



Holy Fear



Piety



Strength



Counsel



Wisdom



Understanding



Knowledge

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Grace Notes

Rector's Reflection

One Body and One Spirit

The affirmation we use to begin the liturgy for Holy Baptism comes directly from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit ... in the one Spirit we were baptized into one Body ... the body does not consist of one member but of many ..." (1 Cor 12:4-31). This passage is Paul's classic statement defining the Church as "The Body of Christ." Each one of us as members of this body has a specific work to do, ministry, vocation, talent, gift. All, everyone is needed and is valued.

In June, we begin this affirmation of our call as members of the Body of Christ to go "now into the world" with "strength and courage" with our many celebrations and ministries. On June 2, we will celebrate Youth Sunday, recognize our graduating High School Seniors, and then that evening, share in Evensong led by our boy and girl choristers. On June 9, Pentecost Sunday, we will share in a Bilingual Service with our La Gracia parishioners at 9:00 a.m. The Rev. Luis Leon will be our guest Celebrant and Preacher. At 11:15 a.m., the Bishop of the Armed Forces will ordain The Rev. Marta Conway to the Sacred Order of Priests.

Our summer schedule starts on June 16 with La Santa Eucharistía in the Church at 9:00 a.m. and our Choral Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

At the end of the month, our J2A group goes on their pilgrimage to Ireland and Iceland.

June will be a celebration of the diversity of our gifts and ministries as "One Body" empowered by the "One Spirit."

The right door to the Church, facing Russell Road, has the traditional symbols of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit in beautiful carvings. We pray these gifts fill us individually and corporately in the month ahead: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Strength, Knowledge, Piety and Holy Fear.

*Grace, Peace, Love,
The Rev. Robert H. Malm*

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule thru June 9

Holy Eucharist Rite I..... 7:30 am
Child Care.....8:45 am–12:45 pm
Children’s Chapel.....8:50 am–9:30 am
La Santa Eucaristía 9:00 am
Choral Eucharist Rite II..... 9:00 am
Choral Eucharist Rite I..... 11:15 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II.....5:00 pm

Sunday Schedule June 16 – Sept. 8

Holy Eucharist Rite I..... 7:30 am
Child Care..... 10:15 am–11:45 am
La Santa Eucaristía 9:00 am
Choral Eucharist* 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II.....5:00 pm

Weekday Schedule

Tuesdays, Rite II with healing 6:30 pm
Wednesdays, Rite I 7:30 am
Thursdays* 12:15 pm

*Alternating Rite I and Rite II weekly

About Grace Notes

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Grace Church’s newsletter team includes Amy Barron, Kristine Hesse, June Huber, Teresa Preston, and Amy Medrick.

Grace Church is:

A center for worship and fellowship

A school for discipleship and stewardship

A community for healing and outreach

Grace Episcopal School

We celebrate the close of another wonderful school year at Grace. Our spring has been filled with Grandparents/Special Friends Day, Field Day, yearbook signing and final picnics amid end-of-year assessments and learning. We are amazed and proud at the growth of our students over the course of the year.

On June 7, nine students will graduate and journey to middle school next fall. Our graduates will attend St. Stephen and St. Agnes (four students), The Basilica of St. Mary (one student), St. Rita School (two students), Holy Trinity (one student) and Holton Arms (one student). We send off these young people with the knowledge that they have a foundation in faith, academics and character keys. They are meant for great things!



We still have limited openings for the 2019-2020 school year. We know word of mouth is our best source of advertisement, so we thank you for directing your friends and family to GES. For more information regarding admissions at Grace, please contact Amanda Hungerford at admissions@graceschoolalex.org.

Patti Culbreth
Head of School

Connections Revisited

For several years, Dorothy Daniel and I wrote a sort of gossip column for Grace Notes, “bits ‘n pieces.” As time went on, Fr. Malm had a much better title for this, “Connections” because its purpose was to connect our parish family. Starting with the September issue of Grace Notes, I’d like to bring this column back because I’ve noticed happenings to parishioners that few of us know about: births, marriages, awards, theatre productions involving our youth, unusual travel destinations, being relocated out of the area....

