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This Week At Grace
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9 am – 1 pm

FOURTH SUNAY OF EASTER
April 21 – April 27, 2024

Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18; Psalm 23 [The Lectionary Page](#)

Sunday: Anniversaries: Ben & Amanda Beaulieu
8:00 am **HOLY EUCHARIST**
9:30 am Graceway Café
10:30 am **HOLY EUCHARIST** *also live-streamed.*
10:30 am Children’s Sunday School

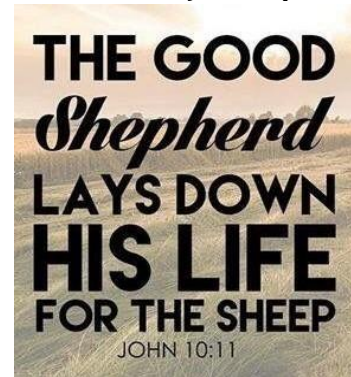
Tuesday: Birthdays: Paula Stewart
12:00 pm 8am Choir Rehearsal
12:00 pm BAM with Artie

Wednesday: Birthdays:
6:00 pm **PRAYER, PRAISE, HOLY EUCHARIST**

Thursday: Birthdays: Cathy Petersen

Saturday: Birthdays: Barbara Kazebeer
9:00 am Men’s Bible Study
10:00 am DOK monthly meeting

This Sunday’s Gospel:



REMINDER: **ECW GENERAL MEETING IS THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 20 at 10:00 am.**
All women are invited to join us in fellowship and service.
See you there! (*sewing classes after the meeting*)



WEEKLY PRAYER, PRAISE AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Join us every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in our historic chapel for mid-week spiritual nourishment and a dedicated time of spiritual reflection, connection, and renewal.

We celebrate God's goodness with Evening Prayer Service, clergy homily, and songs of praise from the 10:30 Sunday music group. The first Wednesday of each month is a Healing Service.

These services are also livestreamed on our website and Facebook page.

GRACEWAY CAFÉ – EVERY SUNDAY BETWEEN SERVICES



Join us this Sunday between services for our fellowship coffee hour. Stop by after the 8 am service or come early for the 10:30 service.

Thanks to the Skillern family (photo left) for promoting our Outreach May 18th Walk for Water by attending Graceway and Service in their tee shirts.

Thank you to the DOK for hosting last Sunday.
This week the ECW is hosting.



NEXT LUNCH BUNCH- THURSDAY, APRIL 25 at 12:30 pm

We will meet at **ROSSI'S DINER**, 2240 South Ridgewood Ave. South Daytona. Please sign up in the narthex by April 21 so we have enough seats for everyone.

Their menu is here: <https://www.rossisdiner.com/Menus.html>

Lunch Bunch meets on the LAST THURSDAY of each month at different area restaurants. All are most welcome.



CURSILLO WOMEN'S WEEKEND – APRIL 26 -29TH



Please pray and place your Palanca cards in the narthex rainbow mailbox.

Palanca – a Spanish word for Love and Support and vital to a Cursillo weekend. Anyone can write a note. Please share your love and support for our Grace parishioners, candidates, and team members.

Candidates:

Kay Ingram
Dottie Clement
Betty Stecker
Judy Tabb
Pat Watson
Christina Jackson
Debi La Liberte

Team:

Fr. Fary Jackson
Sharon Harlow
Sherri Davids
Glenda Poarch
Daneen Read

FRIENDS of GRACE:

Mother Carolyn Biggs
Rev. Jonnette Demarsico
Charlene Davids- (Sherri's sister)

YARDSALE & CRAFT/VENDOR EVENT

SAT. MAY 4 – 9am to 1pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP: This is one of ECW's biggest fundraisers for Grace. You can help by donating your gently used items:

Household Goods
Toys
Tools

Linens
Home Décor
Sports Items

(NO clothes, books or furniture this year) **BAKED GOODS** are always a big seller!

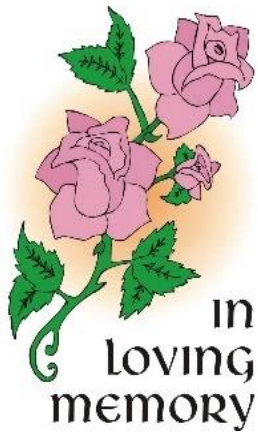
There are still some tables available for this event. Please let your crafting and vendor friends know: Rent for round tables - \$40. Rent for long tables - \$50. \$5.00 for use of outlet.



See the handout flyer below for drop-off dates and how you can help set-up.

Please tell your friends & neighbors about our event or bring them with you!





