

The SPIRIT of GRACE

August 2011

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From the Rectory: The Rev. Steven C. Wilson

Regular Events...

Sunday

- Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30
- ***Acolyte Practice 10***
- La Santa Misa 12
- Estudio Biblico 1:30

Monday

- Narcotics Anonymous 7

Tuesday

- Men's Social @ St Luke's 9:30
- Coro en Espanol 5

Wednesday

- Holy Eucharist 6

Thursday

- Move Exercise Class 9:30
- Holy Eucharist @ St Luke's 2
- Friends Anonymous 3

Friday

- Holy Eucharist 10

Saturday

- Altar Guild 9
- Holy Eucharist 5
- Estudio Biblico 7

August Coffee Hosts

Larry Hartman
Dick & Jeanne Fanning



VBS AUGUST 8-10

6-8 pm

Join us for crafts, lessons, snacks and a musical retelling of the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, Daniel's three friends who risked everything to stay faithful to God.

Hot enough for you? Do you remember those icy days in January when we were asking if it was cold enough? The wet days in April? The dry days in February?

Memory is a human gift, but also a human temptation. We tend to read the present back into the past, to forget in July that it wasn't that long ago we were longing for heat, to imagine that the past embodied something wonderful we miss today without remembering that it also had its own horrors and problems.

Today's political scene is hopelessly stalemated in DC, and we act as though this is something new and unheard of. True, in the past politicians were more elegant with one another, but they weren't necessarily more law-abiding or bipartisan—Senator Preston Brooks of South Carolina was expelled from college for threatening the police with a pistol, was shot in a duel with another Democrat, and wound up beating a Republican nearly to death with his cane on the floor of the Senate after that Senator had insulted one of Brooks' relatives in a speech. This was in 1856. Is DC really that much worse today?

The Church too comes in for our memory's failings. We tend to remember our own childhood as

perfect—a time when Sunday school drilled real lessons into the heads of obedient children (*which begs the question why so many of us are biblically sketchy as adults*), when everyone attended service weekly (*which begs all kinds of questions about why 19th century church buildings are so uniformly small*), when there were no dissensions in the family. We forget that this is the second time in a century that Anglicans have been at one another's throats over biblical interpretation and sexual ethics—the first such time, the famed Colenso case of the 1860s, featured a division in which African bishops excommunicated one another over who was permitted to wed whom, over who wrote Deuteronomy and whether its laws needed to be followed today. Sound familiar?

The study of history proves that humans have, in all times and places, a near infinite capacity for idiocy and evil. And a miraculous capacity for the opposite, as well. Sometimes, as in the figure of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, they exist side by side—a man of profound preaching ability, deep spiritual insight and notable personal holiness who yet cheered the Crusaders on to mayhem. Just, I suspect, like most of us, Bernard was a mosaic of light and dark.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Toni Beatty
- 2 Mark Jones, Elisa White
- 3 Charles Yarbrough
- 5 Linda Duvall, Ashley Heidlage, Carlie Wakefield, Opal Faye Campbell
- 6 Andrew Putnam, Joan Archer
- 7 Don Gass
- 8 Drew Longan
- 10 Dorothy Taylor
- 11 Lindsey Hettinger
- 12 Will Flanigan, Kris Erwin, Joshua Lindsay
- 13 Rick Warden
- 15 Blake Mansfield
- 16 Dana Cameron, Flynn Mountjoy, Sylvia Sprengle, Jason Hettinger, Bob Anderson, Latoyia Robertson
- 17 Lindsey Hodges
- 18 Dale Looney, Stephanie Patterson
- 19 Nancy Platt
- 20 Dan Stokes, Rhonda Ralston, Cindy Chilton
- 21 Doris Sample, Kathy Gilpin, Lucas Waggoner
- 22 Mary Helen Dunaway, Marcia McGuire, Justin Baucom
- 26 Gene Kelley, Renee Cebula, Virginia Morris
- 27 Tom Flanigan, Lynette Gass, Olivia Pierce
- 28 Brett Mountjoy, Susana Gonzalez, Kelly McKinney
- 29 Lynn Armfield, Roy Douglas
- 30 Brenda Grigsby
- 31 Knox Dunaway, Joel Erdman, Alexandra Bowman

