



# Grace Notes

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To know Jesus Christ, proclaim His Word,  
and live His teachings.

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## *Message from the Wardens*



The month of October has flown by! Many great things have occurred this past month.

We have had outstanding worship services under the able direction of Father Bill and Deacon Steve.

It has been so exciting to see so many faces in the pews and we hope this exciting attendance trend continues upward. It is amazing how a full nave adds so much to our corporate worship.

October was Stewardship month and Jerry Orr is doing an excellent job. The testimonials from parishioners have been outstanding and very moving.

We would like to formally welcome our new director of our youth group, Riley Wells. The youth have had great meetings and are building in excitement in this renewed emphasis of this ministry. Go up and see the youth room! It has been decorated with white twinkle lights. Riley and the youth are working on plans to update this room further and make it a welcoming space for the youth to be able to invite new members to visit and hopefully grow our witness in Ponca City.

The Parish Profile has been approved by the Vestry and is being reviewed by the Diocesan staff. Canon Bill will then start working with our Search Committee in earnest. Each day with the help of God brings us closer to having a new Rector in our parish. Thank you for all in stepping up in so many ways to keep our parish running smoothly in the meantime. For nothing done with God is ever wasted.

## **STEWARDSHIP CANVASS INGATHERING**

The Stewardship Canvass Ingathering will be Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at both services; 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Please plan on attending one of these services and presenting your gifts to be blessed at the altar. Hopefully, you have received pledge information, either during a church service or through the mail. If you have not, please contact the church office or Jerry Orr, 580 763-7038, and it will be provided.

Throughout our stewardship drive, you have heard testimonies from many of our members. They all spoke to you about how Grace Church has impacted their lives and about their hopes and dreams for our parish family. Each testimony was very powerful, heartfelt and inspiring. We thank those members for sharing your love of Grace Church and for your ongoing support of the ministry of Grace Church.

Today, we find our vestry, not only searching for a new priest, but also for answers as to how we will sustain Grace Church; its beauty, its ministries, and its future for our membership. I pray you have taken time this month to prayerfully consider the extent to which your gifts will provide a solution and will joyfully present them on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Jerry Orr, Stewardship Chairman*

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## **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

Blessings and thanks to our Parish Family for your continued support! The food donations continue to go out the door at about the same rate as they come in. Thank you for giving!

As your Daughters keep you in our prayers, we will also be helping with the Angel Tree in December. So we ask you to consider this: A word of encouragement or kindness is often more powerful than you can imagine. This month, make it your daily habit to find something uplifting to say to random people you meet - your waitress, the person at the cash register where you shop, anyone at all. Even a smile to someone on the street at God's chosen moment can help change someone's life. Let's be listening when God asks us to act.

God be with you all.

*For His Sake, Cheryl Happ*

# Christian Education at Grace

## THE ADULT FORUM (Sundays at 9:00 a.m.)

- Nov. 4 TBA.....Father Bill Martin/Deacon Steve Mallory
  - Nov. 11 TBA.....Father Bill Martin
  - Nov. 18 TBA.....Father Bill Martin/Deacon Steve Mallory
  - Nov. 25 TBA.....Deacon Steve Mallory
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## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Bible Study will be beginning a new study, in November, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

If you are interested in joining us please contact the office or me at 918-557-0553. Thank you.

*Jane Simmons*

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## CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Sunday School has resumed under the direction of Judy Branch and Marsha Orr. Youth Sunday School will be held in the Education Building as follows:

\*Youth Pre-K through 1st grade will be from 9:30-10:00 downstairs in the Education Building.

\*All other youth will be from 9:00-9:30 upstairs in the Education Building.

We are looking forward to exploring Christ's journey and the connections we can make together.

Hope to see you all each Sunday.

*Happy Thanksgiving*

**Colossians 3:16-17**

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT GRACE

I am so excited to be involved with EYC. Grace is such a special place to me and I look forward to helping grow our youth in Christ. We are meeting on Sunday afternoons for games, music, and conversation. Our first goal was to focus on God's love. Our first project was leading the activities on Oct. 21 for "Fades and Braids". We plan on doing many more outreach projects to show our love for the church and the community.

*In Him, Riley Wells*



### ***"Fades & Braids"***

Thanks to everyone who helped make the day such a success.

