



MINISTRY CATALOG

2023

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

Grace Church welcomes all who seek to know, love and share Jesus.

The ministries, summarized in this catalog are divided into the eleven categories of our Strategic Plan, representing our guiding principles as a community of faith:

- Buildings & Grounds
- Children & Youth
- Christian Education/Formation
- Communications
- Hospitality
- New Members
- Outreach
- Pastoral Care
- Skills & Talents Inventory
- Stewardship
- Worship & Music

We invite you to explore the ministry opportunities that fit your needs, time, and talents.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PORT ORANGE, FL 32127

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

We are blessed with a beautiful campus that includes not only the church building, chapel, and parish life center, but also a memorial garden, and the back portion of the lot at 4160 Ridgewood. That is a lot of real estate to manage and maintain!

We also have wonderful playground equipment that is a visible statement that Grace Church is welcoming to families and children.

Under the direction of the Jr. Warden, we organize periodic "Parish Clean-Up Days" when we seek the assistance of many volunteers to assist in keeping our campus looking great.

MEMORIAL GARDEN AND GROUNDS

The beautiful garden between the chapel and church buildings was a true gift of love on the part of former parishioner, Fred Heise and others.

A small committee continually maintains the beauty and serenity of the garden as well as maintenance of the waterfall, memorial plaques, walkway and landscaping of the garden.

They also tend the perimeters of the chapel, church, Parish Hall, and parking lot islands.

More volunteers are always welcome to join this ministry.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We love children and we teach them to love God. We nourish their spiritual development through story, wonder and play. We impart a joyful trust and faith in Jesus and Christian values to last a lifetime.

Our methods include two nationally recognized programs, GODLY PLAY AND CATACHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The program is rich in sensory experience, giving children the opportunity to grow in love and knowledge of God through the Christian tradition. It is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Grace Church.

We meet every Sunday during the 10:30 am service.

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Junior Daughters of the King provides girls or young women between the ages of 7 to 21, the opportunity to grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus Christ while serving their church and community. Junior Daughters make a promise, or pledge, of daily prayer and service. Unlike senior members of The Order, Junior members do not have denominational requirements - all baptized girls are eligible. A three-month period of study and discernment is required.

What Junior Daughters Do::

- Make a promise of daily prayer and service to our Lord Jesus.
- Make a promise to be Christ's faithful servants and to extend His Love to all people.

Vacation Bible School

When offered this is a weeklong adventure for pre-school and elementary youth, devoted to creative exploration of scripture and application of Bible teachings to daily life. All Grace children are welcome as well as their friends and neighbors. There is never a charge to the children; just an opportunity for them to learn, have fun and meet Jesus.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/ FORMATION

CATECHUMENATE (FOOTPRINTS OF THE MASTER)

The purpose of Footprints of the Master (nicknamed "CAT" - short for "catechumenal process") is to educate, to promote spiritual growth, to promote commitment to Christ's Church, to promote reaffirmation of faith and sense of personal ministry in order to prepare individuals for Christian discipleship. This is the route to confirmation and/or formal membership in the Episcopal Church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This is an ad hoc group of persons with skills and passion for providing education and training in the Christian life to the parish at large. The committee comes together to assess and design learning opportunities for the parish as a whole. This committee is currently under re-development.

CURSILLO/ULTREYA

Cursillo, a Spanish word meaning a short course, is a movement of the church that can help you deepen your relationship with Jesus by teaching you some tools that will help you in your daily Christian living.

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 our Canterbury Conference Center in Oviedo.

Cursillo is an intentional method that involves Christian accountability and support through small groups that meet weekly and, a quarterly deanery reunion of the groups called "Ultreya" – another Spanish word meaning "to keep on keeping on"; to persevere. One does not need to have attended a Cursillo weekend to participate in a group reunion or attend the Ultreyas.

All are welcome.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Margaret J. Franklin founded the order of Daughters of the King (D.O.K.) in 1885 as an Order, not a committee or a club. By reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter takes vows and pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service, and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish.

