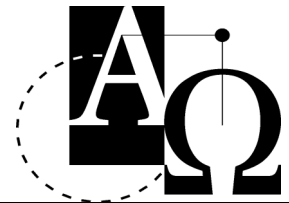


# The SPIRIT of GRACE

Sept 2010

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## From the Rectory: The Rev. Steven C. Wilson

### Regular Events...

#### Sunday

- Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30
- Acolyte Practice 9
- Sunday School 9:15
- La Santa Misa 12
- Estudio Biblico 1:30

#### Monday

- Tapping Toodle-Oos 8:30
- Narcotics Anonymous 7

#### Tuesday

- Men's Social @ St Luke's 10
- Coro en Espanol 5

#### Wednesday

- Choir Practice 5:30
- Holy Eucharist 6
- Dinner, Youth Groups & Bible Study, 6:30

#### Thursday

- Holy Eucharist @ St Luke's 2
- Friends Anonymous 4

#### Friday

- Holy Eucharist 10

#### Saturday

- Altar Guild 9
- Holy Eucharist 5
- Estudio Biblico 7

### Sept Coffee Host

Kelly Heidlage &  
Sylvia Sprinkle

**Wed & Sun activities resume their typical schedule Sept 8 & 12, after Labor Day. Choir practice begins Sept 1.**

September ends with Michaelmas, the festival of the hosts of heaven. The Bible is filled with angels, and so are television, film and the best-seller list on Amazon. And yet, one of the hardest things for many modern people, Christians and non-Christians alike, is squaring our work-a-day understanding of the world with the notion that there is another reality just beyond our view. The world doesn't seem "charged with the grandeur of the God," no matter what poet Gerard Manley Hopkins might say.

And yet we long for grandeur, angels, transcendence, a connection to something greater than themselves, more profound than the office, the mortgage, the commute. But sadly, for many, the Church doesn't seem a place to seek transcendence: the notion is that the Church is obsessed with disdain for women, homosexuals, tattoos, couples with novel rooming arrangements, and/or liberals, grasping after money and blind political obedience, a purveyor of guilt and fear. And that leads people to write us off—Christianity is the last place many will go to seek transcendence. The criticism is that the churches have become captive to this mundane, workaday world, that we speak only the language of power and control. Ouch...

So, what are we to do? Many voices in the religious realm have decided to circle the wagons and pull out the Remingtons. But I think that this may be the wrong response. The airwaves are filled with rants for us to join the culture wars, to flex our economic and political muscle, to reassert some version of a "Judeo-Christian culture" as the norm for our country. But the truth of the matter is that we've never had a terribly Christian culture. There may have been eras in which more people attended Church regularly, or when preachers wielded more political influence, but being able to enact Prohibition or prohibiting shopping on Sundays didn't do much for the nation's soul, did it? The problem with so many of these calls to action is that they start by using the weapons of what Paul calls "this present darkness" - the dollar, the ballot, the lobbyist on Capitol Hill. They are exactly what people reject, "this worldly."

Rather than trying to legislate some version of a Christian culture, I'd propose we take a good look at our own tradition, and realize that we have *precisely* what most people are actually looking for. This is the "Episcopal moment," as more than one social

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## SEPT BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jerry Chrisman
- 2 Dorene Woods
- 3 Betsy Taylor, Adam Crowder, Marie Estes,
- 4 Brad White, Michael Goolsby
- 5 Betty Hoover, Marsha Delaney, Ruth Smith,  
Brayden Waggnner
- 6 Caleb Stiles
- 7 Mitch Christy, Zina Lewis
- 8 Sam Cebula, Jeff Dymott
- 9 Amanda McClanahan
- 10 Samantha Snodgrass, Brandy Kissel
- 11 Stacey Chapman, Dorothy Wilson
- 12 Ida Ruth Locarni, Megan Grimes Adams,  
Wanda Spencer
- 13 Bryan Bewick, Betsy Pauly, Earlene Evans,  
Stephen Beimdiek, Beth McDaniels, Mike  
Thompson
- 14 Michelle Hensley, Claire Hamilton
- 15 Ted Evans, Sr., Lisa Snodgrass, Tyler Harwell,  
Sydni Cornman, Eric Leek
- 16 April Jones
- 17 Anita Flanigan
- 18 Frank Dunaway IV
- 19 Amy Heese, Paige Rhymer, Owen Sawyer
- 20 Terry Chilton, Chase Pitner, Allysabeth  
Grigsby
- 21 Debbie Putnam, Kim Snodgrass, Paul Matteo
- 22 Ellie Flanigan, Colby Wakefield, Aus tin  
Daniel
- 23 Melissa Erdman, Patrick Pettie
- 26 Kirsten Robertson
- 27 Chuck Edds, KC Hagensieker, Israel Putnam
- 28 Glenda Erwin, Chalaine Bell, Kathy Conrow,  
Isabella Bowman, Ashley Rouse
- 29 Andrea Hertzberg, Van Ellis
- 30 Kelly Roske, Allen Stinebrook
- 31

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Galen & Kim Snodgrass
- 2 Mel & Julie Anderson, Larry & Marcia  
McGuire
- 4 Jim & Pate Brown
- 8 John & Pam White Schaffer
- 13 Paul & Cathy Hauser
- 20 Steve & Betty Goodman
- 29 Steve & Melinda Wilson
- 30 David & Laren Cruse, Michael & Heather  
Anderson

## VESTRY UPDATE

*At the August 17 meeting, the following was discussed:*

**Rector's Report:** The Rector spoke briefly about the Lilly Endowment's Sabbatical funding plan, which pays for both an interim priest for congregations and for sabbatical costs. More research will be done into this program. He also updated the vestry on the bishop election.

**Deacon Galen's Report:** The home communion list has been expanded.

**Deacon Jeff's Report:** The acolyte trip to White Water is Aug 28.

**Kevin Johnson** spoke about the Diocesan Stewardship Committee, which is planning a conference in KC on Feb 19 to motivate and equip parishes to program for stewardship using the "best practices" which we have observed in our diocese. These include having year-round emphasis and communication, planned giving education, lay-directed committees, and a link to the mission and outreach of the parish.

**Junior Warden's Report:** We will be working on a date to help St. Nicholas', Noel, with some issues they are having with their building. A bid of \$20,560 was accepted, provisionally, to redo the windows in the nave, the exterior woodwork of which is rotting. This bid will include stone sills to minimize future rot. Gary Cole and Carolyn Phelps will discuss issues surrounding the bid, and may decide to reduce the amount of work somewhat. This work is paid for with a legacy gift from Shirley Locarni. The mold on the chancel arch is a result of moisture—until we can find the source of the moisture, we are only able to temporarily erase, not eradicate. The a.c. problem on Sun, Aug 15, was due to a humidifier which was throwing the breakers: this has been addressed and corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** July was better than anticipated financially. To date, we are \$8000 behind budget, which is roughly typical for summer. However, we need to remember to keep our pledges current!

