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*We will be a light within the community
where all people
are welcome and nurtured
by experiencing
God's love.*

**GRACE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
PORT
ORANGE,
FL
JANUARY
28, 2024**

133RD ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

AGENDA

Call to Order
Opening Prayer
Appointment of Secretary
Minutes of (previous year)
Senior Wardens Remarks
Recognition of Retiring Vestry Members
Introduction of Vestry Nominees
(Balloting procedure if necessary)
Treasurer Report
Presentation of Budget
Committee Reports As Written
Ministry Leader Remarks
Rector's Closing Remarks
Necrology (Read during Eucharist)
Dismissal

VESTRY & OFFICERS OF GRACE CHURCH

John Palmer, Senior Warden
Hal Read, Junior Warden
Gary Lincoln, Treasurer
Nancy Fitch, Secretary

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Sue McIlrath	Ben Coursen	Dale Millar
Lynda Moore	Jamie Roberts	Hal Read
John Palmer	Bob Normington	Suellen Stenhouse

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Fr. Gary Jackson, Rector
Rev. Susan M. McCaffrey, Deacon
Rev. David & Rev. Stephanie Whitman, Deacons
Kim Mansfield, Bookkeeper
Demetria Stevenson, Parish Administrator
Kevin Davids, Sexton

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**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS FOR 2022**

• **Statistics not finalized**

Members	2023	2022	2021
Active - Adults	235	234	224
-Youth Under 16	16	4	4
Total Baptized Members		234	230
Total Transition		0	0
Family Units (Active & Transition)		148	139

*Software improvements to reflect more accurate accounting

Winter Members	2023	2022	2021
Adults		6	6
Total Baptized Members		4	4
Family Units			4

Parish Register Statistics	2023	2022	2021
Added by Transfer		12	4
Restored to Active		6	2
Removed by Transfer		2	4
Removed Other		1	1
Removed by Death		7	10
Moved to Inactive		4	1
Confirmations	9	0	2
Reaffirmations	6	0	0
Received	1	0	0
Baptisms	4	5	5
Marriages	0	0	2
Burials/Memorial Services	11	9	8
Average Sunday Attendance		134	122

**MINUTES OF THE 132ND ANNUAL MEETING
OF GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JANUARY 29, 2023**

The meeting was opened at 11:10 am in Goddard Hall with a prayer by Rector Gary Jackson. The written annual report containing ministry summaries and the 2023 budget was sent to all members by email on Friday, January 27. Several printed copies were placed on each table. Jamie Roberts made a motion to appoint vestry secretary, Nancy Fitch as secretary for the Annual Meeting. Maggie Thompson seconded; the motion passed.

Fr. Gary noted that this is the largest group at any annual meeting of which he has been a part. He pointed out the ministry posters lining the walls as a testament to the many ministries Grace Church conducts for the glory of God.

Rob Harlow made a motion to accept the minutes from last year's meeting. Sally Harter seconded; the motion passed.

SENIOR WARDEN REMARKS – Tinny Ryder noted that with Covid restrictions lifted, we are now able to meet and worship together. She thanked the congregation for being generous with their hearts and their money, for fully funding the church "wish list," and for providing for the needs of our parishioners impacted by Hurricane Ian. She thanked everyone for the love and support she received during her tenure. Tinny received a standing ovation and a proclamation from the church for exemplifying the traits of a true servant leader, and a true Christian.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING AND INCOMING VESTRY MEMBERS – Fr. Gary thanked outgoing vestry members Tinny Ryder and Bill McCaffrey. He welcomed incoming vestry members Suellen Stenhouse, Dale Millar and Hal Read. Hal is starting a new three-year term after filling out the unexpired term of a previous vestry member.

Fr. Gary asked for nominees from the floor. There being none, Maggie Thompson made a motion to close the process and approve the appointment of Suellen, Dale, and Hal. Alan Titkemeier seconded; motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gary Lincoln referred to the 2023 budget at the back of the written report. He noted that we received over 100 returned pledge cards which are 20 more than last year and the highest amount he has seen during his tenure. The biggest expenses

are for staff and pensions. This year staff and clergy were given a three percent increase. The sexton received a higher increase to bring him up to a more comparable amount for that position. We are presenting another balanced budget, projecting to be in the black by \$220. In the last two years, we have finished in the black due to the devoted efforts of everyone's time, talents, and treasure. The amount of the diocesan pledge will increase by 11% but the actual amount has not yet been calculated by the diocese. We remain committed to staying current in our payments to the diocese.

Fr. Gary noted that the vestry votes to approve the budget after it is prepared and discussed. He thanked Gary Lincoln for going above, and beyond with many hours of hard work compiling this year's budget, as we transitioned the responsibility of budget preparation from the Budget Committee to the Vestry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Members of the congregation were invited to share remarks about their ministry. Hal Read invited men to get involved with the Kairos Prison Ministry. Rob Harlow stated that Cursillo will need help with staffing for the Cursillo weekends this year. Sherri Davids encouraged people to find out more about our new healing ministry, The Order of St. Luke. Cathy Petersen reminded people that we have an extensive library of great books to borrow. Suzie Torburg reminded people that ECW is having its first meeting of the new year next Saturday. Ann Zerbach said the first Lunch Bunch in three years was a great success and encouraged participation in this.

RECTOR REMARKS – Fr. Gary thanked Rev. Susan for the excellent job she has done supporting him in the past year. He thanked the Rector Search Committee for coaxing him to consider being a candidate for rector when it was not on his radar to do so. He noted it was easy to follow Rector Rick Burhans because he left no "messes" to deal with. The Rev. Dabney Smith told him that three things were important to be a successful rector – 1. Show up. 2. Love your people. 3. Do not be a jerk. He vowed not to be a jerk but asked for forgiveness if he ever is. He thanked the vestry for being the most active vestry with which he has worked.

The delegates going to the diocesan Annual Convention next week are Fr. Gary and Christina Jackson, Rev. Susan and Bill McCaffrey, and David Whitman.

He chose "Growing in Mission" for this year's Pledge Campaign theme after reading the book, Not Your Parents Offering Plate which describes how we do not give to the financial budget, but rather to the mission of Grace Church which is to be a place to worship God and love one another in the heart of Port Orange. Our budget provides the framework to accomplish these things and to add new ways to reach out to the community such as the new Care Portal program for helping local foster families.

The meeting closed with the reading of the necrology and a closing prayer from Rev. Susan.

The meeting was dismissed at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy Fitch, Secretary

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DEACON'S REPORT

The Rev. Susan McCaffrey

Dear Grace Church Family,
Happy New Year everybody!! I hope and pray that 2024 will be a wonderful, healthy safe and exciting year for all of you. Both Fr. Gary and I have been very busy this past year taking care of our Grace church family. Allow me to fill all of you in on some of our events and adventures.

First off, I would like to take this time to thank all of you for your prayers, well wishes and generous Christmas purse this past year for both Bill and me. We were touched and grateful that we have such a loving and caring church family. Your prayers and thoughtfulness carried us through some very difficult times and we greatly appreciate and love all of you. Again, Thank You!!