D.O.K. prays for unity of Christ's Church, for the spread of Christ's Kingdom, for God's blessing upon the members of the Order, for the spiritual growth of the parish, for the clergy of the parish to which the chapter owes allegiance and for the grace to follow our Rule and our own needs.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

The ECW is a service and fellowship ministry for all women of the Episcopal Church.

The purpose of ECW 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 and to provide for the needs of Grace Church and its people. All women of Grace Church are automatically members and are welcome to participate.

We bring together Christian women in fellowship and service for Grace Church with activities such as craft sessions, knitting, sewing, cooking, luncheons. We seek to communicate, care and share with Grace Church women who are unable to be active in the life of the church and focusing on the needs of Grace Church homebound. We encourage every woman to participate in whatever way she is able.

HOME BIBLE STUDY

There is currently one study group meeting in homes at different times for bible study and fellowship. All are welcome. We pray that more home bible study groups will form throughout our church family.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's Bible study meets every other Saturday in the Goddard Hall conference room from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. The purpose is to offer fellowship, to study and discuss God's word, and to apply it to our daily lives. We invite all men at Grace to join us.

VESTRY

The Vestry helps to oversee the finances and ministries of the parish. Together they attempt to make the necessary resources, tools, and structures available for our people to identify, exercise, and grow in their Christian maturity, witness, and vocation.

Vestry members are adult members of the congregation, in good standing, who have regularly contributed to the well-being of the congregation through prayer, participation, and support. They are elected by the congregation at the annual meeting in January to serve three-year terms of office as servant leaders.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY SERIES

This Lenten Study series, conducted by clergy seeks to engage as many people as possible throughout the congregation in the same study.

Wednesday evening's gathering includes Eucharist, a simple supper, presentation and small group discussion. Some of the past studies have included, "The Purpose Driven Life" and "The Passion."

COMMUNICATIONS

LIBRARY

The Fr. Thompson Library (and librarian) exists to organize and manage print and non-print materials in a usable fashion. This ministry provides books and publications as a resource for the ministry leaders as well as the congregation in their worship endeavors at Grace Church.

The library includes not only various spiritual and religious books, but also reference material, "How To" books, and periodicals – all relating to some facet of the Christian life and journey.

The library serves the entire congregation, from youngest to eldest, from neophyte to veteran member. Members are encouraged to borrow books between services on Sundays and during church office hours.

MINISTRY CATALOG

This catalog is a summary of all the ministries at Grace Church. The ministries are arranged in the catalog according to the eleven categories of our Strategic Plan.

The catalog is periodically updated to remain current with the goals and expectations of our ministries and to include new ministries.

A contact list of the ministry leaders is included in the back of the catalog to assist parishioners who are looking to volunteer in a ministry.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Office volunteers are men and women who greet telephone callers and walk-ins, take and/or relay messages, and do a variety of clerical and other tasks assigned by clergy or office administrator.

These volunteers usually work three hours per week. They provide an invaluable service to the day-to-day operation of Grace.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Our volunteer photographer is available to be present with camera-in-hand at Grace Church events and gatherings. Photography is an important part of our media communications, including the website, our Facebook page, and TWAG.

We encourage everyone to use their cellphones to share photos of their ministry activities.

PUBLICITY/ SOCIAL MEDIA

This committee keeps our parishioners and the wider local community informed about the good news of Grace Church. We do this through new releases and outreach to local and social media as well as internal communications through brochures, flyers, posters and the like.

We are available to assist any ministry at Grace with their communications needs. Please contact us if you would like to increase the visibility of your ministry or are planning a church event.

TWAG (This Week At Grace)

TWAG (This Week at Grace) is a weekly e-mail newsletter sent to all members designed to keep people informed and updated on church ministry activities and functions.

