

# The Gracevine

October, 2019

 **GRACE**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

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## THE VICAR'S NOTES

THE REVEREND SCOTT PAINTER

### "Grace Upon Grace: God's Increase and Our Response"

There is a particularly beautiful sentence, situated in the midst of the gorgeously poetic first chapter of John's Gospel. These words always overwhelm me when I hear them; they inspire me by revealing the infinitely limitless generosity and benevolence of our Creator; they stir up within me deep gratitude, wonder, and even my own desire to grow as a gracious and generous person made in God's image.

GRACE  
*upon*  
GRACE

From His fullness we have all received,  
Grace upon Grace.  
John 1:16

As our 2020 Stewardship Pledge Campaign gets ready to kick off on October 20, we are embracing this truth of God's lavish and limitless GRACE for our campaign theme. During the Campaign, we will hear stories from friends who have experienced one surprise of God's faithfulness after another, living out the truth that there is no end to the goodness God has for us. *(cont on p 2)*

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Charles Dotson
- 6th Antoinette Johnson Lazaro
- 8th Laura Montes
- 10th Bertha Spadone
- 10th Cheryl Kimbrough
- 12th Stephen Coates
- 15th Phillip Kimbrough

*Please tell us if we forgot yours!*

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3rd Fred & Jessie Scott
- 18th Lorene Garrett & Chuck Luke

### FLOWER DEDICATION

- 6th Phillip & Cheryl Kimbrough, in Loving Memory of Walter Ladner
- 13th Cecelia Johnson in Loving Memory of Zetta Gibson  
Lory Garrett & Chuck Luke in Celebration of their Anniversary
- 20th Benn Parnell & Bob Olsen in Thanksgiving for Benn's Birthday

27th TBD

### COFFEE HOSTS

- 6th Daughters of the King
- 13th The Kimbrough's
- 20th Santo Romero Celebration
- 27th Stewardship

(continued from p. 1) We will also tell the stories of grace upon grace experienced in our Church & School community throughout 2019. Truly, we have experienced a banner year in the renewal and rebuilding of Grace Episcopal Church & School as a sustainable outpost of God's grace in Southwest Houston...

- ◆ Last year's pledge campaign well exceeded the "stretch goal" we had set to keep moving forward in 2019...
- ◆ Our building and grounds have been refreshed and updated in ways beyond what we thought possible at the start of this year, making worship and ministry more accessible and inclusive for all...
- ◆ Church & School are working together, more and more, as one community—in sync, in a shared direction, in a growing mutual mission...
- ◆ School enrollment exceeded anything we've seen in at least five years, with further growth and strength projected for next year...
- ◆ New folks of all ages and backgrounds and experiences are finding their way into Grace as a spiritual home, with an increasing Average Sunday Attendance...
- ◆ New worship and outreach opportunities are emerging on the horizon...
- ◆ And, so much more... *grace upon grace!*

The 2020 Pledge Campaign will kick off on October 20 and run through November 10. On November 17, we'll celebrate the in-gathering of pledges in a special Thanksgiving Eucharist.

Stewardship is our congregation's season of acknowledging God's grace in our lives—in our private and family lives, and in our life together as a congregation. It is also a season of prayerfulness, as we ask what dreams God has for Grace in the coming year and how we can be a part by sharing our gifts of money, of time, of leadership, of wellbeing, of truth, and of relationship.

In the coming weeks, you'll receive a mail packet from our Stewardship Chairperson and Bishop's Warden. Special thanks to Bob Duran

for chairing the Pledge Campaign again for 2020. Please begin now to pray and consider how you will contribute to the community life and ministry of Grace in the coming year.

My prayer is that we will find ourselves "all in" at Grace in 2020, overflowing with gratitude for God's presence and work among us, and generous with treasure, time, & other resources to share with God in growing this community.

I know that in making pledges and serving with others we will open ourselves to experiencing more and more of God's grace upon grace.

With you on the way,



The Rev. Scott Painter, Vicar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 AT 5:30 PM | PARISH HALL

# VESPERS AND THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS

HONORING ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Praise will be lifted & Prayers of blessing offered for all God's Creatures. Bring your animal friend!

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# Rev. Doug Pagitt

GUEST PREACHER

6 OCT 19

10:00 AM

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Doug Pagitt is a pastor, author, and activist. He is the founder of Solomon's Porch Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Doug has been a leader in the Emerging Church movement, hosts his own daily radio show in the Twin Cities, and founded Vote Common Good. Doug's book: "Outdoing Jesus" explores how human innovation has helped human beings to fulfill Jesus' promise of his followers doing "greater things," based on the Gospel of John.



SECOND SUNDAYS,  
BEGINS OCTOBER 13

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## HOLY COMMUNION ON THE LABYRINTH

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A LITURGY OF MOVEMENT,  
CONTEMPLATION, AND  
EUCCHARIST



## Meet our New Deacon!



I'm Dawn Shepler and I am so happy to be the Deacon at Grace. Many of you have seen me around for the past several months—knitting in the pew or chasing after my grandson Drake during coffee hour.

