

It is the Mission of Grace Episcopal Church to bring glory to God, build the spirituality of our people and bring Christ to our community.

Grace Notes is the monthly newsletter for Grace Episcopal Church in Spring Hill. If you would like to contribute an article or comment, please reach out to a member of the Grace Notes committee: Peggy Roberts, Carol Martinez, and LaRue Schmelzer.

Services & Continuing Events

Sun.	10 AM	Holy Eucharist
	10 AM	Children's Church
Sun.	10 AM	Facebook Live Service
Tues. & Fri.	7:00 PM	A.A. Meeting
Wed.	10:00 AM	Daughters of The King (2 nd & 4 th Wed.)
	Noon	Holy Eucharist
	11:15-3:15 P	Father Joe, Office Hrs.
Thur.	9:00 AM	Crochet Club
Thur.	9:00 AM	Men's Coffee Clutch, Grecian Restaurant

Events and Dates of Note

Here are just some of the dates to note on the church calendar. Information on activities and programs at Grace will be sent to you via email and Facebook.

Oct. 17	3:00 PM	Inquirers Class begins.
Oct. 18		St. Luke The Evangelist
Oct. 18	6:00 PM	Mission Council Meeting
Oct. 22	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	10:00 AM	Children's Church
Oct. 23		St. James of Jerusalem
Oct. 28		St's. Simon & Jude
Oct. 29	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	10:00 AM	Children's Church
Oct. 29	Noon	Fifth Sunday Brunch

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Nov. 1	All Saints' Day
Nov. 2	All Souls' Day
Nov. 2 Noon	Ladies Luncheon
	TBD
Nov. 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov. 5 10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist: All Saints'
10:00 AM	Children's Church
Nov. 11 9:00 AM	Fall Workday
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving
Nov. 30	St. Andrew The Apostle



The Vicar's Vagaries: All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day always falls on November 1. From All Hallows' Eve, we get Halloween, October 31, the day before All Saints' Day. On All Saints' Day, we celebrate all the holy saints of God, known and

unknown. Because well-known saints are on our church calendar, and they have feast days of their own, All Saints' Day is especially for those who otherwise would go uncelebrated, those anonymous, silent, humble, holy people of God living in our midst who are the very salt of the earth. So that we may celebrate All Saints' Day with the greatest number of people, we celebrate it on the Sunday following All Saints' Day, which this year falls on November 4.

To be holy means to belong to God. How may we belong to God? Aren't we already his? Well, yes, we are; but nevertheless, growth in holiness for most of us consists in surrendering ourselves more and more over the years to the God who made us; and we can only surrender as we are enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit operating in us by God's grace given by Jesus Christ.

Though death separates us from those who no longer live in this world, in Christ we are united forever. All Saints' Day celebrates the triumph of Christ as he claims all who belong to him, living and dead, throughout the world and forever.

Father Joe

The Communion of Saints

As we approach All Saints' Day, I always think of that part of the Apostles' Creed at the end (*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 96) where we state our belief in "...the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, *the communion of saints*, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body (my italics)." God gave the Holy Spirit to the followers of Christ after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, causing the "holy catholic Church" to come to life. All of those who follow Christ and are baptized into his death and resurrection are made into one body and are preserved in a unity with one another and with God by the operation of the Holy Spirit. As living members of Christ, the Church has been made into a "communion of saints," a unity throughout all time and space of those who belong to Christ. This communion includes those who are living now and those who have gone before us. We are given by God's grace "the forgiveness of sins," and we live in hope of "the resurrection of the body," which Jesus himself first experienced on Easter. This communion of saints has already begun to be, but it will not be complete until the day of resurrection and the second

coming of Christ. Though suffering continues in our world, the present should for Christians be a time of joyful expectation of the fulfillment of God's plan. The celebration of All Saints' Day reminds us that no matter what is happening in this world today, our hope is in the resurrected Lord who has overcome the world and every evil we could ever experience.

Father Joe

Prayers for Recently Departed Loved Ones

If you have loved ones or friends who have died in the past year that you would like us to remember in prayer on Sunday, November 4th at our 10:00 a.m. service, please give their names to me or John Harvey, and we will put them on our prayer list for All Saints' Sunday, November 4.

Father Joe

DOK Officer Installation

On Sunday, Sept. 24, Father Joseph Davis led a service of officer installation for the Daughters of the King Grace chapter. The new officers are Carolyn Warnick, President, and Sheila Flynn, Vice President. The additional members present were Teri Mai and Lynn Rieger, and guest, Susannah Weber.

The Order of the Daughters of the King is a religious organization for women of the Episcopal Church and churches in communion with it or churches of the historic episcopate.