It contains information on the upcoming Sunday service, a calendar of the weekly church events, as well as announcements about upcoming church events. TWAG can also be found on our website: www.GraceEpiscopalPortOrange.org.

WEDDING ASSISTANT

The wedding assistant contacts the bride several weeks before the wedding to discuss the details. On the day of the wedding, the church or chapel is set for the service, the classrooms are readied for the bride and attendant dressing rooms.

After the service, the wedding assistant tidies the classrooms, the church or chapel and locks all buildings.

WEBSITE www.GraceEpiscopalPortOrange.org

Our website offers an opportunity for members of the congregation to stay well-informed and active in what is happening at our church. The website provides a central location to share events on the Calendar, Bulletins, Birthdays, TWAG, Church Documents, and Virtual Streaming.

The website also extends an open invitation to prospective members and those who are seeking spiritual guidance. It is a hub for everything future members will need to know when considering our church.

Through the website, you are able to donate or contribute your pledge when it's convenient for you online. We have a secure portal that collects payments digitally and goes directly to our bookkeeper for accounting.

We also offer confidential prayer requests online. When you fill out the prayer request form, it then goes to our office to our clergy, so that they may be informed of your request.

HOSPITALITY

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

This is offered every Christmas to all Grace Parishioners and is a cost effective way for parishioners to send Christmas cards to each other. You bring addressed but unstamped cards for members of Grace and drops them in a mailbox in the narthex. They are sorted alphabetically and ready for pickup during the month of December.

GRACEWAY CAFE

The 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.

Graceway is available for those who want a little extra time with their fellow congregants. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to invite visitors as well!

GREETING CARD MINISTRY

Another means of acknowledging the connection of our Grace family and our commitment to each other, this ministry sends birthday cards to all our members.

Members are also invited to receive a special blessing at the altar during the Sunday service the week of their birthday and anniversary.

HOSPITALITY

LUNCH BUNCH

The fourth Thursday of every month brings many of our members together for lunches at different eateries throughout the community. Lunches start at 12:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome!

Check TWAG or the Sunday bulletin for information.

PARISH BREAKFASTS

The first Sunday of each month is “Hot Breakfast Sunday” at Grace. A hearty hot breakfast brings good food and good people together in Goddard Hall between services, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

A large group of volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, serving, and clean-up. A \$5.00 donation is customary to cover the cost of food.

SEASONAL EVENTS MINISTRY

We recognize seasonal holidays as an opportunity to fulfill our mission by gathering together in fellowship, providing fun outreach for our community, and acknowledging the connection of our Grace Church family.

These events include Lenten Soup Supper, Easter Egg Hunt, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, Trunk or Treat and Pet Blessing.

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 - bakers prepare their own specialty bread once a month. More bakers are always welcome!

NAME TAGS

The purpose of the Nametag Ministry is twofold: to provide name tags for members of Grace and visitors so that we develop a more personal relationship by calling each other by name. The ministry also provides the clergy with a record of attendance so that they will become apprised of parishioners who may be absent due to illness or other reasons.

The Nametag Ministry is a pleasant and fun ministry and a great way to meet fellow parishioners.

NEWCOMERS BRUNCH/ORIENTATION

A special session is offered for newcomers to the parish family. The session offers an introduction to things Episcopal and things unique to Grace Church, as well as a brief introduction to the ministries available for your participation.

An integral part of the orientation is a brunch - offering great food and fellowship with other “newcomers”. The morning concludes with a walking “history tour” of the campus.

OUTREACH

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Grace Church Outreach Ministry started in the late 1980's by handing out monthly flyers with specific requests of donations needed to reach the needs of our community at large. It has grown greatly since then.

Please note the various offerings listed in this section marked with an *

Outreach has a mission statement, "Reach out to the community at large as Christ's arms of love, serving and inviting into fellowship, God's people outside the doors of Grace Church".

If you are interested in impacting lives of others outside the doors of Grace Church, please come and join us. We meet quarterly, and as needed on Saturday mornings.

