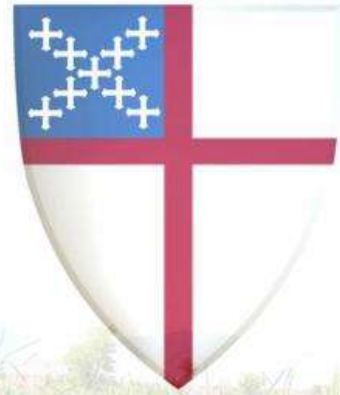


# Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church



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***The Twentieth Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Sign-Up Link for 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services  
for Sunday, October 17, 2021***

**<https://bit.ly/3CHE9UU>**

Due to the ongoing number 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 which remain in place. These mandates 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. (Please see "Note" below.) Hymns titles of the hymns that would have been sung by the choir and congregation are shown in the service bulletin.

Travis will play one or two verses of each hymn (as appropriate). We know this is a difficult requirement, especially when you hear the music of your favorite hymn. But we ask that you continue to observe this policy

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

Note: At the September Vestry meeting the Vestry had a long discussion about singing in church in response to inquiries by several parishioners. The Vestry determined that the appropriate course of action at this time is to be cautious and continue the practice of no singing by either the full choir or the congregation. The Vestry did decide to invite the choir to present some music during services from 1-3 choir members appropriately spaced in the choir area. The Vestry will review this policy at each Vestry meeting going forward until services can return to more normal practices. The Vestry believes that these measures continue to be necessary for the health and safety of the Grace community. You will all be kept informed as the situation improves.

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***Sacrament of Confirmations, Reception, and  
Re-Affirmation of Faith at Christ Episcopal  
Church on Sunday, November 14, 2021***

If you are at all interested in Confirmation, Reception, or Re-Affirmation of previously taken Confirmation vows, this is absolutely the last weekend for you to advise Father John

Agbaje, or another member of clergy of your desire to do so. Advance preparation will be required. Former Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schiore will visit Christ Church Episcopal on Sunday, November 14 to lay hands on those people who have been prepared to receive the Sacrament. Please contact the office during business hours to find out what preparation will be required.

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## ***Nevadans for the Common Good October 21***



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Common Good

All are invited to join us next Thursday, October 21st at 6:30 pm online for the NCG October Delegate's Assembly; please [register here](#).

Be part of our next steps on important issues in our community:

- Addiction and Recovery
- Education
- Housing

We are working to re-engage our membership in new ways and want to re-connect with you and your community. What will it take to build our citizen power in the months and years to come?

Join us on October 21st! [Register by clicking this link](#) and you will receive instructions for joining the meeting on Zoom next week.

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## ***Guided Labyrinth Walks & Meditations Saturday, October 23rd***

Our Saturday Guided Labyrinth Walks and Meditations resumed on October 9th and got off to a good start. They will continue on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, so the next one will be on October 23rd. Each walk will begin with a reading and a meditation. Everyone is welcome and those who are new to this ancient spiritual practice are especially welcome to come and learn more about the benefits of walking meditation and prayer in

a labyrinth setting. If you have concerns with mobility issues, please don't let this deter you. This meditative practice may be used by everyone whether they are able walk the labyrinth or not, and the use of finger labyrinth tool which can be used while sitting will be available and explained.

Coffee and Fellowship will follow in the garden as well. This week there will also be the opportunity to participate in an autumn craft project. Supplies will be provided.

Please call Cheryl Bruni for more information at 702-353-4381.

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## ***Christian Adult Education Community (CAEC) (Fall Offering)***

Beginning Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 9:00a.m. CAEC will begin a series on Mysticism using Richard Rohr's, *What the Mystics Know: Seven Pathways to your Deeper Self*. Fr. Rohr's book is available on both Kindle and in printed form.

The classes will be hosted on the Zoom platform for seven weeks. Even if you cannot attend every Zoom, the weekly guide will take you through each pathway and you can join us on Zoom when it is convenient. If you want to receive the guides please contact Susan Cooper at [susan@recooper.com](mailto:susan@recooper.com).

**SUGGESTED MEETING DATES: October 23, November 6th and 20th; December 4th, 11th, and 18th; and final meeting on January 8th** (Keep in mind, Zoom allows us to be flexible).

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## ***Men's Breakfast Don't Miss It!***

### **DATE CHANGE**

The date of the Men's Breakfast (for this month) has been changed to this coming *Saturday, October*



**23.** The Parish Hall will be open at 8:30 for coffee and mingling. Breakfast will start at 9:00. All the previously announced COVID restrictions will remain in effect. They are listed below.

Please bring a breakfast item to share:

***OUR COVID RESTRICTIONS MANDATE THAT ALL ITEMS  
MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED  
THANK YOU ALL FOR OBSERVING THIS REQUIREMENT***

So...what comes individually wrapped? Granola bars, Fig Newtons, cookies, peanut butter crackers, danish pastries, muffins, yogurt, bagels, protein bars, applesauce cups, fruit cocktail cups, Danimals, Jello cups, Nilla wafers, graham cracker snacks....

Look forward to getting to know each other and discussing how our coming events will look!

