

CHANGE YOUR Clocks

12:00 A.M.
MARCH 8

WORSHIP  WITH US!

Sundays:
8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages
9:15 a.m.
Staffed Nursery Available

Tuesdays:
Taize' -5:30 p.m.

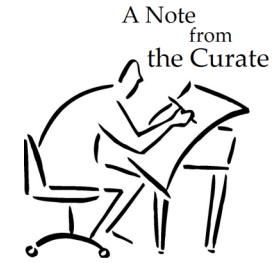
Wednesdays:
9:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.



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GRACE NOTES



People are drawn to places of worship. We long to come together and join with others in mutual admiration of something grand. In our modern world many travel to worship at a sports stadium, others travel to pay homage at Bourbon Street, while still others may go and offer their praises at a comic book or superhero convention. But these modern-day pilgrimages cannot hold a candle to the journeys that Christians have been making for millennia to holy sites around the world. Canterbury, Rome, Jerusalem, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, Tepeyac Hill, and others have received millions, if not

billions in some cases, of pilgrims over the centuries and they all seek an audience with the Holy One. Now, in this Season of Lent, we begin our pilgrimage to the Cross. What will we find? What will we lose? "Once a man was asked, 'what did you gain by regularly praying to God?' The man replied, 'nothing...but let me tell you what I lost: Anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, fear of death.' Sometimes the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing; which ultimately is the gain." The final goal of Lent is to take a few steps closer to Jesus and wrap our arms around Him. But we cannot wrap our arms around Jesus when they are filled with baggage. We must empty

our arms in order to fill them with God. How do we do this? By realizing that God is more fulfilling than the junk we carry around. God is better than anger, He is greater than depression, He is ultimate embodiment of all human desire. Once we grasp that Jesus is what we really need then we will see the necessity of letting go of our baggage. Unfortunately, books, sermons and church attendance can only get you so far. You must speak with God and spend time in His Presence. The good news is that God can be found just about anywhere. Seek Him in the church, in the garden, on a walk, on a bike ride, while doing your favorite hobby. God is with you, waiting expectantly for

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you to speak to Him. If a pilgrim does not look at a map once and a while she will become lost and if we do not look to Christ we too will become lost. Keep your eyes on the Lord, walk towards Him, drop your baggage, and embrace Jesus our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend. I pray that this Lent will find you both losing and gaining all to the glory of Christ.

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Search Committee Update

We'd like to thank those of you who have participated in the Word Cloud and Pot Luck/Listening Post Events! Your input is valued.

As we move thru the process of our Rector Search the groundwork you have helped to lay is so important. The vision of our future, is strong and bright! We are working diligently in putting all of this into a portfolio for Grace Church to use in our search. As a refresher, the members of the Search Committee are:

Amy Long, Bill Waln, Bob Summers, Jeff Frizell, Kyle Parks, Lana Mederos, Mike Torrence, Mike Wamsley, Sarah Spradling and Sharon Hixon.

Know that we are working diligently as a team in the preparation and search for the person that God is sending to nurture us in the future.

Below are some condensed notes from the Word Cloud and Listening Post research that we felt important to share with all.

Good Preacher – Bill Waln

A good preacher uses the lectionary and is able to connect historical perspective to the here and now.

He/she provides a well prepared, relatively brief (10-15 min.) solid message that is delivered with

passion and spirituality to inspire, uplift, and motivate people.

A good preacher often challenges the listener and is able to use humor to relate to people.

Community Minded – Sharon Hixson

A community minded rector knows and appreciates our community.

He/she is familiar with what is going on and is comfortable putting him/herself "out there", being visible and willing to join in.

He/she is confident, outgoing, friendly, sociable, and kind.

He/she is willing to join civic groups, attend local non-church related events and write the occasional newspaper column.

Well Educated – Mike Torrence

A well-educated rector is well based in theology but able to bring it to our level and help us understand and apply it.

Being well-educated also means that he/she is "people smart", appreciates the value of our small town and is skillful at counseling.

Open Minded – Bob Summers

An open-minded rector remembers that we are all God's children and should be tolerant and non-judgmental.

He/she should be welcoming with no exclusions.

Will Grow the Church – Amy Long

A rector who will grow the church is a person who

is willing and able to be an active and visible part of our local community him/herself.