ANGEL TREE *

Our Angel Tree gift collection physically demonstrates God's love for children in need with a gift at Christmas time.

For many years, Grace has provided Angel Tree gifts to children of need, as identified by school guidance counselors at Port Orange, Horizon and Sugar Mill Elementary Schools, all Title 1 schools. These gifts, some of which are specific to each child, are given in love by our generous parishioners. They are received with gratitude by parents who appreciate the helping hand.

God's love and Grace are the overwhelming gifts that are received by both the giver and the receiver of these Angel Tree presents. We have positively impacted up to 150 children and their families each year.

BABY BOTTLES FOR THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER *

Every Mother's Day, there is a distribution of baby bottles to the congregation to fill with change/donations to benefit the Resources for Women. The bottles are returned to the church on Father's Day.

Resources for Women is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to provide a compassionate, Christ-centered response to women in our area facing unplanned pregnancies. Resources for Women provides confidential pregnancy testing, education in STDs, pregnancy, and life affirming alternatives, caring listeners, referrals for community services, post-termination support groups, life skills classes and ultrasounds for viability of pregnancy.

HUM (HALIFAX URBAN MINISTRIES) FOOD PANTRY *

Started in Volusia County as a food bank for needy families, our pantry was opened in 2005. The recipients apply and, if qualified, receive assistance once a month. There must be someone in the family able to cook the food that is received. Persons in need in Ponce Inlet, Daytona Beach Shores, South Daytona and Port Orange are served at our pantry located in the Parish Life Center.

The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9a.m. to 11a.m. We are always in need of more helping hands to serve the people in our community.

MISSION & MINISTRY SUBCOMMITTEE OF OUTREACH *

This is a study and planning group under the auspices of the Outreach Committee. The purpose of this subcommittee is to intentionally discern, with God's help, the needs of our community, state, nation and the world so that we may bring the saving grace of Christ outside the doors of Grace Church.

ONE FAMILY CAREPORTALS *

Grace partners with the ONEFAMILY organization to provide resources and support to local foster families through their Care Portal program. Their CarePortal is designed to identify specific needs for specific local families such as beds and car seats.

CarePortal exists to help vulnerable children and families. Requests submitted through CarePortal come from caseworkers at government child welfare agencies or other child-serving organizations approved by CarePortal to vet needs.

CarePortal creates connections within the "Circles of Care" around the isolated child. Families, churches, and communities are brought together to create a healthy approach to caring for kids. Because EVERY child matters."

PET FOOD PANTRY *

The mission of out pet food pantry is to provide pet food to financially challenged families in an on-going effort to keep pets in their homes.

Grace Church operates one of very few pet food pantries in Volusia County. The congregation makes donations of pet food, supplies and cash to keep this ministry active. Volunteers distribute pet food to the HUM clients on the first Monday of every month.

ST NICHOLAS SUNDAY BABY SUPPLY DRIVE *

Chiles Academy is a chartered school for unwed teen mothers and their children up to 3 years old. Every year there is an ingathering of baby/toddler supplies and toys for these children before St. Nicholas Sunday. These items are given to the parents of the Academy for Christmas gifts for their children.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE *

Grace partners with local schools to help the teachers and staff meet the needs of students from their low-income families.

Each Spring, an Outreach representative contacts two designated elementary schools in our area whose enrollment includes a majority of students from low-income families. A “wish list” from the schools is distributed to the congregation in July.

Prior to the start of school, there is an ingathering of the supplies and, with monetary donations, purchase of additional requested items. These are divided and distributed to the two schools, along with a note identifying Grace Church and expressing appreciation for the opportunity to partner with them in serving the children of our community.

KAIROS

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. (KPMI) is a Christian faith-based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth and their families. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, Kairos hopes to change hearts, transform lives and impact the world. KPMI sprang from the Cursillo movement and is supported by volunteers from many Christian churches.

