

The SPIRIT of GRACE

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OCTOBER 2011



Regular Events...

Sunday

- Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30
- Acolyte Practice 9
- Choir Practice 9:30
- Sunday School 9:15
- 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

- Choir Practice 5:30
- Holy Eucharist 6
- Youth groups, Bible study, Young Adults 7

Thursday

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

Friday

- Holy Eucharist 10

Saturday

- Altar Guild 9
- Evening Worship 5

October Coffee Hosts

Tom & Anita Flanigan

Francis of Assisi, from a fresco painted possibly during his lifetime in his native city in central Italy



From the Rectory: The Very Rev. Steven C. Wilson

St. Francis Day is Oct 4, a Tuesday this year. Like so many of our saints, Francis is often admired, but rarely imitated. His life is instructive of the way in which Christianity, if taken seriously, can be transformative of culture. Francis sought to embrace three basic premises of Christian faith in his life—that poverty in goods can lead to wealth in spirit, that the created order is entirely loveable, that Christian love should be gentle and kind even to one's enemies.

By giving up his fairly significant inherited wealth to wander around barefoot, and by proclaiming that God's glory was shown forth in birds and beasts as well as in cathedrals and books, Francis has gained a reputation of being something of a medieval flower child. However, the stereotype is illusory. Francis did this out of a sense of the transcendence of God—if you've met the Author of the Universe, then trust funds don't matter, and all His works must surely be wondrous in your eyes.

Francis' love famously extended to animals. I suspect that he would have little time for the preachers who so confidently opine that dogs don't go to heaven. (Show me where it says in the Bible that only humans wind up there—and I'll show you Romans 8:22, which says the whole Creation is waiting for redemption.) Francis was of the opinion that God's love knows no limits, that it extends beyond our comprehension, that God loves even the inanimate sun and moon, even the fearsome yet "most gentle death" (Hymn 400).

Our task as Christians is to love one another. That's the new commandment given on Maundy Thursday. But I wonder if we limit God's goodness when we love *only* one another? Might not it be more wonderful if we sought to love those who are different from us, our enemies, the dog down the street, the situations and challenges and downright pains of our lives, and yes, even the death that brings us at last back to our heavenly Father's home? I suspect St. Francis would prefer that over being cast in garden concrete...

OCT BIRTHDAYS

- 1 David Hertzberg, Chris Hunter, Mike Wilkowski
- 2 Bill Lee
- 3 Rev. Jeffrey Bell, Kathy Williams
- 4 Robert Denning, Ron Ferguson, Shary Lee
- 5 Cathy Thompson
- 8 Pam (White) Shaffer
- 9 Kirk Pierce
- 10 Richard Foshay, Sue Godsey
- 11 Simone Dowel, Lage Grisby
- 12 Richard Rush, Dennis Connell
- 13 Robin Frink, Maidson Kyger
- 14 Blake Cameron
- 15 Wesley Campbell Sr., Crystal Stiles
- 16 Eric Ferrell
- 17 Charlyn Mansfield
- 19 Dr. Brad Cameron, Michael Sneed, Bill Sutter
- 20 Katie Rollins, Shellie Ross, Naydean Kuhns
- 21 Donna Bowman, Dr. Dale Hopp
- 23 Michael Cartright, Steve Jespersen
- 24 Omar Vasquez
- 25 Cathy Hauser, Charlyn Kester, Harry Kester
- 26 Marshall Estes, Theo Estes, Will Mansfield
- 27 Pat Cowan, Kenneth Johnson
- 28 Scott Stone
- 29 Shayne Bruce, Julio Ovalle

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Daniel & Stephanie Lynch
- 17 Roy & Bonnie Douglas
- 18 Christ & Beth Kang
- 20 Tom & Kelly Hartzell
- 23 Dale & Cathy Moomaw
- 27 Chris & Tamara Evans
- 30 Joseph & Susan Barfield

VESTRY UPDATE

At the September 13 meeting, the following was discussed:

Rector's Report: The Convention is Nov 4-5. Stewardship letters will go out in early Oct, and the Vestry will turn theirs in at the Oct 30 services. Vestry elections will be in Jan, for 4 full terms and one unexpired term. Vestry whose terms expire in January will be handling the nominations process. A brochure from St. Mary's KC about their windows was reviewed. This is the tenth anniversary of our Hispanic ministry! In 2013, a major and expensive insurance change will take place with the nationalization of our staff insurance plans.

Deacon Jeff: The acolyte schedule is being reworked as we have several new acolytes, and even more "holes" in our schedule with departures from this ministry.

Deacon Galen: Galen will be attending a seminar on mission and evangelism in Colorado as the winner of the Bishop's Essay Contest. The Haiti ministry will hold a meal on Nov 12 to raise funds for its spring mission trip.

Fr. Palma: John Schafer is auditing the congregation in Noel. Several new families have been here in recent weeks. Fr. Palma was spiritual director of the Spanish Cursillo in Oklahoma.

Mike Robertson (for security issues): We will rebid the keys and cameras project to get equal bids, asking for replacement of 9-11 doors, installation of 6-10 cameras, and rekey of the four main doors with electronic card swipe.

Junior Warden: The ac unit in the nave should be replaced by mid-Sept.

Treasurer: Year to date, we are running about \$9000 ahead, with contributions about on target and a few items of expense coming in lower than anticipated.