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Pat & Carolyn Phelps
- 8 Brad & Elisa White
- 13 Charles & Becky Edds
- 14 Justin & Kelsey Baucom
- 16 Charlotte Trautman & William Cannon
- 19 Scott & Denise Lambert
- 20 Harry & Judy Kester, Tighe & Abby Hogg
- 23 Bill & Cindy Putnam
- 26 Tom & Ann Geisert
- 28 Dennis & Kathy Martin
- 30 Gabriel & Heather Castelberry
- 31 Norman & Karen Rouse

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

- 25 Fr. Jose Palma (Priest)

From the Rectory, *cont. from page one*

The tendency to inflate the virtues of the past and to pretend it had no faults is part and parcel of our human tendency to live in denial. Pretending that things are other than they leads us to make flawed decisions. Pretending that this year's heat is somehow unthinkably different from normal leads us to forget that it's always miserable for a goodly stretch of the summer in Missouri, and so deludes us into not really planning for the inevitable. Result? I put out plants that look so great in May but are bound to wither in August, and moan about it; elderly folks without air conditioning are somehow forgotten about when it comes time to call and check in; dogs sit in cars with windows rolled up. Because, you see, we've never dealt with this before...

Morally, denial is one of the most dangerous things in our spiritual lives. It leads us to repeat things that we should have learned to avoid, or to ignore warning signs that problems lie ahead. This time, after all, will be different—or even more dangerous, that last time is simply expunged from our moral memory bank. We slip right back into destructive, sinful behavior, astonished at being caught off guard. I pretend that certain temptations haven't ever reared their ugly heads before, or that I've ever caved in to them, and so I put myself in the repeated "occasion of sin." I forget, or pretend to forget, that there are things I can't play around with, and wind up "being played" by them.

The world is a mosaic of light and dark. And sometimes, the only difference between today and yesterday is where those are found, not in their relative proportions. Today is no worse, certainly, than 1944, at least not for Jews, or for 1864, at least not for blacks, or for the entirety of the 13th century, at least not for people who don't want to die young from plague, famine or sword. It is only differently bad. Individually, we may face something new to us today, but the likelihood is that we have faced something similar in the past, or know someone who has. Pretending it's all new and utterly beyond our power to predict or plan for leads to bad moral decision making. We forget to tune up the a.c. because really, it's never been this hot before. Never. Really.

The PARISH PRAYER LIST

Nursing Home/Shut Ins) Patricia Rouse, Helen Rogers, Jean Berry, Amanda McClanahan, Mary Helen Dunaway, Dorothy Taylor, Dorothy Solomonson, Carolene Kelly, Gerri Green, Juanita Pence, Evelyn Jackson, Michelle Short, Lois Raschke, Tom Adams, Jerry Chrisman, Bill Hansford, Jean Page, Robert Duvall, Ruth Rogers

(Immediate Needs) Jim Armfield, Del Flanigan, Robert Harwell, Lon Orr, Jim Ellis, Lage Grigsby, Donna & Frank Lane, Grace Schesser, Carolene Kelly, Jake Berger, Don & Nevin Yankie, Dale Kime, Marilyn & Dave Brinks, Kai Alexander Cox, Aaron Dutton and Murphy Dutton, Carolyn Ford, Jim Lynch

(Military service) Adam Hertzberg, Gary Welch, Brandon Collins, Michael Craig, Jake Douglas, Michael Franco, Cameron Graham, Danny Hughes, Rich Jones, Joey Olson, Grant Short, Allan Vaughan, Devon Walker, Toby Waters, Josh Wilson, Jeffrey, Monty McBroom, Cody Graham, Dawn Spiller, Steven Sample, Savas Kyriakidis, Collin Cortez, Taylor Burks, Jay Martin, December Johnson-Goggin, John R. Martin

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Quebec, Qu'Appelle, Rupert's Island (*Canada*) Quincy IL, Rhode Island, Rio Grande, Rochester NY, San Diego, San Joaquin CA (*USA*) Rajasthan, Sambalpur (*N. India*) Rayalaseema (*S. India*) Recife, Sao Paulo (*Brazil*) Rejaf, Renk, Rokon, Rumbek (*Sudan*) Remo, Sabongidda-Ora Sapele (*Nigeria*) Rift Valley, Ruaha, Ruvuma (*Tanzania*) Rio de Janeiro (*Brazil*) Ripon & Leeds, Rochester, Salisbury (*England*) Riverina, Rockhampton (*Australia*) Ruwenzori (*Uganda*) Sabah (*S. E. Asia*) Saldanha Bay (*S. Africa*) Santiago (*Philippines*)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Mary's Savannah, Calvary Sedalia, St. Mary Magdalene KC, St. Oswald's-in-the-Fields Skidmore