Fr. Gary is such a great priest to work alongside with here at Grace church and he has been a very good shepherd for our church. He and I take our visitations to our Grace church family seriously and we both enjoy being with our church members on these visits. This past year, with the help of Nancy Brunner and my Bill I had 122 visitations of our church family, not including giving communion to our Hum volunteers on Wednesdays when I am here at the church. What a joy to be able to visit you my church family and administer the Holy Sacrament outside the walls of Grace Church. I

am so honored to be your deacon—thank you! A big "Thank You" to Nancy Brunner who has taken on the ministry of being a part of a lot of my visitations. With her help and the help of my Bill I have been able to be the deacon you all so justly deserve!

I have continued my responsibilities as the chaplain for the Order of the Daughters of the King providing them with religious services etc. I am so humbled to be able to be a part of such a wonderful Order. I also continue to be the chaplain for our Episcopal Church Women providing them with religious services and assisting them in their important fundraising efforts. This year I was able to contribute to their Christmas Celebration Bazaar 140 jars of jellies and jams.

This past year with post COVID restrictions I was busy preparing pre-intinction wafers for our Lay Eucharistic visitors (LEVS) to administer communion to our shut-ins.

I am now a full member of the Order of Saint Luke (OSL) which is a healing order. I will be starting by way of Zoom the next step of learning for OSL. Please pray for me.

This past year I was able to provide both a Lenten and Advent Retreat. The Lenten Retreat was on Richard Foster's book "The Celebration of Discipline," and the Advent Retreat was about why Jesus came down to earth called "God Came Down for Me." Both retreats were well attended, with the Advent Retreat having 50 people participating and now I am working on putting together this year's Lenten Retreat. It will be held on March 2nd entitled "I Thirst" and I hope to see many of you attend the retreat.

This past January 11th was such a joyful and happy time for our Grace Church family as both David and Stephanie Whitman were ordained at Saint Luke's Cathedral in Orlando to the sacred order of Deacons!! We are so blessed to have such a loving and caring family as part of our congregation, and we know that our Lord will continue to lay His hands on them for their future ministries!

Besides assisting at the altar every Sunday with Fr. Gary I had the pleasure to assist him at various funerals and other services throughout the week. It is hard for me to believe that I have been your deacon for almost fourteen years! I have loved every minute of it and have loved being with each and every one of you, through the good times and the bad ones. We are

indeed a church family, full of love and caring for each other. I pray this will never end! May our God of Grace bless each and every one of you my brothers and sisters in Christ!

RECTOR'S REPORT

Fr. Gary Jackson
Was the sermon and the address from the service.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
Hal Read,
Junior Warden

2023 was a productive year, we completed several large maintenance projects that only happen every 20 years or so. First was the reroofing of our main church building. The lighter color change will help reduce future electric bills. Second was the relamping (changing all of the light bulbs) in the sanctuary fixtures. They were all changed from incandescent to LED and was a lot more involved than I thought it would have been. And getting up to the fixtures themselves was quite challenging. There's a file with pictures, records and how-to in the office for future Junior Warden of 2040 +-. On this project, special thanks to Alan Titkemeier, Keith Brunner, Ben Coursen who were all a great help and I could not have done it without them. Over in Goddard Hall 2 AC units were replaced again 20 year life expectancy. We also added some exterior lighting around the campus. All LED Looking to 2024 we need to do some serious maintenance on our children's playground equipment. It's getting rusty now at about 14 or 15 years old and due to proximity to the river/ocean. We will continue to replace all of the fluorescent light bulbs with LEDs in both the sanctuary and throughout all of the parish life center from the HUM area to the office areas.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
Carol Wilhelm

Children's Church meets Sundays at 10:30. The purpose of Children's Church is to fall in love with Jesus, grow in relationship with God, and participate more fully in the Eucharist. During the school year, lessons are presented from Godly Play and Catechesis of the Good Shephard, both of which are Montessori-based faith formation programs. Summer Sunday School is presented VBS style with interactive Bible lessons, music, games and crafts.

We currently have 8 regular members, 2 of which are fairly new, but the family indicates they will continue to bring the children. We also have 3 semi-regular members and the occasional guest. Children range in age between 4 and 12. We are in dire need of a second adult in the Atrium; primarily for safety, but also to split the children by age group for some of the activities. Several volunteers who can rotate Sundays would work.

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Jamie Roberts

Junior Daughters are young women and girls from 7 to 21 years of age, who make a promise to pray daily and to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Membership is extended to all baptized girls, regardless of denomination.

On February 16th, 2022, The Ruth Abigail Junior Daughter Chapter Celebrated its Second Birthday!

In June 2023, with the help of our rector Fr Gary and a grant from the diocese, two of our juniors, two guests and their directress were able to attend The Province Four junior Daughter Retreat held at Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo. It was the first-time juniors from the Diocese of Central Florida, or our Chapter have been able to attend.

This year the Junior Daughters of the King held a pinning ceremony for Veterans on the Sunday after Veterans Day. Each Veteran received a flag lapel pin. The Juniors continue to assist with events and outreach at Grace Church such as the Parish Breakfast, HUM Pantry, assisting the outreach committee, or spreading good cheer. If something needs a poster or sign or needs something to be counted, collected, or distributed you can count on the Junior Daughters to help.

If there is a young girl in your life who may be

interested in becoming a Junior Daughter of the King, please contact Jamie Roberts for more information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/FORMATION

LIBRARY

Committee: Susan Wright, Cathy Petersen

Our parish library is not locked, please feel free to use it.

In the past year the Data base has been converted to Microsoft. You can now look up books by Title, Author or Dewey Decimal System. All books are found by their number as listed.

Scriptural reference materials, social justice, theology, spirituality, religious biographies reflections, fiction, along with manuals and group studies are available for use.

The Library works on the **honor system**.

Borrow a book, record your name, title and date on the sign out sheet. When you are finished using the book please return and sign that it has been returned.

FREE TABLE: Duplicate books and ones not specifically needed will be available in Goddard Hall for anyone's taking.

CURSILLO/ULTREYA

Jamie Roberts

Want to deepen your relationship with Jesus? Want to learn about some tools that will help you in your daily Christian living? Ask Father Gary about going to a two-day Cursillo weekend.

Cursillo, a Spanish word meaning a short course, can help you deepen your relationship with Jesus while giving you some tools that will help you in your daily Christian living. Cursillo is an intentional method that involves Christian accountability and support through small groups that meet regularly and, a quarterly deanery reunion of the groups called "Ultreya", another Spanish word meaning "to keep on keeping on;" to persevere.

Enjoy a weekend of love and discerning as you learn "what is fundamental for being a Christian and how to live in the world by hearing and heeding God's call". Weekends are held two to three times a year at Canterbury Conference and Retreat center in Oviedo.

During 2023 Grace was able to send one parishioner to Cursillo and had several parishioners that worked on the men's, women's, and co ed weekend teams. If you are interested in attending a weekend, please see Jamie Roberts.

The 2024 Cursillo Weekend Schedule is: Men's Weekend April 12-14

Women's Weekend April 26-28, Co-ed Weekend October 4-6.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

St. Monica Chapter #2433

Glenda Poarch, President

Our chapter is an order of prayer ,service, and evangelism. Our main purpose is to serve God through prayer. We are dedicated to our Clergy, Parishioners and Community. We also invited Father Gary to come and give us a talk on the Sacraments and when we use the through out the serve. In our monthly meeting we have started a study of the women of the Bible. The book is called The Twelve Extraordinary Women Of The Bible. The President and several members of the chapter were able to attend the Spring and Fall Assemblies this year both located at Canterbury. Many members were honored to go to the Fall Assembly at that time we were pleased to hear Stephanie Whitman give her testimony on wearing the Bishop Cross for the year. It was very moving and such a blessing. We also did Grace Way Café for 3 months which was a lot of fun . We plan on hosting it again the year. We also got a new Daughter that we are proud to welcome Naomi "Petee" Catala. We would also like to welcome two Daughters back with us Betty Stecker and Sherri Davids. We gave \$25.00 to the Self Denial Fund, Alpha, Masters, and The Endowment.

