



**Love God.
Love your neighbor.
Change the world.**

A Message from Father Tom

Dear Grace Episcopal Church,

Did you ever notice that everything changes? Most irritating in my life is the time change: spring forward or fall back! Cell phone numbers change often, too! My brother is an oddity in that he still lives in the county where he was born! Wow! In today's world we change homes, cars . . . everything changes. Isaiah wrote, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:18-19).



As life changes so do ministries. Carolyn Barnett has handed the keys of the sacristy over to Patrick Schwab. I ask that you pray for Patrick in his walk with Christ as he takes on his new duty with the altar guild. Thank you, Carolyn, for your many years of service to Grace. We pray that God will bless you and inspire you on the new steps that you are taking in His path.

I want to remind you that if you would like to be, or know one who wants to be, added to the weekly prayer list, please take a moment to write that name on the Sunday prayer list found at the entrance of the sanctuary. Some prayer concerns might best be shared privately; in that case please call the office. The Daughters of the King (DOK) will pray for private special needs and long-term concerns.

For those of you who do not know about the DOK, it is a Lay Order of Ministry! The Order of the Daughters of the King is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church. Reaffirming the promises made at baptism and confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism. Diane Biniewicz, Joanne Cymore, MC Fiske, Marjorie Goffiney, Marie Kattler and Gabrielle Saasta have all taken the vows of the DOK. Jean and Betty Brown are "oblates to the Order" and they, too, will

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Worship Services

Sunday, 10:30 AM
Wednesday, 12:00 Noon
Saturday, 5:30 PM

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receive prayer concerns. Phoebe Love will take her DOK vows August 26 with the support of all the DOK during the Sunday morning service.

July 11 marks sixth months since I moved here to Grace Episcopal Church. In looking back, I realize what a transition this has been. For Mary Catherine and me personally of course, but also, and perhaps more intensely, for all of you!

Changes always come with a new relationship. I believe that having Christ dwell in our hearts is akin to having a new person move into our household, and as you and I have both recently experienced the latter, it's worth dwelling on the metaphor for a moment.

If they're just visiting, it is all rather easy; you simply offer hospitality and practice good manners. But if someone moves in to stay, everything changes. At first you might try to hold on to your familiar patterns and routines, and the new member may work hard to accommodate you and stay out of the way. But eventually they make their mark. Conversations change. Relationships realign. Household tasks change and responsibilities shift. My moving to Grace has brought change; things are different at Grace! So it is when Christ moves into the hearts of Christians. This isn't merely tweaking old patterns; everything changes.

This is good! This is a moment of great energy and possibility in our lives together. Let us move forward in confidence, knowing that Christ will show us the way!

All my Love in Christ,
Tom+

Episcopalianese: Paschal Candle

A large candle that symbolizes the risen Christ. It is often decorated with a cross, symbols of the resurrection, the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, and the year. The term "Paschal" concerns Easter or Passover. At the Easter Vigil, the Paschal candle is lit from the new fire. It is carried by the deacon, who pauses three times and sings or says, "The light of Christ," and the people respond, "Thanks be to God." The Paschal candle is carried by the celebrant if there is no deacon. After it is carried to the chancel, its flame may be used to light candles held by members of the congregation to symbolize the spreading of the light of Christ into the congregation and the world. The Exsultet is sung or said after the Paschal candle is placed in its stand. It is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services from Easter through Pentecost (BCP, pp. 285-287).



Fall Gatherings by Mary Lloyd Barth

It's August, still hot and time to begin planning for Grace Gatherings in the fall. October brings cooler weather and an opportune time to celebrate Oktoberfest and the Blessing of the Animals.

Oktoberfest began in 1810 when Bavarian Crown Prince Louis, later King Louis I of Bavaria, married Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. The Bavarian royalty invited the citizens of Munich to attend the festivities, held on the fields in front of the city gates. The decision to repeat the festivities and the horse races in the subsequent year gave rise to the tradition of the annual Oktoberfest, which now begins in late September and lasts until the first Sunday in October. Oktoberfest celebrations now occur throughout the world mixing German traditions, food, fun, and beer with local culture outside of Germany.

On **Saturday, October 6**, Grace invites all members to our first **Oktoberfest** with traditional German food and fun. Authentic Bavarian folk music will be playing, and Henry Berktold will entertain us with his skill on the accordion. We can sing along – and maybe even dance? Our Oktoberfest will begin with a short worship service at 4:30 pm. German food and fun will follow.



On **Sunday, October 7**, Grace will celebrate the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all God's creations. He cared for the poor and sick and preached sermons to the animals. Grace will follow the custom in remembrance of St. Francis' love for all creatures with a special **Blessing of the Animals** during the Sunday 10:30 worship service. Yes, that means you can bring your pets to church – in appropriate carriers or on leash, of course.

We also will kick-off the Grace Sunday School on **Sunday, October 14**, and we hope to have some pre-opening activities designed to attract and welcome families with young children.

More details about all these events will be forthcoming in the September newsletter. For now, **SAVE THE DATES!**

Fall is a beautiful time of year in Saint George. Snowbirds begin to return and this "green season" is a wonderful time to gather together in fun and friendship.

Look What We've Been Up To!



Some of the 16 members of Grace touring the renovated St. George Tabernacle



The JEWELs, their guests and Father Tom ready for their Cedar City theater and pizza outing

Confirmation Classes

If you have not been confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church and would like to do so, or if you would like to reaffirm your commitment, please sign up for Father Tom's confirmation classes. He will hold the classes each Saturday in September from 10am to 11:30am. To sign up, please call or stop in at the church office.

Bishop's Committee Update



Building Usage and Fees Clarification

We have heard some questions and concerns about the recent decision to charge for use of church facilities. Please keep in mind that these fees apply primarily to use of church facilities by non-members. With a few exceptions, these fees will NOT be charged to members for the occasional use of church facilities. For example, a member who hosts a reception in the fellowship area of the church following a memorial service will not be charged a usage fee.

What fees are members responsible for? Burial in the Memorial Rose Garden. Honorariums to priests, musicians and other participants in memorial and other special services. Reserving space for regularly scheduled (e.g., weekly/monthly) usage. And there may be other special circumstances when fees may be charged if deemed appropriate by Father Tom and/or the Bishop's Committee.

But these are exceptional situations. Mostly, we want you to use YOUR church to worship and enjoy fellowship with fellow members. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with Father Tom!

Church Re-Key Project

The locks on all interior and exterior doors of Grace have now been changed. Prior keys will no longer work for any doors. If your responsibilities at Grace require you to access the church at times when the office is not open, please see Diane in the church office to request a key or a passcode for a keypad.

BC Meetings and Minutes

Minutes of the BC meetings are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church within a week after their approval by the BC. Except for executive sessions, BC meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend. Although visitors have no voice or vote at the meetings, you can make a brief statement (maximum of three minutes) provided you notify Father Tom of your desire to do so at least four days prior to the meeting.

Below is the record of attendance and giving at Grace for the past several weeks:

Saturday/Sunday		Attendance Sat/Sun	Pledge Offering	Plate Offering	Total Offering
June 30/July 1	6 Pentecost	35/50	\$4,510	\$527	\$5,037
July 7/8	7 Pentecost	26/56	\$925	\$651	\$1,576
July 14/15	8 Pentecost	29/58	\$2,245	\$531	\$2,776
July 21/22	9 Pentecost	30/45	\$7,205	\$270	\$7,475
June 28/29	10 Pentecost	12/45	\$1,350	\$157	\$1,507

This Month's Special Events – Mark Your Calendar!

Friday, August 3:
Million Dollar Quartet Outing
(See details below)

Weekly Events

Sundays

9am: Choir Practice
9:15-10:15am: Bible Study
10:30am: Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays

12:00 Noon: ROMEOs Lunch

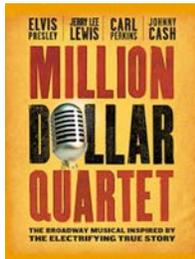
Wednesdays

12:00 Noon: Holy Eucharist
1:15pm: Bible Study

Saturdays

5:30pm: Holy Eucharist

Million Dollar Quartet Outing



If you have signed up to join other Grace members to attend the *Million Dollar Quartet* outing on Friday, August 3, the group will gather at Chef Hog, the café next to the Tuacahn gift shop, between 11:30am and Noon. Show starts at 2 pm. Contact Marcia Burchstead at 435-275-7818 if you have any questions.