I was called to be a deacon in 2009 when I lived in North Carolina. I became an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church in Colorado in 2017 when I lived in Missouri. I have always been a Spirit seeker, and as a deacon, I love helping others connect spiritually within and outside the church.

I'm a native Houstonian and both my daughters live here now. Sarah lives in Clear Lake with her husband Kenny, daughters Kenzie and Lainey, her mother-in-law Vicki, Aave the cat and Marcie the dog. Rachel, Drake's mom, works for the Red Cross and we live together in the Bellaire area. My son Ryan is a flight attendant for Delta and is based out of Minneapolis.



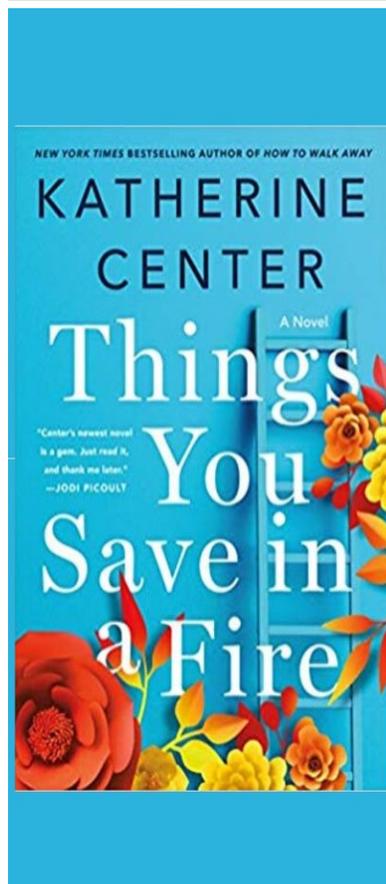
### GRACE GOES TO LUNCH

TUESDAY, 10/8 @ 12:30

OLIVE GARDEN

1010 OLD SPANISH TRAIL

Lunches for November and December are not being scheduled in order to avoid holiday overload.



### Reading with Grace Book Group

Thursday, October 17  
2 pm  
Flex Room

This book has been "picked" by four national reading groups. Come join us. All are welcome.

**SUNDAY EVENINGS @ 5:30**

# **CONNECTIONS**

**LITURGIES TO INSPIRE  
WORSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP**

## **VESPERS**

Evening Prayer in contemporary language, lifting heartfelt prayers, readings, and music.  
*(First, Third & Fifth Sundays in the Church)*

## **HOLY COMMUNION ON THE LABYRINTH**

Eucharist on the Tree of Life Labyrinth, in a liturgy of movement & contemplation under majestic oak trees.  
*(Second Sundays in the Labyrinth Garden)*

## **SAY GRACE: DINNER CHURCH**

Eucharist, gathered around tables, sharing guided conversation, song, and a simple evening meal.  
*(Fourth Sundays in Parish Hall)*

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15 WITH  
HOLY COMMUNION ON THE LABYRINTH**



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## Have you met our Bookkeeper???

My name is Robin and I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you but, for those who may not know, I am the bookkeeper for the Church and School.

I was fortunate enough to join the Grace Family three years ago at the end of September. In that time I have seen so much camaraderie, unity, support and growth within the Parish. It truly has been a blessing to play such a small part! I look forward to continuing to see the growth and support in the coming year.

As I kind of work 'behind the scene' so to speak, I welcome the opportunity to meet many of you!

Many Blessings, Robin Talamini-Campbell  
Accounting@graceinhouston.org



# National Coming Out Day Service of Prayer, Praise & Celebration

**God loves you**  
[no exceptions]



**The Episcopal Church  
welcomes ALL!**

**Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-6:30pm**  
**St. Luke's Church, 3530 Wheeler Ave, 77004**

Join us as we celebrate National Coming Out Day with an energetic praise & prayer service to celebrate all those in various stages of coming out. We're also going to have some space to acknowledge the pain that bad religion has inflicted on Queer folks & to begin moving forward with hope & joy. People of all faiths or no faith, and all LGBTQ+ folks and allies/supporters are invited! We are a Christian ministry in the Episcopal tradition.

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**Houston Canterbury**  
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## Sunday Coffee Hosting

Coffee Hour at Grace is a favorite time of fellowship after each Sunday morning service but hosting Coffee Hour can feel like a mysterious and daunting undertaking, even for those that have hosted before.

The first step is to choose a week that you want to host. Then, you can sign up on the table in the Parish Hall or contact me in the office. If this is your first time, we will put you in contact with someone who can show you where supplies, dishes, and utensils are stored, and also how to manage cleanup after Coffee Hour.

When it is your day to host, you can bring snacks with you to church and do some setup before Sunday School begins in the Parish Hall. Please make sure snacks are serving sized and covered on serving trays or plates ready to be placed on the serving counter. What to bring is up to you. Coffee Hour can be very simple, with a few plates of cookies and sweets; or it can be moderately more elaborate with foods for a light lunch. It is up to you! The recommendation is that you bring enough food for 40 people.

You can also include punch, lemonade, or another drink to be served from a punch bowl, along with a pitcher of water from the kitchen. Coffee will be made and ready to serve.

