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A Message from Father Tom

After listening to the Governor's address and reading the Health Department alert, we need to celebrate that the protocols advanced by +Scott work very well. Here is why:

Not long ago, Grace Episcopal Church, St. George, hosted a funeral for a long time, beloved parishioner. Due to the heat of the day, even at 10:30 a.m. holding the service outside (considering the age of the congregation) was not advisable. I insisted, and the family understood, that no more than 30 people could be in the sanctuary, masks are required, and that temperatures will be taken. (The space can sit 150.) Family units, usually 2 people, sit together; family units physically distant; every other pew roped off. Additional seating was allowed in the fellowship area if needed still under 30 persons . . . the service was broadcast via Zoom. 27 in the Sanctuary. No Eucharist. By all reports a lovely service.

The following Wednesday the bereaved spouse called me to say that there was a positive for Covid-19 following a routine check. I followed up. This was the case. Per protocols I informed +Scott, the Warden's, all those who were at the service (via the roll we took) along with the larger congregation. "We may have been exposed." In an abundance of caution the services held on Grace Episcopal Church grounds were suspended, and I went into isolation. I was tested on the 1st; the test came back the following Monday as negative. All through the week no symptoms. I know of only one other who tested positive after the service – a relative from out of town.

Moving forward, the BC, and the congregation were pleased to know that I would have a very small service in the Sanctuary on the 11th. Mary Catherine Fiske as the Cantor, Susan Talley the musician, (both were at the service on the 25th) and I celebrated (BCP 402; Form 2). "Where two or three are gathered. . . ." broadcast over Zoom.

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Worship Services

Holy Eucharist
 Sun/Weds/Fri @ 10:30 AM
 Morning Prayer
 Tues/Thurs @ 10:30 AM

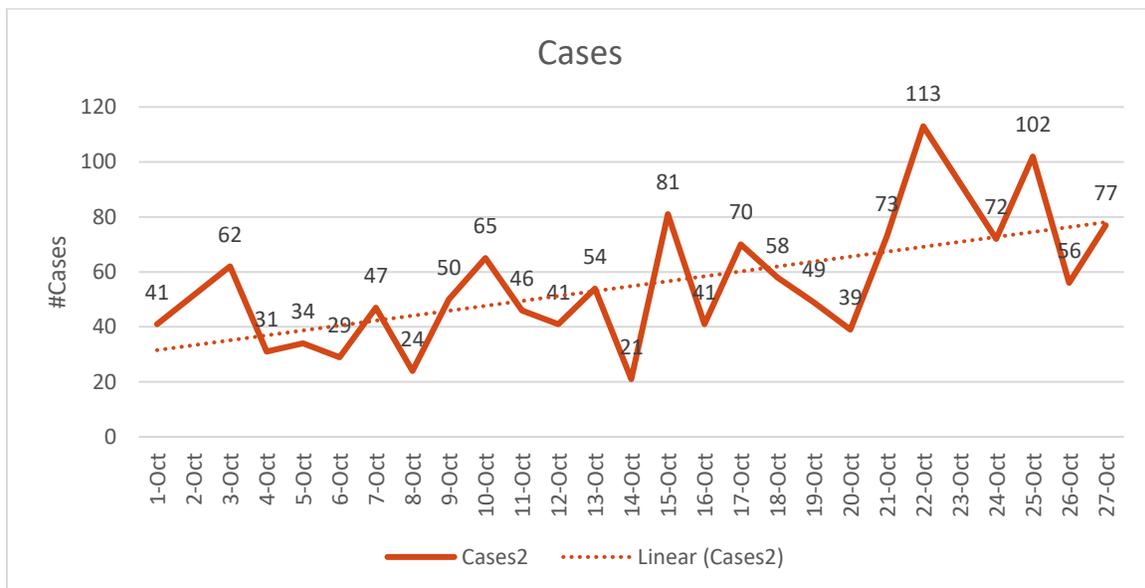
A Message from Father Tom *(Continued from the prior page)*

In closing, all were masked, short service, with adequate physical distancing, good ventilation, no congregational singing, and my homily (sigh) was 3 minutes long. The protocols work when all know how and what to do if one should prove to be positive. Unfortunately with the rise of testing state wide the second COVID test my doctor suggested is delayed for a few days . . . as of 2 weeks, no symptoms, the 16th – 3 weeks; the 18th we (still symptom free) will crack the door open to allow 15 in. Masks are required.