*Next Vestry meeting: Sept 21, 5:30 p.m.*

## The PARISH PRAYER LIST

Helen Rogers, Jean Berry, Amanda McClanahan, Mary Helen Dunaway, Dorothy Taylor, Dorothy Solomonson, Carolene Kelly, Gerri Green, Juanita Pence, Evelyn Jackson, Harley Madsen, Michelle Short, Lois Raschke, Tom Adams, Jim Brown, Jerry Chrisman, Bill Hansford, Art Dunaway

Jackie Cato, Ann Geisert, Naydean Kuhns, Dennis Connell, Dr. Dorothy Bay, Robert Duvall, Chally Armstrong, Marcia Kirk, Carolyn Ford, Erlinda Morales, Bill McKinney, Robin McHenry, Sharon Crow, Mary Ann Casillas, Aidan Powers, Maria Santana, Dawn Mihlfeld, Fr. Dennis Smart, Glen Stone, Greg Fauvergue, Bob Vancil, Avery Watts, John Higginbotham, Carrie Gideon, Alice Mitchell, Bill O'Dell, Nancy Howerton, Joshua Moore

*(Military service)* Zaq Archer, Randy Ayers, Dane Bell, Jake Berger, Jeffrey Carnes, Nathan Chandler, Tim Cousatte, Jake Douglas, Michael Franco, Cameron Graham, Adam Hertzberg, Danny Hughes, December Johnson-Goggin, Rich Jones, Eric Leek, Joey Olson, Garrick Palermo, Trey Schesser, Grant Short, Doug Snodgrass, Paul Tucker, Allan Vaughan, Devon Walker, Toby Walters, Gary Welch, Josh Wilson, Jeffrey

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Grafton (*Australia*), Grahamstown, Highveld (*South Africa*), Guatemala (*Central America*), Guildford, Hereford (*England*), Guinea, Ho (*West Africa*), Gujarat (*North India*), Gusau, Gwagwalada, Ibadan, Ibadan North, Ibadan South, Idah, Ideato, Ife (*Nigeria*), Guyana (*West Indies*), Haiti, Hawaii, Idaho (*Episcopal Church*), Hanuato'o (*Melanesia*), Harare (*Central Africa*), Hpa-an (*Burma*), Huron (*Canada*), Hyderabad (*Pakistan*), Ibba (*Sudan*)

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Bishop Spencer Place, *Kansas City*  
Christ Church, Church of the Ascension, & St. James' Church, *Springfield*  
St. Matthew's Church, *Ozark*

## TRANSITIONS, Aug 2010

### New Addresses, Etc

**Dr. Mary Anne Andrews,**  
**David Evans,**  
**John Higginbotham,**  
**Sarah Goolsby,**  
**Joshua Lindsay,**

### Newcomers

**Kevin & Toni Beatty, Matthew, Christopher, & Joseph,**  
**Kelsey Baucom,**

### Welcome Home (from UK)

**Jinny & Dale Hopp,**

### Transfers

From St. Philip's, Joplin: **Ron & Simone Dowell,**

### Congratulations to...

Genesis Marie, born July 30, great-granddaughter of **Raelene Nickols**

**Maxwell Keats Putnam**, born Aug 10, son of Tim & Julie Putnam, grandson of **Debbie Putnam & Bob and Sue Anderson**

**Owen Landry Taylor**, son of **Rod & Amy Taylor** born Aug 16, grandparents are **Bob & Susan Young**

**Connor Michael Wilkowski**, born Aug 17, son of **Tracy & Michael Wilkowski**

**Jasper Donald Diggs**, born Aug 20, son of **Craig & Terri Diggs**

To **Norma Ovalle and Fr. Jose Palma** who have passed their citizenship test!

### The Faithful Departed

Earline Butler, sister-in-law of **Barbara Mountjoy** departed this life July 19

**James Spradling**, departed this life Aug 9, buried from the Church

Martha Adair, Aunt of **Carolyn Phelps** departed this life Aug 17

**From the DEACONS' DESK:**  
**The Rev. Jeffrey Bell**

### **Bound by Bitterness**

Bitterness has a tenacious way of taking root deep within the soul and resisting all efforts to weed it out. Bitterness occurs for many reasons. It might come from deep hurts you received as a child, hurts you cannot forget. Time, rather than diminishing the hurt, only seems to sharpen the pain. Bitterness can result from the hurtful words of a loved one, friend or coworker. Often the person who hurt you is unaware of the extent of your bitterness. You find yourself rehearsing the offense over and over again, each time driving the root of bitterness deeper within your soul. Bitterness can derive from a sense of being wronged or unjustly treated.

Bitterness is easy to justify. You can get so used to a bitter heart that you are even comfortable with it, but it will diminish you and your life. God is fully aware of its destructive potential, and there is nothing so deeply imbedded in your heart that God's grace cannot reach down and remove it. No area in your life is so painful that God's grace cannot bring total healing. No offense committed against you is so heinous that God's love cannot enable you to forgive.

When you allow bitterness to grow in your life, you turn away from the grace of God that can free you. If you are honest before God, you will admit the bitterness and allow God to forgive you. Bitterness wraps itself around you and binds you, but God is prepared to remove your bitterness and replace it with a peace and joy that can only come from Him.

Have any of you received a small splinter in your finger or toe? When such a thing happens it can be painful, it can fester and spread infection to other parts of the body. All this from something that at the time seemed so small. This is how bitterness works. We make the decision to be offended by someone else's action or words. They may not have a clue what their words or behaviors did to us, but we take those actions, those words and begin to own it in our minds. We are hurt, we are offended. We cannot believe this person could say or do something so insensitive to us. But instead of turning away from bitterness, we embrace it and give it life. The more we hold onto the thought of the offense and how it hurt us the bigger this becomes, and the more angry we become.

Anger and bitterness fester in our hearts and in our souls if we allow them. The sad reality is, by choosing to live with our bitterness, the poison filtrates into our heart and our body. There is a real connection to what we allow to enter our hearts and minds and how it manifests into external health issues. Bitterness can not only diminish our heart, but it can also diminish our health and well being.

Bitterness can be defused by praying to God for help in allowing the anger to subside. By forgiving the offense and letting go of the anger we can begin to change our level of well being and our relationships with others. After all, wouldn't you rather enjoy a good laugh with someone then trying to avoid seeing them because you are angry? We have all been offended by someone at sometime. Is it time that you let it go, and accept the gift that you have been given?