As a ministry, Kairos embraces a diverse group of volunteers working together to fulfill Christ's call to action in Matthew 25:36. Kairos has been called the best example of the early church in existence today.

Kairos, is a Greek word meaning in God's Special Time, indicating an opportunity for our participants to re-consider their life choices. As hearts are changed, inmates begin to take responsibility for their actions. It is like having a front row seat at a miracle, as we see lives transformed. Our local Kairos group volunteers at Tomoka Correctional Institution, west of I-95 in Daytona Beach.

PASTORAL CARE

Bereavement Counseling

Bereavement counseling is offered to all parishioners. All counseling is held in strict confidence. Bereavement Support Groups will also be offered, as announced in church and the local papers.

Flower Visitors

We at Grace love all of our parishioners and especially seek to care for them even when they cannot come to church.

We remember that they are part of the body of Christ. Along with the LEV visits, our member volunteers deliver flowers directly from the altar to those who are unable to come to church or those celebrating special events in their lives.

Healing Services

Healing Services are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the chapel.

These Eucharistic Services include special prayers, music and the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil (also known as Holy Unction) for healing. Our Prayer Teams and Music Ministry are also part of this service.

HOSPITAL CALLS

It is our privilege to make personal calls to area hospitals before surgeries, procedures, etc.

Since the hospitals no longer call churches to notify offices of your admission; and are often not permitted to tell callers if you are currently hospitalized in their facility, please make every effort to notify the office and/or clergy of any hospitalizations.

We especially like to be present prior to surgery (yes, even at 6 a.m.) to offer prayer with you.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs, for short) are laypersons licensed by the bishop to carry the sacrament from the parish's altar to the homes and sickbeds of persons shut away from the parish family due to illness, infirmity, age, etc.

LEVs are required to complete a local parish training course.

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

OSL is an international, inter-denominational, Christian healing organization. We are made up of healing communities dedicated to offering healing prayer in Jesus' name to all who are in need. We are a Christian community of faith, prayer, and service.

We are a network of individual believers who come together to learn more about God's healing love and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and bring wholeness. Once trained, we offer healing prayer in our communities. This is our unique mission and ministry.

PRAYER CIRCLES

An entire army of prayer warriors are mobilized every day to offer prayers and intercessions for a wide array of prayer concerns and thanksgivings.

A call to any member of the Prayer Circles ensures that within minutes a growing chorus of prayer will be ascending to the throne of God on your behalf. To initiate a prayer request, please call the office or the ministry leader or submit a prayer request through our website.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The goal of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is to give a shawl to each of those who are ill, lonely, or in need of comfort. Prayer shawls are used by the Jewish people and have been since Biblical times. They are worn during major occasions such as Bar Mitzvahs, weddings, and burials.

In early Biblical times, when there were too many men to fit into a tent of meeting to worship God, they would pull their prayer shawl over their heads forming a tent where they would sing and chant Hebrew songs and call upon God. It was intimate and private and set apart from anyone else so they could focus on God.

It is our hope and prayer that the shawls, prayerfully knitted or crocheted, will bring comfort and healing and that it will feel like the arms of Jesus enfolding the person in love. These shawls are blessed at the altar during services.

SKILLS AND TALENTS INVENTORY

MINISTRY FAIR

Periodically Grace Church hosts a Ministry Fair to showcase the numerous ministries available to our congregation. Formatted in a trade show layout, our parish hall is transformed into a showcase that invites all to seek their place in a ministry activity.

The purpose of the Ministry Fair is to help us better identify how we can answer God's call to be His servants.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT (NETWORK)

This ministry provides the clergy, staff, and congregational leaders with tools and a format to identify people with needed gifts, talents, and passions to fill positions in the ministries of Grace church.

Periodic spiritual gift workshops are used to offer instruction on spiritual gifts and assess individual's gift set. The data gained is entered on the parish database and referenced as needed.

The program called NETWORK has been used and proved to be a very successful asset to our church and members in finding their service passion to be the right person, in the right place, at the right time and for the right reason.