Services will be broadcast via Zoom for those of you who do not want to venture out. We do so understand! The Utah Health Department considers Washington County in the “moderate” spread category. Gatherings of 25 people may occur if masked. We are well under. Let us keep safe!

God Bless us all and thank you all.

Tom+



Below is a link for the latest, up to the minute guidelines in the state of Utah:

https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/Health/Health_guidance_for_all_levels.pdf



From The Office



REMINDER: Always scroll all the way through e-mails that come from Fr. Tom and or the office. We try to only send out 1-2 e-mails a week. Sometimes they contain a lot of information.

Beloved Community Conversations First Thursday of each month

Those of us gathered for convention in September enjoyed conversations with others from around the diocese in zoom break-out rooms. it brought us together when we were necessarily apart during this pandemic season. The Standing Committee is inviting you to join similar conversations each month online. There's no agenda, other than to connect. No data will be harvested from our conversations. A facilitator will begin with a question and we'll see where the discussion takes us. **November 5, 6:30 - 7:30pm.** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85851910287>.

A Much Deserved Thank You

A note to our readers. . . . as some of you know a constant in life is change. I want to thank Peg Stephens for helping out with the Newsletter for the last few years!! Thank you Peg as you and Fr. Jeff continue on your journey together. Tom+

Look What We've Been Up To!



**FOOD BOX
DISTRIBUTION DAY**



Daughters of the King Luncheon

What Have **YOU** Been Up To? Have you found a way to safely interact with loved ones during this time of social distancing? **Send us your photos!**

If you have photos of a recent vacation, a new family member or some other significant event that you would like to share with your Grace family, please send an email to office@gracestgeorge.org with your photo and a brief description. We'd love to hear from you! (When sending your email, write "Newsletter Photo" in the subject line and attach your photo using "actual" as the file size.)

About AmazonSmile

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile on your Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone (found under settings on your app). On your browser, you may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. When you're using the app, always check for the "AmazonSmile" logo to ensure you're activated for AmazonSmile.

How do I activate AmazonSmile on my Amazon Shopping app?

AmazonSmile customers on Android devices with version 5.0+ or iOS devices with version 12+, who have upgraded to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app can find "AmazonSmile" listed in the Settings menu. From there, you can follow onboarding instructions to activate AmazonSmile on your device.

Do I need to renew AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile renewals happen twice a year to help keep AmazonSmile on mobile app. AmazonSmile will notify you of these renewals via push notifications and through in-app notifications. If you miss a renewal you can reactivate at any time by repeating the steps to "turn on" AmazonSmile on your mobile device. There is no renewal period for browser shopping on AmazonSmile, which you can use anytime by typing 'smile.amazon.com' into your browser.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

What charities can I choose from?

You can choose from over one million eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organizations.

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How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the program.

Can I change my charity?

Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity on your web browser, simply select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account." You can also visit AmazonSmile under settings on your Amazon Shopping app and select "Change your Charity."

What if my selected charity does not register to participate in the AmazonSmile program or becomes ineligible?

If your selected charity does not register to participate, becomes ineligible, or requests to be removed from the program, you will have a chance to select a different charity to receive the accrued donations that have not yet been disbursed to your charity. If you do not select a different charity, the accrued donations will be distributed to other organizations receiving donations.

If I represent a charitable organization, how can I learn more about registering my organization for AmazonSmile?

Go to org.amazon.com to learn how to register your organization to receive donations.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

What is the AmazonSmile Foundation?

The AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. All donation amounts generated by the AmazonSmile program are remitted by a subsidiary of Amazon.com, Inc. to the AmazonSmile Foundation. In turn, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates those amounts to the charitable organizations selected by our customers. Amazon pays all expenses of the AmazonSmile Foundation; they are not deducted from the donation amounts generated by purchases on AmazonSmile.

Can I receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from my purchases on AmazonSmile?

Donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are not tax deductible by you.

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Average fundraising programs may require minimum orders, lots of paperwork, and after it's all said and done, you still have to distribute the products you sell. Our program elevates traditional fundraising and offers the following benefits:

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Our whopping 15% payout for each individual sale applies to in person, phone, and online orders

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DIRECT SHIPMENTS

Avoid the hassle of passing out products. We ship all orders in a decorative red or green box directly to the doorstep of your supporters or their gift recipients

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A Message from the Bishop's Warden *by Sandra Corp*



GET EXCITED! **THE CHURCHYARD SALE** is happening!

