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A Word from the Rector: *Greetings in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!*

It has been my normal practice to write a column about the life of the Church, of this parish, of what is happening in ministry, etc. Regardless of the theological, informational or motivational value of any of these columns, my prayer is that we recognize in all things that God is in charge, and that whatever we are called to can and will be accomplished to the extent that we allow God to lead and to empower us.

On Saturday, 13 May, the diocese will gather to learn and experience more of what it means to be people called and empowered to incarnate God's mercy and delight, and to incarnate this presence in the community around us. We will learn practical techniques; we will receive useful information. But at the core of this gathering will be intention—the offering of self to God's will, and the prayer that God will empower us to do all of the work He calls us to. To this end, at the close of the meeting on 13 May the people will be anointed—and will anoint each other—with holy chrism. We will call down the Holy Spirit upon all participants, to experience being sent by God into the world outside of our congregations. The rest of this column is, therefore, just the language of this anointing liturgy. (The Officiant will be Bishop Gunter.) Regardless of how you may react to the specific language used, read the prayers with care, for in these prayers is described what God does in the life of each

believer when we will but open and offer our hearts to Him.

A Litany of Supplication and Commissioning

Officiant

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all Creation; by your goodness we bring to you the gifts that you have given us.

People

What you give, and what human hands have made, we offer in the bread which becomes Jesus' Body; we offer in the wine which becomes Jesus' Blood.

Officiant

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all Creation; by your goodness we are made in your image and likeness.

People

We offer our souls; the life which you have given us by your Spirit.

We offer our bodies; the dust which you have formed and into which you have breathed the Spirit of life.

We offer our minds; the questioning and curious faculties through which your Spirit leads us into all truth.

We offer our hearts; the "I" most precious to each of us; the "I" which yearns to find completeness in your love.

Officiant

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all Creation; by your goodness we are called to you.

People

Jesus, you call us along the way which

you are, telling us "Follow me."

Jesus, you call us in the truth which you reveal, and promise that you will be with us when we gather in your Name.

Jesus, you give us new and eternal life, and we are born into this life through our death to the old.

Officiant

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all Creation; by your goodness you lift from us the burdens we offer you.

People

Jesus, take from us the burden of worry over how we are called.

Jesus, take from us the burden of worry over how we are equipped.

Jesus, take from us the burden of how we question each other's call.

Jesus, take from us the burden of how we question each other's gifts.

Jesus, take from us the burden of anxiety over our own gifts, and confirm in us trust in your provision.

Officiant

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all Creation; by your goodness your give to us all the gifts we need to do your will.

People

Open our hearts, O Lord, and fill them with your life-giving Spirit.

Open our minds, O Lord, and fill them with your life-giving Spirit.

Show us, O Lord, your will in all things.

Equip us, O Lord, with hearts and minds

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conformed to your will.

Anoint us, O Lord, with your life-giving Spirit, in all the gifts of your love.

Officiant

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all Creation; by your goodness you send us into the world, and empower us to incarnate your presence.

People

Grant, O Lord, that your light may shine in the darkness through our witness in gathering.

Grant, O Lord, that your light may shine in the darkness through our praying.

Grant, O Lord, that your light may shine in the darkness through our repentance.

Grant, O Lord, that your light may shine in our proclamation of your life-giving Good News.

Grant, O Lord, that we may experience your light in all persons to whom you send us.

Grant, O Lord, that your light may shine in the darkness in our witness and work for justice and peace.

Officiant

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all Creation; by your goodness you call all into new life.

People

We pray that in this new life we may call all others into new life; that light may shine and salt may flavor; that with hearts and minds and souls and wills we may so love you, Lord, that your love may be incarnated among us and to all whom you give us as neighbors.

Officiant

We pray, gracious and heavenly God, that as we offer our selves, our souls and bodies, to you, we may in all things be conformed to your perfect will, and empowered to embody your will to all to whom you send us, in all of the ways you reveal and empower. Bless us with faith and mutual love, that as we offer to

you the gifts you have given us, we may be offered in the world to incarnate your love. We pray this by and through Our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Officiant and People

AMEN.

