

Reflections of Grace

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Grace Church in the Mountains

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Rector's Reflections

Praying the Psalms Out West

One of the gifts of our Anglican tradition of prayer is that there seems to be a prayer for just about everything under the sun. If you can't find the words to pray for someone struggling with addiction, for example, the [Prayer Book](#) offers us these words: "Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom." Prayer is a gracious trail God has hewn between our bruised and blistered feet of clay and God's listening, loving Presence. Prayer is the spot where we recognize the presence of God's unceasing mercy amid our deepest longings, most still unmet, for wholeness and holiness.

One of the greatest "trail guides" for the prayer path is the Psalms. On my recent vacation, two Psalms came to mind over and over again as we gawked at the magnificent sites of the Arches, Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks. After dinner one night, a friend pulled out his telescope. Jupiter was shining bright. We were able to see four of its moons as well as some gaseous bands around it. A few days later, we watched an IMAX movie at the Museum of the Rockies about the amazing

sun, our nearest star. In both of those experiences, Psalm 8 roared into my heart and mind:

*When I consider your heavens, the works of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses.,*

*What are we that you should be mindful of us,
Mere mortals that you should seek us out? (St. Helena Psalter)*

When we finally completed a challenging hike half-way around Lake Jenny, a glacial lake at the foot of the Tetons, and saw the Hidden Falls roaring down...and after we made the zig-zag 3/8 mile trail to the Brink of the Lower Falls in the canyon in Yellowstone...Psalm 42 came to mind:

*Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls
all your waves and breakers have swept over me. [\(NIV\)](#)*

As Christian people, we come to know that God is mindful of us mortals in coming to us in the person of Jesus Christ. And through his life, death and resurrection, we are reassured of God's desire to listen and to speak to, with and through us in the divine language of prayer.

It is my prayer that Grace Church serves as a safe haven and refuge for those looking for the trailhead to the prayer path. Our worship services, from the hymns to the post-communion prayer to Taize chants, are patterned by this divine language. Our ministries are saturated with prayer, too: from those offered at the Food Pantry with our guests, to our vestry (leadership team) praying for each parishioner by name, to our prayers as members and friends go through health challenges. I pray this edition of *Reflections of Grace* might inspire you to persevere on the well-worn prayer path that the saints before us have trod *and* that we are faithful in maintaining it for the generations of saints to come.

Prayerfully,

Joslyn+

Daughters of the King: Dedicated to Prayer, Service & Evangelism



Any time there is a reception at Grace Church, the work of The Daughters of the King (DOK) is evident in Thatcher Hall. Tables set with food and flowers help the grieving fellowship at a funeral or celebrate at a reception. That is only one of many roles fulfilled by the group officially known as The Order of the Daughters of the King. They are a religious order, not an organization, and are prohibited from raising funds. Upon joining, each daughter takes a lifetime vow to uphold the “Rule of Life” which consists first and foremost of prayer, closely followed by service and evangelism.

The order was founded in 1885 in New York City at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Today, it is an international order of more than 30,000 women from Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches.



The chapter at Grace Church was chartered in 1977, and is the oldest chapter in the diocese of Western North Carolina. Melissa Van Noppen remembers the early days of the order. “Carroll Travis was our priest at that time, and the first meeting was in the old library just off the priest’s office. We started out with twelve women. Virginia Lively was really instrumental in forming our order. She gave witness and got us started along with Louise Walker Patrick.”

Melissa says the order at Grace was instrumental in spreading DOK across the diocese and choose St. Teresa of Avila as their patron saint. St. Teresa was chosen because of her work with the poor along with her wisdom, availability and humbleness. “St. Teresa believed in healing, so we started the healing service,” said Melissa. “The gifts of the Holy Spirit were present among this group. We ministered to those struggling spiritually; we comforted those who were dying. It was a beautiful ministry, and it is still going strong right now in this diocese.”

The Daughters of the King can be recognized by the silver modified Greek fleury cross with the Latin inscription *Magnanimiter Crucem Sustine* which means “With heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross.” At the base are the initials FHS signifying the motto “For His Sake.” The cross is worn at all times. When a daughter dies, the cross



may be buried with her or incorporated into her memorial. Otherwise, it must be returned to the national office.