In 1885, Margaret Franklin saw the mission of the order to be an extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service, and evangelism.

While our purpose is not social in nature, we do enjoy time together and friendship as sisters. If you think this may be a calling for you, please contact one of our members!

Carolyn Warnick, DOK President

Fall Cleanup Day 2023

The forgotten duo of Dubin and Warren wrote the American standard "September in the Rain" in 1937. I'm partial to Dinah Washinton's much later rendition. Ms. Washington delightfully sets the mood with the first line "The leaves of brown came tumbling down, remember, in Sept., in the rain." Apparently Dubin and Warren didn't live around here, because the leaves of brown come tumbling

down in Oct. and Nov.. Accordingly, we will have our fall workday to rake up all of the leaves on Saturday, Nov. 18. We will also take the opportunity to declutter and organize the kitchen and utility closet. Early Birds will arrive around 8:30 AM. Work will commence by 9:00. Although it is never too late to arrive, you will probably find yourself alone after noon. Bring your rake and gloves and any other favorite garden tools. Expect fun and fellowship. Refreshments provided.

Bill Rieger, Junior Warden



Indigenous Peoples Day



We honor American Indigenous peoples as a beacon of resilience, strength, and perseverance as well as a source of incredible contributions to the world. A topic of national conversation for some time, Indigenous Peoples Day was observed in 2022 and declared this year by the federal government, to be Monday, October 9.

Note from Fr. Joe:

Because I want to prevent us from being too concerned about secular matters in our church newsletter, I was not sure if we should include anything about the new day, Indigenous Peoples Day, in *Grace Notes*. But being a generally fair-minded fellow, I Googled the question, “Who are the Native American Episcopalians?” I found a great treasure trove of information. I encourage you to do the same so you can have a good experience that will make you thankful for the internet.

I found several articles that included direct references to the founders of my seminary, Nashotah House, who were closely involved in Native American ministries. James Lloyd Breck and Bishop Jackson Kemper are two. Please see the Wikipedia article on a man named Enmegahbowh. A quick reading of this article makes me wonder if he should be included in our calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts. I also learned the following from the Episcopal News Service.

The Oneida have called the Green Bay area home for 200 years since the tribe was forced to relocate from its ancestral homeland in central New York under pressure from expansionist European-

American settlers and business interests. Many of the Oneida who first arrived here in the 1800s brought not only their families, traditions and culture but also the Episcopal faith.

While putting down new roots here, the Oneida established the first permanent Episcopal worshipping community in what today is the state of Wisconsin. The historic Church of the Holy Apostles located on the Oneida Reservation is often referred to as “the grandmother church” of the state’s three Episcopal dioceses.

I also hope everyone will watch the new Ken Burns documentary on ***The American Buffalo***, which is being shown on PBS. This film is a two-part, four hour series. For me, it was an entire education on stewardship—of the land, natural resources, creatures that depend on mankind for their life and flourishing, and the very sacramental view the Native Americans had of land and the animals that lived with them on that land, especially the buffalo.

That’s all we have space for in this issue. I hope it whets your curiosity and inspires you to learn more about Episcopal ministries among Native Americans, and the ministry of Native Americans in the Body of Christ.

Father Joe

New Inquirers Class Underway

Our new inquirers class began on Tuesday, October 17. We will meet on Tuesdays unless we have a good reason to skip one or two weeks until the bishop comes to confirm and receive new people this winter. We have four new people and a few others who have come for a refresher course on Christianity and what it means to be an Episcopalian. There is still time to join us and be part of our group. Write or call Fr. Joe, Carol Martinez, or Peggy Roberts for more information.

Faces of Grace Directory-News

New Faces at Grace:

Mani Baskar
Mac & Pauline Crawford

Current Updates:

Pat Mayo, 931.674.2203 (H)

Please keep us updated on any changes
of address, phone number, or email
address.

Spring Hill Fundraiser Cemetery Tour

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, the Spring Hill Cemetery hosted its annual tour fundraiser. Grace Mission Council member Will Pomeroy serves on the cemetery board. The cemetery is located on McClemore Street.

Cemetery board members played the roles of people buried there and told their stories. The role players included: a World War I soldier who later died from the severe effects of nerve gas, a World War II soldier who was wounded at the Battle of Kasserine Pass, a Confederate soldier who was killed in action at the Battle of Spring Hill, and other prominent former residents of Spring Hill.

Numerous deceased members from Grace are also buried at the cemetery.

Will Pomeroy, MC Member

Recovery, Unity, & Service

What is Alcoholics Anonymous, or “A.A.” as it is commonly referred to by some? By now, almost everyone has heard of A.A. By now, almost everyone knows someone who goes to A.A. There is even an A.A. group that meets twice a week at Grace Episcopal Church. If nothing else, there have been many television shows and movies that offer a glimpse of A.A. But what is A.A. really? We can start with what A.A. says about itself:

- Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common

problem and help others to recover from Alcoholism.

