



# The Messenger

## June 2019

### Rector's Message

After last month's newsletter, I learned two important lessons: Do not comment on the weather, and my desk must not be made of real wood. You might recall I wrote prematurely about being safe from snowstorms and then knocked on my desk in the hopes that I would not be eating my words. The day the newsletter arrived in the mail, it snowed about five inches . . . in May. Well played Mother Nature. Well played.

I will not hazard a guess, then, as to what June will bring weather-wise, but I will say there is much for us to be excited about on Grace's calendar.

First and foremost, we will celebrate The Day of Pentecost on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, commemorating that moment recorded in Acts when the promised gift of the Holy Spirit arrives, descending upon the disciples with a violent wind and tongues of fire. This is one of the seven Principal Feasts on our Church calendar, and it is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. In light of that, you are welcome to bring Grace a gift on that day. I will spare you the Amazon gift registry, but items like door stops (wedges), toilet paper, Kleenex, coffee hour supplies, pens, printer paper, or similar items are always appreciated. If you want to get festive and wrap your item, the liturgical color is red. We will place any items we receive in front of the altar for a special blessing on Pentecost.

The other big happening is the third week of June when we will be hosting the annual ecumenical Vacation Bible School with St. James CME and Prince of Peace Lutheran Churches. This will be one of those all-hands-on-deck events, so please see Martha Furst for volunteer opportunities. Last year VBS was held during my first or second week in Freeport, so I only just dropped in one evening at St. James to see what it was like. If it is anything like last year, it should be a blast. If you have children or grandchildren who would like to participate, please see me about getting a registration form, or you will find them sitting outside my office.

There are a number of other things going on at Grace throughout the month, so I commend to you the articles within, as well as the calendar.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, our family will be leaving town for a few days to go to Kentucky so Charlie can meet his great grandparents on Ellen's side. The following Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, Charlie will receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism. I hope you all are able to attend and welcome the little guy into his new life in Christ.

I wish you all a relaxing, safe, and enjoyable summer, and many blessings and safe journeys to those of you who will be traveling.

Peace,  
Fr. Brian

## ***Grace's Greens***

Our group had a good visit to see the bison in Nachusa Grasslands in May. The weather was not great, but the storm passed over in time for us to go on the tour into the bison enclosure. Because the weather kept many other people away, our whole group was able to be on the Nature Conservancy trucks.

On Saturday, June 15, we plan to visit Hidden Timber Gardens in Ogle County They have a wide selection of plants, including native species. The owner, Monica Putnam, is hoping to be able to show us around her plants for sale as well as her personal garden alongside the nursery.

We will meet at Hidden Timber Gardens at 3:30pm  
The address is 462 S. Chana Rd. Chana, IL  
Chana Rd is off Route 64, east of Oregon, IL

## **From the Treasurer ~**

***FACC (Freeport Area Church Cooperative) Fifth Sunday  
Is  
June 30th***

*Thank you for your donations! Cash or a check works. If a check, please make it out to Grace Episcopal Church with FACC in the memo line.*

*Since the children are now home for the summer, families will be using more food. Thank you for the support that you give to our community and to our community mission organization.*

## ***This and That***

***ECW...First Friday - Calling all women!*** We continue with our monthly gathering on the first Friday of the month...June 7th at 11:30am. All women of Grace are invited to come for a time of fellowship and conversation. Please bring your own lunch. This month we will evaluate the recent Rummage Sale and start planning our next activities. Come and share your ideas!

I attended the Diocesan ECW Annual Meeting a few weeks ago. It was a great meeting with two wonderful presentations (Bishop Lee and the Rev. K.J. Oh) and many discussion with women from around the Diocese. Plans are in the beginning stage for a trip to the National Cathedral. We were also offered an opportunity for a workshop on a "Make & Take" fresh floral arrangement. Please give me a call or send an email if you have any questions.

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Peace, Connie B.

***THANK YOU!*** Our Spring Rummage Sale was a great success thanks to the awesome efforts of many. I especially want to thank those who worked setting up, pricing, working the day of the sale and cleaning up afterwards. Thanks to Fr. Brian and Duane Price for filling the role of Two Men and a Truck (or SUV)! And we appreciate our dedicated and dear treasurer, Sandy Terpening. She reports a gross total of \$675.00. Well done, Team Grace!

***Grace Church Outing*** to “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” on Saturday, June 29th for the 2:00pm show. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be paid to Carol Francis. We will have a pot-luck lunch at 11:30am at the church and then carpool to the show at Starlight Theater on the beautiful Rock Valley Campus in Rockford. Reservations must be made with Carol Francis by June 16th. Questions: please call or text Carol at 815-335-2266

***Grace’s landscaping project*** has been completed. We’re looking for volunteers to come once a week or so to water (unless we’ve had rain), pick up any trash and generally keep things looking neat. There will be a sign up sheet downstairs so if you enjoy being outside and seeing things grow, please consider this. Sign up for a month or 2 weeks - this will help us keep the church looking beautiful. Contact Candy Colby for more details. Thank you!