Anointing for Mission

Officiant

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries, that God's saving grace may be revealed and lived in all the world. We pray now, in the confidence of those gathered in Our Lord's holy Name, that as we offer to God the gifts which we have been given, these gifts may be multiplied, encouraged, magnified, and used to incarnate God's presence and will.

We praise and thank you, God, for the great gifts of your presence, your call, and for new life.

We praise and thank you for the will given to us by which we offer our wills to you.

We praise and thank you that you send us, that you commission us as those whom you send to be light and salt in the world.

We pray that by your Holy Spirit we may be in all things equipped for the ministries you give to us.

The People are anointed, gathered in small groups. As each person is anointed, using the Sign of the Cross made in chrism upon each hand. Upon being anointed each person proceeds to anoint the next person gathered with him/her. All lay hands upon the person being anointed as the following prayer is said. In anointing each other, the People are encouraged to pray extemporaneously, while the following prayer is offered over the assembly:

Officiant

The Lord gives wisdom, knowledge and understanding. The Lord gives courage and compassion. The Lord gives to all who serve the gifts necessary to do God's will. The Lord counsels us to discern right, and grants spiritual strength to accomplish God's will. The Lord grants us caring hearts, that we are not indifferent to God's will and to God's people.

We pray, now that God will pour upon you the Holy Spirit.

We pray that your heart may be open to God, and filled with this Spirit.

We pray that your mind may be open to God, and guided by this Spirit.

We pray that your soul, which has been conformed to Christ in your baptism, may be confirmed in the new life in Jesus Christ by this same Spirit.

We pray that your will may be given to God, and that as you are sent you will go; that as you are called you will answer; that as God gives you opportunities for ministry you will say "Yes" in all things to God.

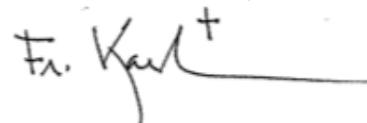
Now, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, you are anointed that you may receive God's power; that the gifts you have may be strengthened in you; that those gifts you need you may receive; that as you are sent you will go as God's beloved child and apostle, to show and incarnate God's way, God's light, God's truth, and God's love.

As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, receive the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit, and go forth in God's holy Name.

Officiant and People

AMEN.

Yours in Christ Jesus,



The Rev. Dr. Karl C. Schaffenburg
Rector

THE KALENDAR by Fr. Karl

The Kalendar: The feast of Sts. Philip and St. James, apostles begins the month. Philip is the disciple who baptizes the Ethiopian eunuch at Acts 8.26-39, fulfilling Jesus' injunction at Acts 1.8 that the disciples will be His witnesses "... in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." James is "James the Less" (a son of Zebedee), to distinguish him from James, the Lord's brother. This feast is followed immediately by that of St. Athanasius (d. 373), the principal defender of orthodoxy against the Arian heresy. Arianism argued Jesus to be a created being, *i.e.*, not God. This understanding of the Messiah as a very special human being anointed by God was dominant in imperial court circles, and persists in much popular belief today. Athanasius was exiled no less than five times as a staunch defender of the true faith. Athanasius is also remembered both for the Athanasian Creed (*Quincunque Vult*, pp. 864—5 in the prayer book) and for compiling the first list (in his Easter sermon of *A.D.* 367) of all of the books of the Bible.

The feast of the Finding of the Cross (3 May) commemorates that in *A.D.* 335 the Dowager Empress Helena (Constantine's mother) led an excavation

of holy sites in Jerusalem in which it was claimed that the cross upon which Jesus was crucified was found. Many modern scholars think that Helena's excavations were quite accurate.

On 4 May we observe the feast of St. Monnica, the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. During all of Augustine's years of no faith, and of dissipated conduct, Monnica prayed for him, to the point where he finally was primed for God's call. Monnica (there is a window of her in the sanctuary of this church) is considered to be the patron saint of parents of wayward children.

8 May recalls Dame Julian of Norwich, the great 15th century mystic. We remember St. Gregory Nazianzus (d. 389, namesake St. Nazianz, Wisconsin) on 9 May. St. Nazianzus was instrumental in formulating the orthodox understanding of the Holy Trinity.

