



# SPIRIT of GRACE

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From the Desk of The Rev. Joe Pierjok

To my beloved Grace,

By the time of your receiving this newsletter life will have begun to move a little differently. Students are back in classrooms, teachers are putting all their hard work and effort into practice, parents will be adjusting to the rhythm of school life and activities, and here at Grace we will shortly be getting back into the swing of our program year. As I have been pondering and praying over these things God continues to send a phrase into my heart and I feel it necessary to share with all of you. "New beginnings." New beginnings is what God has been placing on my heart for weeks and I have been deep in prayer as to what that means. I have spent much of my vacation this summer retreating to places where I have been able to clear my heart and mind to discern what this could mean for me and for our communal life together. It is my understanding that all of us, myself included, are on the cusp of stepping into new beginnings. First, let us briefly look to our past. Over the past 3 years we have experienced a lot together. You and God made me a priest, we have celebrated baptisms, weddings, confirmations, and funerals. We faced elections, pandemics, and the loss of Fr. Steve, together. We have done so much in such a small time since I have joined you. As a parish you have a history of doing all these things and so much more long before I ever even knew what Carthage, Missouri was. You have a past and traditions that you should be proud to stand on. It is my wish that we honor all of that and keep what is meet and right so to do. So where do "new beginnings" come into all this? Beloved, it is my hope that this year will be the "renewal" of Grace Church. That we, together, look to our future in hope, and begin to dream what we may become. I feel, to the depths of my core, that God is calling us forward into new territory. There will be new and exciting things happening, we will continue to celebrate and practice the traditions of our parish that we love so much, we will grow, we will learn, we will be stretched. Yet, in all of this we will grow into the people that God has call us each to be. I know that we are all in a time as a parish that we never imagined ourselves being in, I certainly never did. I may not be the priest that you wish for God to send you. You MAY think that I'm alright. Whatever your feelings, I wish you each to know one thing; I love you, and I mean it! In the year to come we have much work to do, together, for the Kingdom of God. You, my beloved, are an incredible gift to God and to God's Church. For my many failings, I ask your forgiveness. It is my deepest desire that together we will face our new beginnings. Together let us listen and look for where God is calling us. Let us be unafraid to face the days ahead, knowing that God has this all under control. Let us step into the unknow and run for joy towards our new beginnings!

God bless you!

Fr. Joe Pierjok+

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Kate Lasley, George Laytham  
4 Michael Goolsby, Brad White, Carter Thompson, Chase Thompson  
5 Marsha Delaney, Ruth Hartman, Brayden Waggoner 6 Caleb Stiles 7 Bella Figueroa  
8 Jeff Dymott 10 Antony Cordova  
11 Stacey Chapman 12 Wanda Spencer, Ida Ruth Locarni 13 Stephan Beimdiek, Mandy Marney, Beth McDaniel, Mike Thompson, Gabriel Speck 14 Erick Alvarado  
15 Tyler Harwell, Lida McCulloch, Heriberto Alvarado 16 Sally Stuart  
17 Anita Flanigan, Finley Cook  
18 Karen Riley, Larry Hartman  
19 Paige Rhymer, Owen Sawyer, Rev Collin Larimore 20 Liz Foster, Terry Chilton  
21 Paul Matteo, Debbie Putnam, Kim Snodgrass, Shania Figueroa  
22 Colby Wakefield, Genesis Alvarado  
23 Sean Weber, Melissa Stremke  
25 Chester White 26 Kirsten Saiz  
27 Gaye Dally, Chuck Edds, Allie Rhymer  
28 Chalaine Bell, Glenda Erwin, Kathy Conrow, David Foster, Ashley Rouse  
29 Allen Stinebrook, Van Ellis, Dr Paul Toma, Joni Nelson  
30 Steven Nelson, Christina Ptasinski

## **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Mel & Julie Anderson, Larry & Marcia McGuire, Jason & Ceri Otero 5 Clif & Emily Kester  
8 John & Pam Schaffer 10 Max & Cheryl Hill  
12 Steve & Sherry Erwin 13 Paul & Cathy Hauser  
14 Rodolfo & Diana Manjarrez  
15 Kevin & Edie Snow, Bill & Libby Wilson  
20 Steve & Betty Goodman 21 Gary & Pam Borland  
25 Kevin & Jacqui Johnson  
28 Maurice & Nancy Ranz 29 Justin & Alexis Slates  
30 Michael & Heather Anderson

