose to be prostitutes, trafficked victims do not. It is also true that sexual abuse occurs outside of human trafficking, but it is a primary factor in sex trafficking.

Dr. Sally Kemp, a clinical psychologist, and I founded the Lake of the Ozarks Stop Human Trafficking Coalition in 2014. We were both motivated by the information we received at the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri Annual Gathering earlier that year. We felt that God was prodding us to act, to do something to make people aware of the subject and try to turn the tide of sex trafficking activities in the Lake area. However, our main hope was to save lives. After thoughtful discussion and careful deliberations, we focused our efforts on sex trafficking but would address labor trafficking if we were to discover it.

Many would ask, "Why did we choose to battle human trafficking, considering Dr. Kemp and I knew so little about the issue?" We were uninformed, and most of those I talked to were ignorant of its existence in mid-Missouri and knew little about human trafficking. The good thing is that after we shared what I knew, people supported our efforts as they began understanding the issue. We started the process of change and saved victims' lives as our financial, moral, and spiritual support increased.

Dr. Kemp's and my first goal was to inform the public. As we began to understand the severity of the problem and our community's blindness to human slavery, we became more active in educating the public and aiding victims. Educating the community centered on finding knowledgeable speakers, using the media to ensure people were aware of the problem, and finding ways to help slavery victims. We also, when possible, partnered with other organizations in Missouri, such as Columbia's Stop Human Trafficking Coalition.

We live in an incredible world with all the technological advances and a growing understanding of our universe. However, the typical individual struggles to grasp human sexuality, or why we wrestle with sexual sin, or why it may lead to a collapse of God's moral compass that flips the world upside down, leading to conditions such as sex trafficking.

Grace Church and the surrounding community are fortunate to have three coalitions to work with in combating human Trafficking: The Lake of the Ozarks Stop Human Trafficking Coalition, the Stop Human Trafficking Coalition of Central Missouri, and a new coalition formed in Jefferson City at the Bible Baptist Church. If you want to learn more about human trafficking and the new Jefferson City Coalition, please get in touch with Nanette Ward at 573-289-1842.

Mike McDonnell

Past Vice President Brotherhood of St. Andrew Social Justice Ministry

Past Co-Founder / Co-Director of the Lake of the Ozarks Stop Human Trafficking Coalition



October

- 2 - Jackson Figo
- 4 - Molly Graham, Amanda Joyce
- 6 - Glenn Joyce, Matthew Myers,
Kiyah Rieke
- 9 - Jay Markham, Kelsey Bartlett,
Lily Harvel, Linda Sappington
- 10 - Helen Barnett
- 11 - Anné Keever, Darby Hall
- 12 - Richard Kreiser, Judy Allen
- 14 - Max Joyce
- 18 - Irene Donelon
- 19 - Lilly Figo
- 20 - Frances Hughes
- 24 - Ken Luebbering, Aziyah Starks
- 25 - Beth Thompson
- 26 - Pam Goldschmidt,
Christopher Thompson
- 30 - Cooper Johnson
- 31 - Kyle Allen

November

- 1 - Josephine Abraham
- 2 - Howard Ellis
- 3 - Barbara Van Ark, Sandra Walls, Ann Harris
- 6 - Ann Spencer
- 8 - Sam Harbison, Will Harbison
- 9 - Eunice Straub, Georgina Beckley
- 10 - Bill Spencer
- 12 - Elizabeth Rogers
- 13 - Judy Rice, Rusty Rosenkoeter
- 14 - Steve Hall
- 15 - Sandra Hinde
- 17 - Dylan Benedict
- 18 - Ashley Allen-Brown
- 19 - Emily Graham, MaryLou Leslie
- 22 - George Kistler
- 23 - Vicki Myers
- 24 - Kelly John
- 25 - Jennifer Capps, Jim Pond
- 26 - Brian Barlay, Beverly Nesbit

December

- 1 - Del Mealy
- 2 - Brent Hemphill, Maynard John
- 3 - Caroline Hensley
- 4 - David Rice, Carolyn Davis
- 7 - Scott Johnson
- 9 - Jelani Kanga
- 14 - Ken Walls, Joseph Figo
- 15 - Joseph Kanga
- 20 - Wanda Seeney, Jacob Rodemeyer
- 21 - Luca DeSha
- 23 - John Harker, Alayna Seeney, Nefertiti Kanga
- 25 - Brian Banister, Jacqueline Collier, Sylvester Hughes
- 30 - Joseph Nylander
- 31 - Marilyn Marx



Standing Notices

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

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. Beth Prenger-Boeckmann, our Administrator, is in the office from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Monday-Friday. 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.

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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