



SPIRIT of GRACE

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From the Desk of The Rev. Joe Pierjok

In June I was fortunate enough to attend a conference at Nashotah House (an Episcopal Seminary) called the Breck Conference. The main goal of the Breck Conference is to keep the conversation about monasticism alive in the Episcopal Church and Anglican tradition. This year's topic was titled "Anchorite spirituality from anchor to parish." Now, just a quick lesson, an anchorite was a man or women (mostly women) who would literally wall themselves up in a church in about 10x10 cell to never leave again. There wasn't even a door to walk out of should they choose that they were ready to leave. These anchorites would devote their lives to praying for the Church and for the communities in which they found themselves living. St. Julian of Norwich is the most famous of these anchorites due to the revelations that God revealed to her and were later published in a book. We know quite a bit about these anchorites from various sources in history and many anchorite cells are still being discovered in England today!

Now, you are probably wondering why I am telling you all about this. Well, there are a couple of reasons. First, I LOVE this kind of spirituality and I especially love to study monasticism. However, the reality is that I feel that each of us can learn a tremendous amount about ourselves, our current spirituality, and a deeper, more meaningful way to connect with God by practicing some parts of monasticism. Before you think I'm crazy for suggesting some monastic practices for you allow me to explain. Monks and nuns are known for their daily habits. Their lives are built around praying the "hours", think daily offices. Their lives are patterned around prayer and their relationship with God. No matter where they are or what task they may be about they always take time to stop and pray. God is the center of their lives, and all else revolves around their unending worship to him. Beloved, Thomas Cranmer did not intend to create "little monks" when he first wrote the Book of Common Prayer, but that's exactly what he did! If we are faithful, in the way that our denomination calls us to be, by praying the Daily Office, then we too would be like the monks. Beloved, our Book of Common Prayer offers each of us the chance each day to pause, for just a moment, and enter a holy space with God. All we must do is set prayer as a priority. Our daily offices can each be prayed in a matter of moments and don't take long at all to do. Noonday prayer would take a whole 5 minutes of your lunch break. Reflect on your daily life...how much time do you spend with God in prayer? I think what so much of the world is missing these days is the understanding that there is someone that is greater than all our worries and desires. God has gifted this wonderful life to us, and all God request in return is that we spend a little time with him and in him. I'm not asking you to wall yourself up at Grace, although if you're interested let me know! I'm asking that you reflect our your current prayer practices and ask yourself, is this enough?

COFFEE HOSTS
Ruth & Larry Hartman

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Zelma Watts, Mark Jones, Elisa White, Carson Stremke 3 Margaret Wampler
4 Dennis Sawyer, Daniel Lynch
5 Carlie Williams, Linda Duvall
6 Joan Archer, Andy Putnam
7 Don Gass, Kevin Snow, Katie McDonald
8 Norman Rouse
10 Maxwell Putnam 11 Lindsey Hettinger
12 Will Flanigan, Carter Castleberry
14 Martin Escobar
16 Jason Hettinger, Flynn Mountjoy, Owen Taylor, Sylvia Sprenkle
17 Connor Wilkowski
18 Dale Looney, Heather Grills, Erin Thompson
19 Bill Cannon, Samantha Rusk, Landon Parker, Dru Miles
20 Rhonda Ralston, Cindy Chilton
21 Kathy Gilpin, Kimberly Pivaral, Doris Sample, Stephanie Lynch, Luke Waggoner
22 Justin Baucom, Marcia McGuire
23 Eric Adams 24 Gloria LaFerla
26 Easton Likness
27 Lynette Gass, Tom Flanigan, Olivia Pierce
28 Susana Gonzales, Joey Dankelson, Eva Tidball 30 Brenda Grigsby
31 Knox Dunaway

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Ted & Debbie Evans
6 Tad & Ann Herz, Carolyn & Pat Phelps
8 Brad & Elisa White
13 Chuck & Becky Edds
14 Justin & Kelsey Baucom
16 Bill Cannon & Charlotte Trautman, David & Gaye Dally 19 Scott & Denise Lambert
20 Harry & Judy Kester
21 Cris & Kathy Laytham
23 Paula & Scott Brooks, Bill & Cindy Putnam
26 Doug & Pam Crandall 28 Dennis & Kathy Martin 30 Heather & Henry Stout²
31 Norman & Karen Rouse

Vestry Update

The latest news on the Vestry.