## **Vestry Update**

“The vestry had a short agenda to attend to, thanks be to God. It should be noted that during the treasurers report there was mention of pledges being down for the last couple months. The vestry is also waiting for more information from the Transition Officer of the Diocese before any other transition work can continue. An English to Spanish translation option for the website has been approved and should be available soon. Bids for the carpet in the office continue to be taken. The parish should also be aware that Mid-Continent Restoration should begin their work around the parish in mid-September.”

## **SAVE THE DATES**

- Sept 7: 1st Wed Night Youth Group
- Sept 10: Noel Picnic, everyone welcome, 10—????
- Sept 11: 1st Sun School, 9:30 am
- Sept 14: St Martha's, Taste of Italy, All women invited, 11 am
- Oct 4: Pet Blessing, 6 pm
- Oct 9: Organ Dedication, 3 pm
- Oct 22: Rev Collin's Ordination, 10:30 am KC

## 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

*NHC:* Ron Ferguson

*Parishioners:* Chesney Family, Lynette Gass, Jerry Gilpin, Max Hill, Ruby Hoofman, Marilyn Kelley, Rick Olson, Mark Riley, Sam Rogers, Joseph Waers, Vincent Wilkowski, Hans Ytell

*Current:* Christy Achen, Mary Bennett, Alyson Brown, Tom Brown, Sue Butler, George Carson, Johnna Collins, Steven Cough, Heather Dabney, Carla Day, Ron & Phoebe Griffe, Janice Johnson, Ronald Jurado, Reba Keepper, Mary Lingo, Terry Michael, Claude Newport, Jerry Newport, Ginia Oehlschlager, Maria Ordonez, Lisa Page, Hayden Pendergraft, Gary Reed, Jim Wanders, Ellen Wolf, Clay Wormington, Seth Yates, Baylee, Jim, Finn, Phil & Family

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## The FAITHFUL DEPARTED

David Dally, Aug 8, Requiem Aug 13

## ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE – SEPT

- 4 A Parishioner
- 11 Lisa Daugherty & Jack & Jeanie Slates
- 18 Frank & Donna Lane, Jana & Scott Sawyer, and Sue & Scott Campbell
- 25 Ida Ruth Locarni & Andy & Sandy Fritsch, and Patricia McGaughey Greninger

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## Cafarnaún

Jesús vivió probablemente en la casa de Pedro donde curó a su suegra y a un parálítico que fue descendido por el techo. Cafarnaún en Tierra Santa, la ciudad de Jesús, fue destruida en el siglo VIII por un terremoto, y por razones desconocidas fue abandonado tras la época de los cruzados. En 1894 la Custodia franciscana adquiere gran parte del terreno e inician excavaciones arqueológicas que, a lo largo de los siglos XIX y XX, darán muchos indicios sobre la vida cotidiana de la antigua ciudad. Además de las numerosas monedas y objetos de diversas épocas, y los restos de mosaicos, se han descubierto muchos edificios. Cabe mencionar en particular la gran sinagoga del siglo V, construida sobre las ruinas de la precedente, donde Jesús mismo había enseñado. Pero, sobretodo, el más importante para el cristianismo es la casa del apóstol Pedro, donde Jesús dedicó mucho tiempo, y donde tal vez vivió. Esta casa era venerada por los primeros cristianos y posteriormente transformada en una iglesia octogonal en la época bizantina. Cafarnaún en Tierra Santa, la ciudad de Jesús, es uno de los lugares donde la iglesia primitiva hizo sus primeros pasos. Tanto por su belleza como por su significado espiritual, Cafarnaún en Tierra Santa, la ciudad de Jesús, es uno de los lugares más importantes de la Cristiandad en Tierra Santa.

### Celebración del mes de la Hispanidad

Actividad Diocesana, Celebración del mes de la Hispanidad el día 10 de Septiembre de 10 am a 2 pm los fondos serán para ayudar a la Iglesia San Nicolas, en seguida del Arvest Bank en Main St.