I would like to thank Jamie Roberts, Sally Harter, Stephanie Whitman, Rev. Susan for all the support giving to me this year.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

Sally Harter-President

ECW is a service and fellowship ministry for all women of the Episcopal Church. Our mission is to respond to Jesus Christ, to witness, work and pray for the spread of God's kingdom; submitting to and being guided by the Holy Spirit. Fund Raisers/ Total Profit: \$8,076 1. Yard Sale 4/23- \$2,986 profit 2. Easter Chocolate Sale 3/23 - \$560 profit 3. Christmas Market 11/23 (including Homemade Crafts, Christmas items, Jams/Jellies, & Confections, Bake Goods, Raffle Baskets and festive fun) \$4,530 profit Our fundraiser events help to meet the needs of our by supporting costs that go over the normal church budget. Fellowship/Spiritual Education 1. Summer Events 7/23to 10/23: Making Crafts for Christmas Market, Knitting, Crocheting, Fr Gary's 2 presentations, Cooking, Exercise, Bingo, Bible Trivia, Tax Preparation Presentation 2. ECW Graceway- morning snacks, coffee /tea & juice for fellowship between each service, all year on the 3 rd Sunday of the month Homebound/Loaves and Fishes: 1. Home Bound- to share Christmas with our Grace Home Bound family -Delivered to 9 Parishioners a gift of a soft blanket, small, decorated tree and a pound cake 2. Loaves and Fishes: to provide a one-time meal \$20-\$25 to a home bound member of Grace; Delivered 10 meals in 2023 Retreats: ECW Sponsors Help Rev Susan with Advent & Lenten Retreats with Registration, Setup, and Clean up.

CELL GROUP (SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY)

Alan & Carol Titkemeier

The Small Group Bible Study meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Schedule changes with holidays and summertime. We begin each year with My One Word study, picking one word to focus on for the year. We look up the word in relation to meaning in the dictionary and in God's Word. We find a Bible verse to concentrate on that contains our "one word." One member in the group forms a prayer using all our one words. It has been an interesting study and discipline. In February of this past year, we began the study, Jesus Farewell Message by Francis Chan. This study closely examined John chapters 13-17. How

Christ prepared His disciples with the knowledge of God, and having a relationship with Christ, with the Holy Spirit. It was a 6-session study that took us to our summertime break. In the fall season we did another 6-session study, In the Footsteps of the Savior. Following Jesus through the Holy Land as Max Lucado as our guide. We went to Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Temple Steps, Garden Tomb, and Caesarea by the Sea with Max Sharing his thoughts of how Chris's life in those areas affect ours today, and what lessons we could learn about God's amazing grace, love, compassion, strength and peace through His Son, Christ Jesus. If you are interested in a small group study, and if you would like more information, please call Alan or Carol's home number 386-788-3845. There's a chair waiting for you.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Alan Titkemeier

The Grace Men's Bible Study meets every other Saturday in the St. John classroom at Grace from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. The purpose is to offer fellowship, study, discuss and apply God's word to our daily lives. We are currently discussing the book "The Four Voices" (Taking Control of the Conversation in Your Head) by Patrick Morley. The Men's Bible Study is open to all men. We invite you to attend and study God's word and to fellowship with other Christian men.

COMMUNICATIONS

PARISH DIRECTORY

Demetria Stevenson

The parish phone directory provides a means of communication for our Grace family, newcomers, and visitors. A phone directory was published Winter 2023 An updated copy was emailed out in December and we had hard copies available upon request.

Please help keep our data base accurate and up to date by notifying the church office of: changes in addresses, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses

- addresses of "adult" children who have moved out on their own.
- names of those you may know are no longer attending Grace.

My email is parish@egracepo.org

MINISTRY CATALOG

Nancy Fitch

Our Ministry Catalog is a 30-page summary of the many and diverse ministries at Grace Church. Ministries are divided into the eleven categories of our Strategic Plan which represents our core values as a community of faith.

The back of the catalog contains contact information for each ministry leader. It is a reference for everyone to explore the ministry opportunities at Grace. Printed copies are given to newcomers, and it is posted on our website under the "ministry" link.

Please contact us whenever there are significant changes to your ministry so we can update the catalog.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Becky Riley

The traditional duties of our office volunteers are to greet visitors, answer phones and do other duties as assigned by the Parish Administrator. They have always been invaluable "customer service" assets to the smooth running of our parish office.

We have 4 spots that are Monday thru Thursday 9am to 1pm.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Becky Riley

This has been an exciting year for photography. Not only have we had so many events, speakers, and church happenings but we had 2 once in a lifetime events. The first was Bishop Brewer's final visitation using our church and a week later The new bishop serving his 1st communion and a Bishop.

I want to Thank Nancy Fitch for her help and guidance on what needed to be photographed for TWAG and the web sight.

Mostly I want to thank all of you for putting up with me taking smiling pictures with your mouth full of food.

I feel honored to be your photographer.

PUBLICITY

Nancy Fitch

The Publicity Committee's mission is to keep our parishioners and the wider local community informed about the mission of Grace Church. We do this through articles and news releases to the local press and social media as well as internal communications through brochures, flyers, and posters. We are available to assist any ministry increase their visibility or publicize a church event.

We always welcome suggestions for new and better ways to publicize Grace and we welcome more volunteers to this committee.

TWAG (THIS WEEK AT GRACE)

Nancy Fitch

TWAG is our weekly parish email newsletter. It is usually emailed on Thursdays for the following week. It contains the scripture readings for the coming Sunday, the week's church calendar, announcements about upcoming events, and other news pertaining to Grace and its mission. It is a fast, effortless way to stay informed about "all things Grace." Attached to TWAG is *Good News Daily*, providing a weekly devotional reflection on Scripture. TWAG is also posted to our website each week.

Ministry leaders are encouraged to submit news items and photos to TWAG to inform parishioners about their activities. We particularly thank photographer Becky Riley and everyone who went out of their way this year to take photos of their ministry events.

To submit items for inclusion in TWAG, email me before 3:00 pm on Wednesdays at nanvt@yahoo.com.