A special 'BIG' thanks to:

- Ann Armstrong
- Judy Branch
- Nga Wells
- Amber Orr
- Casey Orr
- Jannie Ross
- Darelyn Harris
- The Cookie Bakers
- Riley Wells & the EYC





# FOOD FAIR

*with Grace Episcopal Church Women*

**Saturday – November 17, 2018**

**9:00 a.m. until sold out**

It's almost time for the annual Grace Church Food Fair! Please plan to donate some frozen casseroles, baked goods, candies, or other edibles to help us make this the biggest and best Food Fair ever!

We would like to have all Food Fair flyers returned to the parish office or placed in the alms basins no later than Sunday, November 4.

(Don't forget that we need shoppers, as well. So, come shop, and bring your friends!)

Thanks so much.

~ Food Fair Committee



## HYMN OF THE MONTH

The hymn tune “Sine Nomine”, For all the Saints, was written by Ralph Vaughan Williams for use with this text. It stands as one of the finest hymn tunes produced in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The name, “Sine Nomine”, means “without a name”, and may be a reference to the many saints whose names are known only to God. The “alleluias” show his way of introducing variety in the rhythm of his tunes and thus avoiding monotony, particularly in such a long hymn. The words are by William Walsham. Originally there were three more verses.

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they I glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

## **A WORD ABOUT FLOWERS.....and ministry.**

Every Sunday we enjoy the beautiful flowers on the altar. These flowers are given to the glory of God as gifts from parishioners, former parishioners, and family members. What people might not realize is that after the church service is over these flowers continue to bring joy. Often times the person who has donated the flowers does not take them home so they are taken to other people to enjoy. Sometimes they have gone to the hospital, sometimes to nursing homes, and sometimes to the homes of church members.

It's time to start planning for 2019. If you want to be part of this special ministry, you can do so by donating either one or both vases of flowers.

For more information, or to schedule a date, please contact Cynthia Winterrowd at [cynthia.winterrowd@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.winterrowd@gmail.com) or 580-761-0415.

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## **VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**

Once again, Grace Church will participate in the Ponca City Veterans' Day Parade Celebration of Freedom! The day is Saturday, November 3. The parade starts at 10:45, but we will gather in our north parking lot ahead of time and load onto the trailer. Watch future communications for the exact time.

Thanks to our guardian angel Everette Van Hoesen, the trailer is outfitted with benches for comfortable seating. Everette and Sonja's son Chad will pull the trailer and we are so grateful to him for providing both the trailer and truck for us. The veterans will ride along in Doyle Worstell's trailer.

We will be accompanied down Grand Avenue by lots of Grace's young people, and will sing patriotic songs as we proceed down the street. Our Grace Church banner will announce our arrival!

The Tulsa Warbirds will once again do their impressive fly-over, and the Wichita Caledonian Pipe and Drum Corps will participate.

Please come out and celebrate our veterans and our freedom on November 3!



## PERIPATETIC PARISHIONERS

Worship bulletins have been received from:

**Anne Michael**

Countryside Bible Church - Southlake, Tx.

**Clyde & Nadine Frisby**

Shepherd of the Hills - Branson, Mo.

**Jackie Saylor**

Trinity Episcopal Church - Tulsa, Ok.

***Remember to take your bulletins to the Parish Office.  
(and write your name on the bulletin)***

***Thanks for sharing your travels with us.  
Thanks for always coming home.***

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## GIFT SHOP NEWS

It's time to check on your red shirt or jacket for the Veterans ' Day Parade. The new order of Grace Church tees will be in stock by the time you read this; so if you are waiting for a different size or just a bright new "red" you will need to stop by SOON. Cost is \$20. There is also a limited supply of sweatshirts available.

Thanksgiving Holiday will be coming November 22nd this year. We would like to suggest a devotional gift to take along to your hostess — wall crosses and door emblems are very popular, a Celtic door knocker, or even a bright red Episcopal apron (and, yes, it is adjustable). A Grace Church cookbook, A TASTE OF GRACE, would be a welcome addition to the cook's library. Thanksgiving cards are also available.

Jane or Joan will be waiting for you at the Gift Shop counter in the Christian Education wing immediately following the Sunday and Wednesday services even though the cookies and coffee are now served in the Parish Hall. You may also phone us if a special need arises. Remember we are here to serve you.

