

CLARKE PARISH

Grace Episcopal Church / St. Mary's Memorial Church

THE EVANGELINE

June 23, 2021



FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends:

God does marvelous things! This was certainly true almost three years ago when God brought us into ministry together with me as your Priest in Charge, a strange title that gives a priest all the authority of a rector but without tenure. In October of 2020, your vestries elected me as your rector and by January 1st of this year the letter had been signed by Bishop Susan and it was official.

After the thirty-two years that Dwight Brown served as rector of this parish, there are many here who have never experienced a transition before, let alone a new rector. One of the things we do when a new rector comes is have a Celebration of the New Ministry, which used to be called an Installation. The change in name was supposed to highlight a change in focus. At an installation, the focus was almost entirely on the new rector and his or her ministry within the parish. We still install a rector as part of our Celebration of New Ministry and the rector does receive a letter of institution from the bishop but the focus is now more far-reaching. We have entered into a relationship. We are a group of baptized Christians who do ministry together under the leadership of the rector. Therefore, at the Celebration of New Ministry, we will celebrate this new relationship together. We will also be joined by others from the wider Church who will support our ministry from afar.

We have set the date for our Celebration of New Ministry for Saturday, November 20th (time TBD) and will be joined by our new dean The Very. Rev. Susan MacDonald who will conduct the institution. More details will follow but please do note this very important date in our common life together on your calendars.

I thank God every day for calling us into ministry together and for the privilege and honor you have vested in me by allowing me to serve as your priest.

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Clarke Parish

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 am @ Grace Episcopal Church

9 am @ St. Mary's Memorial Church

10:15 am @ Grace Episcopal Church

We will remain on this schedule through Labor Day.

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021

8 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Eucharist (Rite I)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin Ivatts

Lay Reader: Caroline Mitchell

9 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

Morning Prayer

Officiant: Rev. Justin Ivatts

Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone

Pianist: Helena Goldberg

10:15 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant: Rev. Justin Ivatts

Lay Reader: Kim Davis

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolytes: Warren Maiberger & Lily Bosworth

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for June 27, 2021](#)

The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Robin & Tom McFillen in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary! They were married here at Grace Church on June 29, 1991 by the Rev. Dwight L. Brown.

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

9 am at St. Mary's Memorial Church

Morning Prayer

Officiant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Gwendolyn Malone

Pianist: Helena Goldberg

10:15 am at Grace Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer

Officiant: Caroline Mitchell

Lay Reader: Jon Campbell

Organist: Wendy Oesterling

Acolyte: Lily Bosworth

[Click HERE - Lectionary Insert for July 4, 2021](#)

The altar flowers at Grace Church are given to the glory of God by Priscilla & Tim Lowe in loving memory of Priss's parents, Mr. & Mrs. George T. Wallace, III.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP

For those of you who still wish to join us virtually instead of attending in-person worship, the 10:15 am service at Grace Church will continue to be live-streamed each week. Please use the links below to view the service offerings. These links are permanent and will not change week after week.

Our YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTT0nfgs77DzKri2qx38Cg>

Our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Grace-Episcopal-Church-111667788869782>



THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS!

Evening Prayer at Wickliffe Church

Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend for a service of Evening Prayer at Wickliffe. After the service, stay for fellowship, great conversation with friends, and maybe bring your own beverage/snack to enjoy in the churchyard too.

LAY READER / ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Summer 2021

Please click the link below to access the most recent schedule for summer assignments at both Grace and St. Mary's.

[CLICK HERE - July & August 2021](#)

If scheduled, please remember to contact the office in case of conflict or unavailability and always attempt to find a substitute to swap dates with if needed.

NOTE: We are always in need of more volunteers to add to our lay reader roster at all church services. Lay reading is a wonderful opportunity to take part in the service, let your voice be heard reading scripture and prayers, and see the church

from a different perspective standing at the lectern. If you would like to join this important ministry, please contact the office for more information and/or to be scheduled.

CHURCH NEWS

Always stay up-to-date with church events
and activities...

