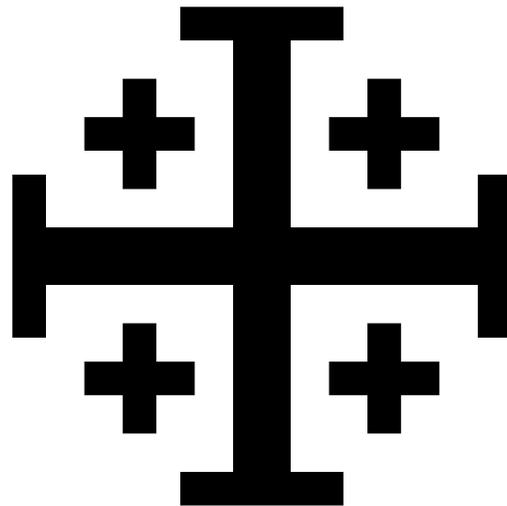


GRACE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MENU OF MINISTRIES

AN INVITATION TO SERVICE AND GROWTH



Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, following in the way of Jesus, seeks to effect transformational change in individuals, in our Portland neighborhoods, and in other communities near and far. To do this we will engage our spiritual, human and financial resources in creative partnerships with people and organizations to further God's work in our world.

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Fall 2014

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

At Grace, worship is at the heart of all we do. Parishioners are involved in worship in various leadership roles. Involvement in these ministries is food for the soul, strengthens community, and expands gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Altar Guild members serve on teams to help prepare the church, the sacred vessels, the linens and the vestments for worship services. This may be a meditative, spiritual discipline of the hands and heart. Altar Guild members serve at the invitation of the Rector.

Guild of Acolytes welcomes all who would like to take part in the important task of assisting with worship services. This program is open to all parishioners – 3rd Grade to adult. Acolytes will be scheduled, on a rotation basis, at all main Sunday services. Training is provided! Contact the Rev. Esme Culver at 503-287-0418, ext 104 or esmec@grace-memorial.org.

Intercessors lead the Prayers of the People at worship services. Contact the Rev. Stephen Schneider, at 503-287-0418 ext. 101 or stephens@grace-memorial.org or the Rev. Esme Culver at 503-287-0418, ext 104 or esmec@grace-memorial.org if you feel called to this ministry.

Eucharistic Ministers offer the chalice during Communion, and bring the Eucharist to homebound parishioners. This is a ministry to be discerned in conversation with the Rector, who supervises the lay Eucharistic ministers. Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors, who take communion to our homebound members, are approved by the Rector and licensed by the Bishop of Oregon. Contact the Rev. Stephen Schneider at 503-287-8418, ext 101 or stephens@grace-memorial.org or the Rev. Esme Culver at 503-287-0418, ext 104 or esmec@grace-memorial.org.

Lectors read lessons from Scripture at worship services. Schedules are prepared approximately every three months, and training is provided. Contact the Rev. Stephen Schneider, at 503-287-0418, ext. 101 or stephens@grace-memorial.org or the Rev. Esme Culver at 503-287-0418, ext 104 or esmec@grace-memorial.org if you are interested in serving as a lector.

Ministry of Hospitality/Ushers and Greeters represent the “welcoming Jesus” to guests, visitors and long-time parishioners alike. This is a good way to quickly get to know people – whether you are a long-time parishioner wanting to welcome newcomers, or a newcomer finding your way into the community. Coordinator, Sally Fraser, enlists, trains, and schedules ushers. If you would like to inquire about serving in this manner, contact her at 503-281-6027 or at featherstomorrow@yahoo.com.

Music Ministries – The experience of Christians through the ages has been that making music expands the soul. Opportunities to exercise or expand your musical gifts at Grace include:

Coventry Choir, under the direction of Susan Jensen, leads the congregation in liturgical music for the season from September to June. Singers and musicians who want to explore this as a possible ministry, are invited to contact Sue at jensens@oes.edu.

Bell Choir has the benefit of Grace Memorial’s Petit and Fritsen Dutch handbells, on which they prepare bell peals, learn anthems and liturgical accompaniments under the direction of Susan Jensen. Contact her at 503-293-7683 or jensens@oes.edu to learn more about this musical ministry.

ARTS & CULTURE

Art Faire & Holiday Bazaar is a multi-faceted event that combines a contemporary arts boutique featuring many of our talented Grace Parish extended-family artists with a traditional holiday bazaar with its hospitality, hand-crafted gift items and holiday foods. In 2014, the event will be held on Saturday, December 6. There are many volunteer opportunities. Proceeds fund special needs at Grace and outreach projects. Contact Susan Germundson at 503-231-6583 or susancg@frontier.com or Sharon Loomis-Malin at malin6069@msn.com.

The Women of Grace is the sponsor of the Art Faire & Holiday Bazaar, which funds parish and outreach projects large and small. The Women of Grace also assist with other projects in the church, including St. Mary's Guild and hospitality. All women are welcome to get involved. Contact Susan Germundson at susancg@frontier.com.

Grace Institute is a non-profit corporation affiliated with Grace Memorial Episcopal Church that conducts Grace Art Camp, Bridges to Peace and Understanding Camp, Spring Break Camp, art classes for families and adults, and other programs to creatively engage with the issues of urban Portland. If you are interested in being involved, contact the Rev. Esme Culver, who is the director of the Institute at 503-287-0418 ext. 104 or by email at esmec@grace-memorial.org, or watch for invitations.

Grace Gallery offers artists an opportunity to exhibit recent works in the parish house for a one or two-month showing. Opportunities for involvement include hanging shows and exhibiting. Contact Esme Culver at esmec@grace-memorial.org for more information.

Guild of St. Mary— Your prayerful intentions and sewing or knitting skills can become instruments of grace and connection to others through this group ministry that makes quilts and blankets for those who need them. *The group meets most Saturdays* of each month, 10:00 am to 12 noon, plus additional hours as needed or desired. No prior sign-up or specific experience necessary – come join us! Contact Mariann Koop-McMahon at mnkoop@spiritone.com to learn more.

EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION

MINISTRIES SUPPORTING FAITH FORMATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The purpose of Church School and related ministries is to help our children, youth and families experience the love of God and to know themselves as an integral part of our community of faith. For information contact the Rev. Esme Culver at esmec@grace-memorial.org.

Church School— Children's Church School, for children in Preschool through Grade 5, meets every Sunday, year round, for the first half of the 10:00 am service. Using *Godly Play* in PreK through 1st Grade and *Grace Story Works in 2nd Grade through 5th Grade*, this ministry relies on an active and large set of volunteers:

Church School Teachers— usually in teams of two – lead one month of Sunday classes and facilitate an activity for either PreK-1 or 2-5 during the Church School year (September – May). Curriculum, materials, training and support are provided.

Godly Play teaches children the art of using religious language – parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action – helping them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. Special training will be provided.

Grace Story Works builds upon the Grace Art Camp experience, centering on a new Biblical story each month. Using the Grace art studios, children *hear* the story, *create* with the story and then *share* what they've created. Training will be provided.

There are additional volunteer opportunities for summer Church School.

First Sunday Family Eucharist is for families with children – Pre-K through the 5th grade at 9:00 am the first Sundays of most months. There are opportunities for children to serve as readers (lectors) and to offer prayers during this special service. Families can bake bread, usher or host a Family Eucharist Coffee Hour.

Middle School and High School Youth meet together at Grace on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and when a 5th Sunday comes up on the calendar, we like to do a service project somewhere in the city. This year we are introducing a very exciting program for Grace Youth! Evolving from the popular adult series of study at Grace, the Bible Workbench, *TeenText* brings the best of teen scripture study to our youth. Led by Mother Esme and Geoff Sasser with invited guest leaders, this will be a great year for the Grace Youth Group. For questions or more information about volunteering, contact Mother Esme at esmec@grace-memorial.org or 503-287-0418 ext 104.

Nursery – During the 10:00 am Sunday morning service, a Grace staff member provides nursery care for infants up to age three. Volunteer assistants are welcome. Contact the parish office for more information.

Advent & St. Nicholas Party – A *Coordinator* and other volunteers help children learn the true meaning of Christmas, and have fun too, at the Advent/St. Nicholas Party, scheduled in 2017 for Sunday, December 7. The Coordinator is a one-month commitment; most of the work can be done from home, on your schedule. Guidance and support are provided.

The Christmas Pageant is an wonderful opportunity for children and youth to tell the nativity story to the congregation at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service. The pageant serves as Gospel and Homily at this service. Creative and dedicated adults are needed as a *Coordinator* and other roles, for a two-month period before December 24. Guidance and support are provided.

MINISTRIES SUPPORTING ADULT FAITH FORMATION.

The Benedictine Way – The Rule of Benedict provides a guide for living the Christian life in a meaningful and intentional way. The Rule offers a plan for living a balanced, simple and prayerful life, and study of the Rule revolves around Prayer, Work, Study, Hospitality and Renewal. Following the way of Benedict, every Thursday evening Grace parishioners come together for fellowship, study and discussion. About once every six weeks the entire Benedictine community comes together to enjoy Holy Eucharist and to enjoy a light pot luck supper and a special program. All are welcome to join in at any time. There is no beginning or end. For more information, contact Mother Esme at esmec@grace-memorial.org.

Bible Workbench – This Lectionary-based study group, meets Sundays at 9:00 am, to explore just what Jesus is trying to tell us, in a safe, friendly – and sometimes highly spirited environment.

The Catechumenate encourages deep engagement with the Gospel, our baptismal covenant, discipleship, and ministry. Beginning in January, catechumens study, eat and pray together. The Catechumenate is an important step in an individual journey of faith and discernment of personal ministry; it is necessary as preparation for adult baptism or confirmation. For more information, the Rev. Esme Culver at 503-287-0418 ext. 104 or by email at esmec@grace-memorial.org.

Daughters of the King is an order for women (lay and ordained) in the Episcopal Church, who pledge themselves to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish. With an active group at Grace the Daughters periodically sponsor discernment classes and engage in service projects. Contact Shirley Johnson at 503-804-0749 or shirleyjohnson1411@comcast.net.

HEALTH & HEALING MINISTRIES

Care Ministries – When people in the parish are ill, or homebound, or recovering from surgery, we as a caring community try to help. Help may mean a casserole, a ride to church or the doctor, or a phone call or a friendly visit. Contact the Rev. Stephen Schneider, at 503-287-0418 ext. 101 or stephens@grace-memorial.org or the Rev. Esme Culver at 503-287-0418, ext 104 or esmec@grace-memorial.org if you can help – or if you need help.

Healing Prayer Ministries – Prayer teams offer individual healing prayers at the 10:00 am Sunday Eucharist, the quarterly Service of Healing & Wholeness, and in home, hospital or care facility settings. If you feel called to a healing ministry, the Rev. Stephen Schneider or the Rev. Esme Culver would welcome a conversation with you. Contact him at 503-287-0418 ext. 101 or by email at stephens@grace-memorial.org.) or get in touch with Mother Esme at 503-287-0418, ext 104 or esmec@grace-memorial.org.

Labyrinth Guild makes available to Grace and the wider community this popular and ancient Christian tool of meditative prayer, including a monthly walk held on fourth Sunday evenings from September through May and a special New Years Day Walk for Peace.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Prayer shawls are knit (or crocheted) with intentional prayers. Most are given to individuals who are seriously ill, in transition, or grieving, to those who are out of work and seeking employment, and also to people who just need a reminder that they are being prayed for by their faith community. Sometimes, members of the healing team present each shawl along with healing prayers. Yarn is provided, and even beginners can complete a shawl. Contact Mariann Koop-McMahon at 503-287-0418 ext. 102 or mariannk@grace-memorial.org to find out how to get involved.

Prayer Chain is a group of parishioners who pray daily for individuals who request prayers. Contact the Rev. Stephen Schneider, at 503-287-0418 ext. 101 or stephens@grace-memorial.org or the Rev. Esme Culver at 503-287-0418, ext 104 or esmec@grace-memorial.org if you feel a call to this ministry – or when you have a prayer request.

COMPASSION & JUSTICE

Companion Parish – Our Companion Parish relationship helps Trinity Cathedral in Monrovia, Liberia, a beacon of hope in a country recovering from civil war and now in the midst of the worst outbreak of Ebola Virus in history. It also helps Grace Parish forge connections to another part of the Anglican Communion. Your skills and interests can be put to good use. *Time*: flexible. Contact Charles McGee II at 503-284-4613 or charlesamcgeei@yahoo.com to learn more.

Food Outreach – Grace’s principal ministry to our local neighbors in need is food. *“When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed . . .”* Luke 14: 13-14.

Friday Community Dinner – You are invited to help prepare and serve home-cooked meals to the hungry of our community, in an atmosphere of gracious hospitality. You don’t need to be a skilled cook, although your cooking skills are welcome – we can always use help in set-up, serving and clean-up. *Time*: Evenings of the second, fourth and alternating last Fridays of the month. You can be a sporadic or a regular participant, as your schedule permits. Sign up at coffee hour, or contact Hale McMahon at 503-246-5886 or halebmcm@comcast.net or Eddie Miller at 503-307-7791 or eddiejmiller@comcast.net to volunteer or learn more.

Sack Lunch Ministry – Hungry people know they can come to Grace and receive a generous sack lunch or family grocery bag. You can help make this happen by bringing food (or soliciting donations or shopping), by assembling food into bags, or by handing out lunches to grateful people. Bags can be assembled at the convenience of your schedule. Time for handing out lunches is 11 am – 1 pm Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Contact the parish office to get involved.

Global Grace – What does it mean to be “Grace-filled” on a global scale? It means being interested in learning about and listening to the other – other cultures, other customs, other faith traditions, other circumstances and situations experienced by our neighbors in our city, across the nation and around the world. It sometimes means leaving our personal and collective comfort zones and it sometimes means facing truths about ourselves we’ve never addressed before. It also means joyous discovery, recognition of the beauty of all life in creation and an opportunity to work for reconciliation and God’s love in the world. If you are interested in becoming part of Global Grace, please call The Rev. Esme Culver at 287-0418 (104) or esmec@grace-memorial.org.

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

Coffee hour, special events, the Grace Community Center Auction, working at an All-Parish Work Day, and simply sharing our talents – these are part of the glue that knits us together and defines us as a parish family. There are many such events and opportunities during the year – including these described below.

The Auction, or the Grace Memorial Community Center Auction as it is officially known, is a fun gala dinner and the main fundraiser for the outreach and community ministries of Grace Memorial Community Center. A wide variety of gifts are welcome, so please volunteer your skills and offer donations. Watch for announcements in *Living with Grace*, the parish newsletter, or *Grace eNotes*, our weekly electronic news bulletin, for more information! In 2014 the Auction is scheduled for September 27, and the Auction Chair is Nancy EntriKin. Contact her at nancy.entrikin@gmail.com.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Part of good stewardship is care of the buildings and grounds of Grace Memorial, which is a task entrusted to the Buildings and Grounds Committee under the direction of the Junior Warden. They welcome your partnership. Look for an inventory of skills or an invitation to a work party – or contact Curt Germundson at cgermundson@evosus.com or Dan Heuvel at daheuvel@comcast.net to share your ideas and skills.

Coffee Hour – Coffee Hour might be termed a “second sacrament” of Sunday morning. Hosting a Coffee Hour it is a great way for newcomers to become more involved in the life of the parish, and it is even more fun to team up with others as co-host. Clear instructions, support and assistance are easily available. Sign up to host a coffee hour on the signup sheet available in the parish hall. For information contact or the parish office.

Consultants – Parishioners often possess a wealth of expertise – in computers, media relations, graphic design, management, etc. – which can enrich the life of the parish. If you are willing to offer your expertise on a specialized subject, contact the Rev. Stephen Schneider, at 503-287-0418 ext. 101 or stephens@grace-memorial.org or contact the Rev. Esme Culver at 503-287-0418, ext 104 or esmec@grace-memorial.org.

The Giving Team communicates within the parish around the stewardship of time, talents and treasure. As part of the our year-round stewardship model, the committee is working on resource inventories and discernment tools, as well as providing leadership for the annual giving campaign. Opportunities for creativity and meaningful involvement abound. Contact the Rev. Esme Culver at 503-287-0418 ext. 104 or at esmec@grace-memorial.org.

Grace Memorial Episcopal Church Foundation – Parishioners with an expertise in finance are invited to consider service on the Foundation board, chaired by Larry Snyder. Contact Larry Snyder at lls.las@comcast.net or the Rev. Stephen Schneider, at 503-287-0418 ext. 101 or stephens@grace-memorial.org for more information.

Hospitality and Parish Life Event Ministries – Besides the weekly coffee hour, there are other occasions of food, hospitality and fellowship. Some are related to a season – the September Get on Board Parish Potluck, for example; others are related to an occasion, such as a memorial service. When you are invited to help, please be generous with your time and talents on behalf of this parish family.

Office Volunteers – Publications like this one are brought to you courtesy of parishioners like you, who volunteer their time to help collate, mail, and take care of other time-consuming, but essential tasks in a parish. Contact Ellie Martin at elliem@grace-memorial.org for more information.

Welcoming Team – Grace is a church that people visit, and explore – and we want to make them welcome. Everyone has a part in this, contact Martha Humphrey at martha.humphrey@gmail.com or the Rev. Esme Culver at 503-287-0418, ext 104 or esmec@grace-memorial.org if you feel called to this ministry.

OTHER

You may have an idea or a gift that doesn't clearly fit in these existing ministries or categories. Contact the Rev. Stephen Schneider at 503-287-0418, ext 101 or stephens@grace-memorial.org or the Rev. Esme Culver at 503-287-0418, ext 104 or esmec@grace-memorial.org. They are always happy to talk about how God is moving in your life and intersecting with the life of Grace Parish.

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