TRANSITIONS, July 2011

NEWCOMERS

Alice Lynn Greenwood & Phillip Cadwell,

ADDRESS & TELEPHONE CHANGES

Brad Bates
Mr. & Mrs. Frankie Casillas
Joel Erdman
Kristopher Erwin
Marie Estes
Ruth (Smith) Felten
Ashley Heidlage
Austen Heidlage
Isaac & Caitlin Plumb
Lois Raschke
Ruth Rogers
Dan & Katy (Snodgrass) Rollins
K. L. Roske
Richard Roske
Doug & Lindsey Snodgrass
Lisa Snodgrass

CONGRATULATIONS

Isaac & Caitlin Plumb, married June 18
Maxwell Putnam, son of Tim & Julie, and Ardyn Anderson, daughter of Jeff & Tammy, baptized on July 9
Santos & Maribel Lopez, married July 18
Andrew White, who received his Eagle Scout status on July 24
Charlie Isis Baucom, daughter of Kelsey & Justin Baucom, born July 25. Baby shower Aug 28 from 2-6 pm at Grace Church
Ruth Campbell, daughter of Scott and Susan, granddaughter of Frank and Donna Lane, baptized on July 27
Eric Kendall & Tracie Clayton, married on July 31

The FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Jim Brown, departed this life July 23, buried from the Church July 27.

SPEAKING OF HEALTH: NURSE BARBARA MOUNTJOY

This month I am sharing a little of this and a little of that with you.

First, move! When you go to the grocery store, once you've loaded up your cart, take an extra walk around the store. It won't take much time, and it will add another 100 or maybe more steps to your day. Plus, it will be air-conditioned! Just be careful and don't indulge in impulse shopping—or am I the only one who does that?

While watching TV try doing some bicep curls with hand weights.

Balance is so important as we age! Try standing on one leg for 5 minutes, then the other. Use a chair or counter top for support if you need it.

Second, keep your brain well-fed. The brain is our number 1 “use it or lose it” organ. A few hints toward using it. Get your eyes and ears checked regularly! By your mid-40s it's time to start making sure you're regularly checked for both. Annual vision screening and intermittent hearing screenings with an audiogram can help keep your brain's sources of input running at top form!

Color code your moods. I have always suspected there's more to the energy equation than getting 40 winks and eating three squares a day. How optimistic, motivated, or engaged you feel, not to mention how many things you're trying to focus on at any given moment, can bog you down or boost you up, according to experts. Here is a science-backed fix that will send your strength and stamina soaring. Warm colors, such as red, yellow and orange, are more energizing than cooler ones. That's because, I have learned, they're attention grabbing, which activates the brain's circuitry. So the best bet for a dreary day's attire, experts say, is orange. It's a blend of adrenaline producing red for the viewer, and yellow, reminding us of sun and exuberance. Sneak orange into your wardrobe through accessories like jewelry, socks, scarves and neckties. Stock up on orange sticky notes and oranges in the fruit bowl on the counter to energize from the inside out.

Feel the love! Sciences has shown that when we're in love, a chemical called oxytocin is produced in the brain which promotes calm and well-being. Turns out, this happens when we interact with friends in person or on social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter, not just when we're in the mood for romance. Even a few minutes on one of these sites should do the trick. Technology, while not necessary, can get you some of the same health benefits as a phone call or staring longingly into the eyes of some special someone.

Finally, listen to some wisdom from John Wesley, the 18th century Church of England priest, missionary to Georgia and founder of Methodism. Wesley did not see a sharp distinction between caring for our souls and caring for our bodies, and had a lot to say about the importance of both for keeping the “whole man” healthy. His book *Primitive Physick*, a collection of herbal remedies and home cures, went through 23 printings in his lifetime and was more influential than any of his sermon collections during his lifetime. While we might not put too much stock in the efficacy of henbane poultices or bergamot tea, it is worth thinking about his overall approach. “By salvation,” he wrote, “I mean not barely (according to the vulgar notion) deliverance from hell or going to heaven, but a present deliverance from sin, the restoration of the soul to its primitive health.” If you remember that Wesley uses the word “soul” as interchangeable with “person,” you'll see why this extremely important theologian thought that churches ought to be in the business of healing both body and soul. So—how's your primitive health these days?