Staffing discussion: The rector received permission to hold some conversations with the wardens and treasurers, and possibly with our Bishop and other local congregations, about "job sharing" a part-time assistant.

Next meeting: 5:30 pm, October 18

The PARISH PRAYER LIST

Nursing Home & Shut Ins) Patricia Rouse, Jean Berry, Amanda McClanahan, Mary Helen Dunaway, Dorothy Taylor, Dorothy Solomonson, Carolene Kelly, Gerri Green, Evelyn Jackson, Michelle Short, Tom Adams, Jerry Chrisman, Bill Hansford, Jean Page, Robert Duvall, Ruth Rogers, Dan Stokes, Del Flanigan, Edith Pemberton

(Immediate Needs) Nancy Platt, Jim Armfield, Del Flanigan, Roger Stinnett, Ann Geisert, Grace Schesser, Marcia Kirk, Brett Mountjoy, Lage Grigsby, Frank Lane, Donna Lane, Bill Phelps, Mark Sponaugle, Evelyn Shockey, Twila Ferguson, Ruth Rogers, Sheila Tryk, Roy Douglas, Carolyn Ford, Carolene Kelly, Cody Schuler, Edward & Jean Whitney, Royce Nelson, Larry Ford, Ron, Dawn & Ella Trujillo, Sophie Mickel, Robbie Stark, Marty Mann, Rhett Garner, Donald Littlefield, Cameron Baker, Chad Uber, Kay Gasteel, Walter & Gertrude Wurst, Grayson Swingle, Debbie Malcom, Anna Jacobs

(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

TRANSITIONS, Sept 2011

CHANGE of ADDRESS/TELEPHONE

Stinnett, Father Roger & Sherri,
Kyger, Madi
Simmons, Doug, Beth, Jay & Tom
Flanigan, Della
Grigsby, Mr. & Mrs. James
Gillum, Gary

The Rector publishes the **BANNNS of MARRIAGE between...**

These are all the first time of asking

Alexis Christy & Justin Slates. Nuptials Sept 2012.
Drew Longan & Tori Reeder. Nuptials Jan 2012.
Melissa Robertson Erdman & William Stremke. Nuptials March 2012.
Kathleen Flanigan & William Rhoads.
Elizabeth Flanigan & Jeb Cook.
The Rev. Dr. Andy Fritsch & Sandy Spradling. Nuptials Dec 2011.
Amy Heese & Dwan Young Nuptials May 2012

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Annabelle Mitchell, daughter of Aaron & Georgia, granddaughter of Simone & Ronnie Dowell, born Sept 6
Carter William Castleberry, son of Heather and Gabriel, grandson of Ann & Bob Carter, born on Aug 12.
Jon Haffner on his baptism, Sept 10.

The FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Elizabeth Beaty departed this life Aug. 25
Wanda Bates, mother of Brad Bates, departed this life Sept 2
Bruce Campbell, brother of Fred Campbell departed this life Sept 2
Bonnie Foshay, departed this life Sept 2, buried from the Church Sept 7
Juanita Pence, departed this life Sept 4, buried from the Church Sept 9
Peggy Wing, departed this life Sept 20

SPEAKING OF HEALTH: NURSE BARBARA MOUNTJOY

Mental health issues can affect anyone - your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your coworkers. Could you help someone exhibiting behaviors that may indicate these disorders? Obsessive-Compulsive, Post Traumatic Stress, Substance Abuse Crisis, Depression, Suicidal Thoughts, Eating Disorder, Bipolar. Mental Health ~ First Aid (MHFA) is a Missouri faith-based Initiative. The course is a 12 hour program. CEU's will be available.

We will be offering the *Mental Health ~ First Aid* course, once again this fall. The dates are October 22 and October 29, 2011. These dates are on Saturdays from 9 until 3:00 PM. We will be providing lunch and childcare. This course teaches people how to give first aid to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis situation and/or who are in early stages of a mental health disorder. Participants learn the signs and symptoms of the most common mental health problems, where and when to get help, and what type of help has been shown to be effective. MHFA does not train a person to be a therapist or make diagnosis. Attendees learn to give comfort and provide assistance in accessing help. There is no cost for the course. The real cost to attend is a commitment to use the training in the future. Sign up with the office. This course is open to the public, so please let others who might be interested know the course is available.

Just a word or two regarding lowering your blood pressure - naturally. In the old days, health professionals thought it was normal for blood pressure to go up with age. Now we know it isn't. More and more evidence shows that relatively simple changes in lifestyle can have a big impact on your blood pressure - in many cases, just as big as taking a prescription drug. The most valuable move is just watching the scale. When Harvard researchers tracked the health habits of 80,000 women, weight control emerges as the undisputed champ for reducing the risk. Many times it doesn't have to be a dramatic loss of weight. Dropping just 10 to 20 pounds could make the difference between needing blood pressure meds and not needing them. Weight control is only the beginning.

You could try other strategies also to lower those BP readings. And if your pressure is healthy, the same moves can help keep it that way. Though tough for some people to follow, the tried and true blood pressure plan is DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) salt reduction, reduced fat intake, switching to whole grains, and eating lots of fruits and vegetables (eight to ten servings a day), low-fat or nonfat dairy products (two to three servings a day). In a Johns Hopkins study last year of people with blood pressure in the range of 120-159/80-95, just eight weeks on DASH lowered the top number (systolic) by six points. I will be glad to check your blood pressure and/or discuss this very important measurement of heart health.



BLOOMING in YOUR BIBLE GARDEN

Colchicum, or autumn crocus, may be mentioned in Isaiah 35:1 "the desert and the dry land shall be glad, they shall bloom and rejoice like *kehavatzelah*." That is usually translated "rose," but means a reddish flower. The most prominent reddish flowers which bloom when the fall rains moisten the desert are these small, beautiful, bulbs.

From the DEACON'S DESK
The Rev. Jeff Bell

What is a Saint?

How does the Bible define and describe a saint? The word, saint, is never single. It is always plural. In Greek language, it is never the single noun but the plural noun that is used for saints. Hagio is a plural Greek noun for the word *saints*. The word is never singular; it is always plural.

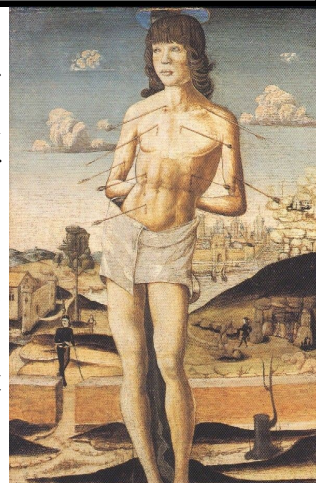
The word, *saints*, means, *God's holy ones*. We are God's holy people. Now we are called holy, not because we ourselves are holy, but because God is holy and we are his children.

In the Bible, we discover that none of the saints are dead. Saints are not dead people in the Bible, living up in heaven. Saints are living people, living down here on earth. Our definitions of saints from the past two thousand years are not Biblical: that is, saints as martyrs, saints as canonized people who have pillow talk with God up in heaven, saints as deceased mothers and fathers, saints as people who have died this past year in the church. None of these definitions of saints is Biblical. If you look in the Bible, you discover that saints are living people who belong to God.

What is a saint? A saint is a person through whom the light of God shines. I would like to tell you a children's story. Imagine four stained glass windows on the south wall of our sanctuary. The first stained window is really red, the next window is really blue, the next window is really green, and the next window is really yellow. The sun has come up in the south and wonderful light is coming through these four windows. A minister and a little girl are walking through the sanctuary together, admiring the windows. The minister is explaining the four stained glass windows to the little girl. He says, "This first window with all the reds is dedicated to St. Matthew and has a picture of St. Matthew on it. The second window with all the blues is dedicated to St. Mark and has a picture of St. Mark, the second of our gospels. The third window with all the greens is dedicated to St. Luke and has a picture of St. Luke on it. The fourth window with all the yellows is dedicated to St. John and has a picture of St. John in it. All the windows are so beautiful, especially with the sunlight shining through them." And the little girl says, "I know what a saint is." "Yes," replied the minister. "A saint is somebody that the light shines through." Yes, the light of God shines through in the lives of the saints.

What is a saint? You are a saint! You are the living saints of God. You are God's holy people. Your lives are an inspiration to me and one another. You are a beacon of God's light shining for all to see. Thanks be to God.

Deacon Jeff



Ever wonder why saints in art are always suffering, sappy or sweet? Maybe they should look patient, heroic or happy instead...

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 & 10:30 Eucharist 9 Acolyte Practice 9:30 Choir Practice 9:15 Sunday School 12 La Santa Misa 1:30 Estudio Biblico	7 pm NA	9:15 Men's Social @ St Luke's 5 Coro en Espanol	5:30 Choir Practice 6 Eucharist 7 Dinner, youth groups, Bible study, young adults	9:30 Move Exercise Class 2 Eucharist @ St Luke's 3 Friends Anonymous	10 Eucharist	1 <i>Remigius of Rheims</i> Bro of St Andrew
2 XIV Pentecost Proper 22 5 pm Pet Blessing	3	4 <i>Francis of Assisi</i> 8:30 Softball 6:30 St Catherine's	5 Sr Hi Cleanup	6 <i>William Tyndale</i>	7	8
9 XVII Pentecost Proper 23 Jim Brown Memorial Golf Tournament	10 <i>Vida Scudder</i>	11 <i>Philip the Deacon</i>	12 Jr Hi Cleanup	13	14 <i>Samuel Scbereschensky</i> Noon Encore	15 <i>Teresa of Avila</i> Maple Leaf parade Marching Cobras lunch Bro of St Andrew
16 XVIII Pentecost Proper 24	17 <i>Ignatius of Antioch</i>	18 ST LUKE 3 Hand blessing @ St Luke's 5:30 Vestry	19 <i>Henry Martyn</i> PBJ Cleanup	20	21 Youth Lock In in Joplin	22 8-2 Free Garage Sale in Joplin 10 Worker Bros/Sisters mtg Mental Health First Aid 9-3 pm
23 XIX Pentecost Proper 25 UTO Ingathering	24 ST JAMES of JERUSALEM	25	26 <i>Alfred the Great</i> 3 Folding Party 7 Halloween Party Adult Cleanup	27	28 SS SIMON & JUDE 6 Movie Night <i>Nightmare before Christmas</i>	29 <i>James Hannington</i> Mental Health First Aid 9-3 pm
30 XX Pentecost Proper 26	31 <i>All Hallows' Eve</i>				Season: Pentecost Color: Green (except martyrs days, Oct 18, 24 & 28)	5 Evening Wor- ship

OUTREACH

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

If you are interested in supporting Kairos you may now sign up directly on their web-site:

kairosmocross-roads.org/DOCgallery.htm

The fall men's weekend will be held Nov 3-6 in Cameron at the Crossroads Correctional Center. A spring date will also be planned at this center. A spring date is also being planned for the women's correctional center in Chillicothe. There are many ways you can participate—contributions of letters, cards or cash; helping with meals; praying for the weekend at designated times; signing up to be part of the “in house” team. Brian Jones or Rev. Jeff Bell will be happy to help you discern where God might be calling you into prison ministry. Draw a placemat, make a poster, make a donation, pray....