He/she is a good leader, open and warm, who consistently works hard to get to know us personally and can identify potential among us as individuals.

He/she is capable of empowering/encouraging us to reach out and express or use our own talents to help grow the church.

Although open to new ideas, he/she also demonstrates a respect and appreciation for the liturgy and worship style of our church.

Emphasis on Children and Youth and Relating to All Ages – Kyle Parks

A rector who values an emphasis on children and youth should be open to offering more contemporary services designed to draw youth.

He/she should be comfortable providing opportunities for youth to become involved in current services.

He/she should be a welcoming person who can relate to youth and recognize the needs of **all ages** within the congregation.

He/she should know the importance of study groups for all ages and be able to delegate important tasks relating to youth to a youth minister.

Please continue to pray as we move thru this process. We understand the feeling of anxiousness surrounding this, as we feel the same thing. Your patience and faith are important for this journey we are walking together.

A Special Birthday just around the corner....

Virginia Humphreys (the last living aunt of Bob and Wright Summers) will be 100 years old April 12, 2015. Virginia and Richard were very active in Grace Church in Hutchinson before Richard retired and they moved to Holiday Island near Eureka Springs, Arkansas, in the mid-1970's. Richard served many years on the vestry at the church in Eureka Springs before his passing over 10 years ago. Virginia still lives in her home but has assistance around the clock. There will be a reception Sunday, April 12, from 2:30—4:30 at the Elk's Lodge on Holiday Island. For those who remember Virginia, but will not be able to attend, her address is 13 Rancho Vista Lane, Holiday Island, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632 if you would like to send her a card.



Friday, March 20th
12:00 p.m.
at the Downtown Sampler

Sign up in the narthex or call the church office by noon on the 24th to reserve your chair at the table

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew wants to thank those men, women and youth who helped with the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Without your help it would be impossible for us to have this event. We also want to thank all those parishioners and friends who attended and supported our ministry.

March meeting dates are the 11th & 18th
Meetings are in the Conference room
At 4:45 p.m.

Communion at Wesley Towers 2 p.m., March 5 & 19 in the Conference Room



STAFF:

The Rev. Andy Hook
The Rev. Larry Steadman
The Rev. Larry Carver
The Rev. Joseph A. Withrow
The Rev. Georgia Decker
Mrs. Sally Russell
Mrs. Leslie Specht

Curate /Youth Minister
Priest Associate
Priest in Residence
Deacon
Deacon
Parish Administrator
Senior Warden

WORSHIP

Sundays: Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School: (Adults & Children) 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (Sept.-May)
Wednesdays: Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Healing Service: 3rd Sunday (generally)

HOW TO REACH US

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Our Youth In Action

Early in February the Under The Cross Youth Group joined the parish in a meeting regarding our thoughts on the next rector. We broke up and went to different tables and all the youth offered their well thought out opinions. We are especially proud of Kyle Parks who was chosen to be on the Rector Search Committee and led two separate topic discussions. The next Wednesday we filled out our Lent Madness bracket by picking our 16 winners among the Round of 32. Lent Madness is a tournament between 32 saints that are venerated by the Church and was created by two Episcopal priests. Every day of Lent we will vote for our choice at www.lentmadness.org. As Lent continues on we will vote for our picks as they progress through the bracket and hopefully one of our picks will win the coveted Gold Halo Award, which no doubt will be given to them by Christ Himself in Heaven. For Ash Wednesday we participated in the 5:30 pm service and then went upstairs to begin our own Lenten study using the book Renegade Gospel by Mike Slaughter. This study will take us through Easter. This month we said 'so long' to our brother Ty Waln who moved to Ames, Iowa to work with AmeriCorps for the next ten months. We already miss him. We thank you for your prayers for our youth ministry and we ask that you continue to lift us up to the Throne of Jesus the Savior.

Holy Week

Palm-Passion Sunday
March 29

8 & 10:15 a.m.
Blessing & Procession of the Palms
Holy Eucharist

Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week
5:30 p.m. -- Evening Prayer

Wednesday in Holy Week
9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. – The Seder Meal

Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Good Friday
12:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross - Good Friday Liturgy
Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

"Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God
Almighty,
who was,
and is, and is
to come."