STEWARDSHIP

AUDIT COMMITTEE

We are required to perform an annual audit of all church financial accounts. An annual audit conducted by a CPA is the desired standard, but when financial considerations preclude such an audit, the audit committee is constituted of 3-5 volunteers with some expertise in bookkeeping and/or accounting.

This group takes on the parish operating, mission and building accounts—checking, savings and investment—performing a checklist of audit tasks. The committee includes the Treasurer, who, due to the nature of office, serves only in an advisory capacity.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee meets several times from October through December in order to build a balanced church budget. The budget represents the “chart of accounts” in our operating budget. The chart of accounts identifies the income and expense lines.

The final budget is approved by the Vestry and by parishioners at the Annual Meeting in January. The Committee meets other times during the year to assess how the budget is being implemented and to offer suggestions if any accounts are significantly under or over budget, while maintaining a balanced budget.

The Budget Committee has five (5) members, including the Treasurer and at least one member of the Vestry.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

A committee is formed on an as needed basis at the direction of the Vestry upon the recommendation of the Treasurer. Persons versed in insurances property, liability, health, etc. would be greatly appreciated for this work.

INVENTORY COMMITTEE

The contents of our three buildings are included in our inventory. The Inventory Committee meets annually to update the inventory reflecting the additions and deletions during the previous year. This inventory is used to determine the insurance needs of the parish. This committee consists of 5-7 members, one of whom should be on the Vestry.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

An Investment Committee is formed upon the recommendation of the Treasurer when gifts are received in the form of stock and/or when there are sufficient cash reserves to warrant consideration of investments outside of general savings or money market funds. The committee includes the Rector, the Treasurer and one or more parishioners in good standing who have sufficient expertise to make a contribution to the effort. The committee is guided by an investments policy adopted by the Vestry.

OFFERING COUNTERS

Weekly offerings are counted by the ushers or other non-related volunteers following services and placed in safekeeping pending a count and deposit by the Financial Secretary or other individual appointed by the Rector and/or Treasurer. Every effort is made to ensure sufficient oversight and accountability to assure proper management of all contributions. In the event there is no usher or other appointed person, the Rector ensures contributions are held in safekeeping until they can be delivered to the Financial Secretary or bookkeeper for deposit.

PLANNED GIVING

Did you know that estate planning can provide a wonderful gift for a favorite non-profit or the Church while preserving an inheritance equal to - or even greater than that you thought you were planning to leave behind at your death? Planned giving provides periodic education and a reference to consultants and tools to make the best and wisest disposition of your legacy.

POLICY COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee exists to provide a defined direction for the programs at Grace and for the conduct of “business”, and for interaction with congregation and neighborhood. It gathers and keeps track of the many procedures and policies that have been adopted over the years.

The Policy Manual provides a record of policies and procedures that have general church-wide application and is updated periodically. Folks with an innate sense of order, administration and structure would make good members of this committee.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee held its first meeting on October 24, 2018. The goal of the committee is to award a scholarship to graduating high school seniors who are active at Grace Church.

Students who wished to be considered for a scholarship must submit a completed application. The graduating class of 2020 was the first class eligible for a scholarship.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee meets year-round to promote the three aspects of stewardship – time, talent and treasure. We promote the care and nurture of the wonderful gifts and resources the God has placed within our reach.

This committee consists of 5-7 members, one of whom should be on the Vestry.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

ACOLYTES

Acolytes assist the clergy in leading worship. Young (and not-so-young) men and women, ages 9 and up serve at the altar by helping prepare the table, leading processions with cross and torches, carrying banners on festival occasions, bearing incense, etc. Training is ongoing and all are welcome.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

When offered, Adult Bible Study is not your mother's Sunday School Class! We explore scripture with a 21st century viewpoint, aided by video, literature, music, study journals and the vast experiences of participants. Whether you are looking for introspection or interaction, we have opportunities for all types of learners.