It is with sadness that we announce the passing into eternal life of parishioner **BOB BARKER**.

Bob was an attendee at our 10:30 Sunday services and a frequent smiling face at many fellowship events and the Lunch Bunch.

His Celebration of Life service will be held on **Saturday, May 11 at 11 am at Grace.**

Please keep Bob and his family in your prayers.



WALK FOR WATER on MAY 18

We are joining people all over the globe in the 6K WALK FOR WATER to help provide life-saving clean water to communities in need.

6K is the average distance people in developing countries walk each day for clean

water. Every day more than 1000 children under 5 die from diseases caused by contaminated water and poor sanitation.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- The Outreach Committee is gratefully accepting cash or check donations in any amount. Make checks payable to Grace Church with Walk for Water in memo line.
- Walk with us locally in Bushman Park, Port Orange by signing up with team “amazing grace” at <https://global6k.worldvision.org/> (\$50 registration includes Tee Shirt).



When you register, join team “**amazing grace.**” Kids walk free! The Outreach Committee has matching funds to reimburse you for children’s registrations.



World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of

poverty and injustice. [2024 Global 6K for Water | World Vision](https://global6k.worldvision.org/)

Retirement Party

Sunday, May 19, 2024
After One Combined
9:00 am Service.

POTLUNCH BRUNCH -

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

Join us as we celebrate Rev. Susan's 14 years of dedication & service to Grace Church as our beloved Deacon.



COLLECTING THANKS & BEST WISHES for REV. SUSAN and BILL

There are note cards in the narthex to express your thanks, appreciation, and best wishes to Rev. Susan and Bill. The cards will be given to her at her Retirement Party.



SUMMARY OF APPROVED VESTRY MINUTES from MARCH 19

- The Vestry Retreat is scheduled for Friday, May 10 at the home of Fr. Gary. It will be a strategy and visioning session led by retired Canon Ernie Bennet.
- New Memorial Garden Stone – Two different granite stones were presented for consideration as well as an alternative to bronze plaques. After discussion, no consensus was reached, and more cost details were requested.
- Council for the Aging wants to rent the AA classroom for their respite care program every Tuesday for \$100 a month. Before COVID they were renting the hall for this purpose. We need to increase our rental income for both the classroom and the hall.
- Vestry started the planning process for Rev. Susan's Retirement Party on Sunday, May 19th following one combined 9 am service.
- Fr. Gary reported that the donors of \$3,000 designated for benches have agreed to redesignate the funds to playground repairs.
- Vestry continued reading and discussing the book, *Beyond Business as Normal*.

Please note that the monthly budget summary and the full Vestry minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.



LENTEN STUDY SESSION WRAPPED UP LAST WEEK - The final session of Fr. Gary's five-part Lenten Study was well attended last Wednesday as we celebrated Jesus as King. Thank you, Fr. Gary, and all who attended, as well as everyone who contributed great food for our meals. It was a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth, learning and fellowship.
(see more photos on website or Facebook)



CURSILLO "GROUPING" at GRACE THIS WEEK

Cursillo Grouping refers to a fundamental aspect of the Cursillo spiritual renewal movement.

The key purpose of Cursillo Grouping is for a small group (usually consisting of 3 to 6 individuals) to meet regularly to

share their spiritual growth, experiences, and reflections with one another.



PRAYER STATIONS AVAILABLE DURING SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

If you are seeking prayer for a specific need for yourself, someone else or wish to give thanksgiving for a blessing, please come to the station in the back of the sanctuary where two of our trained prayer 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.

Praying together invites the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. There is wonderful spiritual power released when two or more people agree in prayer. *"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."* (Matthew 18/19,20)



THANK YOU FROM

Dear Grace Church,

On behalf of all of the VITA volunteers at Grace this past season, we want to extend a thank you to ALL of Grace allowing us to once again be able to prepare tax returns free of charge for the community.

This past season, we prepared over 400 returns, many for people who would not have been able to afford preparation elsewhere.

In addition, since we as volunteers cannot accept tips, any money that was donated was turned over to Grace to be targeted towards the Food Bank. Again, thank you and hope to see you next year!

Michelle, Elaine, Paul, Pat, Laura, Paula, Matt, Robert

We Need Your HELP !!

- . Green Palanca
- . Walmart Gift Cards
- . Creative supplies (pens, pencils, markers, etc.)
- . Posterboard
- . Kleenex
- . Frog Tape/ painter tape
- . Candy: Chocolate, hard candy
- . Individually wrapped, store-bought snacks (cookies, crackers, trail mix, chips, pretzels, nuts, cheese sticks or Baby Bells, Brownies, Little Debby snack cakes, etc.)
- . Small bottles of water
- . Canned soda (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, etc.)
- . Tea bags



Women's Cursillo #134

Please provide donations to your church representative or bring by Canterbury by 4:30pm on April 26, 2024.