"Peace I leave with you; Peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14: 27

*Deacon Jeff*

## SEPTEMBER 2010

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
8, 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Acolyte Practice 9:15 am Sunday School 12 pm Spanish Eucharist	7 pm NA "Clergy day off" 8:30 am Tapping Toodle-Oos	10 am Men's Social Hour, St Luke's 7 pm Spanish Choir practice	5:30 pm Choir Practice 6 pm Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Dinner, Youth Groups, Bible Study	2 pm St Luke's Eucharist 7 pm Spanish Prayer Group	10 am Holy Eucharist <i>All Fridays are observed by special acts of discipline and self-denial. BCP 17</i>	5 pm Holy Eucharist 7 pm Estudio Biblico
			1 David Oakerbater Choir practice resumes, 5:30	2 Martyrs of New Guinea	3 Prudence Crandall	4 Paul Jones
5 <b>Pentecost XV</b> Proper 18	6 <i>Labor Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED	7 <i>Elie Naud</i> 6:30 St. Catherine's Potluck	8 <i>Grundtvig &amp; Kierkegaard</i> 12:30 St. Martha's Lunch First night of dinner, youth group & adult Bible Study, 6:30	9 <i>Constance &amp; her Companions</i>	10 <i>Alexander Crummell</i> Noon Encore Club Chef: Fr. Steve, Program: Scott Stone, Piano	11 <i>Henry Burleigh</i>
12 <b>Pentecost XVI</b> Proper 19 Sunday school resumes, 9:15 3 p.m. Baby Shower	13 <i>John Chryso-stom</i>	14 <b>Holy Cross Day</b>	15 <i>Cyprian of Carthage</i>	16 <i>Ninian of Galloway</i> 11:30 Fr. Palma becomes a citizen!	17 <i>Hildegard of Bingen</i> 6:30 Movie Night "Extraordinary Measures"	18 <i>Edward Pusey</i> Work day at St. Nicholas, Noel
19 <b>Pentecost XVII</b> Proper 20 9:30 LEM meeting, Library 11:45 Naturalization party!	20 <i>John Coleridge Patteson</i>	21 <b>St Matthew</b> 5:30 Vestry	22 <i>Philander Chase</i>	23	24	25 <i>Sergius of Moscow</i> 10 St Catherine's Fashion Show
26 <b>Pentecost XVIII</b> Proper 21	27 <i>Vincent de Paul &amp; Thomas Traberne</i> CLERGY CONFERENCE	28 <i>Rolle, Hilton &amp; Kempe</i> CLERGY CONFERENCE	29 <b>St Michael and All Angels</b> 3:30 Folding Party	30 <i>Jerome</i>	Season: Pentecost Color: Green (except Sept 14 & 21, red, and Sept 29, white)	

## SPEAKING OF HEALTH: NURSE BARBARA MOUNTJOY

You must know that humor is infectious. The sound of roaring laughter is far more contagious than any cough, snuffle, or sneeze. When laughter is shared, it binds people together and increases happiness and intimacy. In addition to the domino effect of joy and amusement, laughter also triggers healthy physical changes in the body. That's what I would like to discuss this month.

I believe that laughter is one of the many gifts God gives us. Laughter is mentioned in the Bible 38 to 40 times. (My sources differed on the exact amount.) However, 22 of those times refer to scornful laughter. Three verses I particularly liked were, Psalm 126:1-2: *When the LORD brought the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."* Also, Proverbs 17:22: *A merry heart does good, like medicine. But a broken spirit dries the bones.* And third, Luke 6:21: *Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep for you shall laugh.* Humor and laughter strengthen your immune system, boost your energy, diminish pain, and protect you from the damaging effects of stress. Best of all, as are all the gifts from God, this priceless medicine is free. It is also not in a child-proof container; it is easy to use.

Yes, laughter is strong medicine for mind and body. Laughter is a powerful antidote to stress, pain, and conflict. A good laugh works fast and is very dependable in bringing your mind and body back into balance. Humor lightens your burdens, inspires hopes and connects you to others. Laughter relaxes the whole body. A good, hearty laugh relieves physical tension and stress, leaving your muscles relaxed for up to 45 minutes after. It boosts the immune system. You may remember the "healing" of Norman Cousins (1915 to 1990), longtime editor of the *Saturday Review*, global peacemaker, recipient of hundreds of awards including the UN Peace Medal and nearly 50 honorary doctorate degrees, who overcame a life threatening disease and a massive coronary using his own nutritional- and emotional-support protocol. Given up to die within a few months in 1965, almost completely paralyzed, Cousins checked out of the hospital, moved into a hotel room and began high doses of vitamins while exposing himself to a continuous stream of humorous films and similar "laughing matter." His condition continuously improved until he regained the use of his limbs and returned to his full time job. Laughter decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies, thus improving your resistance to disease. Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals. Endorphins promote an overall sense of well-being and can even temporarily relieve pain. I found a good story about a Methodist minister who had been in a serious accident and had to spend several weeks in a hospital and was given shots for pain. The procedure had become routine. He would call for his shot and soon a nurse would come in and give it. One day he rang for the nurse, and following the routine turned, with his back to the door, pulled his gown aside to expose his backside, and waited for the nurse to come in. When he heard the door open, he pointed to his buttock and said, "Let me have it right here." After a few moments of silence, he looked up. It was a woman from his church! Following a brief embarrassing conversation, the woman left, and the minister—realizing what he had done—started laughing. He laughed so hard tears were coming out of his eyes when the nurse arrived. He tried to explain what had happened but only laughed harder. When he was

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finally able to tell the nurse the whole story, what do you think he noticed? His pain was gone! He didn't need the shot, and didn't ask for another until 90 minutes later. Laughter protects the heart. It improves the function of blood vessels and increases blood flow, which can help protect you against a heart attack and other cardiovascular problems.

Laughter and humor help you stay emotionally healthy. It makes you feel good. And the good feeling that you get when you laugh remains with you even after the laughter subsides. Humor helps you keep a positive, optimistic outlook through difficult situations, disappointments, and loss. And laughter really is contagious – just hearing laughter primes your brain and readies you to smile and join in the fun - hence the “canned laughter” on radio and TV.

Shared laughter is one of the most effective tools for keeping relationships fresh and exciting. All emotional sharing builds strong and lasting relationship bonds, but sharing laughter and play adds joy, vitality, and resilience. And humor is a powerful and effective way to heal resentments, disagreements, and hurts. Laughter unites people during difficult times. One of the sweetest gifts my husband ever gave me, and one that lasted our lifetime together was laughter. He could always make me laugh! I still miss him.

Bring more laughter into your life by smiling. Smiling is the beginning of laughter. Like laughter, it's contagious. Pioneers in “laugh therapy” find it's possible to laugh without even experiencing a funny event. The same holds for smiling. Practice smiling – when you see something even mildly pleasing, smile! And this one is very important, count your blessings. Literally make a list. The simple act of considering the good things in your life, and thanking God for them, will distance you from negative thoughts that are a barrier to good humor.