While I can write some news by “keeping my ear to the ground,” what I really need is your help. Please send me anything you’d like parishioners to know about you or a family member or, with permission, about other parishioners by e-mailing me at linda.waskowicz@gracealex.org before mid-August.

Sunday School Teachers’ Appreciation Day



From the Assistant to the Rector for Parish Life and Family Ministries

As school wraps up and summer plans are on the way, our youth are preparing for big adventures! J2A youth, under the leadership of their four sponsors, Anne Berry, Billy Faires, Greg Ruff and Sarah Schultz, along with Jenni Faires, will depart for Iceland and Ireland on June 22 for their culminating Pilgrimage. Please be in prayer for our J2A youth and sponsors as they journey together: Stewart Hall, Aidan Smith, Tad Wolcott, Miles Malone, Brett Medley, Libby Padilla, Karlene Kelly, Rebecca Funes, Elizabeth Jamison, Claire Whitworth, Anne Berry, Billy Faires, Greg Ruff, Sarah Schultz and Jenni Faires.

July 7-13, the EYC youth will journey to Sampson County, NC for their yearly mission trip. Eastern NC was devastated by the recent hurricanes, so our team will be working with Baptist on Mission and connecting with the local Episcopal Church for our week away. This team is still being put together! Please pray for our very busy youth as they create space in their crowded summer to leave for a week and also for the adults who will create the team. Rich Kelly, Andy Lorentz and Jenni Faires would love to add an adult or two to the mix. If you are feeling called to mission for all or part of the week, please contact John Berry at john.berry@gracealex.org

Finally, as we begin planning for the next program year, please consider teaching Sunday school or becoming sponsor for our youth. Commitment varies, depending on the grade you are teaching, but the reward is priceless! We have openings for teachers in all age groups and would love to add you to our amazing slate of teachers already committed to next year. You don't have to be a biblical expert to teach, just a person dedicated to the spiritual growth of the children and youth of Grace Church!

For questions or for additional information on any of our programming or to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact me at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! On Youth Sunday, June 2, we will celebrate these seniors and all our youth during the 9:00 am service. We will hear from three of our seniors as they present their senior sermons, cross over three of our 13-year old youth as part of the Rite 13 Ceremony and commission our J2A class prior to their pilgrimage. It will be a very special day!

High school

Arden Faires
Mia Giacomo
Jared Smith
Tyler Smith
Helen Sweeney
Aidan White

College

Peter Eckel
Sean Kelly
George Waskowicz

Jenni Faires

RENEW



Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World



June 24-28

9am - 12pm

1st Child \$70

2nd Child \$65

family max of \$135

Don't Delay - Register Today!

VBS is right around the corner! Registration officially closed on May 31, but if you would like to register your child, grandchild, neighbor or friend, please contact Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.



Ashley Mather's Last
Sunday with Us

 Music Notes 

St. Augustine has been credited to say, “those who sing pray twice!”

Last Handbell Prelude of the Choir Season

Please arrive 10 minutes early to the 9:00 service on June 2 to hear the handbells’ final prelude of the season. We are doing an arrangement of the American Folk hymn *Holy Manna* (found in *The Hymnal 1982* 238 and 580). The tune *Holy Manna* was first published in a shaped-note songbook, *Columbian Harmony*, in Wilson County, Tennessee, in 1825. Ten years later, it was slightly revised into its present form in *The Southern Harmony*. This unique handbell version of the hymn combines many different techniques using mallets and special sound dampening effects. If you are interested in joining the handbell choir, now is a great time to think about it for the fall. We could very much use your help and it will give us a chance to use all three octaves of our wonderfully restored handbells!

Boys and Girls Choir Choral Evensong, June 2

The Boys and Girls Choir will lead us in Choral Evensong on June 2 at 5:00 p.m. The setting of the *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis* is by Canadian-born, U.K.-based organist Sarah MacDonald and includes *Festal Preces and Responses* by Richard Newman written for the Boys and Girls Choir. The anthem will be *Ex ore innocentium* composed by early 20th century British composer John Ireland. Following the closing organ voluntary, the Holy Eucharist Rite I will be celebrated.