*See you there!*

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### ***Trunk or Treat is Back!***

The Sunday school ministry is excited to announce that we will be having our annual "Trunk 'n Treat" this year. It will be on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> after the 10:30 a.m. service.



Please sign up to decorate your trunk, donate, or volunteer to help by emailing Tee at [tgammon@graceofsummerlin.org](mailto:tgammon@graceofsummerlin.org) or calling the church office at 702-838-7444 during business hours.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

### ***A Note to All Ministry Heads and Coordinators***

To help our Communication Team provide more consistency and

coordination in all our communications with our parish, I ask each of you to report regularly on your ministry activities to one central e-mail. [communications@graceofsummerlin.org](mailto:communications@graceofsummerlin.org). Through that email, all those involved with communications will be notified and appropriate messaging can be distributed or posted. For your information, the following people are in charge of our communications:

**E-News:** (Reverend Anderson and Larry Holmes)

**Servant Keeper:** The Service Bulletin, Facebook (Tee Gonzales)

**Website and Calendar:** (Susan Cooper)

Due to changing COVID protocols, many Grace events are being rescheduled or curtailed. It is important that our communicators know the details of your planning so that they can inform the Vestry and the Clergy.

To assure inclusion in the Bulletin, E-news and on the Website, please send a written reminder, announcement, report, etc. to: [communications@graceofsummerlin.org](mailto:communications@graceofsummerlin.org) by Wednesday each week before noon.

I also want to remind you that, as the head of a ministry, you are responsible for reviewing the information on the Website that describes your ministry and if there are any changes necessary to it, notifying Susan Cooper, which you can do through [communications@graceofsummerlin.org](mailto:communications@graceofsummerlin.org). Access to that information is found on our website, <https://www.graceofsummerlin.org> under Ministries/Volunteer Ministries.

Thanks.

Michael Yackira  
Senior Warden



***Reading With Grace***

Enjoy a good book and fellowship!



Reading with Grace, the parish book club, meets via Zoom at 7:00 pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 11th**. The Zoom link will be posted on the Grace in the Desert website [graceofsummerlin.org](http://graceofsummerlin.org) (in the left panel), a days prior to the meeting.

The book selected for November is **The Last Howlelujah: Tails from the Trail: A Celebration of all Things Canine and Divine** by William B. Miller. No one loves dogs or writes about them quite like William B. Miller.

**December - no meeting**

**January 13, 2022**

**A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail**

This autobiographical book was written in 1998 by travel writer Bill Bryson.

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### ***Family Promise***

When you're doing your weekly shopping and preparing for the upcoming holidays, please remember the needs list provided by our friends at Family Promise.

Note: There is a separate basket in the Narthex for collection of items you may wish to donate to this ministry.

#### ***Family Promise Needs***

##### **For the home**

##### **Cleaning supplies**

Garbage bags (13 or 33 gallon)

##### **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 King (in any amount) to supplement the families grocery budgets are always welcome.

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## **Loaves and Fishes Ministry**

We have recently resumed collecting various non-perishable food items for our food support program--newly renamed ***Loaves and Fishes Ministry*** (previously called the Food Bank Ministry). The non-perishable food items donated to this program help to support the Epicenter on the Parkway Food bank located behind Christ Church on Maryland Parkway. Please bring your food contributions to church on Sunday mornings and place them in the basket in the Narthex on the right as you enter the church in support this important ministry to our community.

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***Are you Looking for Easy Ways to Support Grace's Outreach Ministries while you are doing your regular shopping?***

*Use your computer to claim some money for Grace*

See below for instructions on how to:

***Sign Up for:***

***eScrip***

***Amazon Smile***

***Smith's Community Rewards***

Proceeds from the above programs are ways in which you can help support Grace's Outreach Ministries.

**Escrip:** On the internet go to [www.escrip.com/my-](http://www.escrip.com/my-)



**eScrip.jsp** and click on “sign up” and follow the instructions to link your credit/debit cards to Grace in the Desert. Grace's ID no. is 3344027. Then when you use your credit card at a participating merchant or restaurant, Grace will get a percentage of the charge, essentially a commission.

**AmazonSmile:** Whenever you shop at Amazon, instead of using **amazon.com**, go to **smile.amazon.com**. To set up Grace to receive a donation each time you shop at smile.amazon.com, click on the drop down menu in the upper left corner on the smile.amazon.com web page. Go to the bottom of the menu that drops down and under the **Help and Settings** heading find and click on **Your Amazon Smile**. Follow the instructions on that page to select Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church from the list of charities. Once set up it will cover all future purchases you make on smile.amazon.com. Grace in the Desert will receive 0.5% of your purchases each time you use smile.amazon.com for your shopping.

**Smith's Inspiring Donations:** Whenever you shop at Smith's you can help Grace by linking your Smith's card to Grace in the Desert. To do so:

1. Go to **www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/inspire**
2. Sign-in to your account or create an account.
3. Find and select Grace in the Desert and click “save”.

**Grace in the Desert** will receive 0.5% of your qualifying purchases.

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### ***Altar Flowers***

The calendar for altar flowers is now full through the end of the year. Thank you to all who have come forward to donate the flowers that beautify our altar area during our services.