Save the Dates

- **Saturday, October 6:** Oktoberfest
- **Sunday, October 7:** Blessing of the Animals
- **Sunday, October 14:** Sunday School Kickoff

See the article on page 3 for a brief description and watch for more details in September's newsletter.

Children's Ministry Update

It's official! Sunday School is starting at Grace on Sunday, October 14th!

You may say, "But Grace doesn't have kids coming to church!" Wait a minute. In the Gospel of Luke, 12:35, Christ says, "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit."

Grace DOES have kids attend occasionally, and we want to be prepared to share the gospel message with them when they come!



We hope to have a pre-opening event, such as an ice cream social, prior to October 14 that will be publicized in local media to invite the public, especially young families, to come see the children's ministry room, meet the teachers and enroll their children.

The Bishop's Committee has approved use of the "Living the Good News" curriculum, which is multi-age, follows the lectionary and is downloadable lesson-by-lesson. It is available for multiple users, a.k.a. all of the willing folks who have discerned their call to share some of their worship time on an occasional Sunday with kids!

The Children's Ministry room needs a little more attention to make it fully ready: maybe a coat of paint, wall hangings, and child-sized chairs and table. As we get to the point when we need help to set up the room, we'll let you know!

With simple procedures, a little training, a grab-and-go curriculum, and hearts willing to share our time and ourselves with children, we will be ready to meet Christ in the kids who come to worship with us at Grace Episcopal Church.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.”

~ Pope Francis



Adult Gift Project: Christmas 2018

As we continue our tradition of collecting and organizing donations throughout the year to provide Christmas gifts for Switchpoint and Community Soup Kitchen participants, our request for August is:

- Travel-sized hand sanitizers

Please put any items you wish to donate in the Christmas box on the Food Box Distribution shopping cart, which can be found near the church entrance or ministry sign-up table.

We appreciate your generosity in helping to contribute to these Christmas gift bags!



Transitions

Gerry Fowler passed away in July and a celebration of her life was held at Grace on July 28. May Gerry rest in peace.

Prayer List

Please keep our church family needs in your prayers. Check the weekly worship service bulletins or the Amazing Grace Updates for a current prayer list.



Parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized and would like a visit from clergy or the Pastoral Care Team (Lay Eucharistic Visitors): please call Father Tom at the church office at 435-628-1181 or at 435-236-7947 to make arrangements.

August 2018 Calendar

Normal Office Hours: Closed Monday; Tues 9am-1pm; Weds/Thurs 10am-1pm; Fri 10am-2pm Check our website, www.gracestgeorge.org , for the most current updates to the calendar.						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:45AM Soup Kitchen 12PM Holy Eucharist 1:15PM Bible Study	2 11:45AM Soup Kitchen 6PM AA Group 1	3 11:45AM Soup Kitchen 2PM <i>Million Dollar Quartet</i>	4 5:30PM Holy Eucharist
5 9AM Choir Practice 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Holy Eucharist 1PM Unity Church 8PM AA Group 3	6 11:45AM Soup Kitchen	7 10AM Grace Team Serving in Soup Kitchen 11:45AM Soup Kitchen 12PM ROMEOs 6PM AA Group 2 8:45PM NA Mtg	8 11:45AM Soup Kitchen 12PM Holy Eucharist 1:15PM Bible Study	9 11:45AM Soup Kitchen 6PM AA Group 1	10 11:45AM Soup Kitchen 12:30PM Food Box Distribution	11 5:30PM Holy Eucharist (pizza fellowship to follow service)
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Father Tom's weekday office hours are 10am to 2pm Tuesday through Friday and by appointment. He is available at any time in case of pastoral urgency. He can be called at the church office (435-628-1181) or 24/7 on his cell phone (435-236-7947) or emailed at fathertom@gracestgeorge.org.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Morning	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Afternoon			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evening							✓