Summer Choir

You are cordially invited to join us in the loft as we move into the relaxed summer schedule on June 16. Instead of having weekly evening rehearsals, interested singers are encouraged to come to the Choir Room at 9:30 am on Sundays to prepare a simple anthem to be sung later that morning at the 10:30 am service. This is a good chance for people not presently singing to give choir a try; you’ll find that the gallery gives you a different perspective on the liturgy.

If you’re interested in giving the Summer Choir a try, show up in the Choir Room (on the lower level) at 9:30 am any Sunday through September 1.

Richard Newman
Director of Music

From the Library

Life seems to revolve around the school year even if, like me, your youngest child is in her late twenties. Summer recess and vacations are nearly upon us. Summer, with its slower pace and fewer time demands, is when many of us catch up on our reading. I want to remind you that the parish library has so much material perfect for summer reading. Although not much of the collection would qualify as traditional “beach reads,” we have many novels and biographies that I guarantee would hold your interest and/or stimulate your summer intellect.

We are always trying to add books that will be of interest to parishioners. If you have read a book lately that you think others would like, please donate it. Or, if you know of a book that you think would be a good addition to our collection, please let me know. We have a small budget for purchasing books and would love to have your ideas. Although we have limited space, we try to maintain a topical and varied collection that reinforces our Christian beliefs, expands and challenges our understanding of Anglican and other religious traditions, and introduces us to innovative ways to explore and further our spirituality. And if you feel particularly inspired by a recently read book for any of the above reasons, we would love to have you submit a review to be used in a future edition of this *Grace Notes* column.

As the year winds down, I want to thank the two people behind the scenes who really make the library work and reinforce its value as a significant resource to our parish. Margaret Will is responsible for stocking books for the “branch” library table outside the kitchen on the third floor near the Merrow Hall auditorium. She also creates the colorful and ever-changing wall displays accompanying the selected materials on view. Her library evangelism helps keep this valuable reading resource in parishioners’ minds. Thanks, Margaret. (Note that the topical “branch” library selections will temporarily be suspended during the third floor HVAC activity in the near term. Please detour to our main library for the next few weeks to develop your personalized thematic reading agenda.)



Brad Bergmann truly is the heartbeat of the library. He organizes and catalogues all the material and keeps track of what we have, what we need, and what resources may be temporarily missing as a result of circulation activity. Without Brad, the library would be a chaotic jumble and certainly would not have its reliable character. Thanks, Brad.

Jay O'Malley

Festivals and Feasts

The other day, Brad asked me, “Why do we celebrate a festival Eucharist on Ascension Day?” The short answer is that we have a festival Eucharist because Ascension Day is a “feast day.” Not only that, it’s a “principal feast.” Want to know more?

The first thing to know is the difference between a festival and a feast. A festival, as in “festival Eucharist,” means HOW we celebrate the day – with three sacred ministers, all the bells and smells, etc. A feast is WHAT or WHO we are celebrating.

The “principal feasts” of the church year are Easter Day, Ascension Day, the Day of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day (Nov. 1), Christmas Day, and the Epiphany (Jan. 6). The principal feasts take precedence over any other observance. These are the really big ones.



The calendar of our church year includes two cycles of “feasts” and “holy days.” One cycle is based on the movable date of Easter Day. Easter Day is the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after Mar. 21. Ascension Day is celebrated on the Thursday forty days after Easter. The Day of Pentecost is the eighth Sunday after Easter, the fiftieth day of the Easter season. Trinity Sunday is the Sunday after the Day of Pentecost, nine Sundays after Easter. All Saints' Sunday is the Sunday following All Saints' Day, Nov. 1, and the feast may be observed on either day.

The other cycle is based on the fixed date of Christmas Day, Dec. 25. The four Sundays of Advent are the four Sundays before Christmas Day (BCP, p. 15). The feasts of the Holy Name (Jan. 1), the Presentation (Feb. 2), and the Transfiguration (Aug. 6) also take precedence over the usual Sunday observance if they fall on a Sunday. These are “Feasts of our Lord.” Other Feasts of our Lord include the Annunciation (Mar. 25), the Visitation (May 31), St. John the Baptist (June 24), and Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14).