HUM PANTRY NEEDS:

CEREAL BAKED BEANS MAC & CHEESE

Leave donations in the narthex or bring them to the pantry at Grace on Mon. Wed. and Fr. between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

GRACE CHURCH PET FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Dry or Wet Cat & Dog Food

Dog/Cat Treats

Gallon Ziploc Slider Style Bags

For monetary donations, make checks out to "Grace Episcopal Church" with "Pet Food Pantry" on the memo line.

Thank you from the Outreach Ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

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



QR CODE FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING

Many parishioners are finding it more convenient to donate to Grace electronically. This QR code will connect you to Donor Box which accepts Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo and credit and debit cards. It is also printed on your 2024 Pledge Card. Note: this QR code is on your bulletin each Sunday.

Pick up a copy of this flyer in the narthex:



SAT. MAY 4
9 am to 1 pm

This is ECW's biggest fund raiser of the year. YOUR help makes it successful!

WHAT TO DONATE:
(Mini Yard Sale - restricted items)
NO clothes, small furniture, books.

Household Goods	Home Décor
Sporting Goods	Toys
Tools	Linens (clean & size marked)

BAKED GOODS

DROP OFF DATES:

Sat. April 27: 10 am to 1 pm
Mon -Thurs April 29 to May 2 : 9 am -12 noon
Fri. May 3 : 9 am - 1 pm **Baked Goods Only**

HELP SET UP, PRICE, & SELL:


Set up: Mon -Thurs, April 29 to May 2: 9 am to 12 noon
Set up & Price: Fri. May 3: 9 am to 1 pm
Sell: Sat. May 4: 9 am to 1 pm
Please sign up in the narthex.

Please do not park in HUM area on Mon. Wed. and Fri.


AND PRAY FOR OUR SUCCESS.
THANK YOU!

ADDRESSES FOR OUR ACTIVE MILITARY PARISHIONERS:

PFC Brandon Poarch 10931 G Anzio Loop Fort Drum, NY 13603	PFC Woods, Caleb Unit #93199 TF Pyramid (3ID, 87 DSSB, CHARLIE COMPANY) APO, AE 09008
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"We are the Church of Open Arms.
We are a community that celebrates Jesus.
We are disciples committed to growth: in membership, in outreach, and in stewardship.
We glorify God and empower people for service."



ECW EMAIL -All Grace women are automatically members of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW), our very active service and fellowship ministry. We maintain a separate e-mailing list to send out requests and news for specific ECW events. If you would like to be included in the ECW e-mail list, please send your name and email address to ecwgrace@gmail.com.

Sunday, April 21

Mark 6:30-44 *“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”* (v.31b NIV).

I don't know about you, but that kind of an invitation, and especially from Jesus, would be very welcome. How often he extends this kind of invitation is hard to say because we are usually so *busy* we can't hear ourselves think, let alone hear that still small voice offering us “some rest.”

I can remember when I was a young mother with three children under the age of three and a husband in the Navy often away for 6-8 months at a time. Older women would encourage me to have “me” time. I would usually get angry or defensive and say that I was just fine, doing exactly what God was calling me to do, thank you very much, *you* might need some “me” time, but I don't. Jesus needed a quiet place and rest, who did I think I was?

Fortunately, God didn't give up on me but continued to encourage me to find “a quiet place and get some rest.” During those times of rest I find myself listening for that still small voice, looking for God's fingerprints all around me and being fed by His word. Very often following these times of refreshment God gets very busy using us.

Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38; Psalms 63, 98; 1 John 2:18-29

Monday, April 22

Colossians 3:18—4:18 *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.* (vv.23-24).

Brother Lawrence wrote a wonderful little classic called, *The Practice of the Presence of God*. In it he describes how he discovered that the art of living a joyful life lies not necessarily in *what* we do but with what kind of an attitude we do it. If we regard our work as an act of service to God, regardless of what that work is, it can take some of the drudgery and boredom out of it.

What freedom there is in offering your day, your work, your rest, your everything to God. Knowing that you are working for God first, not for men, can put a joy in your heart that some cannot comprehend. It is a freedom to accept whatever situation God has for you knowing that it is for Him that you are serving.

This concept makes me think about jobs such as teachers and healthcare workers, two very important services, and yet often low paying jobs. People I know in these professions have a love for mankind and a desire to care for God's people.

Exodus 32:1-20; Psalms 41, 52; Matthew 5:1-10

Tuesday, April 23

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.* (v.3).