Current DOK President Jo Phelps says daughters are part of almost every group at Grace Church. Melissa added that many of the current groups were actually begun by DOK. The order is open to women and girls from seven to 107. Please contact Jo Phelps at jophelpssept9@gmail.com with any questions. The group meets the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the library. "Anyone interested in learning more about DOK

is welcome to come to a meeting or ask any Daughter about our order," said Jo.

Wardens' Report

Progress on our Missional Priorities

To steward God's creation faithfully:

We installed an efficient restaurant-quality dishwasher which will help us conserve both energy and water, and will make avoiding single-use plastic items more convenient. A kitchen blessing was held May 26 after the 10:30 a.m. service. To extend the blessing beyond our doors, it included a "kitchen shower" for Pathways. Laurie SoJourney coordinated a kitchen treasure hunt to provide fun during this event.

To develop a vibrant ministry to children, youth, and young adults:

Families with children were personally invited to attend the Ash Wednesday Family Service and the Good Friday Stations of the Cross. Twenty children and 20 adults participated in the "Lent in a Bag" and supper event on Ash Wednesday. Each family brought home a bag and also bags were distributed to our homebound parishioners. Rite 13 and Godly Play were combined during the month of May to focus on enhancing awareness of icons and how they can be used in worship.

During the summer months, Madison Owen will lead Children's Chapel as part of the 10:30 service. A plan will be developed to possibly extend Children's Chapel beyond the summer.

Also with Madison's leadership, planning is under way for the summer Bible School and Madison will act as a coordinator between the Pigeon Center and the Grace Church Giving Garden.

To enhance our ministries to meet the needs of seniors:

Railings have been installed to enhance safety at the front area of the memorial garden, at the fire pit area, at the steps near the pantry, and at the brick steps near the church entrance.

Parking in front of the church will be modified as follows: the space closest to the door in front of Joslyn’s office window will be turned into a 5 minute loading zone; change one designated handicapped parking area to a limited mobility parking space and add 1 limited mobility parking space (Sunday only); this results in a net addition of one limited mobility/handicapped parking space in the front of the building and the loading zone. We are looking into hosting a luncheon following the Wednesday Eucharist.

Paula Welling
Senior Warden

Mary Hartman
Junior Warden

Standing Committee Reports

Standing Committee	Parish Life	Outreach	Buildings & Grounds	Education	Finance Committee
Charge	To provide engaging fellowship opportunities and to welcome and incorporate newcomers.	To enable our hands to be God’s hands in caring, comforting, and advocating for God’s people beyond our doors.	To maintain current facilities, steward the Church’s property, and implement property changes as directed by the Vestry.	To grow in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ informed by Scripture, Reason and Tradition	To oversee monies gathered through parishioners’ giving, entrusted through our endowments, and any other funds, by developing annual budgets, monitoring investments, auditing church finances annually, and advising the Vestry.
Leadership	Linda Deeb & Lauri Solumner (Vestry Liaisons), Mary Lou Daily (Chair)	Paula Welling (Vestry Liaison), Michael Lodico (Chair)	Crystal Clary & Kenneth Ratcliffe (Vestry Liaisons), Bob Vogt (Chair)	Mary Lockey & Rob Viau (Vestry Liaisons), Laura Armour (Chair)	Dale McDonald (Vestry Liaison), Jim Moore (Chair)
Members	Pam Davis, Michael Gracie, Chas Lawrence, Natalie Bayless, Mary Lou Daily, Joyce Brooks, Maureen Hunt	Betsy Stecher, Sue Shirley, John Zeller, Gwen Breese, Vicky Gribble, Linda Sexton, Stephen Hattendorf	Joe Tyburski, Kathie Johnson, Kent Clary, Joe Root, Tony Sexton	Mary Lockey, Mike Shirley, Laura Armour, Donna Buckner, Bill Simmons, Pam Nolte-Viau, Earle Pratt+, Nancy Armstrong, Mary Hartman	Fred Deeb, Melanie Walt, Sara Tyburski, Peter Welling, Orion Davis+, Sandy Curtis (Parish Treasurer)
Ministry Groups	fellowship & event planning, Men of Grace, ECW, Aiders, quilters, greeters & welcoming	Food Pantry, Grace Giving Garden, Parish Fair, short-term hands-on projects, mission trips, community advocacy, monthly Pathways dinners	memorial garden, pet wall, lay welders, handy-person projects, overseeing vendor & maintenance contracts	EFM, adult forum, youth and children’s Sunday school, Deck Discussions, Bible studies, retreats, special programs, Pub Theology, Vacation Bible School	audit team, stewardship team, finance committee, collection counters, check-signers

Buildings & Grounds

Vestry Liaisons: Crystal Clary & Kenneth Ratcliffe; Chair: Bob Vogt

Buildings and Grounds Standing Committee met on May the 28. During this meeting a “To Do” was compiled and many items have been checked off the list.