Another saint of local significance is remembered on 24 May, this being Jackson Kemper (d. 1870) the first Missionary Bishop in the United States. Kemper was consecrated in 1839. One of his first missions involved the evangelization of the old Northwest (Wisconsin) and the founding of Nashotah House in 1842. Kemper is very much a

foster father of this diocese and parish.

Ascension Day falls this year on 25 May. The feast commemorates Jesus' bodily ascension to heaven, the inauguration of His reign (Acts. 1.6-11). We will celebrate the Mass as a Solemn Mass at 6 p.m.

St. Augustine of Canterbury, the very first Archbishop of Canterbury, who came to England in 597 is also a May saint (on the 26th). The Gospel book given to Augustine by Pope Leo the Great is still used in the consecration of each Archbishop of Canterbury. It is kept as MS 286 in the Parker Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and can be viewed online at http://corpus.cam.ac.uk/parker/images/luke_1.jpg. The entire gospel book is being made available at www.parkerweb.stanford.edu.

The final day of the month is the Feast of the Visitation, on which we commemorate the visitation Mary's visitation to her cousin, Elizabeth, described by Luke at 1.39-56, from whence we receive the phrase found in the *Hail Mary* "...blessed art thou among women, and blessed in the fruit of thy womb ...".

ADULT EDUCATION:

Following the bishop's visitation on 7 May, on the second Sunday of the month Mary Kohler will provide a practical guide to prayer book usage in daily religious practice, including an exploration of the prayers we don't encounter on Sundays. For the third and forth Sundays of the month, Leslie Kohler will conclude the discussion of Holy Eucharist centered around our study of Sacramental Identity. Adult education meets at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

STATISTICS

Average Sunday Attendance through April was 109 down 10 from the 2016 figure. There has been no commensurate decrease in membership. (In fact, there has been a slight increase.) This means that the decline in average attendance reflects a decline in the frequency of attendance by members. Remember: Sabbath worship is not just another "priority" in the mix. It is essential (and commanded) in our relationship with God.

- Holy Eucharist: 95
- Daily Office: 102
- Other Prayer Offices: 7
- Visits to homes/hospitals, etc.: 38
- Visits to jail: 7
- Finances: Year-to-date income is higher than budget (on a flat line basis) due to many gifts being made at the beginning of the year. Expenses are slightly under budget.

Oh for a Thousand Tongues

In a 2009 book the English priest, Justin Anthony-Lewis, makes the argument that our expectations of what priestly ministry involves are not only unrealistic, but are idealized in ways that are destructive to the life of the Church. His book is entitled, *If You Meet George Herbert on the Road, Kill Him: Radically Re-Thinking Priestly Ministry*. Regardless of the merits of Anthony-Lewis' observations and recommendations, we do remember Herbert as both a divine and a poet, and four of his poems appear in our hymnal. These are:

No. 382: *King of glory, King of peace*

No. 402: *Let all the world in every corner sing*

No. 487: *Come, my Way*

No. 592: *Teach me, my God and King*

As prolific a poet as was Herbert, there should probably be more hymns using his words than these four (with essentially the same selection found in the two principal hymnals used in Herbert's native Church of England).

The reason for this relative rarity of Herbert in the musical life of worship relates, probably, to the contemplative, quiet nature of his poetry, which has resulted in musical settings that can be very beautiful, but are not so easily singable. No one ever went home whistling "General Seminary" (from hymn 382) or "The Call" (from hymn 487), and Herbert's use of words is often idiosyncratic, requiring the reader to parse carefully. For example, when Herbert writes of the King of Glory, "... and that love may never cease, I will move thee ..." we must proceed to the next line to make sure that "move" is used in the sense of a formal request or petition. Herbert may require more concentration than most people are willing to grant!

Does Anthony-Lewis have, therefore, a point? Is there a problem (particularly in a place and age far different from Herbert's England of the 17th century) in an ideal of a priest who's personal sanctity as a mystic so sets him apart that he is less of the people? Perhaps,

but what about Herbert's message? It is here that we can find riches to explore in our own contemplative lives. For example, in *King of glory* we sing of a relationship with Our Lord which is intensely personal, that involves the offering of our very hearts, and that is lived in all times. In *Come, my Way* the reality of Jesus being *my Way*, Truth and Life is expressed in intensely personal language. The depth of feeling expressed borders on what would be embarrassing if it were not founded in that oh-so-intimate connection which is the believer's new life in the Holy Spirit. The melody is by Ralph Vaughan Williams, from his 1911 composition *Five Mystical Songs*, for baritone and orchestra.