2023 WEBSITE MINISTRY REPORT

Terry Cheremsak, Website Administrator

When I joined the church in September of 2016, the church had two websites. ww.egracepo.org which was owned by the church, was no longer accessible to upgrade or maintain due to the passing of the website administrator along with the loss of knowledge of the software, the ID'S

and passwords . The decision at that time was to build a new website though American Church Inc. www.graceepiscopalportorange.org was created and owned by American Church Inc. to be updated by the church staff. It was a large but necessary expense to the church to have a functioning website. In 2018, I was asked to help keep the new website current by updating the Bulletin, TWAG and the Lectionary every week. I agreed and began to become familiar with the Radius software platform that American Church Inc. used to maintain the website. The old website was out on the internet decaying and inaccessible, when it was inadvertently brought to my attention that the "EGRACEPO" domain was going to expire in September of 2018 and anyone would be able to purchase it. Since it was a very short timeframe upon learning about this, I purchased the domain when it expired, thus preserving the domain for the church. Upon purchasing the domain, I was able to access the domain through Register.com, access the password and review the attachments of the website to the domain. Even though I could access the domain, the rest of the website remained inaccessible. Upon much research, it was decided in 2020, that I would attempt to remove the old decaying website from the internet and the church would just use the newer website going forward. It was quite the learning process, since once the "EGRACEPO" domain was unhooked from the website, the church no longer had access to the email system. It was then that it became known how critical a part the old website played in the daily operations of the church. I continued to try to create a new version of the old website using Adobe Dreamweaver, however, it was not easy to get access to the old website and the update the version. I made an attempt to forward the old website to the new and remove the old website content, but the forwarding was not successful.

This past year, 2023, American Church, Inc became OSV and the new company contacted the church to upgrade the www.graceepiscopalportorange.com website. Our bookkeeper came up with the idea of using the WIX platform since WIX had a large discount for non-profit organizations. I reviewed the WIX software and found that it would be fairly easy to use this platform to recreate our old website that we owned, instead of paying an

outside company to provide a website for us. On October 6, 2023 our new old website went live on WIX and has been running ever since. The church released OSV and the www.graceepiscopalportorange.com website is no longer functioning. The new "EGRACEPO" website still needs some work to be completed in the future, but it is a functioning website that the church will own. On September 27, 2024, the domain will be turned back over to the church. Respectfully

HOSPITALITY

GRACEWAY CAFÉ

Rotating Hosts

Graceway Café is a ministry of fellowship to the people of Grace Church. Every Sunday between services, volunteers provide coffee and light refreshments in Goddard Hall.

GREETING CARD MINISTRY

Suzie Torborg

I feel very fortunate to thoroughly enjoy the ministries I've taken on at Grace Church over the years. My Birthday Card Ministry, for instance, is such a pleasant, positive project: It makes me happy to know that most folks enjoy finding that annual birthday envelope in their mailbox prior to their special day.

This year I addressed, stamped, and wrote 177 birthday greetings. I always write a note or letter on the birthday card to personalize it. And unbeknownst to the recipient, I also say a prayer of love and gratitude for that member of our congregation. Each soul makes his or her own unique contribution to the spiritual life of our corporate body. Their birthday is an ideal opportunity for me to acknowledge their distinctive part of the whole. May God bless each of the individual components of our Grace Church whole.

Love to you all,

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

LUNCH BUNCH

Ann Zerbach

In 2023 we met eleven times. We did not have a lunch in December. We had an average of 15 at each lunch. Our lowest attendance was 12 and our highest was 30. There was almost equal representation from the 8:00 and 10:30 services. We visited the following restaurants: La Cantina, Leahn's, Santa Fe Grill, Malibu Grill, Hooligan's, Mckenna's, Giuseppe's, Rossi's, Steve's Famous Diner, Dustin's and Peach Valley. We tried to take everyone's suggestions. This year we would like to venture a little further afield to New Smyrna and Ormond.

Thank you for the support of this group.

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

Sue McIlrath, Postmistress

It looks like 2023 is bringing people back to Grace and sending wonderful Christmas wishes. The Grace Episcopal Church "Christmas Card Post Office" is offered every Christmas holiday to all Grace Parishioners. This is a cost-effective way for parishioners to send Christmas cards to each other at no charge. The Post Office opens on the Sunday after Thanksgiving and closes in early January, serving both services each Sunday. This year we distributed more than 3500 cards. A big thank you to my "not so little" elves, Isabella & Juliana Roberts and to all LEVs who help distribute to our homebound parishioners.

**As a reminder for next year. Please check the current Church Directory when doing your cards as I had many who no longer attend Grace or had passed away.

NEW MEMBER MINISTRY

BREAD BAKERS

Each Sunday guests who visit Grace Church are offered a loaf of freshly baked bread. Each loaf is tagged with the words:

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall not hunger. (John 6:48) Thank you for

joining us today. The Grace Church Family." A group of 7 or 8 bakers provide this tasty treat each week - bak-ers prepare their own specialty bread once a month. More bakers are always welcome!

NAME TAGS

Tinny Ryder

The Name Tag Ministry's purpose is to establish a closer relationship within the congregation. We are the welcoming face to members and newcomers to our Parish. Name tags allow the members to get to know one another and welcome newcomers.

We also use this ministry to keep clergy apprised of any parishioners who may be sick and in need pastoral contact. This is a really pleasant and fun ministry as you get to meet and greet everyone. Last year, we had 107 new visitors, 20 of which we are happy to have continued worshiping with us. Anyone interested in joining this ministry, can contact me or the Church office.

NEWCOMERS BRUNCH/ORIENTATION

Vestry Members

These sessions are designed to offer an introduction to things Episcopal and things unique to Grace Church as well as a brief introduction to our many ministries. In September of this year, the Vestry hosted this event and provided brunch with over fifty people in attendance.

OUTREACH

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Carol Titkemeier, Chairperson

Whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

Outreach Ministries at Grace Church is Grace Church reaching out with open arms. Our mission statement is ... "To reach out to the

community at large as Christ's arms of love to serve, stand with and invite into fellowship your people outside the doors of Grace Church.

HUM (Halifax Urban Ministries): Grace is the Port Orange location, assisting the needs of our neighbors. **Deborah Fleming** heads up this ministry. (See her report) This food pantry ministry operates Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-11am. We give many thanks to Debbie and her hard-working team of volunteers.

T-Bags (Transient Lunch Bags): **Becky Riley** has been our organizer. This ministry is now done during the times HUM is operating. Those working at HUM give out the lunch bags and help as able. Thank you, Becky, for helping in this ministry.

Grace Pet Pantry: provides food for clients from HUM who own cats and dogs. **Rosemary Shaw** heads up this ministry. (See her report). We give many thanks to Rosie and her hardworking team of volunteers.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser: **Rosemary Shaw** contacts Resources for Women, a pregnancy crisis center for the empty baby bottles. These empty baby bottles are passed out at church on Mother's Day, and then collected back on Father's Day filled with loose change or a special monetary donation by way of a check or cash. This past year Grace Church donated \$1,017.38 Thanks to you, church family for your generosity to help those during a crisis pregnancy choose life. Thank you for your leadership, Rosie.

School Supplies Ingathering: Grace partners with local schools to help the teachers and staff meet the needs of students from their low-income families. We partnered with Sugar Mill and Port Orange Elementary. **Glenda Coursen** headed up this ministry this year. Your generosity was very appreciated by both schools. The donated monies was saved to be used later in the school year when supplies start to get low, and specific needs are met.

Mission Sunday: was on October 8, 2023, with Rev. Loren and Linda Fox, missionaries in

Thailand. Fr. Loren did the sermon at both services and a presentation was done by Linda between services, that showed how they support the church in Thailand. Monies were collected to support the mission and missionaries. Additional monies were collected, at the end of the year, of \$400.00 due to matching funds made available in December.

St Nicholas/Chiles Academy Outreach: are gifts that were gathered on November 26, 2023. These are the unwrapped gifts for 0- to 3-year-old children of teen mothers. **Jamie and David Roberts** headed up this ministry this year, (see their report). Thank you, Jamie and David for your leadership.