So in summary we might say laughter is your birthright, a God-given gift. Infants begin smiling during the first weeks of life and laugh out loud within months of being born. Even if you did not grow up in a household where laughter was a common sound, you can learn to laugh. I think this is yet another way our Lord put us above all other animals! Another way of saying that laughter is such a great medicine might be – “use your amuse system to boost your immune system.”

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### **BABY SHOWER**

We've had a run of stork sightings at Grace Church lately. To celebrate some of those deliveries (others will be planned later this fall) we'll host a baby shower for Jasper Diggs and Connor Wilkowski, who arrived within 72 hours of one another in late August. The shower will be Sunday, Sept 12, at 3 pm in the Parish House. You are, of course, welcome to bring a gift for moms Terri Diggs and/or Tracy Wilkowski, but even if you're not planning on that, do come for fun, fellowship and to see the newest parishioners. Look for another shower in October as well—we're not done yet with our fertility rites. Check with Nurse Barbara or Elaine Wurst to see how you can help...

# EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: SEPT 2010

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Sunday, Sept 5</i></b> <b><i>8 am</i></b></p> <p>Reader: Kelly Roske Chalice: Wayne Ytell Subdeacon: Larry Ross Server: Richard Roske Sacristan: Connie Leek</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>10:30 am</i></b></p> <p>OT: George Platt NT: Mark Sponaugle Chalice: Margie Tucker Subdeacon: Brad Cameron Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron Servers: Jackie Spencer <i>Capt</i> Quincy Charleston Cross: Tom Simmons Torches: Jay Simmons Emma Charleston Sacristan: Chalaine Bell Ushers: Jim Creighton Claude Newport AV: Elisa White Home Comm: Jeff Bell to Lon Orr</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Sunday, Sept 12</i></b> <b><i>8 am</i></b></p> <p>Reader: Glenda Erwin Chalice: Larry Ross Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Michelle Sexton Kirby Newport Sacristan: Dana Cameron</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>10:30 am</i></b></p> <p>OT: Bonnie Jones NT: Marty Griffin Chalice: Bonnie Jones Subdeacon: Tom Flanigan Acolyte Mentor: Michelle Sexton Servers: Carlie Wakefield <i>Capt</i> Julio Ovalle Crosses: Matt Goolsby Torches: Ashleigh Wilson Sarah Wilson Sacristan: Elisa White Ushers: Chuck Erwin Loren Erwin AV: Jim &amp; Colby Wakefield Home Comm: Galen/Bonnie-Kuhns</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Sunday, Sept 19</i></b> <b><i>8 am</i></b></p> <p>Reader: Ruth Smith Chalice: Wayne Ytell Subdeacon: Larry Ross Server: Brad Cameron Sacristan: Elisa White</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>10:30 am</i></b></p> <p>OT: Jerry Sample NT: Michael Goolsby Chalice: Chuck Edds Subdeacon: Michael Goolsby Acolyte Mentor: Elisa White Servers: Madeline Marsden <i>Capt</i> Ellen Stiles Salchow Crosses: Will Mansfield Torches: Katie &amp; Taylor Mansfield Sacristan: Connie Leek Ushers: Chris Wilkowski Mike Goolsby AV: Mike Robertson Home: Galen/Michael-G. Cordell</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Sunday, Sept 26</i></b> <b><i>8 am</i></b></p> <p>Reader: Wayne Ytell Chalice: Larry Ross Subdeacon: Larry Ross Server: Nancy Dymott Sacristan: Dana Cameron</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>10:30 am</i></b></p> <p>OT: Julie Anderson NT: Bill Lee Chalice: George Platt Subdeacon: Bonnie Jones Acolyte Mentor: Elaine Wurst Servers: Cecilie Washburn <i>Capt</i> Drew Schesser Cross: Oliver Sprenkle, Sydney Harlen Torches: Alex &amp; Anna Wilkowski Savannah &amp; Wesley Campbell Sacristan: Chalaine Bell Ushers: Larry Hartman Jim Grimes Home Comm: Sacristan:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Saturdays, 5 pm</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Sept 4:</u></b> Reader/Chalice: Scott Stone Sacristan: Chalaine Bell</p> <p><b><u>Sept 11:</u></b> Reader: Jimmy Grimes Sacristan: Dana Cameron</p> <p><b><u>Sept 18:</u></b> Reader: Jack Slates Chalice: Scott Stone Sacristan: Connie Leek</p> <p><b><u>Sept 25:</u></b> Reader: Glenda Erwin Sacristan: Chalaine Bell</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Wednesdays, 6 pm</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy</p> <p><b><u>Sept 1:</u></b> Reader: Julie Anderson Chalice: Ron Ferguson</p> <p><b><u>Sept 8:</u></b> Reader: Scott Stone Chalice: Scott Stone</p> <p><b><u>Sept 15:</u></b> Reader/Chalice: Bonnie Jones</p> <p><b><u>Sept 22:</u></b> Reader/Chalice: Margie Tucker</p> <p><b><u>Sept 29:</u></b> Reader/Chalice: Michael Goolsby</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>EDUCATION</u></b></p> <p>Don't forget that Sunday school and Wed night activities start after Labor Day! Classes are 3, 4 &amp; 5 year olds (Sunday morning only), 1st-3rd grade, 4th—6th grade, 7th &amp; 8th grade, 9th-12th grade (all youth program meet in Spencer Hall, Senior High downstairs, others upstairs)</p> <p>Youth groups (Wed) are more relaxed and less “informational” than Sunday school (Sunday), but they work hand in hand as part of a whole!</p> <p>Adult classes are Wed night (young adults in the library &amp; adult Bible Study in the parish house: in Sept we'll study the Psalms). Sunday mornings in the Parish House, topics by week.</p>

## PARISH LIFE

### RELAY for LIFE

Congratulations to everyone at Grace Church. On behalf of your Relay team we raised \$666.83 for this year. Be ready for next year. Ann & Kevin Curtis will be leading another team in 2011. You can follow the Grace Church team on Facebook under "Grace Church Relay Team." See photos below!



*Above: Our fabulous tent.*

*Below: Bonnie Jones, Margie Tucker, Delores Beismanger, Mike & Rita Burken, Jennifer Cartright & Barbara Mountjoy schmoozing for a cure!*



### CLERGY CONFERENCE

Your clergy will be absent Mon, Sept 27—Wed morning, Sept 29, at the diocesan clergy conference.

### ENCORE CLUB

Fri, Sept 10, Noon

RSVP \$5 per person Chef: Fr. Steve Wilson

Music Program: Scott Stone at the Piano

### MOVIE NIGHT

Fri, Sept 17 6:30 p.m.