From the DEACON'S DESK
The Rev. Jeffrey Bell

One would think that since I belong to a church that has the name grace, that grace would be ever present in my thoughts and in my actions. That is unfortunately not the case, but I am working on that. That being the case, what exactly is grace? According to Wikipedia, (just kidding Fr. Steve), according to the *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, grace is the supernatural assistance of God bestowed upon a rational being with a view to his sanctification. Still don't know? Me either, so let's keep reading. Grace denotes divine favor shown toward the ungrateful and undeserving according to their needs. It is further divided into sanctifying, actual and prevenient grace, but I think we all get the point.

I have heard people say that they don't feel comfortable in church and that they don't want to go somewhere that will make them feel worse than they already do about their lives. If that is the case, then what has happened to the church? Even prostitutes would flock to Jesus and seek refuge, and we all know that the church is supposed to represent Christ on earth. Too many times we are unable to find grace within the confines of the church, that at times may be filled with those who think themselves holier-than-thou. I rejected the church for a time because I could find little grace, but I returned because I could find it nowhere else. My grandfather always used to remind me that the church is full of Saints and sinners, and that we all have different distances on our journey with the Lord.

According to Gordon McDonald, "The world can do almost anything as well or better than the church. You need not be a Christian to build houses, feed the hungry or heal the sick. There is only one thing the world cannot do. It cannot offer Grace!"

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus. (1 Cor. 1:3-4)

BLOOMING TODAY in YOUR BIBLICAL GARDEN

Ricinus communis "Carmencita" is a red-flowered cultivar of the common castor bean. This tropical African annual has been established throughout the Middle East for well over 3000 years, having apparently originally been grown for the oil of its seeds, which has use both in furniture-making and medicinally (remember castor oil?). Deadly poison, the plant itself grows to a significant height in just a few short days. In ancient Akkadian, the language of Assyria, it was called QIQAYYUNU, leading scholars to conclude that it is the most likely candidate to be the mystery QIQAYON under which Jonah sat in the land of Assyria. When God sent a worm to gnaw the root of the QIQAYON and wither it, Jonah became so angry he wished aloud that he could die, giving God the opportunity to lecture the truculent prophet on why he needed to be at least as compassionate with his fellow humans as with the QIQAYON. Enjoy, but don't taste!



August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 TRANSFIGURATION of OUR LORD 8-3 pm in Joplin, Garage Sale
7 VII PENTECOST (<i>Proper 14</i>)	8 <i>Dominic</i> 6:30 pm VBS “It’s Cool in the Furnace”	9 6:30 pm VBS “It’s Cool in the Furnace”	10 <i>Laurence of Rome</i> 6:30 pm VBS “It’s Cool in the Furnace”	11 <i>Clare of Assisi</i>	12 <i>Florence Nightingale</i>	13 <i>Jeremy Taylor</i> 9-4 pm MBRH Birthing Class, parish house
14 IX PENTECOST (<i>Proper 15</i>)	15 MARY the VIRGIN	16 5:30 pm Vestry	17 <i>The “Yale Apostates”</i> Joplin, CJ, WC start school	18 <i>Wm Porcher DuBose</i> Carthage starts school 11 am Stewardship Committee	19 6:30 Movie Night “Winter’s Bone”	20 <i>Bernard of Clairvaux</i>
21 X PENTECOST (<i>Proper 16</i>)	22	23	24 BAR-THOLOMEW	25 <i>Louis IX of France</i>	26	27 <i>Gallandet & Syle</i> 10 am Deanery mtg in Springfield 1:30 Bro. St Andrew’s meeting
28 XI PENTECOST (<i>Proper 17</i>)	29	30 <i>Charles Grafton</i>	31 <i>Aidan & Cuthbert of Lindisfarne</i> 3 pm Folding Party	Season: Pentecost Color: Green (except Aug 6 & 15, white, and Aug 24, red)		

OUTREACH

AUGUST 6 “GARAGE SALE”

To be held at St. Philip’s, free to all tornado victims. We need help staffing the event that day, and of course, items. We can pick up, or you can deliver it to St Philip’s, the FIRST WEEK of AUGUST ONLY. Specifically wanted:

- Back to school items (backpacks, calculators): you can check the Joplin class list in our parish house!
- Clothing, all sizes, and shoes
- Small appliances, electronics & furniture
- Kitchenware
- Bedding & towels
- Family Bibles, kids’ toys & books
- Pet items—cages, leashes, food, collars
- Household linens

A second garage sale is scheduled for October, when we will need quilts, Christmas/Halloween items, winter clothing, etc. Please hold them until then.