*Joan Dick (762-2514) and Jane Worstell (762-3467)*

## ECW NEWS

- ❖ ECW had another successful Book/Collectible sale featuring a wide variety of books and wonderful collectible items including Betty and Steve Scott's contributions of extraordinary pieces from Malaysia, Vietnam, Russia and England. Thank you to all parishioners who donated books and collectibles and to the hard working ladies who make this fund raiser possible.
- ❖ Our next and biggest fund raiser is our annual Food Fair which is always the last Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. Our best sellers are casseroles. Please be thinking of what you would like to prepare for this big sale. Of course, pies, cakes, cookies, relishes, soups, and candy -- or anything you would like to donate-- are much appreciated. Please relate to Judy McGuire or Marsha Moore the title and basic ingredients of your casserole no later than November 4th. Special identification tags will be attached to each casserole. Let's make this Food Fair the best ever!! Thank you for your participation!
- ❖ The proceeds from our fund raisers are used to community outreach and the needs of our church. ECW paid for the Youth Choir workbooks and for part of the air-conditioning repair bill.
- ❖ A very special group of dedicated ladies from our church devote countless hours working for the rummage sales, book/collectible sale, game day and food fair. Thank you so much for your loyalty and dedication! We welcome anyone who would like to join this fun group of ladies.

*Marcia Davis*

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## CHOIR NEWS

The Adult Choir sang Evensong on October 14 and we had 30 people in attendance! That is very gratifying to this faithful choir.

Youth Choir is picking up steam for the season. We welcome two new choristers, Nathan and Junior Longoria. We are so glad to have them. Recently Jackson Orr, Sawyer Bartley, and Veronica Randazzo received their cottas.

*Jackie Saylor*

## NOVEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers will be given to the glory of God by:

- Nov. 4 **Joan Dick** in thanksgiving for her children and grandchildren; and by **Janel & Michael Hutchinson** in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary.
- Nov. 11 **Keri & Chris Bartley** in thanksgiving for their children, Emma & Sawyer.
- Nov. 18 **Jennifer Sword & Jaclyn, Skylar & Kaden** in thanksgiving for the birthday of her mother and their grandmother, Teresa Rutherford; and by **Sharla Lambring** in thanksgiving for the birthday of her daughter, Heidi.
- Nov. 21 **The Winterrowd Family** in loving memory of William E. Winterrowd, Jr. and in thanksgiving for family & friends.
- Nov. 25 **open**
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## NOVEMBER SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLE

The sanctuary lamp candle will be given to the glory of God by:

- Nov. 4 **Emmi & Ken Lockard** on their wedding anniversary in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.
- Nov. 11 **Guy & Lynda Clark** in thanksgiving for the birthday of their son, Jeffrey.
- Nov. 18 **The Orr & Bartley Families** in celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of their husband, father and Papa, Jerry Orr.
- Nov. 25 **Linda & Tom Yant** in thanksgiving for their grandchildren, Avery and Savannah Barnes.
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**Available dates for the altar flowers are as follows:**

November 11 & 25, December 9, 23, & 30

**Available dates for the sanctuary lamp are as follows:**

None

To request an available date for 2018 for the flowers, or to make any changes in the current schedule, please contact Cynthia Winterrowd at: [cynthia.winterrowd@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.winterrowd@gmail.com) or 580-761-0415.

## Dates to Remember

## NOVEMBER

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Cameron Fleming
- 4 Treva McClung
- 4 Brenda Barrett
- 5 Rick Brewster
- 7 Rickey Engle
- 8 Taylor Jones
- 9 Chad McCoy
- 11 Phil Dotson
- 12 Jim Ross
- 12 Virginia Stephenson
- 14 Wayne Mitchell
- 15 Winston Henry
- 16 Jerry Orr
- 17 Larry Feezell
- 18 Libby Fleming
- 18 Lloyd Jones
- 22 Linda Cassity
- 23 Jacqueline Seney
- 24 Teresa Rutherford
- 25 Stan Bivin
- 27 Jane Worstell
- 28 Jettson Ly McCoy

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Justin & Ashley Rumford
- 3 Bill & Cynthia Winterrowd
- 7 Ken & Emmi Lockard
- 14 Michael & Janel Hutchinson
- 25 Marissa & Michael Womble

*If your name is missing from the birthday or anniversary list, please call us at 765-7609 s we can update our records. We do not want to leave anyone out!*

| November 2018 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| 12            | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| 19            | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| 26            | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  |     |     |

If you have items for Grace Notes, please email them to:  
TL@standingbearpark.com.  
**The deadline for Grace Notes is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**