Diocesan Activity, Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on September 10 starting at 10 am – 2 pm proceeds going to Saint Nicholas Church, next to the Arvest Bank on Main Street.

Tacos, Pupusas, Bebidas/Drinks, Frutas/Fruit

The Season of Creation is upon us. During the Month of September leading into October culminating in the feast of St. Francis on October 4<sup>th</sup> we are given the opportunity to take a deeper dive into examining our relationship with the natural world. This Season of Creation I will be sharing with the entire church via email a series of short reflections on biblical passages inspired by our very own bible garden. You can expect once a week to receive an email from me with these reflections. My hope is that this will gather your attention to our beautiful bible garden and give you a sense of the breadth of the natural world in scripture. These reflections would be a wonderful opportunity to jump into some conversations at home with our youth and children about scripture in digestible chunks. For those of you looking for some literature during this season of creation to be in the spirit of the season I recommend the following for you to explore: *Soil and Sacrament* by Fred Bahnson; *Exploring Ecological Hermeneutics* edited by Norman Habel and Peter Trudinger; *Bringing It to the Table: On Farming and Food* by Wendell Berry; and *How Can I Care for Creation* by Stephanie McDyre Johnson. These are not an exhaustive list of books that touch on the subject of creation but they do a good job of getting us thinking about God, the natural world and how our relationship with both is intertwined. Whether you explore these scripture reflections as a family, read one of these suggested books or doing something else entirely, my hope is that you do DO something that gets you into the reason for the season. This island home of ours that we call planet earth is one part of Gods good creation that we should all spend at least a little bit of time thinking about every so often if not all the time. My personal challenge to myself this season of creation will be to pray the following prayer from page 840 of the Book of Common Prayer every day until the feast day of St. Francis. I invite you to join me in this practice until Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Myth #1 Air Conditioning Can You A Cold - Myth buster** – Sorry! Colds are caused by viruses and only viruses. Research shows that there is no evidence that shows there is no evidence that cold exposure alone causes colds. Too much AC can, however, reduce the moisture in your ear airway, leading to thinning and cracking in the airway lining. This may make your throat feel scratchy and your nose or sinuses feel dry. This may be relieved using a saline nose spray or mist. Also a poorly maintained air conditioner can be a breeding ground for mold or mildew, leading to symptoms like sneezing, itching and runny nose, so be sure to replace air filters and clean up any water that collects.

**Myth #2 Poison Ivy Rashes Are Contagious - Myth Buster** -Poison Ivy rashes look and feel gross, but you can't give them to someone else. The rash is a reaction to the oil in the plant, and you can get it anywhere the oil touches. That is the contagious part. Once you have washed off the poison ivy oil, you should not be able to spread poison ivy to others or to any other part of your body. Poison ivy oil, though can be tricky – it can be under your fingernails and linger on your clothes. Avoid the rash by wearing long clothing in the wooded areas and cleaning hands, clothes and pets as soon as you get home. The FDA also recommends wearing washable gloves for yard work and washing your tools regularly.

**Myth #3 If you have swimmers ear, there's water in your ear canal = Myth Buster** Swimmer's ear is actually the name of a bacterial infection. It is often caused by water that sits in your outer ear canal – but it sticks around even after all is dry, and doesn't always involve water. The infection can muffle your hearing and leave your ear swollen, sore, and red, and can also be caused by atrophic dermatitis, psoriasis, ear cleaning, and some medications. Still it's wise to try to get water out of your ears before it can become a problem. Try to tilt your head to the side and gently pull on your earlobe to expand the ear canal. You can also wear silicone earplugs while swimming and dry your ears with a towel. Please skip the cotton swabs. Earwax actually helps protect the ears. Sometimes simply try lying flat on the side and it will drain out. If you do get an infection your doctor can give you a script for some antibiotic ear drops.