By all means explore these hymns. By all means explore the breadth and wealth of Herbert's poetry (all available online). Better yet, pray the words of these hymns aloud. Let the intimacy expressed be your own.

STEWARDSHIP IN 2017:

A new roof and associated costs: For the last couple of years a source of some worry has been "When will we need a new roof?" We need one now, but the roof has been deemed by our insurance carrier to require replacement due to wind and hail damage. The insurance coverage will provide for replacement of the roof! Our deductible will be \$3,000. To this we can add additional costs. For example, it may be prudent to upgrade the roof to a more durable and lasting standard, at additional cost. Regardless of what is ultimately decided about the

grace of roof specified, the project will involve heavy equipment and scaffolding being placed around the property, and this will likely require us to replace areas of ground cover and landscaping, at costs which are not now known. All of this is to say: (a) We have received a great blessing that most of a new roof will be paid for by insurance; (b) We will need to conduct a focused capital campaign, beginning in June. The scope of this campaign is under consideration. Expect a detailed briefing from the Vestry in early June.

OUTREACH UPDATE:

As of the 18 April Vestry report outreach provided in the prior month was to a total \$803.99. This includes:

- A \$500.00 parish contribution to LoveINC.
- \$102.50 was paid in medical relief.
- \$201.49 was paid for resettlement costs for a parishioner released from prison, and for commissary costs for a jailed parishioner.

PARISH LIBRARY NOTES *Mary Massey & Bobbie May*

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.” - St Augustine

“Prayer is not an old woman’s idle amusement. Properly understood and applied, it is the most potent instrument of action.” - Gandhi

Pennington, *M. Basil. Call to the center : the Gospel’s invitation to deeper prayer. 242.5 P38c*

Both a short collection of meditations on the Gospel of Matthew and an invitation to learn the simple and sincere form of prayer from the heart called centering prayer. Pennington writes that “centering prayer is a call – the call – letting everything else go, simply listening : ‘Be still and know that I am God.’” Each reflection will lead you to an encounter with the One who calls, so you can come to talk freely with God from your heart.

Thornton, Martin. *Prayer : a new encounter. 242 T39p*

Intelligent Christians not only lead lives of prayer, but also require an understanding of prayer. Too often we are told how to pray. Too often we are asked to recite our creeds, but not to explore how they express our faith. This first American edition of Thornton’s classic work provides inquisitive Christians with a map for an informed life of prayer. Drawing on the work of Macquarrie and Buber, Thornton illuminates the nature of the Trinity as the ground of our existence, and the eucharist as our ultimate form of prayer.

Prince, Derek. *Shaping history through prayer and fasting. 242.8 PRSH*

The times we are living in are scary, to say the least. The world is unstable. Global politics are volatile. The rate of change we now experience is spiraling out of control. We’re uncertain about what will happen tomorrow, and we feel helpless to do anything about it. Yet what we are facing isn’t new. There have been many wars. There have been threats and acts of terrorism. History is spotted with violent episodes of unimaginable carnage and horrors. And what did people do about them? The only thing they could do – they prayed! Discover how your prayers can change the world. You don’t have to fight. You don’t have to hold a high political position. You don’t have to be a certain age. You don’t even have to have power, money, or influence on earth. What is important is your influence in heaven. Whether you are a teenager or an adult, you can learn to touch the heart of God through prayer – and change the world.

“Prayer does not change God, but it changes one who prays.”
- Søren Kierkegaard

“If we could all hear one another’s prayers, God might be relieved of some of his burdens.” - Ashleigh Brilliant

Hays, Edward. *Pray all ways : a book for daily worship using all your senses. 248.3 H334*

Edward Hays shares his unique interpretation of the biblical command to “pray always” as a call to pray creatively at all times and in every circumstance. Inviting readers to learn to pray with their eyes, their nose, even their feet, and to pray at times they might not think are prayerful, Hays offers a new definition of praying that will awaken hearts to prayer that knows no hour or day, but is always alive.