*Extraordinary Measures*, starring Brendan Fraser and Harrison Ford, a 2010 release based on the true story of a father's fight to save the lives of his two children. Let's be honest—this is a half-box-of-Kleenex film, but also eye-opening in describing how research proceeds, or doesn't, in the pharmaceutical industry.

### GREEK FESTIVAL in SPRINGFIELD

Sept 10-12, at St. Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church, 4200 S. Holiday Ave, Springfield. Friday 5-10 pm; Saturday noon -10 pm; Sunday noon-3 pm. Here's your chance to see if our Agape recipes need to be adjusted! Contact Fr. Steve if you're interested in attending!

### COUNTRY CLUB

Broadview Country Club invites you to have lunch and contribute to your parish in the process! Whether you're a member or not, you are welcomed to Sunday brunch in September (call 358-2473 to make a reservation, please!). Brunch is only \$10.95 a person. Bring your church bulletin, and \$1 per person at your table comes back to the Church.

### *What is a pledge?*


A pledge is a financial commitment to the Church. One pledges a certain amount to support our parish mission, which is how we budget for the coming year. Additional offerings (to the endowment, building needs, or special ministries like our youth group, Haiti, UTO) are, by definition, additional to a pledge. Grace Church operates based on anticipated pledge income, and your pledge is the basis for next year's ministry. Pledge results are not known to the clergy. Pledge cards should arrive this month: please return them **promptly**.

## AROUND the DIOCESE

Hello, this is Kathryn Spicer, from St. Andrew's Kansas City, and I am the Rector of Happening #62. I am sure that most of you are familiar with Happening, but if not, it is a spiritual retreat held by youth, for youth, that is put on by the Diocese of West Missouri twice a year. This fall, it is at my home parish of St. Andrew's. I am contacting all the churches in the diocese that are either close to Kansas City, or have a known group of youth at or near their parish. My desire with this email is to put the word out about Happening, to get all the youth to come who are able to make it. If the recipient of this email would open the attached advertisement for Happening, print it, and post it somewhere about the church (bulletin board, church newsletter, weekly service bulletin) where it will be noticed by any youth/parents, I would greatly appreciate it. Happening changed my life, and was one of my most spiritual experiences. Hopefully we can continue that tradition this fall. Thank you for your time, and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Gratefully, Kathryn Spicer  
Rector, Happening #62

### **Happening #62**



**Kim Snodgrass**  
kimwestmo@swbell.net  
P.O. Box 596

*Do you know a youth ages 9th to 12th grade?  
A youth who likes hanging out with friends,  
experiencing God in a whole new way, and  
having tons of fun? If so, tell them about this  
fall's Happening, an event led by teens for  
teens!*

*Located at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, KC,  
MO; Nov. 19-21, 7pm Friday to 5 pm Sunday*

*Come one, come all! For more  
information/permission forms contact **Kathryn  
Spicer** at [chickadee823@everestkc.net](mailto:chickadee823@everestkc.net) or check  
online at  
[www.wemoyouth.org/youthevents/happening.htm](http://www.wemoyouth.org/youthevents/happening.htm)  
. Email or mail forms to Kim Snodgrass.*

## Campus Ministry Workshop

*Interested in working with college students?*

Date: Saturday September 25th  
Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm

Cost: \$5 (includes lunch)

Place: Trinity Church, Independence  
Featuring: The Rev. Sandi Mizirl  
Province 7 Campus Ministry Coordinator  
Texas A&M Episcopal Campus Missioner  
Contact: Mike Kyle  
Michaelrkyle@aol.com or (417) 505-0702

**Name:**  
**Email and phone:**  
**Do you prefer a vegetarian meal?**

**Address:**  
**Congregation/City:**

**Or write to register at:**  
**Father Mike Kyle, All Saints' Church**  
**PO Box 1012 West Plains, MO 65775**  
*Campus Ministry : Diocese of West Missouri*

# FELLOWSHIP

## **ST MARTHA'S GUILD**

St. Martha's Guild will meet Wednesday, September 8, at 12:30 at the Sassy Spoon. St. Martha's Guild is open to **all women of the parish** and provides leadership to our parish outreach programs through the income generated by Nearly New. Meetings are traditionally during the day on Wednesday.

## **ST CATHERINE'S GUILD**

Another Potluck? You bet! This time it's for the ladies of Grace Church. You're invited to a Women's Potluck for Fellowship on Tuesday, September 7 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Immediately following, St. Catherine's will have its fall meeting beginning at 7:45 PM. Anyone interested is more than welcome to stay. St. Catherine's is **open to all women** of the parish and provides leadership to our parish outreach programs through income generated by Nearly New, as well as providing a number of social and spiritual fellowship venues for women throughout the year. Meetings are traditionally held in the evening on Tuesday.

**Join Father Palma at his naturalization on Thursday, Sept 16, in Kansas City!**

**A party to celebrate will be held between the 10:30 and noon services on Sunday, Sept 19!**

**Norma Ovalle, a parishioner since 2000, will be sworn in as a citizen in October, also in KC. Look for further details on a party in her honor then!**

## **DINNER GROUPS FORMING**

*Octetulus Maximus Calorificus, supposedly a mid-7th century chef from Ravenna, Italy, famed for the perfection of his piping work, was hauled before the heretical Lombard king, Athkachu, and ordered to bake a cake for the festivities surrounding the impious rites of the court, to be held during Lent. Octetulus refused to participate in any baking competitions which were in violation of his faith. For this impudence, Athkachu ordered him to be drowned in double cream, but an angel rescued Octetulus, whereupon the entire court converted to the Slim Fast diet for the duration of Lent. Churches dedicated in his honor include St. Octet's near the Triplet in London and the Basilica of Our Lady among Meringues outside the French village of Coqauvin. Note that Moyson et al consider him legendary, and no evidence exists for the reign of purported Athkachu, although an obscure Lombard kinglet of the era, Gesendhajt, may be a synonym.*

From *Truly Obscure Patron Saints for Annoying Causes*, an unpublished doctoral dissertation which has since been misplaced

St. Octet's Dinner Groups (formerly 6+2 Dinner Groups) are being formed for the fall. Sign-up sheets are in the Common Room until Sept. 10. Food, fun, and fellowship are the key components of St. Octet's. Groups will be selected by Sept. 15 (e.g. 4 couples, or 3 couples and 2 singles, or 2 couples and 4 singles, etc.), and a copy of the list will be sent to you. The top name will host first.

Be Creative!!! Dinners can be formal, informal, potluck, themed (Italian, Western), in your home, at church (check calendar first!), at a restaurant, whatever you decide.

Questions? Call Julie Anderson--358-5526 or the church office.