Plans continue to go forward for construction for Lafayette House’s transitional unit. Keep an eye out for details on work dates!

TORNADO SURVIVAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Tuesdays at McCune Brooks Regional Hospital: Headed by the Rev. Galen Snodgrass, 7—8:30 pm, no fees, but RSVP to 359-2636. For anyone affected by the tornado on May 22, in any way. A chance to openly share your stories and work through grief, anxiety and shaken faith in a supportive setting. *The Grief Recovery Handbook* will be used. There will be a follow-up series to this set of sessions later this summer based on the needs expressed in June and July.

Thursdays at St Philip’s Church in Joplin: Headed by Catherine Platt. This group is FREE and intended for any adult who needs help coping with tornado or post-storm recovery activities. Where: St. Philip’s Church, 7th Street & Byers, Joplin, Thursdays 6-7 p.m. Enter thru single door off parking lot.

PLATICANDO en ESPANOL: PADRE JOSE PALMA

Fundamentos de la fe

1. Los credos

La Iglesia Episcopal expresa sus creencias de varias maneras, pero sobre todo lo hace en el contexto de los ritos del *Libro de Oración Común*. Estas liturgias (ya sean los servicios de la Oración Matutina o Vespertina o de la celebración del bautismo y la eucaristía) se distinguen por las profesiones de fe que se hacen. Normalmente en el culto se recita (a veces se canta) uno de los credos.

En el oficio diario y en el bautismo profesamos la fe con las palabras del *Credo de los Apóstoles* (LOC p. 59). Éste se formó como resultado de la práctica de examinar a los candidatos para el bautismo en las comunidades cristianas primitivas. (Se le llama “de los Apóstoles” por una leyenda que afirma que cada uno de los doce apóstoles contribuyó con uno de los doce puntos del credo).

Durante la celebración de la eucaristía el pueblo reunido profesa su fe con el texto del *Credo Niceno* (LOC p.280). Este credo incluye más información teológica que el de los Apóstoles. Es el resultado de los primeros concilios de la Iglesia. La primera versión fue publicada por el Concilio de Nicea y luego fue revisada por subsecuentes concilios.

La forma actual utiliza un lenguaje plural igual a la original (*Creemos* en un solo Dios). Así refleja que no es la fe del individuo, como en el bautismo, sino es la fe de la Iglesia cristiana a través de los siglos y entre todos los pueblos.

El tercer credo de la Iglesia es el de san Atanasio que más bien se originó como un himno. Este texto es muy explícito en cuanto a la doctrina de la Trinidad y la Encarnación de Jesucristo. Ya no se usa en el culto de la Iglesia Episcopal, pero está incluido entre los *Documentos Históricos* del *Libro de Oración Común* (pp. 758-759).

Hoy día muchos no aceptan al pie de la letra algunas enseñanzas particulares de los credos. Sin embargo, en su conjunto son símbolos de nuestra fe y aunque se discuta algún punto, forman parte de la enseñanza oficial de la Iglesia Episcopal.

Algo muy importante es que los credos no son propiedad exclusiva de nuestra Iglesia. Forman parte de la gran herencia teológica de todos los que buscan vivir su fe en continuidad con la larga y profunda tradición cristiana de todos los siglos.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: AUGUST 2011

