



## Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church!

*Those in need of prayer this week:* Marie, Ken, Gerri, Linda, Lori, Richard, Eddie, Mary, Nathan, Sue.

*Those in need of long term care and prayers:* Steve, Barbara, Jeff, Toby, Bambi, Nancy, Mary, Jan, Gabrielle, Pat, Bob, Patty, Rick, Roger.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**There is an opening on the Standing Committee of the Diocese. The Committee invites anyone interested in being considered for this position to immediately submit your letter of interest to the Standing Committee. See Fr. Tom for more information.**

**Tuesday, October 9** – Men’s Discussion Group at 10:30am.

**Tuesday, October 9** - ROMEOS lunch at Cappeletti’s at Noon.

**October 12 at 10am** – Memorial Service for Dale Miller, Sexton.

**Saturdays, October 20/27** – Liturgy Workshops from Noon – 1pm or so. Training for existing/new Liturgical Ministers.

**Friday, October 26** – Soup Kitchen Benefit Concert at 7pm. Susan Talley has arranged a concert of several instruments and vocal music by Bach, Chopin and other classical composers. Free admission and free will offering will be accepted.

**DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IS WEDNESDAY AT 2:00PM.**

### *Scripture Forecast:*

<b>Oct 14 – 21 Pentecost</b> <b>Amos 5:6-7, 10-15</b> <b>Psalms 90:12-17</b> <b>Hebrews 4:12-16</b>	<b>October 21 – 22 Pentecost</b> <b>Isaiah 53:4-12</b> <b>Psalms 91:9-16</b> <b>Hebrews 5:1-10</b>
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### *Stewards of the Service NEXT Saturday 4:30pm 10-13*

Pete Whitmore	Chalice Bearer
TBD	Lectors
TBD	Intercessor
Musician	Aaron Lund
BC on Call	Phoebe Love
PIZZA NIGHT	Fellowship



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Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church on this Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi; and the traditional blessing of the animals. In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus thanks God for choosing the simple, uneducated (“infants”) over the religious leaders (“the wise ...”). Jesus is totally the Father’s representative; only the Father knows him, and only he and those he chooses, through the Holy Spirit, know the Father. He invites the downtrodden to accept his “rest”. Rabbis spoke of the “yoke” of the Law, with its many regulations. Jesus’ way is “easy”: love God and each other! As St. Francis knew and lived a life emulating Jesus as both teacher and guide.

In our first reading from Genesis we get a glimpse of the primeval history set out in the author's (or authors') concept of the nature of God and of humankind's relationship with its maker: God creates a world which is good and fit for humanity. The Sabbath is a day of rest on the seventh day, commanded by God to be kept as a holy day of rest, as God rested.

Psalms 121 is a song of trust, rest and hope in Yahweh's sovereignty and care for us. "The Lord neither slumbers nor sleeps.

In the letter to the Galatians Paul boasts only in the death, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ (“the cross”) – by which the old order (the Law) has been eliminated, and he has been freed from it. He and other Christians have entered into the “new creation”, the new way – of being shaped by Christ – called “this rule”. The Law, “circumcision”, has become irrelevant. For Paul, Christians are the “Israel of God” and the new children of Abraham.

Through our blessing of the animals and through our Holy Communion Service, we make an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual knowledge of the "Good" God creates: "All creatures of our God and King" makes us "Instruments of his Peace." Tom+

### *Stewards of the Service NEXT Sunday 10:30am 10-14*

Marcia B/Dennis H	Ushers
Doug Gilbert	Acolyte
Patrick Schwab	Chalice Bearer
M Burchstead/P Love	Lectors
Doug Gilbert	Intercessor
Susan Talley	Musician
Michael Tabor	BC on Call
TBD	Fellowship