Revelation 4:8



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The Rt. Rev. Michael P. Milliken, Bishop

February 4, 2015

My Dear Friends of Grace Church,

I have been sitting here looking at my computer screen wondering what to say about 16 years as Rector of Grace Church. In a few sentences how does one cover the grand vista of our time together: the joys and sadness; the excitement and the frustrations; the love and support?

Reviewing the years I see the faces of friends who now live in the nearer presence of God. I see the faces of those I knew who have moved on to other lives. And I see your faces, too. People I have loved and care about.

There is no way that Kathy and I can thank you enough for taking us in so many years ago; making us a part of the Grace Church Family; surrounding us with your love, support, and understanding. For Kathy and me, Grace Church was not just our church, it was our home (really, it still is our home).

Thank you for the wonderful "going away party", and for the suitcase full of cash! Kathy and I have not yet decided how to spend this, I am sure it may well include some sun, sand, and surf!

Remember, my open door policy that I had at the parish is still in effect for the Bishop's Office! As Mae West used to say: "Come on up and see me sometime!"

Know that Kathy and I will hold you in our thoughts and prayers. We will pray especially for the Vestry and Search Committee, and that our gracious Lord will send you the right priest to be your next Rector.

We pray that you will "live each day compassionate of heart, gentle in word, gracious in awareness, courageous in thought, generous in love".

God bless you, our friends,

+Michael



**We're taking
your picture**

We are preparing to publish a new photo directory.

So, of course, we need pictures of everyone. Toni and Amy will be taking pictures between services March 8 and after the late service on March 15 & 22; then, if need be, again on March 29.

Also if you have moved, changed your phone number, or email address since the last phone directory was published in the fall of 2013 - or are new to Grace Church - please make sure that Sally has the current information in the office so it can be included correctly in this new photo directory.

*Birthdays and
Anniversaries
to Celebrate*



- 6 Raleigh Jarrett
- 7 Gage French
- 11 Evelyn Harper
- 13 Mike Milliken
- 21 Georgia Decker
- 21 Nation Meyer
- 22 Will Eberly
- 25 Edna Keeler
- 25 Sharon Kimbell
- 31 Mary Gere Bridger
- 31 Katherine Eberly

- 8 Roger & Delta Sullivan
- 13 Harold & Shirley Henry

LENTEN SPIRITUALITY

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at
5:30 p.m.—Evening Prayer**

**Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. & 5:30
p.m.—Holy Eucharist**

**Friday at 5:30 p.m. - Stations of
the Cross**

Sundays

4:00-5:00

Lenten Study

“Stop, Pray, Work...Play, Love”

**Lord Teach US To
Pray**

**A Quiet Day
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March 7, 2015**

A Lenten meditation from the Lord’s Prayer chosen be
cause it can help to deepen your prayer life every time
you say the Lord’s Prayer.

9:30 Morning Prayer

9:45 Gathering time; coffee and rolls

10:00 Call to silence with explanation. First and
second meditations

11:30 Luncheon (Please bring your own sack lunch.
Beverages will be provided)

12:00 Third & fourth meditation followed by silence

1:30 Holy Eucharist

Materials to assist in prayer and meditation will be pro-
vided.

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Questions? Call Patti Wamsley, 662-6427

ALL ARE INVITED!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lent 2 8 & 10:15 am Eucharist 9 am Sunday Sch 2-4 pm Search Com. mtg. 4 pm The Bridge 4 pm Lenten stdy.	2 5:30 pm Evening prayer 6:30 pm Scouts 7 pm Al-Anon	3 5:30 pm Evening prayer /Taize' 6:30 pm Scouts	4 9:30 am Eucharist 10 am Bible Sty 2 pm ALS grp. 5:30 pm Eucharist 6 pm UTX	5 7 am Men's Bible 2 pm Communion @ Wesley Towers 5:30 pm Evening Prayer 7 pm Al-Anon	6 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross	7 Change your clocks tonight!
8 Lent 3 8 & 10:15 am Eucharist 9 am Youth Break- fast 4 pm Lenten stdy. 4 pm The Bridge	9 5:30 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Scouts 7 pm Al-Anon	10 5:30 pm Evening Prayer / Taize' 6:30 pm Scouts	11 9:30 am Eucharist 10 am Bible Sty 4:45 pm Daughters of the King 5:30 pm Eucharist 6 pm UTX	12 7 am Men's Bible 5:30 pm Evening Prayer 7 pm Al-Anon	13 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross	14
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