[CHURCH CALENDAR - Quick View!](#)



- June 23** - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / NO CLASS
- June 24** - 'Thoughtful Thursday' Evening Prayer at Wickliffe/ 7:30 pm
- June 27** - Sunday Morning Worship / 8, 9, & 10:15 am
- June 27** - St. Mary's ECW meeting / 10 am in the Parish House
- June 30** - Wednesday Morning Bible Study / NO CLASS
- July 4** - Sunday Morning Worship / 9 & 10:15 am
- July 5** - OFFICE CLOSED (Independence Day)
- July 6** - St. Mary's Vestry Meeting / 1 pm in the Parish House
- July 11** - Visiting Clergy = Rev. Dwight L. Brown / servicesat 8 @ 10 am
- August 8** - Annual Homecoming Service & Picnic at Wickliffe/ 11 am

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The ECW of St. Mary's Church is scheduled to meet THIS SUNDAY,
June 27 immediately following the 9 am worship service.
(The meeting will begin at about 10 am in the Parish House)

All members are urged to attend.



VESTRY NEWS

The Vestry of St. Mary's Church is scheduled to meet on
Tuesday, July 6 @ 1 pm in the Parish House.



If unable to attend the scheduled meetings, Vestry members are reminded to
please alert the office of your unavailability.



A MESSAGE FROM WENDY OESTERLING

"Sing a New Song"

This Sunday our opening hymn at Grace Church is #518
(Hymnal 1982), "Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the
head and cornerstone" written in Latin in the 7th century by an unknown poet. It
was translated into English in the early 19th century by John Mason Neale (1818-

1866), a priest in the Church of England, scholar, and prolific hymn writer. 45 hymns in our Hymnal 1982 have his name on them. The tune, *Westminster Abbey*, was composed in 1680 by English composer Henry Purcell, also known for his wedding music. I love to think about all the generations of churchgoers who have sung the same hymn we sing over the last 175+ years. To somebody, it is always a new song!

The **Summer Choir** is having a great time and we would love to have you join us for a Sunday (or more). Come to Grace Church at 9 am for rehearsal and sing for the 10:15 service. No experience or advance notice necessary. Open to singers of all ages.

Keep a song of praise to God in your hearts,
Wendy

THE BACKPACK MINISTRY!

A Message from Susan Catlett, Program Coordinator



We just wrapped up our packing for the second semester of the school year. A super big thank you to our volunteers for packing, purchasing, delivering, and seeking funding for this ministry. Because of your commitment, everything has run incredibly smoothly.

Last summer, we continued to provide weekend bags as Clarke County Public Schools (CCPS) delivered the bags along with weekly food (funded through a grant). CCPS will continue to provide weekly food but will ask families to pick it up on a certain day/time. Together, with Duncan Methodist, our numbers are much smaller this summer compared to last summer so our plan will be a bit different. Currently, there are only 15 bags to pack and Duncan Methodist has kindly offered to serve as the primary packers and pick-up location on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Our role will be to provide some of the snack/breakfast items for them to use. So, we are on "break" this summer and will gear up in mid-August to provide for those that are food insecure.

Again, thank you for a successful school year of providing supplemental meals & snacks for our community's food insecure.

Best,
Susan

ps. I'd like to welcome Judith Knopp to our team. She is returning to Grace and would like to be involved in this important outreach. We are so glad to have you join in the fun!



ONLINE GIVING

It's as easy as 1,2,3...

We have partnered with [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) - a trusted platform to provide a simple, convenient, and secure way to continue supporting our ministry through online giving from

anywhere at any time.

Please consider this option to make a pledge or one-time payment to the church. You can also set up recurring payments, and likewise, you can utilize [Tithe.ly](#) to give to the General Fund, Grace Giving, St. Mary's Giving, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, the Backpack Program, or 'Other' by selecting from the drop-down menu options.

[Click HERE to Give Online Now](#)

The [Tithe.ly](#) link is also available by visiting the Parish Website at www.ClarkeParish.org

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