Other “major feasts” include all feasts of Apostles, all feasts of Evangelists, St. Stephen (Dec. 26), the Holy Innocents (Dec. 28), St. Joseph (Mar. 19), St. Mary Magdalene (July 22), St. Mary the Virgin (Aug. 15), St. Michael and All Angels (Sept. 29), St. James of Jerusalem (Oct. 23), Independence Day (July 4), and Thanksgiving Day.

All other days when we celebrate some-one or some-thing are called “lesser feasts” or “holy days.”

June Huber

Stewardship

Planned Giving – An Act of Love – An Expression of Faith –
Using the gifts that God gives us to do the work that God calls us to do!

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

This simple statement at the beginning of the Bible expresses our unchanging relationship with the world around us. All that we are, all that we have, comes from God and will one day return to God. Jesus often talked about our relationship to the "things" we possess. In Luke 12:13-21 Jesus is asked about dividing a family inheritance. He replied with a story:

"A rich man decided to build new barns to hold his bumper crop, then to 'eat, drink, and be merry.' However, God says to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

We are stewards of God's bounty. Caretakers, who for a brief period are given time, energy and resources. What we do with these gifts ultimately defines the character of our life and the depth of our spiritual understanding. Planned Giving is one expression of the wise use of the personal resources God has entrusted to us.

Planned giving means just what it sounds like—thinking ahead about our estate plans to ensure that we are able to make gifts to the people and organizations that are meaningful to us. Planned giving is different from immediate gifts, such as cash that we give toward our annual pledge. When we decide to make a planned gift to Grace, we take a step that is a unique expression of faith: giving back to God a portion of what we've been blessed with in life, and assuring that the church we love can continue in vibrant worship, fellowship, and outreach for generations to come.



There are a number of ways in which each of us can consider planning giving as our stewardship legacy: outright gifts of cash or appreciated assets; including stock and real estate; stream of payment plans such as charitable remainder trusts or annuities; designated giving in honor of a loved one through the Memorial Fund; or other arrangements, such as a gift to the church through life insurance. The Grace Trust provides a vehicle for planned giving through a general endowment fund to ensure a firm financial foundation of the church and provide funds for capital improvements, major maintenance and outreach.

Anyone who makes a planned gift to the parish—for any amount—automatically becomes a member of the Legacy Society. The Legacy Society is a vehicle for the parish to recognize those who make planned gifts, allow those who give to encourage others, and educate the parish about planned giving options. If you would like more information on Planned Giving and the Grace Church Legacy Society, please contact a member of the Legacy Society Committee (Mary Hix, Bill Malone, Jean Reed, or Mary Stewart).

Jean Reed

June Birthdays



6/1	Haley Wallace
6/1	Alex Washington
6/2	Margaret Will
6/3	Nate Cline
6/3	Sarah Schultz
6/4	Armando Falcon Jr
6/5	Hilda Burcher
6/6	Cynthia Puskar
6/6	Wolff Ramm
6/7	Nikolai Karamyshev
6/8	Madison Dagne
6/8	Eleanor Reed
6/9	Lisa Cassidy
6/9	Kristine Hesse
6/10	Jane Rosman
6/10	Linda Waskowicz
6/11	Grace Hughes
6/14	Joyce Ames
6/14	Giselle Rivera
6/15	Michelle Mackie
6/16	Alexa Perez
6/17	Roxana Gamboa-Amaya
6/17	Katie Hayden
6/17	Sarey Hayden
6/17	Shannon Kelly
6/17	Julia Slattery
6/17	Trey Whitworth III
6/18	Al Baker
6/18	Sally Stone
6/20	Cindy Diehl
6/20	Otto Wolff
6/21	Jody Stuard
6/22	John Boris
6/24	Jonathan Doelp
6/24	Karen Wires
6/25	Fabian Alvarenga
6/25	Judy Willard
6/26	Ed Arthur
6/27	Jean Hawes
6/27	Isaac Reyes
6/28	Paul Bellantoni
6/28	Rebecca Funes
6/29	Margaret Hillsman
6/30	Theresa Lewallen

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Jennifer Long School Board
Jean Reed Evangelism

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Anne CaputoJunior Warden
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Jennifer Pease Outreach
Kemp Williams Fellowship

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Kristine Hesse Communications
Cindy MacIntyre Evangelism
Lynn Rohrs Fellowship
Judy Willard Outreach