Please sign up for a table to sell your crafts and gently used items. You will find the registration form contained in the worship service registration emails sent out weekly by Diane. The sale starts at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 14 and ends at Noon. A crew has been recruited to set up tables prior to the arrival of sellers. Sellers will set up between 8-9:00 am. The entire event will be located outdoors. If you are registered to sell items, you will be receiving a message from the office with all the details around the first of November.

BAKE SALE: It's easy: Those willing to donate baked goods **NEED NOT** sign up. Applying the KISS strategy, and due to space and COVID restraints, we are asking that bakers stay within these categories of items:

Cookies/brownies: packaged singly or by the dozen only

Fruit/nut loaves: packaged whole only

Cakes: packaged whole only

Pies: packaged whole only

Muffins/cupcakes: packaged singly or in a 4-pack

Please wrap items at home and label the package with the flavor. Pricing will be posted on a board at the sale table for uniformity. Please plan to bring your baked goods to the church between 8:00 and 9:00 am on the day of the sale.

Thank you for your willingness to participate and cooperation with the guidelines!

Remember, all proceeds will help fund the general operations of Grace Episcopal Church. Every penny counts!

BC Minutes

Bishop's Cmte Meeting, September Minutes, Grace Episcopal Church, St. George, Utah. 5:35PM, 9/17/2020.

The vestry meeting was held in person at Grace and virtually on Zoom. Members present: Fr. Tom Fiske-Vicar, Sandra Corp - Bishop's Warden, Chuck Goode-Junior Warden, Carol Ann Mitchell, Lola Delong, Patrick Schwab, Pete Hogan, Jill Persichetti, and Chris Cyran.

Fr. Tom opened with prayer remembering St Hildegard and proceeded to share the Lectio Divina. Reflections and observations offered.

Fr. Tom turned over mtg to Sandra and the agenda for the mtg. Items to add:

1. Food Box distribution, 2. Convention.

Minutes presented, Peter motioned to accept as submitted, Lola seconded, All ayes

Vicar's Report: Book being read for convention, IFC business, Anti-Racism Task Force,

\$ support for EFM candidate, benefactor agrees to pay, Fr. Tom shared pastoral concerns, Chuck mentioned concern to attend to Widows and Widowers, Pastoral calls being made.

Bishop's Warden's Report: Congregational Audit complete, thanks to those who participated non-budget items always brought to Bishop's Cmte for approval. Chuck so moved, Lola seconded to accept the report, all ayes. Diocesan grant application discussed, diocese giving extended time to complete. Amount of \$ request. Pete spoke of loss of plate cash, Motion made by Lola, Jill seconded to ask for \$10,000.00. 7 ayes, Carol Ann abstained. Rummage Sale discussed 17 or 24 Oct. Sewer fees discussed (due to increase) to be looked into because of no more soup kitchen. Peter motioned to accept the report, Lola seconded, all ayes to accept.

Junior Warden's Report: Items of concern: 1. Lighting in women's RR, 2. Vendor's List Notebook, 3. Regular HVAC maintenance, 4. Labyrinth Cmte. Discussions held on these items. In regards to HVAC Peter motioned, Lola seconded that Provider choice be turned over to JW/B&G cmte to select contract amount equal to or less than quarterly annual bill. All ayes, motion approved. Pete: investigate dishwasher issue -Chuck will take action on that.

Treasurer's Report: Pete submitted his report, Sandra moved to accept, Carol Ann seconded, all ayes. (POO by Chuck: Nonprofits can only accept, not approve a TR.) Go Daddy bill discussed (Web page, Web address, etc.)

Other Business: Patrick requested alternate to take over his position @ convention due his job demands. Number and names of delegates/alternates reviewed.

Respectfully submitted by the Clerk of the Bishop's Cmte, Chris Cyran 10/8/2020. Meeting adjourned with prayer @ 7:18 PM. Amen, Alleluia!

November Events



GRACEMAKERS NEEDLECRAFTERS Tuesday, November 17, 2020 @ 10:30AM

While the coronavirus social-distancing protocols are in place, most in-person worship services, meetings and other gatherings are suspended until further notice.

The following activities will take place, primarily via Zoom, our Facebook page, or other social media:

- **Sunday Holy Eucharist Service at 10:30am via Zoom.** An email will be sent each Friday with dial-in information. If you haven't received the email by Friday, please contact the church office or Father Tom.