Thanksgiving Bake Sale: annual virtual bake sale was held the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Monies raised this year were \$551.00 plus the matching funds of \$500.00 from Outreach monies equaled \$1,051.00 given to Care Portal ministry (see below).

Angel Tree: is organized by **Roseann Kurrle**. Thank you, Roseann. This year you generously donated over 150 presents to children at Port Orange, Horizon and Sugar Mill Elementary Schools! Along with the presents, each parent received information about our food pantry. The Angel Tree has continued to be a popular outreach ministry. Your participation brightened Christmas for many of the children in our neighborhoods. The Guidance Counselors and parents expressed much appreciation. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Care Portal: The ministry began at Grace on 2/3/23 with the training of 7 members and 2 Jr. ambassadors and is led by **Mary Finger**. This ministry provides support to families within the foster care system. Items obtained were car seats, strollers, groceries, winter clothes, pjs, diapers and wipes. The most frequently needed items were beds, mattresses, and linens. These items were delivered by the team members throughout the year. We are in partnership with two other area churches to accomplish this goal. Two Grace ministries...HUM provides groceries and Prayer Shawl ministry provides mini prayer shawls and crochet crosses to give to the families, are also involved. We received from the organization, OneFamily, \$850.00 worth of

gift cards that we gave to support relative care givers, (mostly grandmas) this past December. We have one new team member and have 5 waiting to be trained, which should take place in the first quarter of 2024. We would like to thank our Grace Church family and members of the team for generously supporting this ministry so we can be Jesus' hands, feet and wheels in our community.

World Vision Global 6-K: This was the first year for this mission endeavor. We hoped to raise \$1000.00 and raised \$4,413.00. That equates to 88.26 children we helped not have to walk for water. We had 35 walkers sign up and had additional walkers join in. We had a great time strolling together at Bushman Park off Spruce Creek Rd in Port Orange. We are going to do this again, so mark your calendar for Saturday 5/18 to walk for water! Thanks to all the walkers and the donations received. We could not have done it without our generous church family giving of their time and treasure.

HUM (Halifax Urban Ministries) Deborah Fleming

This past year our HUM Pantry has continued to grow. We serve persons throughout the county with most from South Daytona, Port Orange and Daytona Beach Shores areas. We assisted our clients in participating in the Volusia County Thanksgiving Turkey Brigade. At Christmas we were able to give out Target gift cards. With the sales of See's Candies donation we are purchasing more toilet paper, detergent and hygiene products. We are very grateful to all of our generous church members and others who support us.

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GRACE PET PANTRY:

Rosemary Shaw

Our Grace Church Pet Pantry is open on the first Monday of every month to provide pet food for owners in need. Our clients must be registered with HUM in order to be eligible for our assistance program. Each month we provide food for an average number of 45 dogs and 78 cats, although that number is increasing with the recent reduction in Sophie's Circle Pet Pantry division in New Smyrna Beach. We provide dry dog food, dry cat food, canned dog and cat food and dog and cat treats. We operate completely on donations of pet food and monetary donations to Grace Church with "Grace Pet Pantry" on the memo line. The cost of food has risen dramatically, and we are now planning on spending more each month to feed these animals. We are very blessed to have these volunteers Terry Cheremsak, Terri Winand, Darlene VanAuken, Nancy Brunner and Mary Finger.

Thank you for your support of this mission to our animals!

MISSION SUNDAY

Was on October 3rd. We had The Rt. Rev. Patrick P Augustine, D. Min. DD. He is the Bishop of Sudan. Bishop Patrick shared with us his journey to become Bishop of Sudan after his retirement here in the states. He shared how, through the Holy Spirit he was anointed and empowered to witness to the poorest of the poor in South Sudan. If you would like to learn more, information please go to www.helpwithcompassion.com.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

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church family for your generosity to help those during a crisis pregnancy choose life. Thank you for your leadership,

SCHOOL SUPPLIES INGATHERING

Grace partners with local schools to help the teachers and staff meet the needs of students from their low-income families. Each spring **we** contact two local schools whose enrollment includes a majority of student in low-income families, Port Orange and South Daytona Elementaries. A “wish list” was developed, then shared with Grace Church to meet those needs. This year our Grace members gave a generous donation of school supplies along with \$670.00 monetary donation. These monies were used to purchase specific clothing needs identified. There were monies left over to be used for future needs. The decision was made to change designated school, South Daytona Elementary to Sugar Mill Elementary, because of the greater need at Sugar Mill. All the schools were greatly appreciative of our support, and thanked Grace Church for our support. We would like to thank Joyce and Glenda **Coursen** for their leading in this ministry.

ST. NICHOLAS/CHILES ACADEMY OUTREACH

The annual St Nicholas Day ingathering for Chiles academy took place on November 26, 2023. The generous donations of unwrapped toys, clothing, diapers, and wipes covered the Altar and filled the entire back and back seat of the Roberts family minivan. In addition to the generous collection at the altar, Outreach also received \$365.00 in donations which was used to purchase diapers and wipes, which are some of the school’s biggest needs. The donations were delivered on December 1, 2023, and accepted by Sheryl Bell the Family Care Coordinator. These items assist the teen mothers who are continuing their high school education at Chiles Academy.

THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE

Annually held the Sunday before Thanksgiving is done to raise funds for Walmart gift cards. The cards are given out to

families in need at the Rectors discretion. This year we again had a virtual bake sale. We collected \$1,261.00. We purchased 10, \$30.00 Walmart gift cards and 5, \$20.00 Wawa Gas cards. We left the remaining monies in Outreach designated account to purchase more gift cards as needed. (We just purchased another \$500.00 in \$25.00 Walmart gift cards) Thank you so much for our amazing generosity for those less fortunate.

ANGEL TREE: Roseann Kurrle

We added a new neighborhood school to our Angel Tree, Sugar Mill Elementary. They were delighted to partner with us in service to their children. Sugar Mill and Port Orange Elementary Schools elected to receive unwrapped Angel Tree gifts. This gave them greater flexibility and spontaneity to meet the needs of the families. We were happy to comply with their request and, through your generosity, provided more than 150 Christmas gifts to them and Horizon Elementary. Horizon’s presents were for specific children, and therefore were wrapped. All three schools are Title 1 Schools so face many challenges and needs.

Your attention, care and generosity for this ministry is heartwarming and appreciated by each of the children, parents and schools. Thank you for supporting the Angel Tree and showing God’s love to the community from Grace Church.