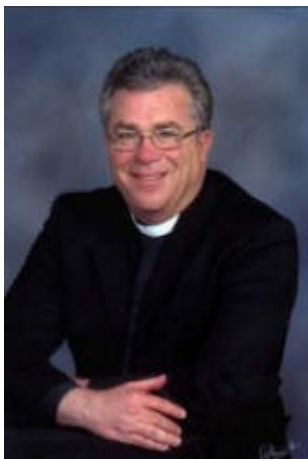
## CANDIDATES for the NEXT BISHOP of WEST MISSOURI

In alphabetical order (for more information, go to [diowestmo.org](http://diowestmo.org))



### *The Reverend Peter F. Casparian*

Our God is a God of Surprises! In the winter of 1974 and my senior year in seminary, with no positions open in my home Diocese of Kentucky, I accepted an invitation to join the Peace Corps and teach in Sierra Leone, West Africa. But a month later I was asked to interview as a Youth Minister at St. Andrew's, Kansas City. In the years since, I've joked that on the basis of a great rack of ribs at Bryant's Barbecue and a Saturday afternoon Royals game where they beat the Twins 23-6 (really!), I decided that I needed to give West Missouri ministry a try. Now after 36 years of creative and fulfilling ministries in six dioceses, in large churches and small, in cities and towns both international and domestic, I am eager and curious about the challenges to which the Holy Spirit might again be calling me in West Missouri, my first pastoral home.



### *The Rev. Canon E. Daniel (Dan) Smith*

I was born and raised in Florida and I am a lifelong Episcopalian. I have been ordained a priest for over 28 years and served in parishes and on the diocesan level. I met my wife, Evelyn, in college and have been married for 32 years. We have two grown children, Mitchell a priest in the Diocese of Iowa and Shannon who has a career in Tampa, Florida. We are blessed with two wonderful grandchildren. I am an avid reader, love watching old movies, college football and any kind of baseball on TV. I also enjoy cooking, riding my bicycle and doing outdoor activities. I am always happy to have a fishing rod in my hands. I have a zest for life, the church and taking on new challenges.



### *The Very Rev. Martin S. Field*

A Mid-Westerner by birth, I've lived and served in many places and climes and have gained extensive experience providing ministry in many settings: in urban, suburban, and rural areas; in chaplaincy, youth work, and leading parishes; in settings where I was the only clergy and in multi-staff settings. I've served under other leaders and now lead a staff of 11. God has called me to a variety of ministries, and I've been blessed in each one to grow in my faith and as a professional leader. And now, in the 35th year since I started (at age 18) to serve God through the Church, I have a clear sense of call to a bishop's ministry of leadership and oversight. Knowing that I have the experience and the gifts, I am yet humbled to offer myself to God and to the people of West Missouri for further service in the coming years.

## Want to know more about the electoral process for bishop?

*Here are some answers to your questions...*

- **Is this the full list of nominees?** By the time this arrives, we'll know the answer to this question. Until Aug 27, it is still possible for representative electors from three different congregations to make a "petition nomination" of another priest. If that were to happen, the name would need to go through the background check process (which takes about 6 to 8 weeks), meaning we could be waiting until late September to know exactly who is on the list. These three men, however, are definitely nominated.
- **How long does the bishop serve once elected?** Until retirement or age 72, whichever comes first. Occasionally bishops transfer to another diocese ("translate" is the Church-speak) rather than retire.
- **How are bishops elected?** At the diocesan convention (Nov 5 & 6 in Kansas City) there will be a special electoral session. The clergy of the diocese (all priests and deacons who are "canonically resident," including retirees who choose to attend) cast votes in the clerical order, and the lay representatives of the parishes cast votes in the lay order. In order to be elected, one needs a majority of both orders at the same time. Multiple ballots are usual.
- **What do bishops do?** Bishops are the symbol of unity with the catholic Church across time and space. Bishops are in charge of the ordination process in their diocese. They have charge of mission (small) churches and diocesan ministries, such as Kim Snodgrass' youth ministry and Fr. Palma's Hispanic ministry. In our diocese, the bishop is chairman of the board of St. Luke's Hospital System in KC and serves on the board of Bishop Spencer Place (the rector of Grace Church is the bishop's delegate to the board of St. Luke's Carthage). Bishops oversee clergy discipline and morale ("pastoral ministry"), regularly visit all parishes of the diocese, confirm and consecrate chrism oil and new church buildings. They are charged with teaching the faith and have a significant role in national and international church governance and ecumenical-interAnglican relations. And the bishop generally "sets the tone" for life in the broader diocese. Bishops have significant administrative roles as well, which vary by dioceses.
- **Who are Grace Church's electors?** **Fr. Wilson, Deacon Snodgrass** and **Deacon Bell** are active clergy electors; **Fr. Stinnett** is a retired elector who is "resident" in our parish. **Fr. Palma** will cast a vote as clergy elector for St. Nicholas, Noel. **Fr. Erdman**, chaplain at St. Luke's, will not vote even though he is vicar of St. John's, Neosho, because he retired from full time ministry from Michigan—you remain canonically resident in the diocese from which you retire. Our lay electors are **Chalaine Bell, Jim & Biffie Creighton, Tom & Anita Flanigan, Marty Griffin, Barbara Mountjoy, Carolyn Phelps & Sandy Swingle**. Alternates are **John Schafer, Pam White, Gary Cole & Chuck Edds**.
- **How are lay delegates chosen?** The diocese has a formula for how many lay delegates a congregation can have, based on membership. We have 9, a very large delegation. Every year, the Vestry chooses the delegates at the February meeting (this is the diocesan rule). We typically advertise this possibility in the November and December newsletters, and names are chosen from those who respond. Experience is a benefit, but we try to include anyone interested.
- **Who do you think should be bishop?** God's choice, whoever that is... None of these priests are familiar to the author. If you'd like to know more about them, go to [diowestmo.org](http://diowestmo.org) and click "Bishop Search." If you'd like more information, attend the "Walk About" sessions of question and answer on Saturday morning, Oct 16, in Springfield or Sunday afternoon, Oct 17, in Kansas City.
- **When will the new bishop take office?** The bishop will be consecrated by the Presiding Bishop and two other bishops (minimum) once the assents from other bishops have been received (a majority of "sitting" bishops, or bishops with a diocese they're in charge of, have to say that the process and the candidate are acceptable). Assuming that comes in as scheduled, the bishop will be consecrated on Sat, March 5, 2011, in KC, and takes office that very day.

## THIS YEAR'S THEATER PROJECTS

Our annual dinner theater will be in February 2011, just before Valentine's Day! If you'd like to be part of the play, whether as an actor, technician, or kitchen staff member, please see our director, Jennifer Cartright, or Fr. Steve in the coming weeks. Be prepared for yet another original twist in our ongoing tradition of "world premiere" theater from the pens of parish celebrities!