Wouldn't you love to have people say verse 3 about you? My husband's mother demonstrates these ingredients of the Christian life, work produced (inspired) by faith, labor prompted by love, and endurance inspired by (founded on) hope. My father-in-law has had

Parkinson's disease for years and it is compounded by Post-polio syndrome, blindness due to glaucoma, and a war injury that has left his left hand virtually useless.

My mother-in-law is a Christian who I look up to. Her faith has sustained her over the years and spills over to all who come in contact with her. She never complains to those around her. Her labor, all the big and little things she does, is prompted by her great love. She is selfless, always looking out for others. But for me, the ingredient that I try to emulate is her endurance which is inspired by (founded on) hope in Jesus. Regardless of how bleak things appear, and believe me some days they seem *very bleak*, she knows who she belongs to and who is walking each and every step with her. She is the model for Romans 5:5, "And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit." During our times of trials may we be "inspired by hope." Exodus 32:21-34; Psalm 45; Matthew 5:11-16

Wednesday, April 24

Psalm 119:49-72 *You have given me hope. My comfort in my suffering is this; Your promise preserves my life.* (vv.49b-50).

Can you imagine saying, "My comfort in my suffering is..."? To my way of thinking, how can there be any comfort in suffering? But God—oh, how I love that phrase—has given us hope, to desire something confidently expecting its fulfillment. My comfort comes from His promises. If that is true, and I believe it is, then I need to know what those promises are so that I can claim them as my own.

The following are a few examples:

Psalm 73:26 "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." He has promised me eternity.

Isaiah 25:8 "He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces." God comforts us.

John 3:15 "Everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life." If we believe, God promises us eternal life.

Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." God strengthens me for what He calls me to do.

2 Timothy 1:7 "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (fear) but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline (a sound mind)." Fear is not from God.

Scripture is full of God's promises. Find them and claim them.

Exodus 33:1-23; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:17-20

Thursday, April 25

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 *And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the work of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.* (v.13).

When at the age of 29 I finally accepted Christ into my life as Savior and Lord, God was very gracious with me. I knew that I knew that I knew. Sure, I had and have a lot to learn. But there is no doubt in my mind that "Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again." It's like when I quit smoking. God knew that it couldn't be gradually. The day I found out I was pregnant with our first child, I quit and have never looked back.

For some people there must be a time of wrestling and questioning. My husband had many preconceived ideas about what would happen if he turned his life over to God and became a Christian. Things like he would never have any more fun, life would be serious all the time, no

more wine. After wrestling with Scripture and praying for discernment and receiving the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, he came to understand that the word of God was for him as well as for the original hearers and that it was and is very important not only to study Scripture but to believe it and share it. Exodus 34:1-17; Psalm 50; Matthew 5:21-26

Friday, April 26

Psalm 40 *I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly.* (v.10).

If you were arrested for being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you? When I first heard that question I laughed. "I'm a Christian, of course there would be enough evidence." And then I thought about it. Do people see me as someone who is different? Is there anything in my life that labels me as a nonconformist? Do I participate in gossip? Am I kind? Do people know I pray? How do I handle difficult circumstances and difficult people?

If I expect Jesus to escort me to the Father, I must acknowledge who Jesus is and what he does and has done for me. I must tell my story. And when times get tough I must remember all the ways God was with me in the past and expect Him to be with me now and in the future.

I must walk my talk, "Not everyone who says, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). I can say anything I want, but if my actions don't match my words, I am a hypocrite and in the end a big loser.

Be ready at all times not only to speak of God's love and faithfulness but to show it so that there would be enough evidence to convict you of being a Christian.

Exodus 34:18-35; Psalm 54; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13; Matthew 5:27-37

Saturday, April 27

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 *Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that You will not be dependent on anybody.* (vv.11-12).

In today's fast-paced world the idea of leading a quiet life seems impossible. Actually, without God's help, lots of prayer, and a conscious effort to choose such a lifestyle, it *would* be impossible. Families are now too busy to eat dinner together. Everyone has a different activity causing them to be like ships passing in the night. Our children must be kept busy after school, no down-time allowed. We have taken playtime out of our vocabulary. Mom and Dad are busy with their own activities, which includes overworking, and times of playing catch in the front yard or baking cookies from scratch are considered old fashioned and outdated.

When our personal lives are so cluttered with *busyness* we damage our witness. If we don't have time for those who are nearest and dearest to us, how can we have time for anything else?

As we approach summer, often a more relaxed time of year, I challenge you to look ahead and pray and choose to simplify your life. Exodus 40:18-38; Psalm 55; Matthew 5:38-48

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