Front Parking:

We are in the process of adding a 5 minute loading zone beside the entrance to Thatcher Hall. It will replace one of the handicapped spots. This will be helpful for those that need to be dropped off at the entrance. We are in the process of receiving bids for automatic doors that will assist parishioners with the heavy glass doors. Hopefully this

will help with folks that are bringing in food, children, or are just in need of some assistance. In addition, we will add two handicapped spots on the side closest to the fence. Finally, we will add two special spots next to handicap spots reading "Limited Mobility-Sundays Only." We are hoping this will help make our parking easier for those needing some assistance.

Women's Restroom:

We are planning to add grab bars in the toilet stalls. This will be completed in the next few weeks.

Offices & Nursery:

The parlor is now the nursery. We are still planning on a Dutch door being added going into the hallway. The nursery now has the convenience of a bathroom. This helps workers to not have to take all children at the same time. A big thank you to everyone that helped in the transition.

The Rector's office is now the Curate's office. We will cut a window in the door to match our other doors. The Rector's office had been moved to the former nursery. Thank you to all that painted and moved furniture. Joslyn's office looks very nice and should greatly improve her work environment. The ECW closet section became the closet for acolyte robes.

Thank you Bob and the committee for all your hard work.

Finance Committee

Vestry Liaisons: Dale McDonald & Mary Hartman; Chair: Jim Moore

*Audit of Grace Church finances was completed and presented by Mark Bumgarner to the vestry at the May meeting

*Icons in Transformation has been very positive

*Fred Deeb has overseen all of our counting process and teams. Thank you, Fred.

*A complete inventory of the church's assets will be taking place over the next couple of months. This is for insurance purposes and replacement costs of items.

*Pledges are on track with our budget.

*Our endowment process and stewardship campaign is being discussed and reviewed at finance and vestry meetings.

* Our new Treasurer, Sandy Curtis, is doing an excellent job and continues to work closely with Fred Deeb, clergy and office administrators.

*We also welcome Mary Hartman as a new member to the Finance Committee and also Mo. Gaelyn Evangreene, Curate.

Education Committee

Vestry Liaisons: Mary Lockey & Rob Viau; Outgoing Chair: Nancy Armstrong; Incoming Chair: Laura Armour



J2A (high school youth) and Rite 13 (middle schoolers) met as one class during May for lessons about icons – “Opening New Doors.” Students had a chance to make their own icons from plain Altoid boxes (Yes, that’s right, Altoid boxes!).

The committee is reading the book, ***Will Our Children Have Faith***, by John Westerhoff and trying to get a big picture idea of how to offer formation to our children and youth. Adult Formation classes are scheduled through August. The lectionary class, facilitated by Mike Shirley, is continuing through the summer due to popular demand. All are welcome, all the time or some of the time. If you have an idea for a topic you would like to explore, please tell someone on the Education Committee and we can discuss at the next meeting.

Vacation Bible School is set for August 1 & 2nd from 5:30 pm -7:30 pm and Saturday, August 3 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm and is being coordinated by Madison Owen, Mary Hartman, and Sarah Yeargin. This year’s title is “God’s Multi-dimensional Grace.” Volunteers are welcome! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Madison or Mary.

Laura Armour (lauraarmour4567@gmail.com) and Mary Lockey (mlockey195@gmail.com) were recently accredited as Education for Ministry (EfM) mentors at the University of the South. Mary and Laura will begin a new class in the fall. The class will meet once a week for nine months and costs \$375. "Students" commit to only one year at a time. Although the entire course requires four years to complete, the years are not required to be consecutive. Contact Laura or Mary for more information.

The Icons in Transformation exhibit has TRANSFORMED many members of our church family as well as the community beyond our doors. An estimated 700-800 visitors have responded very enthusiastically to the exhibit. The exhibit itself has been extended two months until mid-August. Educational programs including lectures, Taize services, spiritual dances, etc. have added great depth to our community's understanding of spiritual growth.