This service also can be attended in person by a maximum of 20 household units (individuals who live together). If you wish to attend in person, please register via the link found on an email that will sent at the beginning of each week.
- **Morning Prayer at 10:30am on Tuesday and Thursday in the chapel.** Due to social distancing guidelines, this service can be attended by a maximum of 10 household units. Each service will also be posted for a brief time on our Facebook page.
- **Holy Eucharist at 10:30am on Wednesday and Friday in the sanctuary.** Due to social distancing guidelines, this service can be attended by a maximum of 20 household units. If you wish to attend, please register via the link found on an email that will at the beginning of each week. Each service will also be posted for a brief time on our Facebook page.
- **Bible Study on Wednesday at 1:15pm via Zoom.** Please call Father Tom or the church office if you wish to be emailed a link to join the study.
- **Centering Prayer on Thursday.** Kate Johns is leading a Centering Prayer group each Thursday. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact her at quietsoul7281@gmail.com to receive email updates and invitations.

The Bishop's Corner



On the Diocese of Utah website, we have many [resources](#) to aid you in casting your ballot. Regardless of who you support for being the president of the United States, your vote is important. As our Presiding Bishop, Michael B. Curry has stated: "An election is a contest of ideas about how to shape the future of a community, nation and maybe even a world. Voting is an act of moral agency. It is how a community or a nation decides how the moral values that it holds and shares shape public policy and the lives of people. The children of God. It is salutary to remember that partisan neutrality does not mean moral neutrality." As you are well aware, there is a great deal of anxiety in our nation because of the pandemic, the economy, our lack of unity as a people, the turmoil along racial and ethnic lines and the election. Bishop Hayashi continues: You and I are called to be peacemakers. Our spiritual duty is to be in prayer for one another, our nation and the world. Anxiety is difficult to manage in the best of times. We are not in the best of times right now. Therefore, you and I, must take special care and intention to be spiritually centered and to continually be open to hear and respond to God's leading through the Holy Spirit. I find myself saying the Prayer of St. Francis over and over...

Lord, make me an instrument
of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred,
let me sow charity;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; and Where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying to ourselves that we are
born to eternal life.
Amen.

I commend this prayer to you during this time and ask you to join with me in praying it daily.

+Bishop Scott B. Hayashi



Prayer List Please keep our church family needs in your prayers. Check the weekly worship service bulletin 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. If you would like to receive or give a prayer shawl, please call Mary Catherine Fiske at 307-680-6051.

Transitions

Prayers for Al and Joanne Moore and their family in the loss of their son and parishioner Kris. We miss you.

MAY HE REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL LOVE. AMEN.

Episcopalian-ese: Pledge

A commitment to give one's time, talents, and money as an expression of faith and a personal response to God's generosity. Parish members are encouraged to make an annual stewardship pledge. This pledge represents their specific Christian commitment to "work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God" (BCP, p. 856). Parish budgets are prepared in light of the pledges received from the members. A pledge is a statement of intent, not a legal obligation. It can be changed at any time.

"The Sermon on the Amount"

Week of:		Total Attendance	Total Offering
October 4	Pentecost 18	25	4,274.00
October 11	Pentecost 19	4	690.00
October 18	Pentecost 20	31	4092.00
October 25	Pentecost 21	27	1089.00

NOVEMBER 2020 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	2	3 9:30AM Grace Team in GSK	4	5 10:30AM Morning Prayer	6 10:30AM Holy Eucharist	7
8 10:30AM Holy Eucharist on Zoom	9	10 10:30AM Morning Prayer	11 10:30AM Holy Eucharist 1:15PM Bible Study on Zoom	12 10:30AM Morning Prayer	13 10:30AM Holy Eucharist 11:45AM Food Box Distribution	14 Treasures Sale – 9:00am
15 10:30AM Holy Eucharist on Zoom	16	17 11:30AM Morning Prayer	18 10:30AM Holy Eucharist 1:15PM Bible Study on Zoom	19 10:30AM Morning Prayer 5:30PM BC Meeting on Zoom	20 10:30AM Holy Eucharist	21
22 10:30AM Holy Eucharist on Zoom	23	24 10:30AM Morning Prayer	25 10:30AM Holy Eucharist 1:15PM Bible Study on Zoom	26 10:30AM THANKSGIVING Holy Eucharist	27 10:30AM Holy Eucharist	28
29 10:30AM Holy Eucharist on Zoom	30					

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.

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Morning							
Afternoon							
Evening							