



The Anchor Line

Grace Episcopal Church, Panama City Beach, Florida

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Greeting Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is great to be back in Panama City Beach after vacation our west.

As the fall begins our Shared Ministry Team and discernment teams continue the good work of exploring the possible options for a vital and sustainable Episcopal presence between the bridges on Panama City Beach. We meet again Monday, September 10, and we'll have more updates to share as we reach 3 months in which our discernment study has been going on to explore the options of long-term shared ministry, remaining separate parishes, or merging. Our hope is that at the end of 6 months we have some direction for next steps or direction for areas of further discernment. The leadership working on this has done a great deal of prayerful work, if you ever have any questions, please let me know, we have vestry members and Shared Ministry Team members from both Grace and St. Thomas who are glad to answer questions as well.

Our big event coming up at the end of September is our 5th Sunday joint service at the Barn. Sunday, September 30th, at 10:00 am we will have a joint Eucharist at the Barn, next to the Wicked Wheel. Following we will join together in fellowship with a potluck. In the coming weeks you'll find sign-up sheets for the potluck in the parish halls. We'll have an opportunity to hear from

both parish choirs, we'll have representatives from both parishes serving as well. Cokes, lemonade, water, and mimosas will be provided. All you need to do is bring yourselves, a dish to share, and maybe a friend or two!

Also, coming up this month are several formation opportunities:

Join us for a Bible study at Grace on Wednesdays in September starting at 11:30 am. Bring a sack lunch, come learn and discuss the book of Exodus, and enjoy some good fellowship. We will finish up by 1:00.

Beginning Sunday, September 9th, at St. Thomas we will be having an Inquirers class using the book, Walk in Love. We will meet after church, about 12:15/12:30. Bring a sack lunch, and get to know the Episcopal Church a little better. This is a 13-week study and highly recommended for those interested in confirmation. It will be team taught by Labron Chance and myself.

Pub Theology Update: We are going to try Pub Theology on a once a month basis. Our first meeting back will be Tuesday, September 4.

Looking forward to some great opportunities and activities in the fall season. Hope you're able to join for some or all!

God's Peace and Love,
Mary Alice



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



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.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
Tuesday, September 11th, at 12noon at
The Wicked Wheel on Hutchison Blvd.
All men are invited and bring a friend!!



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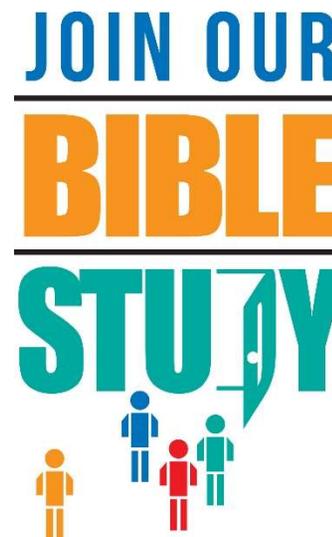


We will resume on Tuesday,
September 4th at 7:00 pm.

Walk in Love Class

Are you interested in being confirmed, getting to know more about the Episcopal tradition, or refreshing what you may have learned in years past? Walk in Love is a book we will be using for a class being taught at St. Thomas on Sundays after church starting Sunday, September 9 at 12:15, and running through the beginning of December. If you are interested in participating in this class, or are interested but can't make it at this time, please let me know.

Mary Alice



Pop-Up Bible Study Wednesdays in September
Topic: Exodus
11:30am-1:00pm beginning September 5th

Sometimes our schedules have us all over the place, and finding one time and place to do something can be a challenge. Pop-up Bible Study is just a four week program we will try every other month or so. For the month of September we will be at Grace from 11:30am-1:00pm on Wednesdays, so bring a sack lunch, and for this session come learn a little more about Exodus. If you're on your lunch hour, know that we will dedicate the first 15 minutes and last 15 minutes to some fellowship, so if you need to come in late or leave a little early, no worries.

Can't make it every week? Not a problem, the material stands on its own each week.

Can't make it on Wednesdays in September? Don't worry, Pop-up Bible Study will make its way to different times, places, and days throughout the year.

Who should come? Anyone that's able, so bring a friend!

Hope you can join us this September or in the future!

Those serving the month of September

9/2 9:00 am
Chalice Demo
Acolyte Demo
Lector Demo
Intercessor Demo
Counters Richardson
Greeters Swearingen

9/9
Chalice Knafelc
Acolyte Knafelc
Lector Pope
Intercessor Westmoreland
Counters Swearingen
Greeters Swearingen

9/16
Chalice Gray
Acolyte Gray
Lector Shepard
Intercessor Hale
Counters Richardson
Greeters Swearingen

9/23
Chalice Walters
Acolyte Walters
Lector Gray
Intercessor Gray
Counters Walters
Greeters Swearingen

9/30
Chalice Richardson
Acolyte Richardson
Lector Russo
Intercessor Richardson
Counters Richardson
Greeters Swearingen



September 2
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

September 9
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
James 2:1-10, 14-17
Mark 7:24-37
Psalm 125

September 16
Proverbs 1:20-33
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38
Psalm 19

September 23
Proverbs 31:10-31
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8
Mark 9:30-37
Psalm 1

September 30
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50
Psalm 124