**Myth #4 Mosquitoes Are Attracted To Certain People Because They Have Sweeter Blood - Myth Buster** - The fact that you're a mosquito's favorite snack doesn't mean that your blood is particularly tasty. In truth, these tiny bloodsuckers descend on you in droves because of the way you look and smell, not how you taste. Mosquitoes can sense body heat and smell sweat, and the receptors in their antennae help detect carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) we breathe out. The more you sweat and the more CO<sub>2</sub> you exhale, the more likely they will be to land on you. The little buggers are also attracted to people who secrete blood type antigens through their body fluids – 80% of us do, but people with type O are especially likely to. Mosquitoes also enjoy the smell of certain compounds on our skin, a *Current Biology* study found. Protect yourself by wearing an insect repellent that contains DEET or oil of lemon eucalyptus and avoid being outdoors at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active. And don't wear black to the BBQ - research shows that's mosquitoes' favorite color!

*(To Be Continued)*

**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, Sept 21, 3 pm

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
Fri, Sept 16, 6 pm

FATHER STU starring Mark Wahlberg, Mel Gibson & Jackie Weaver. Based on a true story about an ex-boxer turned Priest.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

Sept 5, observing Labor Day

**SAINT & FEAST DAYS**

Sept 14—Holy Cross Day

Sept 21—Saint Matthew

Sept 29—Saint Michael  
& All Angels

**WED NIGHT ACTIVITIES**

The first Wed. night activities will be September 7.

The first Sunday School classes will be Sept 11.

**THANK YOU**

Mel & Julie Anderson, Mike & Cathy Thompson, Bob Young, Larry & Ruth Hartman, Gary Cole and Dennis Conrow with delivering Meals on Wheels, Aug 1. A BIG thanks to John Wampler for organizing this great group of parishioners.

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**MINISTERS of WORSHIP: SEPTEMBER**