PASTORAL CARE

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (LEV) Rev. Susan McCaffrey

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) are laypersons licensed by the bishop to bring the sacrament to the homes and sick beds of parishioners who are not able to come to church. We currently have a group of 6 dedicated volunteers for this most appreciated ministry.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Audrey Rajter

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of Grace Church, has been active at Grace Church since 2004. Over the years we have distributed over 400 shawls. This year 21 Shawls have gone to Grace Church families, friends and friends of friends, across the country. Each shawl is presented in a colorful tote bag, made by our sewing experts, along with a letter about the shawl and a prayer for healing. We are grateful to our many knitters, crocheters and sewing experts, who have put their time and talents into making these shawls and tote bags. We also make "mini shawls" and crosses and attach a prayer card to each one. These are available in a basket in the Narthex. All the shawls are blessed at the altar. If you know of someone in need of comfort or healing prayers, please request a shawl or if you would like to make a shawl, give me a call at 386-788-6801 or email me at audreyrajter@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from you. "This ministry isn't just about how we care for others, but how God chooses to care for others through our caring." Respectfully submitted, Audrey Rajter 2023

STEWARDSHIP

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Rosemary Shaw

The Memorial Garden and grounds are maintained regularly to create a peaceful and beautiful environment conducive to prayer and meditation. It is a holy resting place for our loved ones, and it is hallowed ground. Our garden team also maintains the church grounds around the main church building and the Chapel, as well as the parking lot planting beds, the property around Goddard Hall, and the hedges fronting Ridgewood Avenue. The Memorial Garden is funded by donations which are used as needed for upkeep and beautification. This year we have been blessed by many volunteers. These include Peter Sigmann, Mary Weathers, Jeff and Suzie Torborg, Ken and Judy McGuigan, Tinny Ryder, Carol Smith, Teresa Valdes, and Darlene VanAuken. We also thank our

custodian, Kevin Davids, who helps us so much. Always needed are younger workers who can go up on ladders and any volunteers for this ministry would be greatly appreciated.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Carolyn Wade

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Richard H. Eaton, Jr.

The Audit Committee was established to allow for Vestry approved committee style audit of Grace Church's financial status based upon requirements established by the Diocese. A financial audit takes about three days and includes ensuring that Grace Church abides by all the precepts established by the Diocese using a checklist published by the Diocese in their Methods of Business Methods in Church Affairs Manual. A check is made of a two-month sampling of Grace Church's Checking Account to ensure each check has the appropriate number of signatures of those church members authorized to sign a church check and the necessary documentation supporting each check is available. Currently the Audit Committee consists of five parishioners all who happen to be either current or previous Senior Wardens who therefore have extensive knowledge of the financial setup of Grace Church. The Audit Committee's final act is to create two audit letters for the Diocese. The first is a basic letter that signifies to the Diocese that a committee style audit has been performed. The second contains a list of items that were successfully completed as suggested in the previous year's audit. A list is also included of items that the committee suggest should be completed as a result of the current audit. Both letters require the approval of the Vestry and the signature of our Rector before being forwarded to the Diocese.

INVESTMENT & ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Alan S. Titkemeier, Committee Chair

The Grace Church Investment Committee met on February 16, April 6, June 1, August 3,

October 19, and December 7, in fiscal year 2023. Current members are Keith Brunner, Gary Lincoln, Bobbi Palmer, Maggie Thompson, and Alan Titkemeier. Fr. Gary Jackson was a regular attendee. Current investments and balances were discussed and monitored at each meeting. The committee continues to use a conservative approach to investing. Investments were bought and sold during the year. The Committee will continue to meet regularly in 2024 to be good steward of the financial blessings we have received, to monitor and make funds available for the Ministries at Grace. We thank you for your support in 2023.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Gary Lincoln

The purpose of the committee is to acknowledge high school seniors who are active at Grace Church with a continuing education scholarship. There were no applicants from the graduating class of 2022. Students who wish to be considered for a scholarship must submit a completed application. Applications will be available in the parish office beginning April 1st of each year.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

MUSIC MINISTRY – 10:30am Service

Terry Schmitt-Contemporary Worship Leader

The LORD has blessed us with another great year.

We have several new musicians and added new songs to our repertoire.

This year we added streaming capabilities for the chapel, and Wed eve services.

This is an integral part of the ministry's growth, as today most everything is online.

I appreciate the support of our music team and congregation.

Looking forward to the New year as we Keep our eyes on Jesus.

MUSIC MINISTRY – 8:00am Service

Amy Crane-Organist

2023 has been a fruitful year in many ways. This has been true in the music ministry of the church in the 8:00 a.m. worship service.

The musicians have become more and more an integral part of the service of the church. To that end, we have seen growth in the choir in various ways.

1. We have held choir rehearsals weekly. Aspects of choral singing have been addressed, rehearsed, learned, used in every hymn, anthem, response:
 - a. correct breathing to produce a strong, choral sound
 - b. accurate diction, pronunciation of words, especially when singing in English
 - c. listening to each other for the ensemble effect of beginning and ending phrases together, singing each word at the same time as everyone else
 - d. working on starting words together, not before or after the others begin singing
 - e. breathing with same lengths of breaths for accurate entrances and endings of words
 - f. continuing to learn and/or correct position of the singer's instrument: face, mouth, tongue, relaxed jaw to produce pleasing sounds and worthy vowels
 - g. the results of using these principles can be heard regularly in the strength of the choral sound when the choir is singing anthems or supporting the congregation in hymns
2. At rehearsal, hymns are used as warm-up exercises to review each hymn, and warm up voices to prepare for rehearsing anthems.
3. We are working to build an esprit de corps with celebrating choir personnel birthdays, praying for one another's needs and the prayers on our hearts.
4. During 2023, the choir performed ten (10) anthems in the church services throughout the church year. These

included anthems based on familiar hymns, anthems based on newer worship songs, even a Latin chant celebrating Christ's birth for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The choir moves easily without any rehearsal to various areas of the church to perform with the keyboard, return to the choir loft, and do this with as little distraction from the service as possible.

5. We have gained strength with our five (5) members who have been together now since 2021: Carole Carpenter, Terry Cheremsak, Jo Ann Reams, Jeannie Sigmann, Peter Sigmann. A new member, Stephanie Little, joined us. Our choir members are always happy to rehearse, do an incredible job of learning or re-learning the skills cited above, and display a worshipful attitude toward the service and toward our Lord, Jesus Christ.
6. Paige Simmons has supported us every Sunday, making sure the microphones in the choir loft or the worship-team area are on and sending a good sound to the speakers, thus ensuring the choir sounds strong. She has displayed the lyrics to anthems on the monitors so the congregation can get the full message of our music.
7. For leading hymn singing, I have used several techniques to maintain a spiritual and demonstrative attitude with all persons in the service: playing enhanced harmonizations of hymns, moving the key up to a higher sound from the one used at the beginning of a hymn, with the intent to create a spirit of praise and an heightened awareness of the message of the hymn and the Gospel.
8. For responses, the challenge is continually met to accompany these short melodies in such a way that fresh meaning is awakened in us to the presence of Holy Spirit, the resonance of the mass, and Jesus' overcoming "the sin of the world".

It is a very real pleasure for me to work with our choir; I am continually blessed with their commitment to the Lord, the church, and their integrity to worship.

With God's leading, we continue to work well together, inspire one another, and support each other through our life situations. We hope to grow stronger in capability, worship, and love for Him in leading worship in His service.

The 8am Choir rehearses each Tuesday at 12:00 pm.

ALTAR GUILD

Rosemary Shaw-Directress

The Grace Church Altar Guild prepares the church and chapel for every service, including all special services such as weddings, funerals and baptisms. We care for the altar and the vestments, linens and vessels. We belong to the Diocesan and National Altar Guild Association. Currently we have two teams, and the time involved is approximately one hour every other Saturday in addition to special services. We have eleven dedicated members. They are Susan Wright, Dolora Petteys, Betty Stecker, Sally Harter, Stephanie Whitman, David Whitman, Will Whitman, Judy McGuigan, Dottie Clement, Carole Carpenter and Rosemary Shaw. We offer training to anyone interested in joining the Altar Guild Ministry and no experience required. If you are unavailable on Saturday mornings, other times can be arranged. Please prayerfully consider joining our ministry.

