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Grace Notes

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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: Carol Martinez, LaRue Schmelzer, or Fr. Joe.

Services & Continuing Events

Sun.	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	10:00 AM	Children’s Church
Sun.	10:00 AM	Facebook Online Service,
Tues. & Fri.	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
Wed.	10:00 AM	Daughters of The King, (monthly)
Wed.	Noon	Holy Eucharist
	11:30 – 3:00 PM	Father Joe, (office hrs.)
Thur.	9:00 AM	Crochet Club
Thur.	9:00 AM	Men’s Breakfast, Grecian Restaurant

Events & Dates of Notes

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

July 22	St. Mary Magdalene
July 25	St. James the Apostle
July 26	The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
July 28	Summer Children's Church ends with a special event 'Sweet Sweet Pineapple'
August	No Children's Church
Aug. 6	The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Aug. 15	St. Mary the Virgin: Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Aug. 25	Daughters of the King Meeting
Sept. 1	Children's Church Resumes.
Sept. 14	Holy Cross Day
Sept. 21	St. Matthew the Apostle
Sept. 29	St. Michael and All Angels

Vicar’s Vagaries
Episcopal, Episcopalian

Someone recently brought me a question from her granddaughter. “So what does Episcopal mean?” This is a question any Episcopalian ought to be able to answer. I hope the following explanation helps.

Episcopal is a biblical word. It comes from the Greek, *episkopos*, meaning *overseer*. Add *epi* (over) and *skopos* (seer) together, and you get *episkopos*. Just think of a related word, a submarine’s *periscope*. It pops up out of the ocean depths and turns around to give the people below in the submarine a view of what’s going on above the water level. As a *periscope* looks around, an *episkopos* oversees, leads, or takes care of. The word *episkopos* came to mean a bishop in the early church. The word *bishop* is derived from *episkopos*.

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To this day, in the Episcopal Church, bishops are the chief pastors of their dioceses.

The Episcopal Church got its name from the fact that it is governed chiefly by bishops. The ministers of the church are listed in our catechism as the laity, deacons, priests, and bishops. The Nicene Creed says that the Church is “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.” Episcopal bishops are in an unbroken line of succession that goes from the first Apostles to the bishops of today. We call that connection the apostolic succession. It is one of the marks of the Church as Christ founded it that it be led by Apostles and their successors and that the church be apostolic in its faith and mission.

Let’s clarify one grammatical matter while we are thinking about *Episcopal*. *Episcopal* is always an adjective, as in Episcopal Church or Episcopal priest. It describes a noun. What do you call a member of the Episcopal Church? An *Episcopalian*. *Episcopalian* is always a noun. It is the word for a member of the Episcopal Church.

It is a privilege to be part of a church with the rich historical traditions we share as Episcopalians in the Episcopal Church, which is part of the Anglican Communion, which is part of the “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church” founded by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Father Joe

The Story of the Grace Organ

The organ which is played each Sunday is a jewel here in Middle Tennessee. It was installed in 1891, built by the Henry Pilcher and Sons Organ Company of Louisville, Kentucky. Henry Pilcher, Sr. was from Canterbury, England, and apprenticed as an organ builder in London. In 1832 he emigrated to New York and opened a business in Newark, New Jersey. His sons opened a firm in 1852 in St. Louis, MO, relocated to Chicago, and then moved to Louisville, KY in 1874. The company closed in 1944, after building over 1,800 instruments for churches, concert halls, and universities.

When the organ was first installed, there was no electricity in the church, and the organ was pumped by hand. Neighborhood children were hired to

pump the organ and were paid a nickel to do so! There is a knob on the console that is labeled “Signal.” While the child was sitting back in the chamber amongst the pipes. When the organist would pull the knob, the child would know that he needed to start pumping the bellows so that the organist could play. No one is certain what the “signal” did: maybe there was a flag, or a sign that said “pump!” (I like to think that maybe a little boxing glove punched the kid!) Many of the children signed their names on the casework back in the chamber. I love reading them! I’m not certain when electricity was installed at Grace, but the latest date on the signatures is 1926.

If anyone has any questions about our lovely and historic organ, please feel free to ask! I will do my best to tell you whatever it is you would like to know.

Deanie Moore, Music Director

Grace Member Selected for Leadership

Donna Isbell, a member of Grace, was recently elected to a leadership role in a charity that supports Shriners Hospitals. At the Daughters of the Nile convention, she was elected Supreme Princess Badoura. In four years, she will be Supreme Queen. During her year as Supreme Queen, she will travel to more than 130 temples and 22 hospitals in Bolivia, Brazil, and Canada.

The Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal organization for women whose sole charity is Shriners Hospitals for Children, to which they give close to 2.5 million dollars each year.

We at Grace Church congratulate Donna, and we pray for blessings upon her leadership in the service of children in great need and their families.

Carol Martinez, Senior Warden

DOK Membership Opportunity in August

The Grace Church Chapter of the Daughters of the King will be offering another informational session on August 25 after church for ladies interested in seeking a deeper life of prayer and service in Christ Jesus. See me or any Daughter of the King for more information.

Carolyn Warnick, DOK, Pres.

Accessing Grace Service Online Broadcasts

Our Sunday services are broadcast live in the Grace Church Facebook group. They can also be watched later there, as the recording is saved. If you are a member of the group, these will show up as they are broadcast on your timeline. If you are not a member, they will not.

If you are not a member of the group but would like to view the service, log onto Facebook and use the "Search Facebook" box at the upper left of your screen. Entering "grace episcopal church spring hill tn group" will get you there. The group is open to all to join freely.

If you are using the Facebook phone application, the search box is right at the top of the screen with a magnifying glass symbol next to it. The same search string - "grace episcopal church spring hill tn group" - should get you there. Join the group. The live services will be shown to the group at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. If you visit the group page at other times, you can scroll down the page and get to recent service broadcasts, along with other activities with the Grace family.

We welcome you!

Dave Thomas, Grace Treasurer and Videographer



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