The Vestry had a very short June meeting to approve the housing allowance of Rev. Collin and to approve a budget for the Aug 19th Parking Lot Party.

At the July meeting of the Vestry there were a number of items on the agenda addressed. Including an ongoing discussion of carpeting the office area, no action was taken, and the matter was tabled for the August meeting. We had a report from our treasurer and the church is financially in good shape and on track.

A welcome committee for visitors was requested to be established by Fr. Joe and the vestry agreed. More to come on the exciting new work that group will be undertaking.

As a friendly reminder, vestry meetings are always open for members of the parish to attend and listen in on the important work of the vestry.

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The PARISH PRAYER LIST

St Luke's: Louise Barton, Dan Erdman, Richard Goolsby, Tom Huntley, Mary Lambert, JoAnn Pritchard, Amy Spidel

Oak Pointe: Betty Bell, Nancy Frerer, Lida McCulloch

Wildwood: Helen Moss

Moberly: Eric Adams *Lockwood:* Bonnie Douglas, Edith Walters

OKC: Kay Graham

College View: Carolyn Johnson, Roger & Sherrie Stinnett

Parishioners: David Dally, Ron Ferguson, Lynette Gass, Jerry Gilpin, Marilyn Kelley, Mark Riley, Sam Rogers, Joseph Waers, Vincent Wilkowski, Hans Ytell

Current: Christy Achen, Mary Bennett, Alyson Brown, Tom Brown, Sue Butler, Steven Cough, Heather Dabney, Carla Day, Ron & Phoebe Griffe, Janice Johnson, Ronald Jurado, Reba Keeper, Mary Lingo, Terry Michael, Claude Newport, Jerry Newport, Ginia Oehlschlager, Lisa Page, Gary Reed, Jim Wanders, Clay Wormington, Seth Yates, Baylee, Jim, Finn

Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce, and Katie Mansfield, our seminarian

New or visiting Grace for the first time?
Scan the QR code below with you phone
to tell us more about you!



ADDRESS CHANGE

Jim & Biffie Creighton, 1111S Berry Rd,
Apt 101, St Louis MO 63122

Loren & Glenda Erwin, 1400 W Austin,
Apt 303, Webb City MO 64870

Gloria Gubser, 1931 Bluebird Way,
Carthage MO 64836

The FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Shirley Cornell, June 14

Bob Pritchard, June 28

Tom Bewick, July 14

ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE -AUG

7 Hans Ytell, Chris & Beth Kang, and
Beth McDaniel

14 Bob & Susan Young, and Jack & Jeanie
Slates

21 Harry & Cindy Rogers

28 Debbie Putnam, Tim, Julie, Miles, &
Maxwell Putnam, and Andrew Putnam

CONGRATULATIONS to...

Colt & Quincy Atwood, birth of daughter,
Autry Mae, July 7

Great Grandparents Larry & Ruth Hart-
man, Myla Rose born July 19, parents are
Ronak & Jessica Patel

NOTIFY

PRAYER LIST CHANGE

- ◆ Fill out the blue insert in the pew and place in offering plate, with name, date, reason and person submitting.
- ◆ Or place under the secretary office door with the above information.
- ◆ Or email, secretary@gracecarthage1869.org.

CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

Schedule with Secretary, 417-358-4631 Tues,
Wed & Thurs

for availability.

El lobo morará con el cordero: Una espiritualidad para Liderazgo en una Comunidad Multicultural

by Eric H. F. Law (Chalice Press: 1993)

La justicia es esencial para el cumplimiento de la visión de Law acerca de la iglesia como “El Reino apacible”. El define la justicia como “la igual distribución de poder y privilegio”. Por lo tanto, diferencias de poder en la iglesia, sea explícita o implícita, necesita ser desafiada. En “El Reino apacible” la paz no es lograda mediante coerción o control, pero en vez de eso por aquéllos en el poder renunciando a ese poder. Para Law, verdadera paz requiere justicia. Hacer justicia es ser capaz de ver y reconocer la desigual distribución de poder y toma pasos para cambiar el sistema que ha creado y perpetuado la desigualdad.

Law confía fuertemente y da crédito al trabajo de 1989 de Geert Hofstede, *Consecuencias de la cultura: Diferencias internacionales en valores relacionados con el trabajo*. En ese trabajo, Hofstede desarrolló una “**Escala Distancia de Poder**” extrayéndolo de su análisis de 40 diversos grupos culturales. La idea de “poder distancia” es que hay diferentes entendimientos culturales de cuanta desigualdad de poder es apropiada dentro de una cultura dada. En culturas de **Alto Poder Distancia (APD)**, la gente tiende a creer que debe haber un orden de desigualdad en el mundo. Grandes diferencias de poder es una parte aceptada de la vida, tanto para el poderoso como para el no poderoso. Estas culturas tienden a tener poco o nada de clase media a través de la cual la movilidad interclasista pueda ocurrir. En contraste, en culturas de **Bajo Poder Distancia (BPD)** la mayoría de la gente cree que la desigualdad en una sociedad debe ser reducida al mínimo. En estas culturas, la gente con poder trata de aparecer como si tuvieran menos poder de lo que realmente tienen. En culturas de **BPD**, usualmente hay una muy bien desarrollada clase media, la cual facilita una mayor movilidad interclasista. Sólo la gente a los extremos de una cultura de **BPD** (muy rica y muy pobre) creen que el sistema no puede ser cambiado para llegar a ser más justo.

Beginning on the first day of September, running through the 4th of October, the Anglican Communion enters its “Season of Creation.” This season is meant to draw us as Christians into a time of focused prayer and tangible intention with all of God’s good creation. While the season of creation is certainly focused primarily on the environment, we know from scripture that all the world is God’s creation and He called it good. The impact we have on the environment influences the rest of creation too, including me and you. It has long been known that our impact on the environment also has an impact on our neighbors, especially poorer marginalized communities. As a result of this long known reality the ‘Season of Creation’ was a movement born out of the Anglican Church of South Africa’s ‘Green Anglicans’ group. The monumental work this group has produced now spreads far and wide throughout the Anglican Communion. Green Anglicans produce resources for individuals and church communities throughout the year to access and use as appropriate. As we are currently in Year C of our lectionary cycle, I started to explore some of the resources available for this year. I want to share with you a small snippet of what I found to be particularly meaningful. Within the liturgical materials available for this lectionary cycle there is a focus on gratitude. I think that, often, it is easy to lose sight of just how precious our natural world is and how intimately connected to it we are. Scripture informs us that we are intrinsically connected to the earth for we are of the same substance it is. Collectively, humanity, has lost a sense of gratitude over time for the beauty, wonder, and mystery of the natural world that has been here long before the first *homo sapiens*. What might it look like in our lives to intentionally take moments of our day to give gratitude for this natural world that surrounds us? Perhaps that would mean moving from a place of apathy to a place of true Godly love to express our gratitude for the earth and call it good just as God did so long ago. I encourage us all to live into holiness, giving gratitude to God for all of creation, for it is good. With the knowledge that giving gratitude to God aids in our hope of growing into a person more like Christ, what comes after gratitude is an insatiable urge from within to steward and care for creation, for the glory of God.