FREE GRIEF COUNSELING

Suffered a loss or sorrow? The Missouri Hospice & Palliative Care Association offers counseling every Friday from 11 to 3 at St Philip's in Joplin.

AUTUMN GARAGE SALE

A reminder that the diocesan “free garage sale” at St. Philip's Church in Joplin will be Saturday, October 22. Items needed will include winter clothing, furniture, household items, small appliances, linens, electric space heaters, and holiday supplies. Help needed all that week! We have a rental storage unit here in Carthage which can hold some items until then. PLEASE call ahead to make sure we can be there to put it in the unit rather than simply showing up with items. There will be signup sheets for work Friday night in Joplin to assist with the ministry!



The twenty members of the tornado relief team from the Church of the Incarnation, Dallas, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Terrell (both Diocese of Dallas) were with us in worship on Sunday, September 3, after spending four days doing demolition in Joplin.

LAFAYETTE HOUSE UPDATE

Plans have been drawn and filed for the construction of a three bedroom, two-bathroom one story house across the street from the Lafayette House in Joplin. A general contractor has been engaged. Money is in the bank. As soon as building permits are in order, we begin construction of this transitional house for families in domestic abuse situations. What can you do?

1. Plan now to take some time in November or December to help paint, roof, side, plant or otherwise “finish out” the house. We anticipate the professional work to take about 6 weeks, and would like volunteer efforts to take about the same, so that a family can move in by New Year's Day!
2. Talk to groups about helping with the furnishing of a room. The diocesan ECW, for instance, has taken the kitchen and will be furnishing it. But the families who will live in this house will have to start with nothing. Wouldn't it be great if they could take those dishes with them when they're ready to move on? Your guild, club or youth group might consider replacing items for the second family!

**PLATICANDO en ESPAÑOL:
PADRE JOSE PALMA**

DIOS TIENE UN PROPOSITO

Proverbios 19:21

"Muchos pensamientos hay en el corazón del hombre, mas el CONSEJO de Dios permanecerá." Todas las cosas buenas que hagamos no siempre son las correctas.

El hombre de una empresa que quiere agradecer a su jefe y no siempre hace lo correcto, aunque sea bueno, no es lo correcto.

CONSEJO = PROPOSITO (en la traducción hebrea)

El **PROPOSITO** es mas importante que los **PLANES**

El **PROPOSITO** es mas PODEROSO que los **PLANES**

El **PROPOSITO** precede los **PLANES**.

Antes de ser creados y concebidos para hacer nuestros **PLANES** Dios ya tenia un **PROPOSITO** establecido.

Es mas importante **ENTENDER** su **PROPOSITO** antes que nuestros **PLANES**.

Dios esta mas **PREOCUPADO** en cumplir su **PROPOSITO** que nuestros **PLANES**.

Dios esta mas **COMPROMETIDO** con su **PROPOSITO** que con nuestros **PLANES**

Dios traera **PROVISION** para cumplir su **PROPOSITO** no nuestros **PLANES**

Dios tiene la **OBLIGACION** de **REALIZAR** su **PROPOSITO** y no nuestros **PLANES**

Dios **GARANTIZA** su **PROPOSITO** y no nuestros **PLANES**

PROPOSITO = VOLUNTAD

PROPOSITO = DECRETO

PROPOSITO = PERMANECER , PREVALECER

El propósito de Dios fue establecido para permanecer

PROPOSITO = CONCILIO

CONCILIO PREDETERMINADO DE DIOS se refiere a una reunión de concilio, de un grupo para decidir un decreto, los gobiernos se reúnen para conciliar y luego establecer.

Antes de que todo existiese Dios tuvo un concilio consigo mismo y decreto su Proposito establecio su Proposito en nuestra vida. Antes de que todo fuera creado Dios establecio su **PROPOSITO**.

PROPOSITO = INTENCION ORIGINAL

PROPOSITO = RAZON DE EXISTIR, RAZON POR LA CREACION

PROPOSITO = DESEO DE DIOS, INTENCION DE DIOS

PROPOSITO ES LA INTENCION ORIGINAL DE LA RAZON DE LA CREACION EN EL DESEO ORIGINAL DE DIOS QUE PREVALECIERA.

EL PROPOSITO ES LA LLAVE PARA EL SUCESO DEL EXITO PERSONAL

La razón por la cual muchas cosas no se realizan en nuestra vida es por que muchas veces no estamos realizando el propósito de Dios en nuestra vida. Continua en la siguiente pagina.

En ESPANOL
Se continua....

Dios habló a su pueblo que El siempre había establecido su propósito, que se acordaran de eso, que el Era DIOS y no había ninguno como EL.

Isaías 46:8-10 "Acordaos de esto, y tened vergüenza; volved en vosotros (rebeldes) acordaos de las cosas pasadas desde los tiempos antiguos, por que YO SOY DIOS y no hay otro DIOS y no hay nada semejante a mi, que anuncio lo porvenir desde el principio y desde la antigüedad lo que aun no era hecho, que digo mi consejo permanecerá y hare todo lo que quiero"

Dios habla a su pueblo que dejen de ser rebeldes, por que el pecado nos hace rebeldes.

