



The Anchor Line

Grace Episcopal Church, Panama City Beach, Florida

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January, 2017

Dear parishioners and friends of Grace Church:

As I said Christmas Eve, I want to thank everybody who helped make our Christmas services so very lovely at Grace Church: our Christmas organist Kim Jacobson and our choir, the Ensemble of Excellence who accompanied them, those who assisted at the altar and who read the prayers and the scriptures; our ushers, our greeters; those who prepared the altar and decorated the church and also those who did some special repairs around here the past couple of weeks. I also want to thank those who prepared and served our Supper at Grace on December 22nd: I did a quick count and it looks like at least 120 people—the poor, the lonely, the needy--enjoyed a festive Christmas dinner and party that night. And finally I also want to thank all those who through their sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure throughout the year enable us at Grace Church to do what God would have us do here in Panama City Beach.

Although we've already seen a steady number of our seasonal visitors return to Grace Church this winter, we see a surge in January, February, and March. Our sign outside reads: "Your Church Home Away From Home" and we mean that! If back home you sing in the choir, serve at the altar or read the scriptures, assist with hospitality, know that we welcome and encourage you to do the same here at Grace Church. For the next several Sundays through early February, there will be an insert in the Sunday bulletins; just fill it out and place it in the offering plate, or give it to me or return it to the office, and we can get you set-up! Of course, know too that you are welcome to join us for our first Sunday breakfasts, our second Tuesday men's lunches, our Sunday morning Adult Bible Class, and for our midweek service and potluck supper every Wednesday night.

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, December 11th, the membership voted me power-of-appointment in the selection of delegates to diocesan

convention, which meets February 23rd to the 25th at Holy Nativity Church in Dothan, Alabama. Accordingly, our deputation will include Dave and Sayre Steere, Mike and Basma Swearingen, Daphne Dove-Peirce, and Deb Edmondson. In addition, Harry Stutzke and Basma Swearingen were elected to the Vestry at this meeting, to join continuing members Deb Edmondson, Fred Pope, Sam Richardson, Sayre Steere, and Susan Walters. We will prayerfully install these Vestry members at the services on an upcoming Sunday.

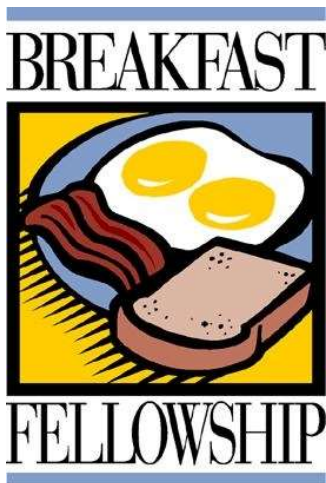
Sincerely,





Wednesday Night Fellowship

Join us for our Mid-Week service on Wednesday's beginning at 5:45 pm with the Holy Communion followed by a potluck supper. Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage of choice.



Join us in Wilhite Hall Sunday, January 1st, between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship service for good food and fellowship!! Invite a friend.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
Tuesday, January 10th at 12noon
Triple J's Steakhouse on Thomas Drive
All men are invited and bring a friend!!



We need coffee hour hosts for the month of January. Sign-up sheet is in Wilhite Hall. Thank you to everyone who participates in this ministry.

Those serving the month of January

1/1 8:00 am 10:30 am
 Chalice Demo Steere
 Acolyte Demo Steere
 Lector Demo Steere
 Intercessor Demo Steere
 Counters Swearingen
 Greeters Swearingen

1/8
 Chalice Gray Walters
 Acolyte Gray Walters
 Lector Smith Barnes
 Intercessor Gray Walters
 Counters Walters
 Greeters Swearingen

1/15
 Chalice Knafelc Harris
 Acolyte Knafelc Harris
 Lector Westmoreland Harris
 Intercessor Westmoreland Harris
 Counters Harris
 Greeters Swearingen

1/22
 Chalice Walters Richardson
 Acolyte Walters Richardson
 Lector Hale Richardson
 Intercessor Hale Richardson
 Counters Richardson
 Greeters Swearingen

1/29
 Chalice Knafelc Steere
 Acolyte Knafelc Steere
 Lector Westmoreland Shepard
 Intercessor Westmoreland Steere
 Counters Swearingen
 Greeters Swearingen



January 1 Numbers 6:22-27
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:15-21
 Psalm 8

January 8 Isaiah 42:1-9
 James 5:7-10
 Matthew 11:2-11
 Psalm 146:4-9

January 15 Isaiah 49:1-7
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42
 Psalm 40:1-12

January 22 Isaiah 9:1-4
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23
 Psalm 27:1, 5-13

January 29 Micah 6:1-8
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
 Matthew 5:1-12
 Psalm 15

Birthdays &



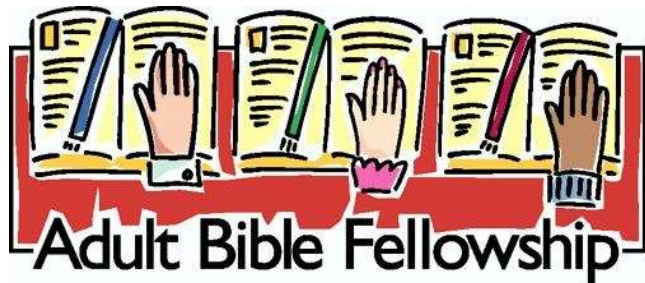
Anniversaries

1/3 Barbara Westmoreland

1/16 Carolyn Wilder

1/30 Jane Wesson

1/30 Sam Richardson



Join us on Sunday Mornings at 9:15 am for Adult Bible Study. Our own parishioner, Debbie Edmondson is teaching "Experiencing God".



SANTA ENJOYS THE GRACE CHURCH CHOIR CAROLING FOR OUR SUPPER AT GRACE GUESTS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND.