

**TWAG**

**This Week At Grace**  
**Grace Episcopal Church**  
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**Office hours: Mon.-Thurs.**  
**9 am – 1 pm**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPT. 8 - SEPT. 14, 2024**

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17; Mark 7:24-37  
<https://www.lectionarypage.net/>

**Sunday:** Birthdays: Phil Chalker, Greg Keller  
8:00 am **HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**9:15 am Video Forum**  
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am **HOLY EUCHARIST - livestreamed.**  
10:30 am Children’s Sunday School

**Monday:** Anniversaries: Ezariah & Betty Stecker

**Tuesday:** Birthdays: Robbie Harlow  
12:00 pm BAM with Artie

**Wednesday:** Birthdays: Amber Poarch  
6:00 pm **PRAYER/PRAISE/EUCHARIST - livestreamed**

**Thursday:** Anniversaries: Warren & Mary Greene

**Friday:** Anniversaries: Ken & Judy McGuigan

**Saturday:**  
10:00 am ECW – Christmas Card Workshop

This Sunday’s Gospel:



The Sunday Altar  
Flowers  
are given to the glory  
of God by Maggie  
Thompson for Matt &  
Sam’s 21st Birthday.

**COLLECT for this Sunday:** Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**REMINDERS for THIS WEEK:**

**SAT. SEPTEMBER 7 at 10:00 am - LINE DANCING LESSONS** – Fun for the whole family! Bring your friends and neighbors. Sponsored by ECW.

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**STARTING THIS SUNDAY**

**SEPT 8**

**BETWEEN SERVICES**

**FIVE-WEEK VIDEO SERIES:**

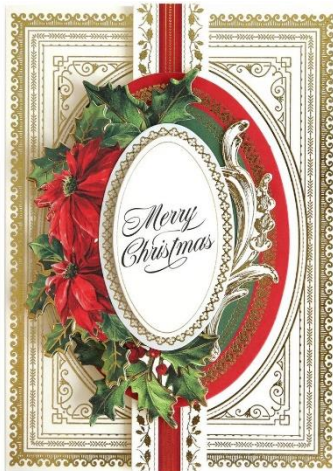
Bearing Witness is a video-based study program that shares the stories of people living in Palestine and Israel and the remarkable ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem that bring hope and healing in this volatile part of the world.

The program will **start at 9:15** in Goddard Hall. Stay after the 8 am service or come early for the 10:30 service. Grab a cup of coffee and snack at Graceway and join Fr. Gary at the screen end of Goddard Hall.

For more information about this series, click here:

<https://afedj.org/bearingwitness/overview/>

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**ECW WORKSHOP – SAT. SEPT 14, 10:00 am**

**CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING**

We will be assembling Christmas Cards to sell at our Christmas Market on November 2<sup>ND</sup>.

ECW has purchased a kit (sample left) to make distinctive, one of a kind Christmas Cards.

All materials are supplied to make these easy & fabulous cards. Bring a smile and we will have fun!

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Join us for **BRUNCH**  
Sunday, September 22, 2024  
12:15 pm

*Learn about "all things Grace".  
Hear about our Mission and Vision.  
Meet our clergy, vestry, & ministry leaders.  
Tour the campus and chapel.*

*Sign up in the narthex on Sunday or call the parish office.  
386 767-3583*

If you are new to Grace or not so new but want to learn more about us, we invite you to join us for Brunch on Sept. 22 after the 10:30 service.

**Please sign up in the narthex by Sept. 15.**

Sponsored by the Vestry.



**NEWCOMERS BRUNCH/ORIENTATION  
INVITATION to MINISTRY LEADERS**

The vestry invites ministry leaders to join us on Sunday, September 22. Meet with new members and answer questions about your ministry.

Please sign up in the narthex by Sept. 15.

**NEXT LUNCH BUNCH- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 at 12:30pm**

We will meet at **Don Chente Mexican Kitchen**, 3510 S. Nova Rd. Port Orange.

Sign up in the narthex by Sept. 22, so we have enough seats for everyone. Their menu is here: <https://don-chente.com/our-menus/>



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

**ECW  
Invites You:**

# *International* **Potluck** *Dinner*

**Come Bring a dish to share that represents your  
heritage or your favorite country.**

**SAT. SEPT. 28 - 5:00PM**

**Fellowship, Fun & Music**

**Dress International**



**Bring Your Souvenirs**

**Tickets \$5 - includes International Mocktails, &  
Raffle Ticket.**

**Cash Bar for Beer & Wine**

ECW is sponsoring this fun fellowship event on Sept. 28.

Bring an International Main Dish or Dessert to share.

Tickets \$5.00 per person.

Bring your favorite travel souvenirs for your table decor. Great for conversations!

Tickets on sale in the narthex or call the church office.

## **SENIOR LIVING SYMPOSIUM**

**SAT. OCT. 5 at 10:00 am – Goddard Hall**

**WHAT YOU THINK YOU KNOW, BUT DON'T KNOW.**

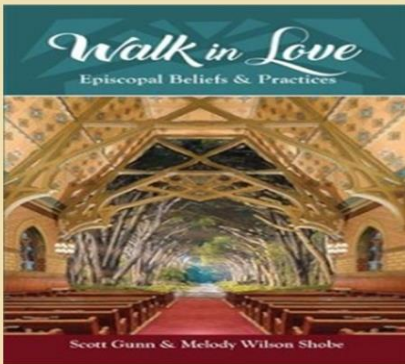
A panel of local professionals will answer questions and give education and advice on:

- Senior resources • Medicare/Medicaid • Insurance & pharmacy coverage
- In-home private duty care • Independent/ assisted living/memory care options
- Progressive medical research options • Hospice & palliative care resources

This event is sponsored by the ECW and open to all your family and friends.

## OCTOBER CHRISTIAN STUDY PROGRAM

Presented by  
Fr. Gary Jackson &  
Rev. Jonnette DeMarsico



Grace Episcopal Church  
Port Orange, FL

### WEDNESDAYS:

6:00 pm - Prayer/Praise/Eucharist  
in the chapel.

6:30 pm - Pizza & Salad- \$5 pp

7:00 pm - Study Series

### DATES:

OCT. 9

OCT. 16

OCT. 23

OCT. 30

*Sign up in the narthex for Pizza & Salad.*

The study is based on the book:  
**WALK IN LOVE – EPISCOPAL BELIEFS AND  
PRACTICES** by Scott Gunn.  
You do not have to purchase the book.

This study program also serves as the  
required Christian Education to be  
confirmed in the Episcopal Church.



### SIGN UP in the NARTHEX for PIZZA and SALAD

Please join us for this fellowship time during the  
October Wednesday Study Series.

We will serve pizza and salad at 6:30 pm after the church service and before the start of the program.

We are asking \$5.00 per person to cover the cost. Please sign up in the narthex so we know how much pizza to order each Wednesday. The money will be collected at each event.

Hope to see you there!

## HAPPENING at GRACE LAST WEEK:



Rev. Jonnette preached her first sermon as our new deacon last Sunday. She referenced the booklet "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly.

If you missed her inspiring message, the service remains available for your viewing on our Facebook page.

We thank Terry Schmitt, Hal Read, Keith Brunner and others who have worked hard setting up the new church sound system. They also created a new workstation for sound and video



equipment at the back of the church. Thank you to Sunday's operators, Matt, and Alvin (pictured above).



ECW sponsored another great Saturday morning workshop last week with Suellen Stenhouse demonstrating how to sew Christmas gift bags. (pictured left).

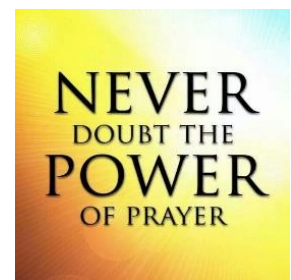
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## PRAYER STATIONS AVAILABLE DURING SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

We are a Healing Church of Prayer Warriors!

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 during communion 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: 19-21).

**GRACE CHURCH MEMBERS PARTICIPATING in CENTRAL FLORIDA KAIROS OUTSIDE  
RETREAT on OCT. 25- 27<sup>th</sup>.**



The women who attend Kairos Outside Retreats are family members of someone incarcerated or have previously been incarcerated themselves.

Rev. Jonnette DeMarsico, Veronica Payne, and Terri Malia are volunteering their time as team members for this retreat, helping to

bring the message of Christ's love and forgiveness.

Kairos Outside is a compassionate and supportive ministry program. The attendees are not financially able to pay for their weekend and the cost is covered by our Christian community.

If you would like to support this ministry, please send your tax-deductible check to: KO of Central Florida/PO Box 983, Deland, FL 32721. <https://kairosoutsidenc.org/>

*If you are interested in sponsoring a guest for the next Kairos Outside weekend (Oct 25-27) please print and complete the form **on Page 9 of today's TWAG** and send it to Kairos of Central Florida. Please know that all guest expenses are paid for through the generosity of others! Thank you!*



**ECW CRAFT & SUMMER EVENTS -10:00 am to 11:30 am**

Join us in Goddard Hall on Sat. mornings through Oct. We will make crafts for our Nov. 2 Christmas Market as well as events for fellowship/learning. Men, women, friends, family – all welcome!

**Activities :**

**Lead:**

**SEPT:**

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| <b>7<sup>th</sup>:</b>  | Line Dancing Class   | Diane Genrich |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup></b>  | Christmas Card Making workshop                                       | Amy & Jeanne  |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup>:</b> | Craft- Finishing any crafts for market.                              |               |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup>:</b> | <b><u>POTLUCK INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP DINNER at 5pm</u></b>         |               |
|                         | Bring a dish to share of your heritage or favorite country.          |               |
|                         | Need to purchase \$5 ticket pp- on Sundays after services (see TWAG) |               |

**OCT:**

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| <b>5<sup>th</sup>:</b>  | Senior Living Symposium: 'What You Think You Know,<br>But Don't Know'<br>(Snacks & Refreshments provided) | Assisted Living/Estelle |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup>:</b> | Craft- Making Christmas Gift Jars   | Fredda and Sandy        |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup>:</b> | -Craft- Making Fascinator Sm Hair Clips<br>-Craft- Finishing Flowerpots                                   | Sally &                 |

**HUM PANTRY – ON-GOING NEED.**  
**CEREAL**

*Look for Bogos and bring the extra box to the church narthex, pantry, or office. Thank you!*

**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.



**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 Sun.



“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](mailto:ecwgrace@gmail.com).



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**Kairos Outside of Central Florida**  
**P.O. Box 983 Deland, FL 32721**

The purpose of Kairos Outside is to demonstrate God's love and grace through Christian support. The adult female, 20 years old or older, the wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, and friends whose life has been impacted by the incarceration of a relative or friend are eligible to attend a Kairos Outside Weekend Retreat. The Weekends are designed to support these women who often feel as though they "do time" right along with their relative or friend. Their journey is often difficult, they may feel rejected and all alone with no one to talk to who understands the situation they are in. At the retreat they will meet other women who are in similar situations and find that they are not alone, we walk the journey together.

**SPONSOR A GUEST**

I would like to make it possible for a guest to attend a Kairos Outside of Central Florida Weekend Retreat.

The cost for a Weekend Retreat is \$160 per person which covers their food and cabin. Please check how you would like to support a guest:

- Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Full Scholarship \$160.00
- ½ Scholarship \$80.00
- ¼ Scholarship \$40.00
- Meals (6 at \$10 each) \$60.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone/email address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Please send your check to KO of Central FL / P.O. Box 983 Deland, FL. 32721 \*\*\***

**Thank you in advance for your donation, every dime counts!**

**GOD BLESS YOU!**

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY IS A 501c(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE TAX DEDUCTABLE ON YOUR TAX RETURN.

**Sunday, September 8**

Matthew 5:13-20 *“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”* (v.16 RSV)

That Scripture never fails to energize me, it’s so full of action. Jesus has just said that when the lamp is lit it gives light to all in the house. With that startling imagery he then calls us to action. He has filled our lives with the brilliant, glorious undimmable light of the realization and revelation of who we are in Christ, and he has empowered us for ministry. Let your light shine. The New English Bible translates those words “And you, like the lamp, must shed your light.” This isn’t a time to be shy and reticent but to be bold and confident, because it is his light, not ours, and it’s his precious gift to share.

This Scripture always reminds me of the day my two-year-old daughter came home from Christian Day School and, as she played with her toys, she was singing something I couldn’t quite catch. But intermittently I kept hearing a very loud “No.” I discovered the little ones had been learning the words “Hide it under a bushel, No, I’m going to let it shine.” I think that’s exactly what Jesus had in mind!

Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6; Psalms 63, 98; Revelation 14:1-7, 13

**Monday, September 9**

Acts 13:44-52 *And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.* (v.52)

I marvel at the disciples’ undaunted enthusiasm. They did not allow rejection by the Jews to steal the joy of their success with the gentiles. They shook the dust off their feet and went forth filled with joy.

For years now I have longed to find a friend I grew up with in London. We had walked to school together every day and later on I was one of two bridesmaids at her wedding. Even to this day I remember her birth date and over the years have prayed for her. She means so very much to me. A few years ago, I finally found her. We exchanged a few letters and I was beside myself with excitement at the thought of meeting her on my next trip home. I had not shared my faith, but I did mention I worked for the Church. I received a letter in return saying she did not want us to meet, she was too busy and besides she wanted “nothing to do with religion.” I was truly heartbroken and experienced a strange new kind of rejection. It’s still painful to think about but I must, with God’s help, “shake the dust from my feet and go forth with joy and the Holy Spirit.”

Job 32:1-10, 19—33:1, 19-28; Psalms 41, 52; John 10:19-30

**Tuesday, September 10**

John 10:31-42 *Jesus answered, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said you are gods?’”* (v.34)

Day by day God reveals more clearly to me how intricately His word is woven together, how Scripture interprets Scripture, and the Old and New Testaments are essential to each other. I always stumble over that little phrase Jesus quoted: “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods?’” (see Psalm 82:6). How could we be gods, even with a small ‘g’? But Jesus said it!

William Temple shed a little light on it for me recently. Jesus is in perfect union with the Father and came to do the good works of the Father, deeds that displayed the very goodness of

God. Is the Lord suggesting the same principle applies, and that perfect relationship with the Father is open to us and can be achieved by some, though in a far less perfect way? Jesus' deeds are his credentials, and in response to our faith our good works should be ours. If, as some teachers suggest, Christians are called to be "little Christs" then perhaps in the same way God called them (us?) to be "little gods," being about our Father's business. It's still a mystery, but I think it is getting clearer. What an awesome and humbling responsibility Jesus entrusts to us.

Job 29:1-20; Psalm 45; Acts 14:1-18

### **Wednesday, September 11**

John 11:1-16 "If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." (v.

I love this Scripture because it is so easy to understand. It is logical and simple, it beckons us back to the right path. Light is attractive, inviting, revealing, inspiring and energizing. In an everyday sense, who would not prefer light to darkness? A writer will do his best work if he is in a light filled room (preferably with a view of the treetops or a lake, or a mountain!). A surgeon needs penetrating light to set about his intricate task. And indeed it keeps us from stumbling over the obvious obstacles.

But the deeper level for believers is that we do not stumble if we walk in the day because we see "the light of this world"—which is Jesus. His light helps us to avoid spiritual accidents and obstacles.

Once again my wonderful friend William Temple provides the words I could never have articulated: "Christ, the Light of the World, shines first upon the soul, and then from within the soul upon the path of life...by converting us, he illumines our way."

Job 29:1, 30:1-2, 16-31; Psalm 119:49-72; Acts 14:19-28

### **Thursday, September 12**

Psalm 50 *From the rising of the sun to its setting.... Our God comes, he does not keep silent.... The heavens declare his righteousness.* (vv.1, 3, 6)

As I go around (and around) in my busy circles of activity I often totally forget to whom I belong. I don't listen to God, I don't consult Him, I don't ask Him to help me, but He's always there in the background and eventually His perfection and magnificence shines forth and reaches me. That overpowering voice comes through and catches my attention, no matter how far I have strayed in my thoughts and words and deeds, like the first clap of thunder of a Florida summer afternoon, or a sweet tender voice in the midst of a noisy, frantic workday. The thread of His mightiness weaves throughout our lives, the lives of those who have gone before us and the lives of those to come, everywhere and for all time. He does not keep silent.

A few years ago, I returned to the Wales of my early childhood, and as I turned the bend and saw "our valley" and those massive, breathtaking mountains, I realized that nothing had changed, it never had and it never would. Those mountains had been there for centuries and would be for centuries to come. I suddenly understood. The heavens declare His righteousness and He does not keep silent.

Job 29:1; 31:1-23; Acts 15:1-11; John 11:17-29

### **Friday, September 13**

Psalm 40 *I have told the glad news of thy deliverance... I have not hid thy saving help within my heart.* (vv.9-10)

Surely the whole of Psalm 40 was written in the late 20th century! God's word, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, as constant as the ebb and flow of the tide, throughout the centuries, the decades, and in our lives today.

I still need His deliverance and His saving help today as I needed it so many years ago. The recollection of those first exciting days, when He first "drew me out from the desolate pit and set my feet upon a rock, and put a new song in my mouth" continues to bless me.

But how, over the years I have needed the Lord to deliver me again and again, particularly from the hurts of life.

How many times I have prayed in my own way "let them be put to shame who seek to snatch away my life, who desire my hurt, and say, aha, aha." But because of God's promises, I can be secure and have the confidence to say "Lord, make haste to help me" because He has already set my feet upon a rock, and I can say continually, "Great is the Lord."

Job 29:1; 31:24-40; Psalm 54; Acts 15:12-21; John 11:30-44

### **Saturday, September 14**

Job 38:1-17 *"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge. Gird up your loins like a man."* (vv.2-3a)

Not to be irreverent, because these are serious Scriptures, but I think if I were Job, I would sing the song Eliza Doolittle sang in My Fair Lady— "Words, words, words! Words all day through, first from him, then from you, is that all you blighters can do...show me!"

Finally, after all those words from his "friends," the Lord shows Job, dramatically, out of the whirlwind.

It's fascinating to contemplate the expression of awe on Job's face and the humility in his heart as God unfolds that glorious litany of His mightiness and His marvelous creation of the world: the foundations, the oceans (thus far shall the proud waves come and no farther), the mountains, clouds, the dawn, the springs of the sea, the dwelling of light, the storehouses of the snow, the source of the wind, the rain and the thunderbolt. We can only join with Job and say, yes Lord, "Behold, I am of small account."

Psalm 55; Acts 15:22-35; John 11:45-54

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