Pecado es la rebelión contra el propósito establecido de Dios
Recuerden esto y dejen de ser rebeldes con mi propósito dice Dios.
Que recordamos
Recuerden las cosa del inicio, YO SOY DIOS y no hay otro.

Recuerden eso YO SOY DIOS EL ÚNICO DIOS.

YO SOY DIOS DESDE EL PRINCIPIO, SOY DIOS DE PROPOSITO, YO SOY DIOS Y NO HAY OTRO COMO YO. YO ESTABLEZCO EL FIN ANTES DE COMENZAR, PRIMERO EL FIN Y LUEGO EL COMIENZO, PRIMERO TERMINO Y LUEGO COMIENZO; CUANDO YO COMIENZO ES POR QUE YA TERMINE. EL PROPOSITO DE DIOS PREVALECE ENTONCES, ANTES DE COMENZAR DIOS YA TERMINO CON NOSOTROS.

The Best Things in Life Are Free
FALL UTO INGATHERING

When we count our blessings,
It isn't hard to see
That life's most valued treasures
Are the treasures that are free.
For it isn't what we own or buy
That signifies our wealth.
It's the special gifts that have no price:
Our family, friends, and health.

Borrowed

Greetings to all at Grace Church:

The May Joplin tornado reminded us of the importance of our family, friends, and health. Due to that tornado, and the many donations our church family made directly to those in need, we did not conduct a Spring UTO collection.

However, the United Thank Offering provides a personal and meaningful way for us to help others in our country and the world by the annual grants given in Christ's name.

Through our daily prayers and contributions of thankfulness for the important and little things in our lives in 2010, Grace Church donated \$1,836.93.

Thirty-eight families donated to UTO at the Spring 2010 Ingathering, and forty-eight families donated to UTO last fall. Won't you join them in being thankful for the good things in your life that signify your wealth?

Our Fall Ingathering will be **Sunday, October 23, 2011**. Won't you remember to thank God each day for the gifts He gives you by praying and putting coins in your UTO box? Let your heart be thankful to Him for your family, friends, and health. Thanks be to God!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: OCTOBER 2011

<i>Sunday, Oct 2</i> <i>8 am</i>	<i>Sunday, Oct 9</i> <i>8 am</i>	<i>Sunday, Oct 16</i> <i>8 am</i>
<p>O.T. Reader/Epistle: Ruth Felton Prayers of the People: Gary Cole Chalice: Galen Snodgrass Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Richard Roske Sacristan: Beth Simmons</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>10:30 am</u></p> <p>O.T: Bill Lee N.T: Mark Sponaugle Chalice: Brad Cameron Subdeacon: Margie Tucker Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron Servers: Quincy Charleston <i>Capt</i> Jay Simmons Cross: Tom Simmons Torches: Emma Charleston Layla Pettie Sacristan: Jacqui Johnson Ushers: Larry McGuire Richard Ralston AV: Elisa White Flower Delivery: Kelly Heidlage Nursery Asst: Tracey Wilkowsk</p>	<p>O.T. Reader/Epistle: Glenda Erwin Prayers of the People: Peggy Ralston Chalice: Jeff Bell Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Kirby Newport Sacristan: Pam White</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>10:30 am</u></p> <p>OT: Julie Anderson NT: Chuck Edds Chalice: Marty Griffin Subdeacon: Tom Flanigan Acolyte Mentor: Michelle Sexton Servers: Carlie Wakefield <i>Capt</i> Sydni Harlan Crosses: Matt Goolsby Torches: Ashleigh Wilson Sarah Wilson Sacristan: Beth Simmons Ushers: Chris Wilkowski Jim Creighton AV: Jim & Colby Wakefield Flower Delivery: Mike Thompson Home Comm: Bell/Ytell-L Orr Nursery Asst: Ann Curtis</p>	<p>O.T. Reader/Epistle: Kirby Newport Prayers of the People: Jacqui Johnson Chalice: Wayne Ytell Subdeacon: Kirby Newport Server: Brad Cameron Sacristan: Marcia McGuire</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>10:30 am</u></p> <p>OT: Rosalie Griffin NT: Marty 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: Ann Carter Ushers: Jimmy Grimes/Mike Goolsby AV: Mike Robertson Flower Delivery: Kevin Curtis Home Comm: Nursery Asst: Tony Beatty</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday, Oct 23</i> <i>8 am</i></p> <p>O.T. Reader/Epistle: Dana Cameron Prayers of the People: Wayne Ytell Chalice: Kirby Newport Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Nancy Dymott Sacristan: Ann Carter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>10:30 am</u></p> <p>OT: Debbie Jones NT: Jerry Sample Chalice: Scott Stone Subdeacon: Michael Goolsby Acolyte Mentor: Elaine Wurst Servers: Drew Schesser Oliver Sprenkle Cross: Sydney Harlan Alex Wilkowski Torches: Anna Wilkowski Jay Wurst Sacristan: Pam White Ushers: Chuck Erwin/Loren Erwin AV: Scott Mansfield Flower Delivery: Cliff Kester Nursery Asst: Ruth (Smith) Felton</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday, Oct 30</i> <i>8 am</i></p> <p>O.T. Reader/Epistle: Wayne Ytell Prayers of the People: Wayne Ytell Chalice: Wayne Ytell Subdeacon: Kirby Newport Server: Nancy Dymott Sacristan: Jacqui Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>10:30 am</u></p> <p>OT: George Platt NT: Margie Tucker Chalice: Margie Tucker Subdeacon: George Platt Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron Servers: Nancy Dymott Michele Sexton Cross: Brad Cameron Scott Stone Torches: Kirby Newport/Richard Roske Sacristan: Marcia McGuire Ushers: Steve Erwin Larry Hartman AV: Scott Mansfield Flower Delivery: Cliff Kester Nursery Asst: Ruth Platt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesdays, 6 pm</u> Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy</p> <p><u>Oct 5:</u> Reader: Julie Anderson Chalice: Ron Ferguson</p> <p><u>Oct 12:</u> Reader/Chalice: Scott Stone</p> <p><u>Oct 19:</u> Reader/Chalice: Bonnie Jones</p> <p><u>Oct 26:</u> Reader/Chalice: Margie Tucker</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturdays, 5 pm</u></p> <p><u>Oct 1:</u> Reader/Chalice: Scott Stone Sacristan: Beth Simmons</p> <p><u>Oct 8:</u> Reader: James Grimes Chalice: Margie Tucker Sacristan: Jacqui Johnson</p> <p><u>Oct 15:</u> Reader: Jack Slates Chalice: Scott Stone Sacristan: Pam White</p> <p><u>Oct 22:</u> Reader: Glenda Erwin Chalice: Bonnie Jones Sacristan: Marcia McGuire</p> <p><u>Oct 29:</u> Reader: Bonnie Jones Chalice: Bonnie Jones Sacristan: Ann Carter</p>