ALTAR GUILD

The altar guild is composed of men and women who work behind the scenes to care for brass and silver, candles, vestments and paraments, as well as prepare the altar and environment for worship. Teams of 3 to 4 persons work each week, setting out bread and wine, candles, books, vestments and various implements for worship.

Following services, the same teams cleanse vessels, tidy up, and deal with a variety of linens used at the table. Holidays present special opportunities to exercise creativity in setting the stage for our celebrations.

CHOIR AND MUSIC MINISTRIES

Music has long been the backbone of Grace Episcopal parish ministry. The 10:30am Worship Leader directs the music ensemble of instruments and singers, providing contemporary and blended service music.

Under the guidance of the 8:00am Organist, more traditional music is sung by members of the 8:00 am Choir.

No experience is necessary to join these groups. Lessons and practice are provided on a weekly basis. During Wednesday 6:00 pm Prayer and Praise Service, contemporary music is provided.

FLOWER GUILD

The guild ensures the beautification of the sanctuary and honors the seasons of the church by enhancing the worship with flowers. New members, men and women, are always welcome. Flower arrangement training is offered throughout the year.

After the second service, the altar flowers are brought into the sacristy. Small flower arrangements are made for distribution by our Flower Visits ministry volunteers.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Serving the chalice at God's altar is more than a ministry, it is a privilege. Better known as LEMS, these men and women assist with serving communion at Sunday services, funerals, and holiday services. Usually a server is scheduled 1 or 2 times per month. A license by the Bishop is needed and is obtained by attending a training session at Grace Church. The license must be renewed periodically.

LECTORS

Lectors are laypersons (of any "reading" age) who volunteer to read the scriptures aloud in public worship. Training in use of the voice, sound system and study tools is offered as needed. Lectors serve in rotation and usually read once or twice a month.

LIVE STREAMING

Volunteers live stream our 10:30 Sunday services and our Wednesday evening services on Facebook for those who are out of town or not able to attend in person. Other important church calendar services are also live streamed. We provide training for those interested in joining this ministry.

PRAYER STATION MINISTRY

Prayer stations are available during communion at both services every Sunday. If you are seeking prayer for a specific need or wish to give thanks for a blessing, please come to the station at the back of the sanctuary where two of our trained ministers will meet you. Prayer stations are confidential and discreet. We are here to serve our church family and Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

If you are interested in becoming a prayer minister, training is offered. We meet at 9:30 am on the first Sunday of each month. All that is required of you is a desire to serve and a willingness to learn.

USHERS/GREETERS

Ushers and Greeters work together to welcome and assist visitors and newcomers. Ushers offer a "frontline" ministry of hospitality and assistance to worshipers. Teams of two serve at least once per month on Sundays and special services. In addition to distributing bulletins and other worship materials, ushers direct persons to communion stations, receive the offerings, and tidy up the pews following services. Ushers may be men, women or youth.

Greeters help make all welcome at each service. Remember, we are the church of open arms and that means encouraging growth through new members. More ushers and greeters are always needed.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER & PRAISE MUSIC

A team of volunteers provides music and singing at our Wednesday evening service. They select and play praise music which ties into the service's scripture readings.

MINISTRY CATALOG

<i>Ministry</i>	<i>Telephone #</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>
Acolytes	386-767-3583	Rev. Susan McCaffrey
Adult Bible Study		
Altar Guild	386-265-5740	Rosie Shaw
Angel Tree	386-322-7700	Roseann Kurrle
Audit Committee	386-872-3533	Rick Eaton
Baby Bottles for Women's Agency	386-265-5740	Rosemary Shaw
Bereavement Counseling		Clergy
Bread Bakers		
Buildings & Grounds Committee	386 314-1055	Hal Read
Budget Committee	508-813-1366	Gary Lincoln
Children's Sunday School	386-295-2801	Carol Wilhelm
Catechumenate	386-767-3583	Rev. Gary Jackson
Choir and Music Ministries		
8:00 am Service	386-871-8080	Amy Crane
10:30 am Service	863-529-5005	Terry Schmitt
Christmas Post Office	386-788-4438	Sue McIlrath
Cursillo/Ultreya	386 405-3867	Jamie Roberts
Daughters of the King	386 843-1240	Glenda Poarch
Daughters of the King, Junior	386 405-3867	Jamie Roberts
ECW - Episcopal Church Women	904 537-8231	Sally Harter

