



# The Anchor Line

Grace Episcopal Church, Panama City Beach, Florida

[www.gracespirit.org](http://www.gracespirit.org)

November, 2017

Dear parishioners and friends of Grace Church:

Fall has arrived and this is the time of year we pause to reflect on the many blessings God has given us. This is also the time when we begin to look forward and plan for the coming year. With this in mind, we will be focusing on financial stewardship in the coming weeks.

As most everyone knows, financial stewardship is not about giving to the church so it can pay its bills, but it is explicitly about us being called to give back to God a small portion out of the abundance he has given us. I urged you not to look at our current absence of a fulltime priest as a reason to decrease your pledge. We are all called to continually strive to increase our pledge towards God's request of a tithe (10%) and if you are there he asks us to continue to tithe. With absence of the costs of a fulltime priest, opportunities are actually created and we can now consider programs we've desired to start, we can make much needed facility repairs, and we can pay down debt. All of which put Grace Church in a position of strength for the future. Regardless of where or how the financial resources are used, we all can be assured that Grace Church is striving to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Grace Church's focus on financial stewardship will culminate on November 19<sup>th</sup> with the Parish's financial pledge ingathering. Pledge cards will not be mailed out in advance, but will be placed in the pews on November 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like a pledge card in

advance one may be obtained from the Grace Church's website ([www.gracespirit.org](http://www.gracespirit.org)). Just click on the "Stewardship" tab and download.

The Stewardship Committee hopes you find the coming weeks enlightening and beneficial in preparing for your financial pledge commitment. It is not a coincidence that our ingathering will occur the Sunday before Thanksgiving, so please prayerfully reflect over the coming weeks how thankful we are to God.

*SIRACH 35:7-10*

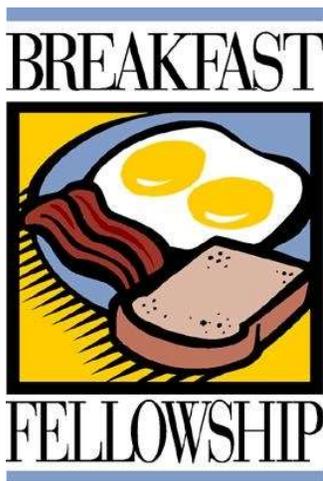
*In generous spirit pay homage to the LORD, be not sparing of freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means.*

Carl Walters  
Stewardship Committee Chair



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, November 5<sup>th</sup>, between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship service for good food and fellowship!! Invite a friend.



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**  
**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 12noon at**  
**Triple J's Steakhouse on Thomas Drive**  
**All men are invited and bring a friend!!**



**We need coffee hour hosts for**  
**November. Sign-up sheet is in**  
**Wilhite Hall. Thank you to everyone**  
**who participates in this ministry.**

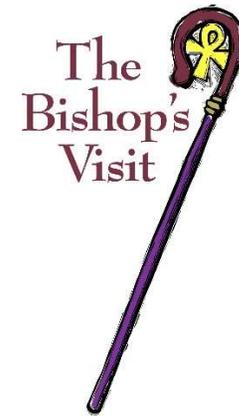


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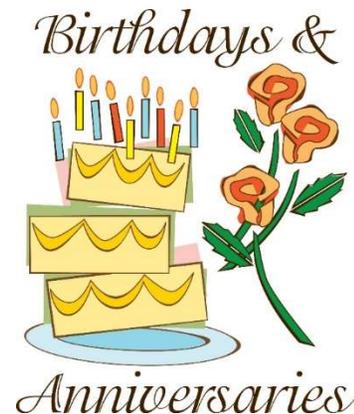
*We thank you for your faithful support.*  
Anyone wishing to donate to Grace Church online may now do so. Just visit us at [gracespirit.org](http://gracespirit.org) and go to the Stewardship tab. Our budget requirement weekly is \$2,869.21



Our Fall Fund Raiser was a huge success. A Special Thank you to everyone who volunteered to work the store. The community really came out in support of our Pumpkin Patch. A special thank you to Fred Pope, Sam Richardson and Basma Swearingen for setting up every day.



Join us on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>,  
All Saints Day



11/1 Suze Hughes  
11/10 Dave Steere  
11/26 Sayre Steere  
11/30 Marie Knafelc

*Those serving the month of November*

<u>11/5</u>	8:00 am	10:30 am
Chalice	Walters	Richardson
Acolyte	Walters	Richardson
Lector	Westmoreland	Russo
Intercessor	Westmoreland	Richardson
Counters		Richardson
Greeters		Swearingen

<u>11/12</u>		
Chalice	Gray	Steere
Acolyte	Gray	Steere
Lector	Pope	Shepard
Intercessor	Pope	Steere
Counters		Swearingen
Greeters		Swearingen

<u>11/19</u>		
Chalice	Knafelc	Walters
Acolyte	Knafelc	Walters
Lector	Gray	Walters
Intercessor	Gray	Walters
Counters		Walters
Greeters		Swearingen

<u>11/26</u>		
Chalice	Gray	Richardson
Acolyte	Gray	Richardson
Lector	Hale	Russo
Intercessor	Hale	Richardson
Counters		Richardson
Greeters		Swearingen



November 5	Isaiah 25:6-9 Revelation 21:1-6 John 11:32-44 Psalm 24
November 12	Joshua 24:1-3 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13 Psalm 78:1-7
November 19	Judges 4:1-7 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30 Psalm 123
November 26	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46 Psalm 100