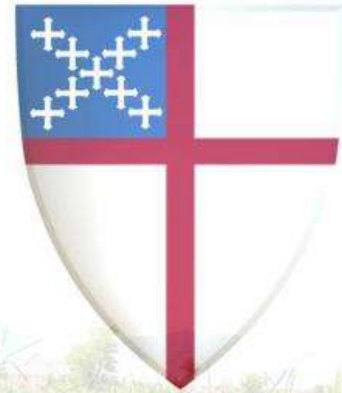


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***The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sign-Up Link for 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Services
for Sunday, August 1, 2021***

<https://bit.ly/3wYEDmq>

Due to the increasing rise of reported COVID cases in our area we will continue to observe the recommendations of the Clark County Health Department and the mandates set in place by our Diocese. These include the following:

Everyone attending either the 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service must wear face masks and register their intention to attend a service by signing up on the Eventbrite link (above) in order to maintain COVID contact tracing records.

We are continuing the no-singing policy. Hymns titles of the hymns that would have been sung by the choir and congregation

are shown in the service bulletin. Travis will play two verses of each hymn. Although we have a no-singing policy, we recognize that for some people it is very difficult to not do so; however, if this describes you, please note that if you cannot resist singing you **MUST** keep your mask in place while doing so.

The congregation will not gather around the Altar to receive communion, but will form a single line (row-by-row) in the center aisle leaving a space between each person to maintain a safe social distance.

The birthday and anniversary acknowledgements and blessings will be conducted with people standing at their seats for the prayer.

Unfortunately we will have to continue these measures until the COVID positivity rate decreases in the valley and we receive permission from the Diocesan Chancellor that we may resume our normal procedures

The Vestry believes that these measures are necessary for the health and safety of the Grace community. You will all be kept informed as the situation improves.

51st Annual Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada

The Annual Diocesan Convention is being held this year in Ely, Nevada, beginning on Thursday, October 7, 2021 (7pm) and ending on Saturday, October 9, 2021 (1 pm). **(Note: It is not in August as Michael inadvertently mentioned during the announcements on July 18th).**

This is a very important convention since we will be electing the candidate who will be called to become the eleventh Bishop for the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The election will begin on

Friday, October 8th at 10:00 a.m. after a brief opening service at 9:00 a.m and will close on Saturday afternoon. The closing time will depend on how many ballots it will take to elect a Bishop.

Only canonically resident clergy, the Senior and Junior wardens, and the duly elected lay delegates may vote on any matter at convention, including election of the Bishop.

All votes for Bishop must be cast in person. There will be no “virtual voting” in this election for any reason. So, if you were elected to be a delegate during our virtual parish meeting and you have found in the meantime that you will be unable to attend you need to advise our Senior Warden, Michael Yackira, of that fact as soon as possible so that an alternate can replace you.

Also, if you are a delegate and you have not already made hotel reservations you should do so soon, especially if you need to have either a handicap or first floor room. For more information on hotels, please visit <https://elynevada.net>.

You will also need to register to attend the convention. Online pre-registration opened June 25,2021 and on-site registration will begin at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 7th.

As a reminder, delegates are expected to pay for their own travel, hotel, and registration expenses.

Family Promise Needs Post-COVID

Just like many organizations, the Family Promise has had to reorganize how they support their clients (families) in a post-COVID world. Keeping this in mind, they are asking their participating congregations to support them in different ways.

The following list shows the details some of the items that we can provide to support the families. Please review this list and prayerfully consider which items you may be able to provide.

Starting at the beginning of August, we will have a designated collection point in the Narthex--more information on how this will be handled will be forthcoming.

Family Promise Needs

For the home:

Cleaning supplies

Garbage bags 13 gallons or 33 gallons

Personal needs (for men and women):

Deodorants

Shampoo and conditioner

Lotions

Body wash, bar soap

Diapers size 5 and 6

Baby wipes

Gift cards from Smith's Food (any amount) to supplement their grocery budget.

Also, please note that we are looking for new coordinators for our Family Promise ministry. If you feel called to support this ministry, please contact Darlene Albert by e-mail at dmgalbert@gmail.com for more information.

Grace in the Desert Communications Products

The Grace in the Desert communication team has been testing its avenues of communication in order to inform our parishioners of activities and other information. These are: our website, Servant Keeper, E-news, Service Bulletins and Altar announcements. If you feel you are getting too many notifications, there are two ways to opt out:

1. Regarding Servant Keeper, call or leave a message for Tee

Gammon at (702) 838-7444 during the office business hours (10 am to 3 pm, Monday to Thursday), or email her at tgammon@graceofsummerlin.org and she will remove you from the emails sent through that vehicle.

2. Regarding E-News, at the bottom of these emails (which are sent through a company called Constant Contact), you can "click on" the "unsubscribe" button and you will be removed.

Finally, if you are aware of parishioners who either do not have access to email or would prefer to receive announcements either by mail or by phone, please let Tee Gammon know.

Altar Flowers

Now that in-person worship has resumed, our Flower Guild is also being reactivated. If you would like to give flowers to commemorate a loved one's birthday or anniversary; in memory of a loved one; or in thanksgiving for your own or a loved one's health or recovery from illness, please contact Mamie Hechter, the Flower Guild's facilitator and floral designer, at mhechter@cox.net.



A calendar has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for the rest of the year for anyone who wishes to signup.