PET BLESSING: Oct 2/Oct 6

The annual blessing of pets will be held on the first Sunday of October, Oct 2, at 5 pm in the Barking Lot. Bring your friends, human and otherwise, to celebrate our stewardship of all creation and God's care for all life. Or join us at St. Luke's with your gentle, non-skittish pet, at 2 pm on Thurs, Oct 6. Or join us at the Carthage Humane Society that Thurs at 4 pm!

ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD MEETING

Oct 4, 6:30 pm at Grace Church, all women are invited to join the fun! Baby-sitting is provided.

FINAL SOFTBALL GAME: Oct 4

Oct 4 8:30 pm vs Fairview Christian

ECW: Oct 7 & 8

The Episcopal Church Women fall conference retreat will be led by Susie Uhlik, wife of the new rector of St. James in Springfield. Barbara Mountjoy has information about registration for "The Spices of Our Life."



**Jim Brown Memorial
2011 GOLF TOURNAMENT**
Sunday, October 9th
CARTHAGE MUNICIPAL GOLF
COURSE

Format: 4 Person Scramble
Make your own team, or we can assign
Time: 1:00 p.m. Tee Time Start
Entry Fee: \$40.00 per player
Dinner: \$5.00 (non-golfers)
Dinner and awards will follow tournament.

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ST ANDREW'S: Oct 1 & 15

Regular meetings are scheduled at 8:30 a.m., the first and third Sat each month beginning Oct 1 (not Maple Leaf morning!) Watch your email or weekly bulletins for details and time. Contact John Schaffer at jschaffer@suddenlink.net if you haven't been to a meeting for more details!