The message is well known: Too much sun can cause skin cancer! Over exposure to the sun also increases risk of eye damage, sunburn and premature skin aging. On the flip side, we need some sun-exposure for good health. Sunlight triggers production of vitamin D in the body, which is why it's known as the sunshine vitamin. Not enough vitamin D can increase the risk of low bone density and can weaken the immune system. Older adults are at increased risk of developing vitamin D insufficiency, partly because the skin's ability to synthesize vitamin D declines with age.

Sun: Getting enough

In general, most dermatologists recommend getting five to ten minutes of sunlight on the arms, legs, and face two or three times a week. Some people can get enough by walking from a parking lot to a store or strolling around the block with the dog. Because many people spend more time outdoors, in summer, sunscreen use is an important skin health strategy in summer and to be more inclusive – all seasons. There might be some concern that sunscreen will block out needed rays for health. But according to an international panel of experts, sunscreens are unlikely to cause vitamin D deficiency in healthy people. Always use sunscreen and remember to reapply every two hours. There is also plenty of hats and clothing that offer UPF (ultraviolet protection factor) to prevent UV (ultra violet) rays from penetrating the skin.

Protecting Your Skin

Both UVA and UVB rays can damage skin so look for broad spectrum sunscreen SPF 30 or higher. Apply it at least 15 minutes before exposure to allow it to absorb into your skin. Be sure to cover all exposed areas of skin. Often neglected areas include ears, back of the neck, lips, the eyelids and the scalp where skin is thin. If you're spending the day outside working or going on a bike ride, or a stroll on the beach, sun-protective clothing is an additional smart choice. Sporting goods and camping store/website are good places to find sun proactive clothing that has UPF and moisture-wicking fabric to help keep you cooler on hot summer days. Look for the Skin Cancer Foundation Seal of Recommendation to validate effectiveness. Swim shirts and long-sleeve high-neck sunsuits help protect in and out of the water. Tightly woven hats with wide brims and dark sun-glasses are also recommended.

Avoiding Heat Rash

Heat rash, also known as prickly heat, is a hot weather-related inflammation of the skin that affects people of all ages, but older adults can be particularly prone. Heat rash tends to form where the skin creates and sweat collects and blocks pores, such as armpits, neck and groin. People who sweat a lot and those who are obese are especially vulnerable to heat rash. To prevent heat rash, it's helpful to wear loose-fitting and moisture-wicking clothing and to minimize the use of oil-based skin products that block pores. To treat heat rash, use products containing calamine, menthol, or camphor to soothe itchy skin. It is also helpful to cool down in an air-conditioned place and take a lukewarm shower. Be kind and gentle to your skin by staying well hydrated, using non-perfumed hypoallergenic products and seeing your dermatologist annually for a skin check. ***Instead of putting others in their place, let us put ourselves in the place of others.***

**TEA & THEE LADIES
FELLOWSHIP:**
Every Wed, 10 am

BIBLE STUDY:
Every Thurs, 11 am

In-person or via Zoom (link sent weekly to email list)

FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP:
Every Thurs, 3 pm

Pull up a chair and make new friends!

MEN of GRACE FELLOWSHIP
1st & 3rd Sat, 9 am

Men of the parish are invited to join in the fellowship and activities.

VESTRY
3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm

CAREGIVERS TOGETHER
4th Tuesday, 3 pm

FOLDING NEWSLETTER
Wed, Aug 23, 3 pm

MOVIE NIGHT
Aug 5, 6 pm: "Arsenic & Old Lace"

Writer and notorious marriage detractor Mortimer Brewster (Cary Grant) falls for girl-next-door Elaine Harper (Priscilla Lane), and they tie the knot on Halloween. When the newlyweds return to their respective family homes to deliver the news, Brewster finds a corpse hidden in a window seat. With his eccentric aunts (Josephine Hull, Jean Adair), disturbed uncle (John Alexander), and homicidal brother (Raymond Massey), he starts to realize that his family is even crazier than he thought.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Grace Church serving meals on wheels Mon, Aug 1. This group is organized through John Wampler's scheduling.