Outreach Committee

Vestry Liaisons: Paula Welling; Chair: Michael Lodico

Outreach has worked to understand the Grace Food Pantry budget and look for ways to increase efficiency in pantry expenditures.

Our Grace Giving Garden has received – with vestry approval – both a grant and a donation which together will probably cover most of the garden's costs for this year. A major focus for Outreach now is preparing for the Parish Fair. We have modified the way we handle grant requests; those ministries requesting grants submit their proposals by mid-June to allow the committee to pre-approve requests. This will allow us to publicize the needs we hope to meet with our Parish Fair grants, which we hope will be a stimulus to both those donating and those purchasing fair items.

Parish Life

Vestry Liaisons: Linda Deeb & Lauri SoJourney

Chair: Mary Lou Daily

The Community Life Committee has had requests for **computer training**. Rather than trying to duplicate services we are sharing information on services readily available in our community.

- One-on-one computer lessons are offered weekly at the Waynesville and Canton branches of the Haywood County Public Library. Lesson slots are available from 10 a.m.-noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Canton and from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the

Waynesville Library. Sign up at the front desk of either library or call 356.2507 for the Waynesville Library or 648.2924 for the Canton Library.

- There are also classes available at the **Senior Resource Center**. Just call the SRC to learn about the offerings and to register at 356-2800.



The Graceful Hikers, led by Karen Morris, has gotten off to a slow start this spring, but is planning lots of fun activities for the future. In July we will be on hiatus due to all the activity prepping for the Parish Fair, but we will be back in full swing in August and looking forward to a colorful fall. We welcome anyone with a love of nature who likes to hike/stroll and share the experience with others. Our hikes are generally less than five miles and we try to do a loop so no car drops are necessary. We meet in the church parking lot on the designated Saturday morning around 9 or 9:30 a.m.

Our first hike of the season was on the Bradley Fork Trail in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. This is a lovely location for wildflowers in the spring and the trail is generally flat on an old road bed. Our future hike wish list includes:

- A day at Lake Logan - hiking trails and having lunch - with lake activities for those who want to extend their day
- A trip up to Max Patch to enjoy the wide open views
- A day trip down to Brevard to enjoy the waterfalls

We are also hoping to set up a time and place for weekly walks around Lake Junaluska. Just an informal meet up for anyone who is available mid-week.

Come and join us in August for our adventure. Details will be in the church bulletin and included in the weekly email as we get closer to mid-August. Contact Karen Morris at kmmusart22@gmail.com if you want to be added to the Graceful Hiker's email distribution list.



The Daughters of the King (DOK) is an order of prayer and service to the church (See article earlier in this newsletter). Every day each “daughter” prays our prayer list as part of her vows. At the monthly meetings, interesting discussions are centered on a selected book. The group just finished ***Continuing the Journey*** and our

next selection will be about women of the church and their influence in our lives. We were thrilled to learn that our former Diocesan President, Brenda Gilbert, has been named the new Archdeacon for our diocese.

Meetings are held the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Women of all ages are welcome to attend. Contact Jo Phelps (828.452-2575) for more information.



Curate Ordination, June 20. Bishop Jose Antonio McLoughlin ordained Gaelyn Lei Evangreene into the Episcopal priesthood June 20 at Grace Church. It was a wonderful celebration. Many members of the clergy, Gaelyn's friends and family, and Grace parishioners were present for the ordination. A reception for Gaelyn was held in Thatcher Hall.



Sew

Gracefully quilters have once again donated a beautiful quilt to be raffled off. The quilt, titled "Blue Ridge," is on display at the church. All of the fabric in the quilt is blue batik. Tickets are on sale at the coffee hour between services, with a drawing to be held at the ECW's Tablescares, August 24. Tickets are priced at \$1 per ticket, or six for \$5.

Greeters - Contact Linda Deeb or Chas Lawrence.

Grace Episcopal Church Women (ECW) held their biennial business meeting March 30. Officers for 2019-21 are President: Mary Lou Daily, Vice President: Laurel Destry, Secretary: Kathie Johnson, Treasurer: Betsy Stecher, Member at Large: Donna Buckner.