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday, Aug 7</i> <i>8 am</i></p> <p>Reader: Ruth Smith Prayers of the People: Gary Cole Chalice: Galen Snodgrass Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Richard Roske Sacristan: Jinny Hopp</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10:30 am</i></p> <p>OT: Bonnie Jones NT: Mark Sponaugle Chalice: Brad Cameron Subdeacon: Margie Tucker Acolyte Mentor: Elaine Wurst Servers: Quincy Charleston <i>Capt</i> Jay Simmons Cross: Tom Simmons Torches: Emma Charleston Layla Pettie Sacristan: Jinny Hopp Ushers: Jim Wakefield Chris Wilkowski AV: Elisa White Flower Delivery: Kelly Heidlage Nursery Asst: Julie Anderson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday, Aug 14</i> <i>8 am</i></p> <p>Reader: Glenda Erwin Prayers of the People: Peggy Ralston Chalice: Jeff Bell Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Kirby Newport Sacristan: Beth McDaniel</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10:30 am</i></p> <p>OT: Julie Anderson NT: George Platt Chalice: George Platt Subdeacon: Tom Flanigan Acolyte Mentor: Michelle Sexton Servers: Carlie Wakefield <i>Capt</i> Julio Ovalle Crosses: Matt Goolsby Torches: Ashleigh Wilson Sarah Wilson Sacristan: Debby Orr Ushers: Richard Ralston/Larry McGuire AV: Jim & Colby Wakefield Flower Delivery: Mike Thompson Home Comm: Bell/Ytell-L Orr Nursery Asst: Kristen Robertson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday, Aug 21</i> <i>8 am</i></p> <p>Reader: Kirby Newport Prayers of the People: Wayne Ytell Chalice: Wayne Ytell Subdeacon: Kirby Newport Server: Brad Cameron Sacristan: Beth McDaniel</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10:30 am</i></p> <p>OT: Marty Griffin NT: Rosalie Griffin Chalice: George Platt Subdeacon: Bonnie Jones Acolyte Mentor: Elisa White Servers: Will Mansfield Katie Mansfield Crosses: Taylor Mansfield Torches: Matthew Beatty Christopher Beatty Sacristan: Donna Lane Ushers: Jim Creighton/Chuck Erwin AV: Mike Robertson Flower Delivery: Kevin Curtis Home Comm: Galen/Bonnie-Del F. Nursery Asst: Pam Robertson</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday, Aug 28</i> <i>8 am</i></p> <p>Reader: Dana Cameron Prayers of the People: Wayne Ytell Chalice: Kirby Newport Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Nancy Dymott Sacristan: Beth McDaniel</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10:30 am</i></p> <p>OT: Bill Lee NT: Jerry Sample Chalice: Scott Stone Subdeacon: Michael Goolsby Acolyte Mentor: Elaine Wurst/Alex Weidemann Servers: Drew Schesser Oliver Sprenkle Cross: Sydney Harlen Alex Wilkowski Torches: Anna Wilkowski Jay Wurst Sacristan: Debbie Orr Ushers: Steve Erwin/Mike Goolsby AV: Scott Mansfield Flower Delivery: Cliff Kester Nursery Asst: Melissa Erdman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wednesdays, 6 pm</i> Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy</p> <p><u>Aug 3:</u> Reader: Julie Anderson Chalice: Ron Ferguson</p> <p><u>Aug 10:</u> Reader/Chalice: Scott Stone</p> <p><u>Aug 17:</u> Reader/Chalice: Bonnie Jones</p> <p><u>Aug 24:</u> Reader/Chalice: Margie Tucker</p> <p><u>Aug 31:</u> Reader/Chalice: Michael Goolsby</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Saturdays, 5 pm</i></p> <p><u>Aug 6:</u> Reader/Chalice: Scott Stone Sacristan: Carolyn Phelps</p> <p><u>Aug 13:</u> Reader: James Grimes Chalice: Margie Tucker Sacristan: Donna Lane</p> <p><u>Aug 20:</u> Reader: Jack Slates Chalice: Scott Stone Sacristan: Jeannie Slates</p> <p><u>Aug 27:</u> Reader: Glenda Erwin Chalice: Bonnie Jones Sacristan: Debbie Orr</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</u></p> <p>Thanks to all those who are volunteering as Nursery Assistants beginning Aug. 7. We need a couple of volunteers for October, please see or call Julie Anderson 358-5526. It's wonderful to have so many children that one person can't keep up with them, isn't it?</p> <p>Hours on Sunday morning will be 9:15-11:45, and Communion will be brought to you!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The schedule for August is: Aug 7- Julie Anderson Aug -14 Kristen Robertson Aug 21 - Pam Robertson Aug 28 - Melissa Erdman</p>

PARISH LIFE

MARIAN DAYS

Marian Days this year is August 4 to 7. Please remember that Grand Avenue will be impassable most of those days. We will have a group meal at the Port Arthur tent after church on Wed, Aug 3. Join us there at 6:45ish. Average meal costs about \$10 with shrimp and drinks.