New to our theatrical ministry this year will be a child-and-family focused musicale around the theme "What Does Christmas Really Mean?" This original performance will be held in December, the week prior to Christmas, and will be a shorter, dessert and coffee, production. See the Rector or Robert Denning for information.

### VASES, VASES, WHO'S GOT THE VASES?

Have you received vases of flowers from the altar? Isn't that a wonderful pick-me-up? Sadly, it's very hard to deliver them if we don't have vases...If you've received flowers from the Church, could you please return the vases at your earliest convenience? And if you've got extra large vases hanging around the house taking up shelf space, we can always use them for this ministry. St. Catherine's Guild delivers flowers every Monday morning to afternoon.

### COMING NEXT MONTH...

Invite your friends and clear your calendar now! Sat, Oct 2, 5:30 to 7:30, **Oktoberfest**, \$10 for adults, \$6 kids 12 and younger. Bratwurst, red cabbage, hot potato salad, Rote Grutze, onion tart and all the other traditional Deutsche Kuche. This was extremely well-attended last year—buy your tickets now for the festivities!

Sun, Oct 3, 5 p.m., the **Blessing of the Pets** in our parking lot. Bring your friends, feathered, finned or furred, suitably restrained to avoid inter-species rivalries, for a the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi!

## OUTREACH

### AL-ANON & NA

Do you know someone with a drug problem? Narcotics Anonymous meets at Grace Church in the basement of Spencer Hall each Monday at 7 pm. Al-Anon is a meeting for those whose lives have been affected by a problem drinker. A new group is forming on Mondays at 6 pm meeting at the northwest corner of 6th & Lyon. Information is on the parish bulletin board outside the office for those interested, and all meetings are open and completely confidential.

### NEARLY NEW

Many of our outreach projects are funded by the sale of gently used clothing at the Nearly New Shop. Speak to Cindy Chilton or Carolyn Cole about donations (you can receive money back on consignment or make a tax-deductible contribution) or to volunteer for a 3-hour shift once a month.

### ST LUKE'S

Join us for men's fellowship each Tuesday morning at St. Luke's Nursing Center at 10 a.m. See Chuck Erwin for details. **Each Sat morning, we need volunteer bingo callers** to help with the social highlight of the weekend at St. Luke's. See Richard Roske for details.

### HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

St. Nicholas Church in Noel needs a little t.l.c. with its exterior—pruning, planting, getting some flower beds ready for autumn. If you'd like to help Sat, Sept 18, please see the Rector. Excellent fellowship helping our neighbors in the faith!

### ERD

Episcopal Relief and Development continues to minister in the midst of flood-ravaged Pakistan and earthquake-stricken Haiti. Your tax deductible check (Grace Church: ERD) goes to good use in these impoverished countries.

## **La gracia**

El tema de la gracia de Dios es muy amplio y a veces ambiguo porque se trata de un amor no merecido que Dios ofrece a la humanidad. De hecho, la palabra usada en el Nuevo Testamento significa un regalo, un don gratuito.

Tanto en la Biblia como en la teología cristiana, la gracia aparece en casi todos los contextos, pues nuestra relación con Dios se basa en ella: Porque ustedes han sido salvados por la fe, no por mérito propio, sino por la gracia de Dios; y no por las obras, para que nadie se gloríe (Efesios 2:8-9).

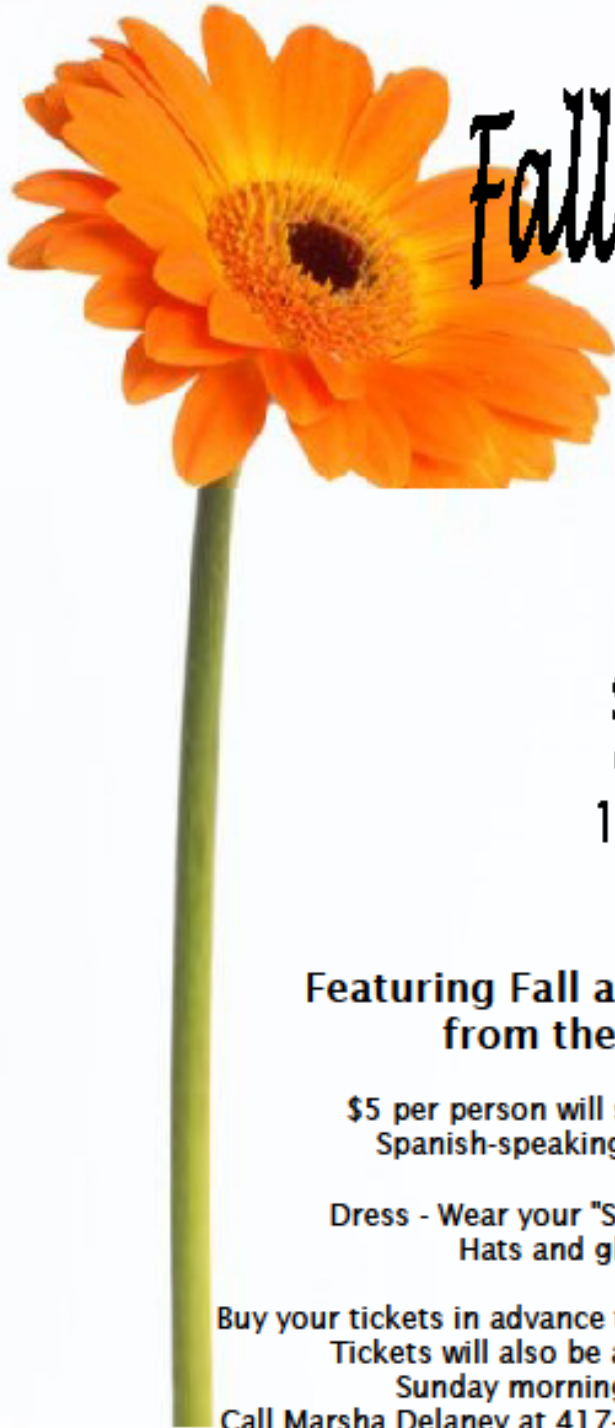
Dios distribuye su gracia de una manera misteriosa. Dios quiere que todos nos salvemos y, por ello, obra en consecuencia a esa voluntad. Sin embargo, seguimos sin comprender cómo esa misma gracia o amor se realiza en cada uno de nosotros.

El Catecismo define la gracia de esta manera: “Es el favor de Dios para con nosotros, favor que no hemos ganado ni merecido. Por medio de la gracia Dios perdona nuestros pecados, ilumina nuestras mentes, aviva nuestros corazones y fortalece nuestras voluntades” (p. 750). Según esta definición, no debemos entender la gracia como algo concreto o físico, sino como una relación amorosa de Dios hacia el ser humano. En esta relación participa el ser humano, y por ello decimos que somos fieles o no a la gracia, como cuando un hijo es fiel o no al amor y protección que los padres le ofrecen.

Un tema relacionado con el amor divino es el del sufrimiento. Si Dios es bueno, si nos ama, ¿por qué sufrimos? Este ha sido un tema debatido durante toda la historia de la humanidad, y no tenemos una respuesta satisfactoria. Sin embargo, se pueden apuntar algunas observaciones. Pensemos por un lado que si todo ser humano se portara correctamente, como Dios manda, habríamos suprimido en un instante infinidad de sufrimientos. Es decir, no podemos atribuir ni quejarnos de Dios por los males que nosotros mismos cometemos.

Por otro lado, algunos sufrimientos corporales son propios de la naturaleza en que hemos sido creados. Un dolor de muelas o de vientre nos indica que algo anda mal y tenemos que poner remedio. Sicológicamente sabemos que todo sufrimiento nos purifica y contribuye a que nuestra personalidad madure.

Sí, hay sufrimientos físicos, temporales, atmosféricos, para las cuales no encontramos explicación; pero podríamos imaginarnos también que la Tierra es toda ella como un organismo, y todo fenómeno tiene su función propia y razón de ser.



# Fall Into Fashion!

**St. Catherine's Second Annual  
Mimosa Brunch  
and  
Fashion Show  
Saturday, September 25  
Grace Episcopal Church  
10 o'clock in the morning**

**Featuring Fall and Winter fashions  
from the Nearly New**

**\$5 per person will support Fr. Jose Palma's  
Spanish-speaking outreach in our area**

**Dress - Wear your "Sunday Best" on Saturday!  
Hats and gloves optional...**

**Buy your tickets in advance through the Grace Church office.  
Tickets will also be available for purchase on  
Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall.  
Call Marsha Delaney at 417-359-5728 for more information.**

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## Youth News!

connecting to God and each other

Summer's fading fast and things are coming together for fall—check things out and mark your calendars:

Youth Action Council Retreat	August 27-29 Al Saint's Nevada
Diocesan Youth Event	November 5-7 St. Paul's, KCMO
Happening #62	November 19-21 St. Andrew's, KCMO

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## What a summer!

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It was crazy busy, but amazing! Did some relaxing as we canoed the Big Niangua River during the Sr. High Retreat, had a FULL HOUSE and a super time at St. Paul's for Missionpalooza while putting in over 1600 volunteer hours at worksites in the KC area, and wound the summer up with 27 pilgrims in Washington, D.C! Thank you to ALL adult chaperones who help make events like these possible—and

especially to all the youth who make it so much fun!



## *From the Rector, page one*

commentator has said in the past decade (Phyllis Tickle, Brian McLaren, Martin Marty, to be exact). That is to say, we offer exactly what many of our neighbors say they are looking for—a Christianity which prizes the mystical, worship charged with reverence and awe, relatively free from a history of guilt, fear, conformity, and repression.

The dark spookiness of our Church lit by the single candle over the altar is profoundly moving: even people who aren't Episcopalian comment when they come to our funerals and weddings and Christmas Eve masses about how "reverent" they are. While we offer guidelines for ethical engagement with life, it remains a truism that where two or three Episcopalians are gathered, there's likely to be four political opinions (and maybe a "fifth" too, *bah dum bum*). And on the whole, Anglicanism has been too tolerant, or maybe too passive, to be oppressive. The extent of Anglican repression has largely been a quarrel about who should be ordained rather than calls for some group to be silenced, subjugated or slain. That may be less polite of late than usual, but it's still rather tame compared to what I grew up with. I mean really, when was the last time this, or any, Anglican preacher told you, by name, from the pulpit, that you were going to hell?

This is the Episcopal moment, whether we know it or not. Our job is to spread the Gospel—by taking the bushels off our lamp stands and boldly proclaiming that *here* is where I meet Mystery without becoming a narrow-minded menace. It means working hard to provide a truly safe and welcoming environment to everyone who comes through these doors. And it means keeping our eyes focused on the reason we come to church to begin with—to meet and worship, not explain or co-opt, the Living Christ. Tell your neighbors the good news—that Church they keep saying they wish for, the kinder, gentler, Christ-focused, peaceful one...it's got the red doors.

## READINGS in SEPT

**Wed, Sept 1-Sat, Sept 4, Proper 17:** Job 12:1-14:22, 16:16-17:16, 19:1-27, 22:1-23:7, Acts 11:19-13:43, John 8:21-10:18

**Sun, Sept 5, XV PENTECOST, Proper 18:** Jeremiah 18:1-11, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33

**Mon, Sept 6—11:** Job 32:1-33:28, Acts 13:44-15:35; John 10:-11:54

**Sun, Sept 12, XVI PENTECOST, Proper 19:** Exodus 32:7-14, I Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

**Mon, Sept 13:** Job 40:1-24, Acts 15:36-16:5, John 11:55-12:8

**Tues, Sept 14, HOLY CROSS:** Isaiah 45:21-25, Galatians 6:14-18, John 12:31-36a

**Wed, Sept 15, Ember Day:** Job 42:1-17; Acts 16:16-24; John 12:20-26

**Thurs, Sept 16:** Job 28:1-28; Acts 16:25-40, John 12:27-36a

**Fri, Sept 17, Ember Day:** Esther 1:1-4, 10-19; Act 17:1-15; John 12:36b-43

**Sat, Sept 18, Ember Day:** Esther 2:5-8, 15-23 Acts 17:16-34; John 12:44-50

**Sun, Sept 19, XVII PENTECOST, Proper 20:** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, I Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

**Mon, Sept 20:** Esther 4:4-17, Acts 18:1-11; Luke 3:1-14

**Tues, Sept 21, ST MATTHEW:** Proverbs 3:1-5; II Timothy 3:14-17; Matthew 9:9-13

**Wed, Sept 22— Sat, Sept 25:** Esther 6:1-8:17; Acts 19:1-41; Luke 4:1-37

**Sun, Sept 26, XVIII PENTECOST, Proper 21:** Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15.; I Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

**Mon, Sept 27— Tues, Sept 28:** Hosea 2:14-23; Hosea 4:1-10; Acts 20:17-21:14; Luke 5:1-26

**Wed, Sept 29, ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS:** Genesis 28:10-17, Revelation 12:7-12, John 1:47-51

**Thurs, Sept 30:** Hosea 5:8-6:6; Acts 21:27-36; Luke 6:1-11

### **Patronal Feasts**

*Please pray for the following on their "name days"*

Wed, Oct 1: St David's Chapel, St. Luke's Center

Mon, Sept 13: Cyprian of Carthage (*the traditional day for our parish's patronal feast*)

Tues, Sept 21: St. Matthew's Church, Raytown

Wed, Sept 29: St. Michael's Church, Independence