Haywood Pathways Center will continue to be our primary ministry, focusing on support for the Women and Children's Shelter. We voted unanimously to name the Trauma Playroom, Edwina's Place to honor Edwina Costley's many years of devotion to the struggles of the homeless women and children in Haywood County. We set August 24 as the date for our Annual Tablescapes Luncheon and December 14 as the date for the Annual Christmas Cookie Sale. We are also in the process of setting up a monthly luncheon outing especially for those women who may not be able to get out on their own very often. We will keep you posted on this project.

We met again in June to organize our Tablescapes Luncheon committees and plan for the Grand Opening of the HPC Women and Children's Shelter where we hosted the refreshment table after the opening ceremony. Many of our members enjoyed preparing the food and touring the beautiful facility that will provide a home to the homeless.

We would like to encourage all women in the church to come to our meetings, but if you can't attend please consider volunteering to help with the projects that we sponsor. We do have a lot of fun and we eat really well. Just know that all women of Grace are welcome!

You can email Mary Lou at mldaily7@gmail.com or Laurel at laurel1641@gmail.com to help or sign up in Thatcher Hall.



The Men of

Grace. If you're a man, then you are welcome to join. We "meet" on the first Saturday morning of each month at 9 am in Thatcher Hall. You will enjoy a light (Ok, sometimes heavy) breakfast, a cup of coffee and some great conversation. That's all there is to it. No dues to pay. No tasks to perform. Leave when you want. How bad can that be? It's simply a time to relax and start the month right. So, mark your calendar and join us. You'll be glad you did.

In Celebration







Newcomer's Corner

Elizabeth Chapman

Elizabeth Chapman was born in Marion, North Carolina. She and her fiancé, Chris, will be married in Marion later this month at St. John's Episcopal Church. Elizabeth was brought up in the Pentecostal and Baptist faiths, but began research on Christian denominations after college and decided on the right faith for her. "I wanted a church



that was less condemning of other faiths and open to gay people and different racial groups, so that led me to the Episcopal Church,” said Elizabeth.

Elizabeth graduated from Western Carolina University with a degree in history. She works as a loan officer at the Clyde branch of the State Employees Credit Union.

“Studies show that history majors make good loan officers,” said Elizabeth. “We do our research and are good problem solvers.”

She and Chris met four years ago at Western, and Chris is

now employed by Wyatt Labs in Asheville. The couple have two dogs: Luna, a huskie; and Mayo, a mixed breed. “Mayo looks like a giant Pomeranian,” said Elizabeth. “He was on sale at the animal shelter, and Chris adopted him the day he was going to be put down.”

Elizabeth has been a vegetarian for the past ten years and likes to read and cook. The couple will continue living in Waynesville after the wedding.

Allen King

For someone who has lived most of his life near his birthplace of Canton, Allen King has experienced great diversity. Allen attended churches ranging from snake handling evangelical to Unitarian Universalist. He was baptised in the Mormon Church, attended “new age” churches, and spent 20 years in the Wesleyan Church. His diverse job



history includes everything from fast food to dishwashing; from housekeeping to convenience store clerk.

“I guess my favorite job was housekeeping at Asheville Airport where I once met Richard Simmons getting off a plane,” Allen said. “I also liked working in convenience stores because of all the different types of people you come in contact with daily. At one store I worked at in Asheville, one of my regular customers was actress Andie MacDowell.”

Allen was very close to his maternal grandparents with whom he spent a great deal of his life and cared for in their final years. Allen moved to Chicago twice and lived in a Christian commune called “Jesus People USA.” Several times he found himself facing homelessness and depression. Allen admits that for years he was not living a Christian life and made some enemies along the way. Yet every time he had nowhere to go, someone offered him food and shelter. And every time he felt like life was no longer worth living, he got help. His enemies are now his good friends.

Allen has lived independently in an apartment for the past eleven years. He started attending Grace last December he wanted something different and found that he really liked the liturgy and the music. Because he doesn’t have a car, Al Fortney gives Allen rides to church and other places he needs to go.

“I have enjoyed getting to know Al, and I was accepted at Grace from the moment I walked in the door,” said Allen. “It feels like a sacred place, and every week somebody new introduces themselves to me.”

In Memorium — *“May light perpetual shine upon them...”*

Sami Felmet
Nan Flynn
Laura Lang

Cathy Simons
Dot Teague
Bob Fulbright