MOVIE NIGHT: Aug 19

The award-winning drama *Winter's Bone*, filmed in the Branson and Springfield areas, explores the impact of meth on traditional Ozark life. A very hard, dark, even grim, but beautifully filmed and realistic piece, in which you'll recognize characters you've met in WalMart more than once. 6 pm for snacks, 6:30 screening. Sundance Grand Jury Award for 2010. Strong language, realistic violence—not a children's film.

ST. OCTET'S SIGN UP

St. Octet's Dinner Groups (formerly known as 6+2) will be starting in September. Sign-up sheets are in the office and the Parish House.

Three couples and two singles make up a dinner group—it's fun—always great food and fellowship! If you've not been involved before, now would be the perfect time to sign up! Questions, call Julie Anderson, 358-5526.

BROTHERHOOD of ST ANDREW'S: Aug 21

Our chapter of this national men's group has been dormant for some time. Join us on Sat, Aug 27, at 1:30 pm to reactivate it! There is plenty of hammer, shovel and paint brush work available guys! See John Schaffer to express your interest!

GOLF TOURNAMENT : Sun, Oct 9

An all-parish golf tournament is scheduled for Sun, October 9, after church, 4- person, we assign. Dinner \$5.00

THANK YOU!

To our Grace Church family

To all who donated art and other items to the ART-A-FAIR,
to all who purchased items,
to all the parishioners who gave their time,
support and services for this event

And to the following merchants and businesses:

Cherry's Custom Framing Macadoodles Schreiber Food
Woody's Glass The Joplin Globe The Morning Mail

The Youth Group & Fundraising Committee

Thanks you for your generosity

TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS

GARAGE SALE in JOPLIN

Saturday, Aug 6, 8—3 pm at St. Philip's in Joplin

To be held at St. Philip's, free to all tornado survivors, next Saturday. Help needed with organizing and setting up tables later this week, and to staff on Saturday. Items especially wanted:

- Small appliances (coffee makers, toasters)
- Linens, pillows, bedding
- Sporting goods & equipment, toys, crafts items, strollers, high chairs, car seats
- Tableware & cookware
- Home Décor (vases, lamps, photo albums, waste baskets, clocks, mirrors, frames)
- Hand tools, cleaning supplies (brooms, vacuums, ironing boards, hampers, etc)
- Hangers, storage bins, shoe racks & other organizational items

Help needed starting at 1 pm on Tuesday, Aug 2, for sorting. Contact Phil O'Hare, the coordinator, at 623-2219 or pogohare@cablone.net

LAFAYETTE HOUSE UPDATE

We are in negotiation for land in Joplin to put up the new Lafayette House transitional housing unit. Once that has been finalized and we have a building permit, work will begin! Expect to pick up a hammer or paintbrush in September....

RELEAF JOPLIN UPDATE

The Missouri Conversation Agency has taken responsibility for replanting trees in Joplin's tornado zone. We will have future updates about how our parish and diocese can interact with that effort!

*Bishop Marty and Donna Field
presenting
'God's Vision for Your Life'*

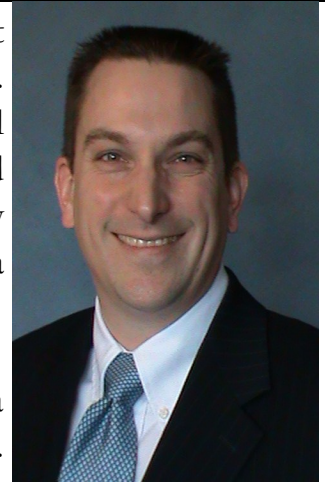
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Save the Date



*Saturday
September 10th*

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: The Rev. JOHN CHRISTIANSON



Now that I've been on the church staff for one month, I'm starting to get to know a few folks, and have a feel for how things go at Grace Church. I'm enjoying my work here, and am looking forward to the fall (when we'll look at Jesus' parables), and beyond. So far, the most frequently asked questions for me have been: (1) why did you move to Carthage? (2) Why is a United Methodist working at an Episcopal Church? (3) And, what is a "Scholar in Residence," anyway? I'm glad you asked!