Thank you team for reaching out to these people with your ministry.

MARIAN DAYS
Aug 4—6

BRIGHT FUTURES
Tues, Aug 9, 5-6:30 pm

Back to School Bash
Rev Collin will have a Church booth with game and Pencil Pouches
YMCA, 400 S Maple

PARKING LOT PARTY
Fri, Aug 19, 3-8 pm

Water games, Food and Fun
All ages welcome
Men of Grace grilling
Eucharist at 5 pm

CONFIRMATION
Sat, Aug 20, 11 am

WED NIGHT ACTIVITIES
The first Wed. night activities will be September 7
The first Sunday School classes will be Sept 11

MINISTERS of WORSHIP: AUG

Wed, Aug 3: 6pm

Reader/Chalice: Jory Mertens

Sacristan: Debby Orr

Fri, Aug 5: 10 am

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat, Aug 6: 9 am

Sacristan: Jeanie Slates

5 pm

Reader: Glenda Erwin

Chalice:

Sacristan: Jeanie Slates

IX PENTECOST

Sun, Aug 7: 8 am

Reader: Nancy Dymott

Prayers/Chalice/Server: Bill Putnam

Sacristan: Margaret Wampler

10:30 am

OT: Barbara Mountjoy

NT/Chalice: Elaine Wurst

Prayers/Chalice: Mark Sponaugle

Mentor: Shawnda Eley

Server: Tyrese Hill

Cross: Aliyah Hill

Torches: Lincoln & Barrett Cook

Sacristan: Cindy Chilton

AV: Elisa White

Ushers: Austin & Jennifer Rhymer

Wed, Aug 10: 6 pm

Reader/Chalice: Jon Haffner

Sacristan: Cindy Chilton

Fri, Aug 12: 10 am

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat, Aug 13: 9 am

Sacristan: Margaret Wampler

5 pm

Reader/Chalice: Bill Putnam

Sacristan: Jeanie Slates

X PENTECOST

Sun, Aug 14: 8 am

Reader: Shirley Gollhofer

Chalice/Prayers: Dean Dankelson

Sacristan: Margaret Wampler

10:30 am

OT: Paige Rhymer

NT/Chalice: Andy Lynch

Prayers/Chalice: Austin Rhymer

Mentor: Kirby Newport

Cross: Alana Harris

Server: Olivia Pierce

Torches: Allie & Brooklyn Rhymer

Sacristan: Cindy Chilton

AV: Jennifer Rhymer

Ushers: Dale Hopp & Steve Erwin

Wed, Aug 17: 6 pm

Reader/Chalice: Jory Mertens

Sacristan: Debbie Orr

Fri, Aug 19: 10 am

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat, Aug 20: 9 am

Sacristan: Jeanie Slates

5 pm

Reader: Glenda Erwin

Chalice:

Sacristan: Jeanie Slates

XI PENTECOST

Sun, Aug 21: 8 am

Reader: Jacqui Johnson

Prayers: Shirley Gollhofer

Chalice/ Server: Bill Putnam

Sacristan: Margaret Wampler

10:30 am

OT/Chalice: Ruth Hartman

NT: Regina Newport

Prayers/Chalice: Larry Hartman

Mentor: Elisa White

Servers: A J Rhymer

Cross: Connor Wilkowski

Torches: Barrett & Lincoln Cook

Ushers: Chris Orr & Tom Flanigan

Sacristan: Cindy Chilton

AV: Jim Wakefield

Wed, Aug 24: 6 pm

Reader: AJ Rhymer

Chalice: Austin Rhymer

Sacristan: Debby Orr

Fri, Aug 26, 10 am

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Sat, Aug 27: 9 am

Sacristan: Cindy Chilton

5 pm

Reader/Chalice: Michael Goolsby

Sacristan: Jeanie Slates

XII PENTECOST

Sun, Aug 28: 8 am

Reader: Nancy Dymott

Prayers: Jacqui Johnson

Chalice: Dean Dankelson

Server:

Sacristan: Margaret Wampler

10:30 am

OT: Brian Jones

NT/Chalice: Michael Goolsby

Prayers/Chalice: Andy Lynch

Mentor: Elaine Wurst

Server: Tristan Lynch

Cross: Trenton Lynch

Torch: Peyton Lynch, Carson Stremke

Ushers: Allie Rhymer &

Jim Wakefield

Sacristan: Cindy Chilton

AV: Mike Robertson

Wed, Aug 31: 6 pm

Reader: Regina Newport

Chalice: Jory Mertens

Sacristan: Debbie Orr

DAILY READINGS in AUG 2022

Mon, Aug 1: *Judges 6:25-40, Acts 2:37-47, John 1:1-18*

Tues, Aug 2: *Judges 7: 1-18, Acts 3:1-11, John 1:19-28*

Wed, Aug 3: *Judges 7:19—8:12, Acts 3:12-26, John 1:29-42*

Thurs, Aug 4: *Judges 8:22-35, Acts 4:1-12, Jon 1:43-51*

Fri, Aug 5: *Judges 9:1-16, 19-21, Acts 4:13-31, John 2:1-12*

Sat, Aug 6: *Exodus 34:29-35, II Peter 1:13-21, Luke 9:28-36*

IX PENTECOST, Sun, Aug 7: *Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40*

Mon, Aug 8: *Judges 12: 1-7, Acts 5:12-26, John 3:1-21*

Tues, Aug 9: *Judges 13:1-15, Acts 5:27-42, John 3:22-36*

Wed, Aug 10: *Judges 13: 15-24, Acts 6:1-15, John 4:1-26*

Thurs, Aug 11: *Judges 14:1-19, Acts 6:15—7:16, John 4:27-42*

Fri, Aug 12: *Judges 14:20—15:20, Acts 7:17-29, John 4:43-54*

Sat, Aug 13: *Judges 16:1-14, Acts 7:30-43, John 5:1-18*

X PENTECOST Sun, Aug 14: *Isaiah 5:1-7, Hebrews 11:29—12:2, Luke 12:49-56*

Mon, Aug 15: *Isaiah 61:10-11, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 1:46-55*

Tues, Aug 16: *Judges 18:1-15, Acts 8:1-13, John 5:30-47*

Wed, Aug 17: *Judges 18:16-31, Acts 8:14-25, John 6:1-15*

Thurs, Aug 18: *Job 1:1-22, Acts 8:26-40, John 6:16-27*

Fri, Aug 19: *Job 2:1-13, Acts 9:1-9, John 6:27-40*

Sat, Aug 20: *Job 3:1-26, Acts 9:10-19a, John 6:41-51*

XI PENTECOST, Sun, Aug 21: *Jeremiah 1:4-10, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17*

Mon, Aug 22: *Job 4: 1; 5:1-11, 17-21, 26-27; Acts 9:19b-31, John 6:52-59*

Tues, Aug 23: *Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21; Acts 9:32-43, John 6:60-71*

Wed, Aug 24: *Deuteronomy 18:15-18, I Corinthians 4:9-15, Luke 22:24-30*

Thurs, Aug 25: *Job 8:1-10, 20-22, Acts 10:17-33, John 7:14-36*

Fri, Aug 26: *Job 9:1-15, 32-35, Acts 10:34-48, John 7:37-52*

Sat, Aug 27: *Job 9:1; 10:1-9, 16-22, Acts 11:1-18, John 8:12-20*

XII PENTECOST, Sun, Aug 28: *Jeremiah 2:4-13, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14*

Mon, Aug 29: *Job 12:1-6, 13-25, Acts 11:19-30, John 8:21-32*

Tues, Aug 30: *Job 12:1; 13:3-17, 21-27; Acts 12:1-17, John 8:33-47*

Wed, Aug 31: *Job 12:1; 14:1-22, Acts 12:18-25, John 8:47-59*