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Flower Guild	386-788-6801	Audrey Rajter
Flower Visitors	386 679-8801	Teresa Valdes
Graceway Café		Rotating Volunteers
Greeting Card Ministry	941-586-9400	Suzie Torborg
Healing Services	386-767-3583	Rev. Gary Jackson
Home Bible Study	386-788-3845	Alan Titkemeier
Hospital Calls		Clergy
HUM - Halifax Urban Ministry	386-258-5274	Debbie Fleming
Inventory Committee	508-813-1366	Gary Lincoln
Investment Committee	386-846-7707	Alan Titkemeier
Kairos	386 314 1055	Hal Read
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	386-767-3583	Rev. Susan McCaffrey
Lay Eucharistic Visitors	386-767-3583	Rev. Susan McCaffrey
Lectors	386-767-3583	Rev. Susan McCaffrey
Library	386-322-0155	Cathy Peterson
Live Streaming	386 295-0999	Tinny Ryder
Lunch Bunch	704 293-0179	Ann Zerbach
Memorial Garden	386-265-5740	Rosemary Shaw
Men's Bible Study	386-788-3845 386-265-1756	Alan Titkemeier Wade Payne

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Ministry Catalog	386-304-1669	Nancy Fitch
Name Tags	386-295-0999	Tinny Ryder
Newcomers Brunch/Orientation		Vestry
Offering Counters	386-679-3716	Jody Lee
Office Volunteers	386-761-5959	Becky Riley
One Family CAREPORTALS	239 464-6715	Mary Finger
Order of St. Luke	386 679-2968	Sherri Davids
Outreach Committee	386-788-3845	Carol Titkemeier
Parish Breakfasts	321-303-7081	Bob Normington
Pet Food Pantry	386-365-5740 386-562-5925	Rosie Shaw Terry Cheremsak
Photography	386-761-5959	Becky Riley
Planned Giving		Clergy
Policy Committee	304-677-8682	Carolyn Wade
Prayer Circles	386-426-3025	Daneen Read
Prayer Ministry	386-426-3025	Daneen Read
Prayer Shawl Ministry	386-788-6801	Audrey Rajter
Prayer Station Ministry	386-679-2968	Sherri Davids
Publicity/ Social Media	386-304-1669	Nancy Fitch

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Scholarship Committee	508-813-1366	Gary Lincoln
School Supply Drive	386-767-9514	Joyce Senatro
Seasonal Events	239 464-6715	Grant & Mary Finger
Spiritual Gifts Assessment		Clergy
St. Nicholas Sunday Baby Supplies	386-788-3845	Carol Titkemeier
Stewardship Committee	508-813-1366	Gary Lincoln
TWAG (This Week at Grace)	386-304-1669	Nancy Fitch
Ushers/Greeters	386-871-1384	Bob Normington
Vacation Bible School		
Vestry	386-767-3583	Rev. Gary Jackson
Website	386-562-5925.	Terry Ceremsak
Wedding Assistant	386-788-4438	Sue McIlrath
Wednesday Evening Study Series	386-767-3583	Rev. Gary Jackson
Wed. Evening Prayer & Praise	386-767-3583	Rev. Gary Jackson

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Sunday Holy Eucharist Services : 8 am & 10:30 am

Wednesday 6:00 pm: Prayer and Praise Service

First Wednesday of the month:
Healing Service, 6:00 pm

RECTOR: The Rev. Gary Jackson

DEACON: Rev. Susan McCaffrey