My answers are:

(1) My family is from Wisconsin, but my wife's family has lived in the area (Joplin, Webb City, Springfield, and eastern Oklahoma) for a long time. Ever since we were married we have lived near my relatives, and now it seemed like a good idea to spend some time near hers. Besides, I get along with my mother-in-law, pretty well!

(2) You may be aware that the United Methodist and Episcopalian Churches have many similarities. We have Bishops, baptize infants and people of all ages (but only once!), celebrate the Lord's Supper, read the Bible, pray, and look after our neighbors. The founders of the Methodist movement, brothers John and Charles Wesley, were lifelong Anglicans and ordained priests in the church. (It was only because of the Revolutionary War that the American Methodist Church became autonomous, at a Christmas Conference in 1782.) So, while I am appointed by my Bishop to attend school, I am also free to work part-time. Because pastoral work is time intensive, I was not interested in finding a congregation to serve on my own. The Scholar in Residence seemed like a good fit for all these reasons.

(3) Finally, a Scholar in Residence is a person with a specific kind of education and expertise. He or she teaches, writes, and shares this knowledge with the congregation and community. In my case, I have focused my time and attention on the New Testament, the people who are described in it, and the people who wrote it. It is endlessly fascinating, and I hope that my love for it sparks a similar feeling in you.

In August, there will be a second opportunity to attend the class entitled "Why Do People Suffer?" This is open to all, and will be held during the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. If you attended one of more of the July sessions, you're also welcome – although the class format will be the same. Any questions for me can be directed to the church office, or to me directly at 359-6651.

August 7 Week 1: Introduction: Why Do People Suffer?

August 14 Week 2: Biblical Wisdom: When the universe makes sense...and when it doesn't

August 21 Week 3: Jesus and Suffering: The Symbol of the Cross

August 28 Week 4: Paul and Suffering: When Good People Suffer

HAITI 2012

Interested in visiting our sister parish and school in Marcabee, Haiti, next year? The Haiti Ministry Team will meet Wed, Aug. 17, at 7:30 pm at John & Pam Schaffer's home, 1421 Douglas Place, Carthage, to discuss travel plans for next January, and fund raising for travel expenses. For details contact Pam after June 24th at 793-1014.



SICILY 2012

Yes, we will be taking a parish pilgrimage to Sicily, island of oranges and mosaics, leaving June 4 of next year. Prices are available sometime this month, since we should be able to get firm quotes on airfare after the weekend of July 4. Nine nights, all inclusive with ruins, volcanoes, beaches, markets and vineyards.



READINGS in AUG

Mon, Aug 1-Fri, Aug 5: II Samuel 7:1-29, 9:1-13, 11:1-27-12:31, Acts 18:1-20:16, Mark 8:11-9:41

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

Sun, Aug 7, VIII PENTECOST: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

Mon, Aug 8-Sat, Aug 13: II Samuel 13:23-16:23, Acts 20:17-22:29, Mark 9:42-11:11

Sun, Aug 14, IX PENTECOST: Genesis 45:1-15, Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Romans 11:1-2, 29-32, Matthew 15:10-28

Mon, Aug 15, ST. MARY THE VIRGIN: Isaiah 61:10-11, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 1:46-55

Tues, Aug 16-Sat, Aug 20: II Samuel 18:9-19:43, 23:1-17, Acts 23:12-25:27, Mark 11:27-13:13

Sun, Aug 21, X PENTECOST: Exodus 1:8-2:10, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

Mon, Aug 22-Sat, Aug 27: I Kings 1:5-2:4, 3:1-28, 5:2-6:7, 7:51-8:21, Acts 26:1-28:31, Mark 13:14-14:52

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

Sun, Aug 28, XI PENTECOST: Exodus 3:1-15, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

Mon, Aug 29-Wed, Aug 31: II Chronicles 6:32-7:7, I Kings 8:65-9:9, 9:24-10:13, James 2:1-3:12, Mark 14:53-15:11

Patronal Feasts

Please pray for the following on their "name days"

Aug 6: Church of the Transfiguration, Mtn. Grove

Aug 15: St. Mary's Churches, Fayette, downtown KC & Savannah

Aug 25: For Missouri, whose official patron