ENCORE LUNCH: Fri, Oct 14

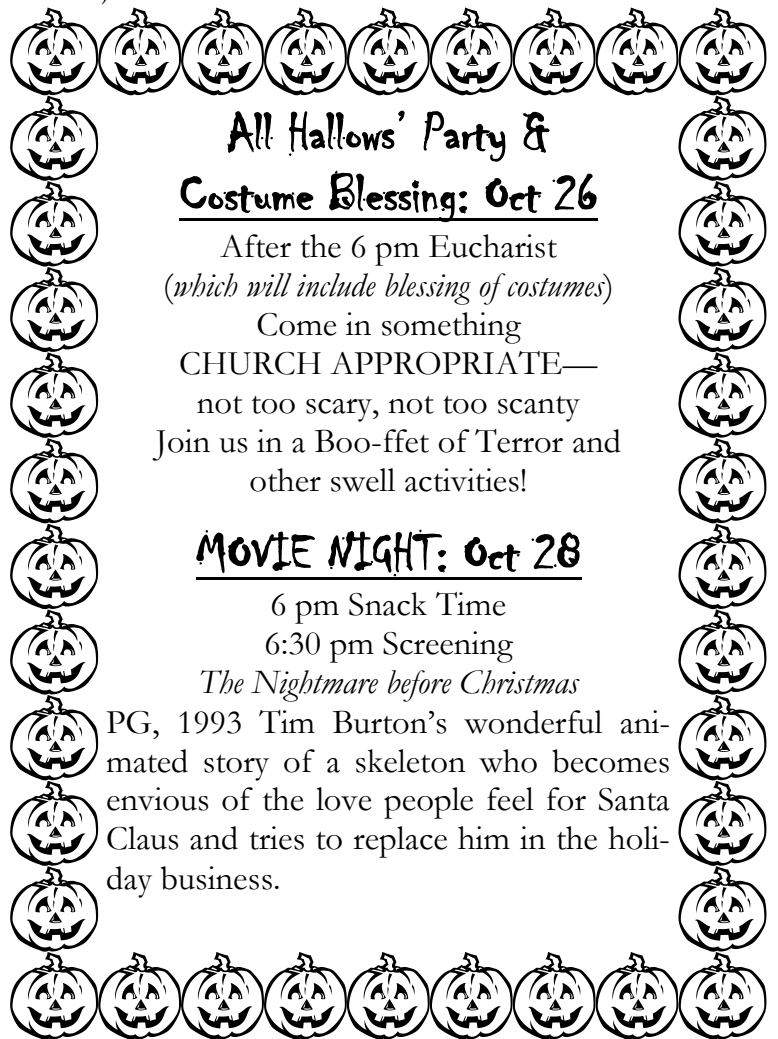
Noon,—RSVP, please—\$5 per lunch

Guest chef: Kathy Gilpin

Presenter: Fr. Steve Wilson, and his recent trip

ST LUKE'S DAY: Oct 18

Join us in the afternoon at St. Luke's Home for a small reception for the staff and to bless their healing hands as a reminder that this is a ministry, not a job...



**All Hallows' Party &
Costume Blessing: Oct 26**

After the 6 pm Eucharist
(which will include blessing of costumes)
Come in something
CHURCH APPROPRIATE—
not too scary, not too scanty
Join us in a Boo-ffet of Terror and
other swell activities!

MOVIE NIGHT: Oct 28

6 pm Snack Time
6:30 pm Screening
The Nightmare before Christmas
PG, 1993 Tim Burton's wonderful animated story of a skeleton who becomes envious of the love people feel for Santa Claus and tries to replace him in the holiday business.

Dear Minister Manners...

An occasional series on Church etiquette

Dear Minister Manners,

My friend Sally recently told me that her church is going to start contemporary services because that's what all the young people want. Are we missing out?

Signed, *Gratefully Not Dead*

Gentle Reader,

Who polled all the young people?

A wise liturgiologist (*The Rev. Dr. Aidan Kavanagh of Yale, if you must know*) once said that the first rule of liturgy is "the building always wins." Our nave lacks space for a skilled band, a necessity if one is to do contemporary music well (*and why would we want to do it poorly?*)

The clergy of Grace Church have nothing against contemporary music (*none of our car radios are tuned to the "24 hour entirely baroque harpsichord" station*). But our space calls for traditional music, just as it calls for ordered, ornate liturgy. In this building, "contemporary" works best in the parish house or Spencer Hall (*where we have used it, and quite effectively*) rather than the nave.

Our congregation has lots of "the young people." What most people, old or young, seek from worship is not a style. It is authenticity, integrity and love. If we're not providing that, all the praise music in the world won't salvage us.

Not everyone has to look, or sound, or think, the same. What matters is that we offer our best to Jesus, and to one another, with some regularity. The best we have here seems to be rather traditional—and it works, hence our growth. We wish the best to those congregations that offer their best to Him in different ways.

Sincerely, *Minister Manners+*

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: The Rev. JOHN CHRISTIANSON

More on parables... The "Kingdom of God"

Last month I introduced the topic of Biblical parables – short stories told about everyday life that aren't factual, but contain the truth. Parables, according to the four gospels, are Jesus' favorite way of teaching. He speaks of farmers and seeds, weeds in a field, lost coins, and mixed up families. None of Jesus' parables are factual – he isn't talking about actual people he knows – but they are true. The parables contain a message about God and God's kingdom.

Who is God? What does God care about? If God's love is put into practice in the world today, what does it look like? These are the kinds of questions Jesus is thinking, praying, and preaching about when he's wandering around in the hills of Galilee.

In the gospels, Jesus calls the work he is doing "God's work," and the network of people he meets forms a new community. It's not a kingdom of Herod or his sons; it's not a kingdom ruled by Caesar in Rome. It's "God's Kingdom," marked by love, justice, healing of sickness and relationships, and prayerful meals of bread and wine.

It seems to me that Jesus got it just about right. The architecture of paranoid Herod is in ruins for tourists now. The Romans left a cultural legacy but have faded from the march of history. But the Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed continues to grow and spread around the world – in acts of charity, love, and reconciliation, and whenever Jesus' followers gather at the table in his name. Thanks be to God--John

Class Note: After teaching the parables on Wednesdays in September to the Junior and Senior High students, in October I'll return to the Sunday morning Adult Forum where we'll discuss the same. I hope to see you there on October 2, 9, 16 & 23. It should be a great time!

EDUCATION

Wednesday night activities

Choir practice at 5:30 pm

Eucharist at 6 pm

Dinner at 6:45 pm (\$1 requested)

Youth groups at 7:15 (pre-K, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, junior high & senior high), young adults (20s & 30s) and Bible study

Sunday morning activities

9 am Acolyte practice

9:45 am Choir rehearsal

9:15 am Sunday school
(pre-K, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, junior high, senior high, adults)

ADULT EDUCATION

Wed nights: Bible study on the Song of Songs

Sun mornings: The Rev. John Christianson explores the Parables of Jesus with us

Sun evenings, starting Oct 16: Christ & Culture," looking at portrayals of Bible stories in Hollywood

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all those who are volunteering as Nursery assistants! We need volunteers for November. 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? Sunday morning 9:15-11:45, and Communion will be brought to you!