THE FLOWER GUILD

Audrey Rajter, Provisional Leader

The guild ensures the beautification of the sanctuary and honors the seasons of the church by enhancing the worship with flowers. Each week flowers and greenery are purchased and arranged for placement on the altar, after all services have ended the arrangements are broken down into small vases and distributed to shut-ins, the sick or those having birthdays or anniversaries. Grace Church is blessed to have the support of the congregation, by their contributing to the flowers, vases and arranging tools.

If you wish to have flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving or celebration, sign up for a particular Sunday in

the flower book on the shelf in the Narthex of the church.

Those arranging the flowers; Fran Greene, Lynda Moore, Joan Normington, Audrey Rajter, Daneen Read, Jeannie Sigmann, Amy Wadsworth, Leslie Wiggins, Joyce Williams, Sharon Winters and Ann Zerbach. Those delivering flowers; Shaun and Ada Emmert, Jody Lee and Teresa Valdez.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact Audrey Rajter, we would love to have you.

LECTORS

Rev Susan McCaffrey

Lectors are laypersons (of any "reading" age) who volunteer to read the scriptures aloud in public worship. We are grateful and blessed that the number of volunteers for this ministry has increased this year. We now have a faithful group of nineteen parishioners who serve on a rotating basis to share God's word by reading the scriptures during the Sunday Services.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ ACOLYTES

The Rev. Susan McCaffrey

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) are laypersons licensed by the bishop to assist with serving communion during services. We are thankful and blessed that the number of volunteers for this wonderful ministry of serving at God's altar has increased this year. We now have twenty- one people trained and licensed as LEMs. The 10:30 LEMs also serve as Acolytes, assisting the priest and deacon with the preparation for communion and carrying the cross . A big thank you to Drew Colby who continues to faithfully serve as Acolyte at the 8:00 am service every Sunday.

PRAYER CIRCLE

Daneen Read

An army of prayer warriors can be mobilized at any time to offer intercessory prayers to meet

needs and concerns of all our parishioners. We also love to offer prayers of thanksgivings. A call to the designated member of the Prayer Circle will ensure that within minutes a growing chorus of prayer will be ascending to the throne of God on your behalf. To initiate a prayer call, contact Daneen Read or the church office.

PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY

Sherri Davids

*One of the greatest gifts we can give each other
is the gift of prayer
- Linda Schubert*

Grace Church is blessed to have a very active healing prayer ministry that believes in the power of prayer and the love of Jesus Christ. Prayer stations are located at the back of the church and are available during communion at both services every Sunday. We are also available at monthly evening healing services. All prayer requests are held in strict confidence. Prayer ministers are also active participants in the monthly healing services. Our trained prayer ministers seek to provide a safe environment for those desiring prayers for healing or any other difficulties they may be facing. If you have a heart for God and for others, this may be a wonderful ministry for you.

If you would like additional information, contact Sherri Davids 386-679-2968

ORDER OF ST. LUKE (OSL)

OSL is an international, interdenominational Christian healing organization made up healing communities dedicated is dedicated to offering healing prayer in the name of Jesus to all who are in need. It is a Christian community of faith, prayer, and service who come together to learn more about God's healing love and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and bring wholeness. They offer a variety of resources and classes to help those seeking to further explore healing prayer.

OSL offers The Miracles of Jesus which is designed to:

1. Help people learn how to pray for those in need.
2. Provide opportunities to experience the healing power of Jesus.

3. Empower people to confidently pray for anyone, anywhere, in the name of Jesus.

Several members in our ministry have completed the **OSL 26 Miracles of Jesus** class and found it to be a very enjoyable, insightful, in depth Bible study of his Jesus and His healing ministry.

Our goal is to offer The 26 Miracles of Jesus to additional this class in the coming year!

For additional information, contact Sherri Davids 386-679-2968 or Jamie Robrts

USHERS/GREETERS

Bob Normington

Duties of an usher are:

- * Meet & greet each church member, guest and visitor
- * Distribute Sunday programs
- * Assist with requests of information regarding Grace Church
- * Control seating arrangements with regard to covid and any special needs
- * Collect offertory and document the collections
- * Direct congregation to communion
- * Serve as security during service at all entry locations
- * At the conclusion of service closing duties are completed to include temperature settings, picking up programs, turning off lights, and securing the building.

Special thanks and much appreciation to the following ushers for their service this past year: Rick Eaton, Wade Payne, Dave Roberts, Dale Miller, Bill McCaffery, Ken McGuigan and Sue McIlrath

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

John Palmer Senior Warden

2023 was an interesting year at Grace Church. We have been safely worshiping in person under the spiritual guidance of Fr Gary. He has been a God send to our parishioners and to the future of Grace Episcopal Church. We continue

to grow each month with new faces and old faces. We are so blessed with Fr Gary accepting to be our Rector.

We are truly the "Church of Open Arms".

Our Grace family has shown their love and dedication to our parish with their donations to our "Wish List". With those donations, Hal Read, our Junior Warden, was able to "Lighten Up" our Sanctuary very well. A much-needed improvement. Plus, Hal, was the man to get our T-Coil installed for our parishioners and quest with hearing aid devices to hear the services much better.

A new "Wish List" is in the process for 2024. We still have challenges to conquer.

And with prayers and the Best congregation in town, we will continue to grow in faith and smiles!

We had a wonderful Easter season and a wonderful Christmas season.

All because of our leaders and parishioners working together. Bless their souls.

As this is the end of my term on the Vestry and as your Senior Warden, I want to thank y'all for the love and support y'all have given me. (I needed support trying to follow in the foot steps of our previous S/W Tinny).

God bless you, love you.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2022

Gary Lincoln

Your Vestry worked diligently all year to implement the budget approved at the 2022 annual meeting last January. I am very happy to report that we ended the year in the black. The final budget numbers will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting.

Your Vestry looked at new ways to grow in missions. They also read the book, *Not your Parent's Offering Plate*, by J. Clif Christopher as they took on the role of conducting the annual pledge drive.

Parishioners may pay their pledge electronically through their own bank's automated pay program by creating "Grace Episcopal Church" in Port Orange, Florida as your payee. Pledges may also be paid through PayPal.

I would like to thank the Vestry and all members of the parish for their continued financial support of Grace Church. May God bless.