Place plastic cups, utensils, plates, bowls, and napkins from the church's supplies on the serving tables. After Communion you can excuse yourself to set snacks and drinks out to be ready for serving.

After Coffee Hour please dispose of waste, wash any dishes that have been used, then clean the kitchen counters and serving table before turning out the kitchen light.

Coffee Hour is a central part of the joy in community that we experience at Grace. Hosting Coffee Hour allows you to share more deeply and meaningfully in that joy.



**the Cubicle**

Elizabeth Martin



AN INTERFAITH CARPOOL TOUR  
OF HOLY SITES IN HOUSTON

## HOMETOWN PILGRIMAGE

October 19, 2019

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$10 (scholarships available)

*Da'Wah Center & Islamic Library, Hare Khrishna  
Temple & Center, & the Teen How Taoist Temple*



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Invites you to the first year

# Celebration

of the Canonization of  
Saint OSCAR Arnulfo ROMERO  
and Hispanic Heritage

**Sunday  
October 20th**

**BILINGUAL MASS AT 10AM**

Followed by fellowship,  
food, refreshment, folkloric  
dance and music by Sonora  
Santa Marta.

Everyone is invited!  
Welcome!

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# Celebración

primer año de al Canonización de  
San OSCAR Arnulfo ROMERO  
y la HERENCIA Hispana

**Domingo  
20 de Octubre**

**SANTA EUCHARISTÍA BILINGÜE A LAS 10 AM**

Seguido de un convivio,  
comida, refresco, danza y  
música típica de Sonora  
Santa Marta.

¡Todos están invitados!  
Bienvenidos!

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## GRACE 101

An Intro to Grace Episcopal Church  
October 26, 2019 | 8:30-1:30 | Flex Room

New to Grace? Want to learn more about us and connect with others? Join us for this exploration of Christian Community and the church we call GRACE -- Saturday, October 26 (8:30 AM-1:30 PM). For more info or to sign up, contact Scott Painter - vicar@graceinhouston.org

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
**YOUTH- LOCK IN**

**OCTOBER 25TH -26TH**

**8PM**

**GROUP GATHERS IN YOUTH ROOM  
1015 HOLMAN ST, HOUSTON, TX 77004  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
FABIAN (713)-836-8736**

SECOND SATURDAY

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

October 12 @ 8:00 am

**Tamales Don Pepe**  
3816 Link Valley



All men are welcome to gather with us for breakfast and mutual encouragement.

Games! Silent Auction  
FUN for EVERYBODY!  
Rides!  
Trunk-or-Treat! Pizza Dinner Talent Show

**FALL FESTIVAL**

JOIN US FOR ALL THE FUN!

Friday **OCT 25** 6-8:00 PM

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**BAPTISM**

All Saints Sunday is November 3. It is a fitting day to celebrate Holy Baptism in the 10:00 AM service, because Baptism is the ritual through which we join with all the saints as members of the household of God.

If you desire to consider Baptism for yourself or someone you care for, please contact The Rev. Scott Painter at [vicar@graceinhouston.org](mailto:vicar@graceinhouston.org) or another member of the clergy to set a time for conversation.

## ADULT FORMATION & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sundays @ 9:00 AM

Adult Forum: Bible Study—Parables  
(Parish Hall)

Sundays @ 9:00 am

Contemplative Prayer with Gospel  
Reading—Lectio Divina (Library)

## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sundays @ 10 am

Children's Chapel is available each  
Sunday. The children exit the church  
following the cross before the first  
Lesson and return at the Peace.

### Daughters of the King

The Saint Clare Chapter of the  
Daughters of the King invites all  
women of Grace to join us on  
our spiritual journey.



As Daughters, we are charged  
with daily prayer, service, evangelism and the  
strengthening of the spiritual life of the parish. We  
meet the first Saturday of each month at 10:00am in  
the Flex Room.

We would love to have you!

### From the Junior Warden

It has been a sincere delight  
serving as your Junior Warden  
this year. I have learned so much  
about both our physical spaces  
that we share, but very much so,  
the spiritual spaces as well. As we  
begin our pledge campaign this  
year, I want to remind those of us  
who call Grace Episcopal Church  
"home" that the opportunity to  
give financially throughout the  
year is an opportunity to grow our space and help  
others. We have seen many projects this year that  
have enhanced our ministries: The Labyrinth Garden  
refresh, the Narthex update, the Chancel renovation,  
and many other smaller repairs and refreshes. All of  
these improvements to our ministries were only made  
possible because of the financial gifts of our  
community. As you prayerfully consider your pledge  
this year, know that your Bishop's Committee works  
to use your financial gifts as a means for Grace to  
ourselves and others.



- Colin Dunham



*So good to see Fred Scott on the  
Grace Campus last week. He  
and Scott enjoyed a nice visit  
and tour of the updates to our  
facilities. See you soon, Fred!*

### Join us on Social Media:

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Instagram @grace\_in\_houston

And on the Web at  
[graceinhouston.org](http://graceinhouston.org)



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