Ward, J. Neville. *The use of praying. 242 W21u*

All too often Christians, oppressed by the demands of contemporary life, find prayer a burdensome duty rather than a way to joy and peace. They feel they ought to pray, and yet, they cannot see the value of it. Here is an excellent primer that answers the primary question “why pray?” and then gives specific help on how to pray. He takes up the classical elements of prayer – adoring, thanking, contemplating, confessing – but also relates resenting, fearing, and suffering to it. He knows about times when it is impossible to pray and suggests ways to overcome the obstacles to prayer. His practical guidance and profound scholarship are presented for all who would use prayer as a means of spiritual growth. He advises that to want to pray is in fact, to have arrived.

Schmidt, Joseph F. *Praying our experiences. 248.32 Sch54*

Praying our experiences is the practice of reflecting on and entering honestly into the day-to-day events of our life to become aware of God’s word in them and to offer ourselves to God through these events. What matters is not so much the particular sentiments that come to us or the pious quality of our thoughts, but our desire to be more and more open to the Truth revealed in the truth of our experiences. For any time we search for truth, we are really searching for God. It is praying for enlightenment and courage and acceptance and gratitude. It is praying to know ourselves as God knows us in a particular experience of our life, to accept ourselves as God accepts us, to love ourselves and others as God loves us, and to act in a Christlike way in response to what we come to know to be God’s call in that particular experience. Our God is always with us. We come to know God in and through our daily life experiences because God is the source of our existence and God’s mercy is the very heart of our life. We come to know God because our life is penetrated with God’s knowledge and love, not only always and everywhere but also here and now in this particular experience.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

| 8:00 AM | SERVER | LECTOR | USHER | GREETER |
|---------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------------|
| 5/7 | B. Wood | B. Wood | L&C Schneider | J. Gardner |
| 5/14 | J. Davis | J. Davis | J. Gardner | E. Schaffenburg |
| 5/21 | B. Imig | B. Imig | S&C Fischer | L&C Schneider |
| 5/28 | B. Wood | B. Wood | K&T Revis | J. Gardner |

2017 MAY

| 10:15 AM | LECTOR | USHER | GREETER |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 5/7 | Jasmine Palmer | E. Clabots & S. Gedemer | Z&D Whitford |
| 5/14 | Bernie Markevitch | J. Stagner & E. Clabots | J. Stagner |
| 5/21 | Scott Gedemer | S&M Gallimore | Z&D Whitford |
| 5/28 | Paul Aparicio | J. Whitford & B. Evans | J. Stagner |

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR MAY 2017

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| May 2 | 7:00am | Parish Breakfast –Fountain Park Restaurant |
| | 6:00 pm | Catechumenate |
| May 3 | 6:00pm | Choir |
| May 4 | 9:30am | Bible Study |
| May 7 | 8:00 am | Bishop Gunter Visitation |
| | 9:00 am | Sunday School and Bishop's Forum". |
| | 10:15 am | Bishop Gunter Visitation –Confirmation, Reception, Renewal of Baptismal Vows followed by Gala Reception |
| May 9 | 7:00am | Parish Breakfast –Fountain Park Restaurant |
| | 10-2:00pm | Clergy Day |
| May 10 | 6:00pm | Choir |
| May 10-13 | New Directory | Photo Shoot |
| May 11 | 9:30am | Bible Study |
| May 13 | 9:00-3:00 | Diocesan Spring Conference, Ramada, Waupaca |
| May 16 | 7:00am | Parish Breakfast –Fountain Park Restaurant |
| May 17 | 5:30-8:00pm | Mary and Martha Cooking Guild |
| May 18 | 9:30am | Bible Study |
| May 21 | 9:00am | Last Day of Sunday School |
| May 23 | 7:00am | Parish Breakfast –Fountain Park Restaurant |
| May 24 | 6:00pm | Choir |
| May 25 | 9:30am | Bible Study |
| 6:00pm | Ascension Day | Solemn Mass |
| May 28 | 11:45am | Vestry Meeting |
| | 9:00am | All Saints Chapel Open |
| May 29 | Office Closed | –No Mass –Memorial Day |
| May 31-June 1 | | Fr. Karl at Nashotah |
| May 31 | 6:00pm | Choir |

WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Grace Church is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Said Mass
10:15 a.m. Solemn Mass

MONDAY

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:10 p.m. Mass
5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers with Rosary. Intercessions, healing prayer, and sprinkling of Holy Water are offered after the Shrine prayers

TUESDAY

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers
5:30 p.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers
5:30 p.m. Mass

THURSDAY

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. Mass †

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:15 a.m. Mass
5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

SATURDAY

No services/church closed.

* Evening Prayer is followed each day by intercessory prayers in the chapel of Our Lady of Walsingham. On Mondays, intercessory prayer is offered in a corporate Rosary.

† Mass is followed immediately by bible study

Feast days will be celebrated as announced in the monthly calendar.

BIRTHDAYS

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| 5/1 | Grafton Smith | 5/11 | Angel Klinzing | 5/19 | Martha Schmeiser | 5/26 | Gary Dinstuhl |
| 5/2 | Michael Boland | 5/11 | Davis Maki | 5/21 | Lisa Krueger | 5/28 | Stephen Laake |
| 5/2 | Tim Schmeiser | 5/14 | Brenda Burgett | 5/22 | Sarah Clabots-Kim | 5/29 | Dale Massey |
| 5/9 | Jean M. Fisher | 5/18 | Scott Gedemer | 5/23 | LeRoy Schneider | 5/30 | Leona Aparicio |
| 5/9 | Art Imig | 5/18 | Elizabeth Schaffenburg | 5/25 | Dottie McClure | 5/31 | Tasha Crouse |
| 5/9 | Eowyn Whitford | | | | | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|------|----------------------|------|---------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 5/1 | Gene & Karen Wilhelm | 5/16 | John & Louise Davis | 5/26 | Charles & Rachel Ambelang |
| 5/11 | Kevan & Traci Revis | 5/20 | David & Leslie Bronson | 5/29 | Randy & Lisa Krueger |
| 5/12 | Bob & Dell Wood | 5/20 | Crawford & Pat Ford Smith | | |

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

PARISH STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Matthew A. Gunter,
Bishop of Fond du Lac;
The Rev. Dr. Schaffenburg, Rector;
The Rev. Michael Burg, Deacon;
The Ven. Michele Whitford,
Priest Associate; Dr. R. Benjamin
Dobey, Organist Choirmaster;
Ellen Aparicio, Parish Administrator;
Nick Whitford, Director of Youth
and Family; Mr. William May,
Sexton

THE VESTRY

The Rector
Senior Warden: Paul Aparicio
Junior Warden: Randie Barrows
Treasurer: Brian Heck
Vestry: Angel Klinzing,
Roberta May, Steve Gallimore,
Scott Gedemer, Jane Hanson,
Leslie Kohler, Traci Revis,
Dale Massey, Bryan Stenz.

Transportation: We have recently been blessed to have a number of people join us for worship who could otherwise not come on a Sunday due to challenges in transportation. One parishioner, for example, makes the rounds before worship, and brings 3 to 4 people with her. On an ongoing basis a couple of parishioners take regular turns in bringing a member who would otherwise be a shut-in, and yet other members have been instrumental in getting parishioners to medical appointments.

Can you help drive someone to church, or to a medical appointment? The nature of this ministry (outside of Sundays) is that it is generally not on a regular schedule, but if you volunteer we can add you to a list of people to call as needs arise.

In every case in which someone has provided transport, what has happened has included the beginnings of a new relationship in community—the building up of the Body. Just as Scripture admonishes that we are members of the same Body, let us work to build up this common bond.

Grace Abounds - April Statistics (April 1-24)

- Videos added in April: 14
- Video views : 846
- Top 3 videos for the month :
- Good Friday Service
- Palm Sunday Service
- Daily Office Basics Part I
- Top viewers:
- United States (85%)
- Ghana
- Canada
- United Kingdom
- Russia
- Gender: 73% Male
- Website visits: 44,702

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