**Fri, Sept 2: 10 am**

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

**Sat, Sept 3: 9 am**

*Sacristan:* Becky Edds

**5 pm**

*Reader/Chalice:* Michael Goolsby

*Sacristan:* Becky Edds

**XIII PENTECOST**

**Sun, Sept 4: 8 am**

*Reader:* Nancy Dymott

*Prayers/Chalice/Server:* Bill Putnam

*Sacristan:* Becky Edds

**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:* Becky Edds

*AV:* Elisa White

*Ushers:* Larry & Ruth Hartman

**Wed, Sept 7: 6 pm**

*Reader:* AJ Rhymer

*Chalice:* Austin Rhymer

*Sacristan:* Becky Edds

**Fri, Sept 9: 10 am**

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

**Sat, Sept 10: 9 am**

*Sacristan:* Connie Leek

**5 pm**

*Reader/Chalice:* Bill Putnam

*Sacristan:* Connie Leek

**XIV PENTECOST**

**Sun, Sept 11: 8 am**

*Reader/Chalice:* Dean Dankelson

*Prayers:* Karen Rouse

*Sacristan:* Connie Leek

**10:30 am**

*OT:* Paige Rhymer

*NT/Chalice:* Austin Rhymer

*Prayers/Chalice:* Andy Lynch

*Mentor:* Kirby Newport

*Cross:* Brooklyn Rhymer

*Server:* Olivia Pierce

*Torches:* Allie Rhymer & Alana Harris

*Sacristan:* Connie Leek

*AV:* Jennifer Rhymer

*Ushers:* Max Hill & Steve Erwin

**Wed, Sept 14: 6 pm**

*Reader/Chalice:* Jon Haffner

*Sacristan:* Connie Leek

**Fri, Sept 16: 10 am**

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely



**Sat, Sept 17: 9 am**

*Sacristan:* Elisa White

**5 pm**

*Reader/Chalice:* Michael Goolsby

*Sacristan:* Elisa White

**XV PENTECOST**

**Sun, Sept 18: 8 am**

*Reader:* Shirley Gollhofer

*Prayers:* Jacqui Johnson

*Chalice/Server:* Bill Putnam

*Sacristan:* Elisa White

**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:* Elisa White

*AV:* Jim Wakefield

**Wed, Sept 21: 6 pm**

*Reader/Chalice:* Jory Mertens

*Sacristan:* Elisa White

**Fri, Sept 23, 10 am**

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

**Sat, Sept 24: 9 am**

*Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

**5 pm** (*Evening Prayer*)

*Officiant:* Bill Putnam

*Reader:* Glenda Erwin

*Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

**XVI PENTECOST**

**Sun, Sept 25: 8 am**

*Reader:* Nancy Dymott

*Prayers:* Ashley Rouse

*Chalice:* Dean Dankelson

*Server:*

*Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

**10:30 am**

*OT:* Brian Jones

*NT/Chalice:* Andy Lynch

*Prayers/Chalice:* Michael Goolsby

*Mentor:* Elaine Wurst

*Server:* Tristan Lynch

*Cross:* Trenton Lynch

*Torch:* Peyton Lynch, Carson Stremke

*Ushers:* Allie Rhymer &

Jim Wakefield

*Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

*AV:* Mike Robertson

**Wed, Sept 28: 6 pm**

*Reader:* Regina Newport

*Chalice:* Mark Sponaugle

*Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

**Fri, Sept 30: 10 am**

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

## DAILY READINGS in SEPT 2022

Thurs, Sept 1: *Job 16:16-22; 17:1, 13-16, Acts 13:1-12, John 9:1-17*

Fri, Sept 2: *Job 19:1-7, 14-27, Acts 13:13-25, John 9:18-41*

Sat, Sept 3: *Job 22:1-4, 21—23:7, Acts 13:26-43, John 10:1-18*

**XIII PENTECOST, Sun, Sept 4:** *Jeremiah 18:1-11, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33*

Mon, Sept 5: *Job 32:1-10, 19—33:1, 19-28, Acts 13:44-52, John 10:19-30*

Tues, Sept 6: *Job 29:1-20, Acts 14:1-18, John 10:31-42*

Wed, Sept 7: *Job 29:1; 30:1-2, 16-31, Acts 14:19-28, John 11:1-16*

Thurs, Sept 8: *Job 29:1; 31:1-23, Acts 15:1-11, John 11:17-29*

Fri, Sept 9: *Job 29:1; 31:24-40, Acts 15:12-21, John 11:30-44*

Sat, Sept 10: *Job 38: 1-17, Acts 15:22-35, John 11:45-54*

**XIV PENTECOST Sun, Sept 11:** *Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, I Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10*

Mon, Sept 12: *Job 40:1-24, Acts 15:36—16:5, John 11:55—12:8*

Tues, Sept 13: *Job 40:1; 41:1-11, Acts 16:6-15, John 12:9-19*

Wed, Sept 14: *Isaiah 45:21-25, Philippians 2:5-11, John 12:31-36a*

Thurs, Sept 15: *Job 28:1-28, Acts 16:25-40, John 12:27-36a*

Fri, Sept 16: *Esther 1:1-4, 10-19, Acts 17:1-15, John 12:36b-43*

Sat, Sept 17: *Esther 2:5-8, 15-23, Acts 17:16-34, John 12:44-50*

**XV PENTECOST, Sun, Sept 18:** *Jeremiah 8:18—9:1, I Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13*

Mon, Sept 19: *Esther 4:4-17, Acts 18:1-11, Luke 3:1-14*

Tues, Sept 20: *Esther 5:1-14, Acts 18: 12-28, Luke 3:15-22*

Wed, Sept 21: *Proverbs 3:1-6, II Timothy 3:14-17, Matthew 9:9-13*

Thurs, Sept 22: *Esther 7:1-10, Acts 19:11-20, Luke 4:14-30*

Fri, Sept 23: *Esther 8:1-8, 15-17, Acts 19:21-41, Luke 4:31-37*

Sat, Sept 24: *Hosea 1:1—2:1, Acts 20:1-16, Luke 4:38-44*

**XVI PENTECOST, Sun, Sept 25:** *Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, I Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31*

Mon, Sept 26: *Hosea 2:14-23, Acts 20:17-38, Luke 5:1-11*

Tues, Sept 27: *Hosea 4:1-10, Acts 21:1-14, Luke 5:12-26*

Wed, Sept 28: *Hosea 4:11-19, Acts 21:15-26, Luke 5:27-39*

Thurs, Sept 29: *Genesis 28:10-17, Revelation 12:7-12, John 1:47-51*

Fri, Sept 30: *Hosea 10:1-15, Acts 21:37—22:16, Luke 6:12-26*