- The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any cause. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

A.A. is *the* original Twelve Step Program. It began in 1935. Bill Wilson, one of the co-founders of A.A., was able to get sober through a “spiritual awakening.” Bill’s spiritual awakening was the result of a visit from a friend and former drinking companion named Ebby. In his own words, Bill Wilson said Alcoholics Anonymous had begun “in the kinship of common suffering, one alcoholic talking to another.” Sadly, Ebby did not stay sober, but Bill Wilson did. And A. A. came into being when Bill Wilson met with Dr. Bob Smith, who took his last drink of alcohol on June 6, 1935, thus becoming the second founding member of A.A.

From that humble beginning in 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous has grown to an estimated worldwide membership of two million people, with nearly 100,800 groups meeting in approximately 150 countries around the world. The basic textbook is called *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

The three legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous are Recovery, Unity, and Service. Recovery is attained by working the twelve steps of A.A., which, when practiced as a way of life, removes the obsession to drink and enables the alcoholic to become happy, joyous, and free. Unity provides for a fellowship of people who share a common problem and a common solution. This unity is maintained when the fellowship of A.A. applies its twelve traditions to itself, from a group level all the way to the international level. And finally, Service gives members of A.A. the opportunity to practice its primary purpose, “to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers”.

There is so much more that can be written about the miracle of A.A. I hope to be able to do so. It is truly

a place where miracles happen on a regular basis. I know because I am one.

By *Anonymous*

Linda Colmore

I was raised a Southern Baptist and my father was a Baptist Minister. I became a Presbyterian around the age of 24 and remained in that denomination for around 10 years. At that time, I went through a divorce and left the Presbyterian Church.

After a period, I began dating John Colmore, who is now my husband. Being a cradle Episcopalian, he didn't want to leave that denomination, so I started going with him to church. During years of learning and praying, I began to understand the liturgy and slowly came to find it very fulfilling. The Episcopal Church is now home to me, and it has become exactly what I need.

John and I began our married life in Western North Carolina but moved back to Tennessee in 1985. We lived at that time in the Franklin, TN area and so moved our membership to St. Paul's. I was very active there doing almost every function such as Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, ECW (President twice), the Meals on Wheels program, Altar Guild, Choir, and Vestry.

I loved it; but some unsettling occurrences happened within the church, and many members, including several of my friends, left the church in and around 2005. I finally stopped going as well. My oldest daughter had recently moved to the Spring Hill area and had gone to Grace for a while. With her encouragement, John and I visited and soon decided that we had found a new church home. We have been there now almost 15 years. Grace is small but so warm and welcoming. Since becoming the head of the Altar Guild, I feel that I am much needed at Grace and I hope to continue to serve as long as I am able.

My family consists of my husband John, four grown children, three daughters and one son. I have five grandchildren now ages, 9,8,5,3, and 2. We are very fortunate to have them all so close.

I am now a retired seventy-something woman with my wonderful husband John, four grown children, and five beautiful grandchildren. This keeps me really busy, as we spend as much time with our family as we can. I have been blessed beyond measure. Life

hasn't always been easy, but it has been good. I am so grateful to have had the experience of knowing that our loving God is there for all of us.

Linda Colmore

Editor's Note: Linda had much more to say as she told the stories of giving her life to Christ at the Baptist Church as a very young child, discovering her vocation to be an artist and a teacher, and other life events in which she learned that whenever she needed God, he was there to help her, and she wants you to know that he will be there for you, too. Due to space limitations, this is all we can print for now.

Father Joe

This is an additional article in an occasional series introducing us to the people who are members of the Grace Episcopal Church family. If you would like to be featured or have a recommendation on who should be featured, please reach out to Carol Martinez.

Karyl Chastain Beal

The Well Makes an Appeal

Members of Grace Episcopal Church remain very generous people continuing to share their "harvest" with their churches and with friends and local citizens going through rough patches in their lives.

Approaching the end of 2023, Grace Community Outreach has donated 1,016.5 pounds of food to The Well along with monetary donations of \$200. Grace members have truly shared their blessings.

The Well is preparing to open a satellite location in the near future in Mt. Pleasant to alleviate the cost and time of the drive into Spring Hill for those families. The Well pantry shelves in Spring Hill are depleted in following areas and they are asking for help:

- Cereals
- Personal Care Products
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken

Grace has also been very responsive in our plastic lids project for park benches and beyond fulfilled The Well request for egg cartons. Thank you.

"Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor." Prov. 22-9.

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