Grace Episcopal Church
2024 Operating Budget

Line

1	INCOME	2023	2023	2024 Budget	
2	UNDESIGNATED INCOME	Actuals	Budget	Proposal	Comments
3	Plate Offering	10,917.50	12,000.00	12,000.00	
4	Pledge & Envelope Offering	304,892.08	309,000.00	324,000.00	
5	Stock gift pledge	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	
6	Prepledge forward	16,000.00	16,000.00	10,000.00	
7	Faith Income Estimate	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	
8	Total undesignated INCOME	\$ 338,809.58	\$ 344,000.00	\$ 362,000.00	
9	DISCIPLESHIP				
10	Adult Bible Studies income	12.00	0.00	0.00	
11	VBS income	0.00	0.00	0.00	
12	Youth ministry income	0.00	0.00	0.00	
13	Total Discipleship INCOME	12.00	0.00	0.00	
14	FELLOWSHIP				
15	Parish Meals income	2,453.50	2,000.00	1,500.00	Limited Parish Breakfasts plus Graceway Café
16	Fellowship events income	5,595.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
17	Fundraising income	1,486.58	4,000.00	4,000.00	
18	Total Fellowship INCOME	\$ 9,535.08	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,500.00	
19	OUTREACH				
20	Outreach events income	3,458.00	0.00	0.00	
21	Total Outreach INCOME	3458.00	0.00	0.00	
22	WORSHIP				
23	Music Ministry income	150.00	0.00	0.00	
24	Altar supplies income	4,019.68	500.00	2,500.00	
25	Total Worship INCOME	4,169.68	500.00	2,500.00	
26	STEWARDSHIP				
27	Bldg Use Income	6,295.26	10,000.00	7,000.00	Must be reduced; not expected increase in 2024

28	Stewardship income	223.00	0.00	200.00	Initial pledge envelopes
29	Total Stewardship INCOME	6,518.26	10,000.00	7,200.00	
30	DESIGNATED INCOME				
31	Epis Church outreach income	940.00	0.00	0.00	In-and-out Thanksgiving to Honduras/Diocese
32	Rectors Discretionary income	3,685.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	In-and-out item
33	Investment income	0.00	0.00	0.00	
34	Designated gifts income	4,819.05	200.00	0.00	In-and-out Designated gifts
35	Total Designated INCOME	9,444.05	3,200.00	3,000.00	
36	TOTAL INCOME	371,946.65	367,700.00	384,200.00	

37	-EXPENSES	2023	2023	2024 Budget	
38	PERSONNEL STAFF/ADMIN	Actuals	Budget	Proposal	Comments
39	Organist	8,667.92	8,436.00	8,688.00	
40	Worship Leader	12,458.90	12,779.00	13,163.00	
41	Accompanist 10:30	5,746.00	6,626.00	6,695.00	
42	Sexton	19,500.12	19,500.00	20,085.00	
43	Parish Admin. Secretary	17,806.37	16,869.00	17,376.00	
44	Bookkeeper	18,745.88	18,166.00	18,712.00	
45	Worship Screens	3,571.36	3,348.00	3,447.00	
46	Rector Salary/SECA offset	47,746.60	59,446.00	28,450.00	
47	Rector Housing	34,999.90	25,447.00	63,000.00	
48	FICA/Medicare taxes	4,833.59	5,500.00	5,467.00	
49	Rector Pension	15,286.20	15,286.00	16,533.00	monthly is \$1,377.75
50	Rector Life/Health Insura	11,020.32	11,388.00	9,821.24	Medical \$706.29 + Dental \$112.15 monthly
51	Employee Pensions	2,708.37	2,621.00	2,809.00	
52	Liability Insurance/wmans comp	49,695.00	44,023.00	60,217.00	Church Insurance Agency Corporation
53	Mileage reimbursement	1,418.26	2,400.00	1,500.00	
54	Cell phone reimb/Rector	850.00	0.00	600.00	
55	Relief Clergy expense	867.57	1,250.00	1,250.00	
56	Clergy Professional Devlpmt	883.16	1,000.00	1,000.00	
57	Total Personnel Staff/admin EXP	\$ 256,805.52	\$ 254,085.00	\$ 278,813.24	
58	ADMINISTRATION General				

59	Telephone	4,037.90	3,859.00	4,000.00	
60	Postage	1,249.58	1,654.00	1,600.00	
61	Copier	1,899.76	2,150.00	2,000.00	
62	Office Expense	3,040.49	1,113.00	3,000.00	ACS, other licences
63	Office expense Paycor	911.56	788.00	900.00	
64	Office Supplies	595.07	276.00	500.00	print cartridges
65	Info Technol. Web/Interne	3,347.04	4,000.00	4,000.00	
66	Info Techn. Sftware/hardwre exp	509.98	400.00	500.00	McAfees renewal
67	Info Techn. Tech Support	0.00	350.00	0.00	
68	Total Administration	\$ 15,591.38	\$ 14,590.00	16500.00	
69	EVANGELISM EXPENSES				
70	Evangelism	345.38	750.00	250.00	No corresponding income line
71	Total Evangelism Expenses	345.38	750.00	250.00	
72	WORSHIP EXPENSE				
73	Worship	357.78	500.00	250.00	
74	Music Ministry All	1,346.99	2,000.00	1,500.00	planning center
75	Altar Supplies	4,210.26	1,000.00	2,500.00	wine.wafers.ambry
76	Total Worship EXPENSE	5,915.03	\$ 3,500.00	4250.00	
77	DISCIPLESHIP EXPENSE				
78	Adult Bible Studies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
79	VBS expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	
80	Youth Ministry expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	
81	Total discipleship EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	
82	FELLOWSHIP				
83	Parish Meals Expense	1,357.49	1,500.00	750.00	Limited parish breakfasts planned and Graceway Cafe
84	Kitchen Supplies/Food	573.46	500.00	300.00	
85	Fellowship Events expense	3,801.13	1,000.00	2,000.00	Good food is more expensive
86	Fundraising expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	
87	Total Fellowship EXPENSE	5,732.08	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,050.00	
88	OUTREACH EXPENSE				
89	Grace Outreach events expense	2,118.00	0.00	0.00	In-and-out World division 6K donations
90	Diocesan Pledge	31,950.00	38,000.00	38,000.00	11%

91	Total outreach EXPENSE	31,950.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	
92	STEWARDSHIP				
93	Stewardship	915.49	750.00	750.00	Covers envelopes and pledge campaign
94	Total Stewardship EXPENSE	915.49	750.00	750.00	
95	Building & Grounds				
96	Utilities	21,328.51	21,000.00	21,000.00	
97	Cleaning Supplies	261.92	504.00	500.00	
98	Maint/Rprs/Parts	11,051.35	10,500.00	5,000.00	Supplemented from other funds
99	Annual Maintenance	4,166.03	4,725.00	4,225.00	
100	Kitch Supplies - Paper	551.39	400.00	300.00	
101	Lawn Maintenance	6,059.76	6,800.00	6,000.00	
102	Grounds maint	159.51	1,050.00	1,000.00	
103	Fire Alarm Monitoring	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
104	Contingency Capital expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
105	Property taxes	115.00	125.00	125.00	stormwater taxes
106	Total Bldg & Grounds EXPENSE	46,093.47	47,504.00	40,550.00	
107	OTHER DESIGNATED EXPENSES				
108	Rectors discretionary	3,504.44	3,000.00	3,000.00	In-and-Out item
109	Bldg Use Expense (wedd,funer)	1,983.58	1,500.00	1,500.00	
110	Investment expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	
111	Reinvestment expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	
112	Designated Gifts-exp	4,716.42	0.00	0.00	In-and-Out designated gifts
113	Conferences & Retreats	622.50	750.00	750.00	
114	Episcopal Church Outreach exp	940.00	0.00	0.00	In-and-Out Thanksgiving offering to Honduras
115	Total Other Designated Expenses	\$ 11,766.94	\$ 5,250.00	5250.00	
116	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 376,030.78	\$ 368,179.00	\$ 384,363.24	
117	<i>Income over Expenses</i>	\$ (4,084.13)	\$ (479.00)	\$ (163.24)	