Oct 2: Tracy Wilkowski Oct 9: Ann Curtis

Oct 16: Toni Beatty Oct 23: Ruth Felton

Oct 30: Ruth Platt

HEIFER QUARTER TUBE

A check for \$315 has been sent to Estonia to purchase sheep and rabbits! Since 2004, we have sent over \$4100 to every continent to buy trees, bees and animals of all sorts. That's enough quarters to stretch from altar out onto the front steps!

McCUNE BROOKS HOSPITAL

Is offering a Prenatal Class, October 8, from 9-4, for information call 359-2616.

From the STEWARDSHIP CTTEE

"A Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with increase to the Lord."

At our first listening session held in July, those in attendance gave strong voice to the fact that we at Grace Church are really a dynamic, outreach-oriented community. You affirmed that stewardship enables people to establish a definite link between what they believe, what they do, and what they give. Following are some of the comments about Grace Church: "outstanding outreach ministries"; "is a genuinely caring community"; "embraces freedom of thought"; "provides varied times and forms of worship"; "provides many opportunities to fellowship with other parishioners and community through Encore lunches, movie night, awesome fund-raising events, dinner theater, health and wellness activities"; "has an Hispanic ministry." We are one active church community!

In our next listening session, which will be held mid-November, we want to discuss what we can do better, what ministries we might add – to what ministries we might more fully commit our time, talent, and treasure. A few were mentioned in the first session: better welcoming guests and new members; feeling more comfortable about telling others how richly God is blessing us here at Grace; and bringing together parishioners who attend different services.

That's a start. We want to know more about the stewardship effort to which you will commit. As was asked in the Diocesan stewardship session that was held at Grace Church on September 10, "When you die, how will you answer when God asks 'How have you lived the life I gave you as a gift?'"

SICILY 2012

Yes, we will be taking a parish pilgrimage to Sicily, island of oranges and mosaics, leaving May 28, 2012. Price \$3899, *not including air taxes or most lunches.* (Our assumption is that most of us will prefer a slice of pizza at noon and a full formal meal, paid for by the package, in the evening). Nine nights, all inclusive with ruins, volcanoes, beaches, markets and vineyards. Picnic in the ruins at Segesta, stay in a baroque palazzo in Ragusa, see the flamingos at Trapani, taste the Marsala in...Marsala. While St. Paul was in Syracuse (as were Plato and Archimedes, who said "eureka" there), this is not a classic "pilgrimage," but rather a lovely, delicious, historically significant destination with some thematic Bible studies in the mornings. Gelato for breakfast, anyone?



HAITI 2012

Our proposed dates for a mission trip to Haiti are around Martin Luther King in late January 2012. A fund-raising dinner to help defray costs is scheduled for Sat, Nov 12, featuring authentically delicious Haitian dishes (and yes, like most chronically hungry cultures, Haitians do know how to cook). For further information about how, when, where and if you ought to consider going (and what shots to get in advance!) see Deacon Galen, Bonnie Jones, or Pam White. Our ministry in Haiti is 12 this fall! *Bon anniversaire!*



- Sat, Oct 1:** II Kings 19:21-36, I Corinthians 10:1-13, Matthew 8:18-27
- Sun, Oct 2: (*Proper 22*):** Exodus 20:1-29, Philip-
pians 3:4-14, Matthew 21:33-46
- Mon, Oct 3-Sat, Oct 8:** II Kings 21:1-23:25, II
Kings 23:36-24:17, Jeremiah 35:1-19, I Corin-
thians 10: 14:1-13:3, Matthew 8:28-10:4
- Sun, Oct 9: (*Proper 23*)** Exodus 32:1-14, Philip-
pians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14
- Mon, Oct 10-Sat, Oct 15:** Jeremiah 36:11-38:28,
I Corinthians 15:12-29, Matthew 11:7-15, I Corin-
thians 13:1-15:11, Matthew 10:5-11:6, II Kings
25:8-26, I Corinthians 15:12-29, Matthew 11:7-15
- Sun, Oct 16: (*Proper 24*)** Exodus 33:12-23, I
Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22
- Mon, Oct 17:** Jeremiah 44:1-14, I Corinthians
15:30-41, Matthew 11:16-24
- Tues, Oct 18, ST LUKE:** Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14,
II Timothy 4:5-13, Luke 4:14-21
- Wed, Oct 19-Sat, Oct 22:** Lamentations 2:8-15,
Ezra 1:1-11, 3:1-13, 4:7, 11-24, I Corinthians
15:51-16:24, Philemon 1-25, Matthew 12:1-12:42
- Sun, Oct 23 (*Proper 25*)** Deuteronomy 34:1-12, I
Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46
- Mon, Oct 24, ST JAMES of JERUSALEM:**
Acts 15:12-22, I Corinthians 15:1-11, Matthew
13:54-58
- Tues, Oct 25-Thurs, Oct 27:** Ezra 5:1-6:22, Ne-
hemiah 1:1-11, Revelations 4:1-6:11, Matthew
12:1-13:23
- Fri, Oct 28, STS SIMON & JUDE:** Deuteron-
omy 32:1-4, Ephesians 2:13-22, John 15:17-27
- Sat, Oct 29:** Nehemiah 4:1-23, Revelations 7:4-
17, Matthew 13:31-35
- Sun, Oct 30 (*Proper 26*)** Joshua 3:7-17, I Thes-
salonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12
- Mon, Oct 31** Deuteronomy 32: 1-4, Ephesians
2:13-22, John 15:17-27

Patronal Feasts

Oct 18: St Luke's Hospital System KC, St Luke's
Nursing Center Carthage, St Luke's Church Excel-
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