## ***Warden's Report***

The vestry retreat was held on May 11 at the Freeport Library. Father Brian guided us through an “informal” mutual ministry review in anticipation of the more formal review with Rev. Andrea Mysen as facilitator. It was a very positive experience as we identified our strengths as a church along with some of our goals and wishes for the future. The vestry also selected two members as their representatives for the upcoming meeting with Rev. Andrea Mysen, John Gush and Glenn Gungel. After a lunch break, we held the regular vestry meeting for May.

The wardens, the two Vestry representatives and Father Brian will be meeting with Rev. Andrea Mysen of the Chicago diocese on Tuesday, June 11, to complete the next step in the mutual ministry review. We're excited as we move forward in this process.

The landscaping project has been completed and we hope you're all pleased with the results. It should be very beautiful as the plants mature. We'll be asking for volunteers to help with some light maintenance over the summer and fall to keep things looking good, so if you enjoy gardening, please consider this.

Eagle Point Solar (based in Dubuque) will be conducting a site assessment to determine the feasibility of installing solar panels for the church. Father Brian has had a preliminary meeting with Eagle Point, but the site assessment should provide us with more concrete information re cost/benefits, incentives, etc.

## ***Thoughts for Father's Day***

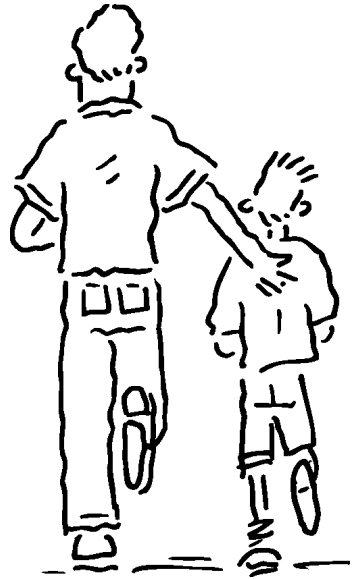
An unknown father who began to consider the example he should set for his children penned the following poem:

A careful man I ought to be;  
A little fellow follows me;  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he'll go the self same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes;  
Whate'er he sees me do,  
    He tries —  
Like me, he says, he's going to be,  
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,  
Believes in every word of mine;  
The base in me he must not see,  
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,  
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,  
I'm building for the years to be,  
For a little fellow follows me.



## From the Treasurer ~

### Gain & Loss Budget Performance Month Ending April, 2019

#### Giving Income:

April '19	Budget	Jan-April '19	YTD Budget
9,440.00	14,270.60	82,320.00 *	57,732.20

#### Total Income:

April '19	Budget	Jan-April '19	YTD Budget
9,972.05	14,662.27	84,778.16	63,298.84

#### Total Building and Grounds Expense:

April '19	Budget	Jan-April '19	YTD Budget
2,429.13	2,470.86	12,939.95	10,808.12

#### Total all Expenses Including Rector:

April '19	Budget	Jan-April '19	YTD Budget
13,432.08	14,444.88	62,064.64	62,990.62

#### Vanguard to Operating Income:

April '19	Budget	Jan-April '19	YTD Budget
0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00

#### Current Assets:

<u>Checking</u>	<u>Columbarium</u>	<u>Memorials</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
77,650.34	5,951.48	29,722.41	478,326.46

\* Includes pre-paid pledges.





**ECW First Friday Luncheon** Friday, June 7th at 11:30am. Bring your own lunch, coffee and tea will be provided.

**Parish Picnic** Saturday, June 8th, at 1:00pm at the Price's home at 581 Barley Ridge Trail, Freeport. Meat provided, bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair if you like. Any questions, please contact Carol or Duane. Everyone welcome.

**Building and Grounds Meeting** Wednesday, June 12th at 1:00pm in St. Stephen's Hall.

**People of Grace Breakfast** Saturday June 15th at 8:00am at 9 East Coffee Shop. All are welcome to attend.

**Vestry Meeting** Sunday, June 16th after the 9:00am service.

**VBS (Vacation Bible School)** will be held here at Grace Church. The dates are June 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30 – 8:00, starting with dinner.

**Grace Church Outing** to see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on Saturday, June 29th for the 2:00pm show.

*YOU ARE INVITED!*  
*TO OUR 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BBQ/PICNIC*

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019  
1PM

DUANE & CAROL PRICE  
581 BARLEY RIDGE TRAIL  
FREEPORT, IL

Meat provided, just bring a dish to pass  
and lawn chairs. Friends, fun,  
fellowship.

Yard games weather permitting

Please RSVP!  
Duane 815-233-0006  
Carol 815-541-5536



2nd	Laura Watson	18th	Mackenzie Francis
3rd	Connie Olson	20th	Ellen Prall
8th	Kathryn Terpening	22nd	Don Doak
9th	Candy Colby	23rd	Rose Dreier
10th	Eden Helm	24th	Jon Watson
11th	John Woodward	30th	John Burden
	Steve McMillen		Joseph Graham
13th	Quinn Mitchell		Jeff Francis
	Nicholas Smith, Sr.		



5th	Glenn & Laurie Gungel
8th	Duane & Carol Price
15th	Keith & Doris Chesterton
21st	Lan & Rayma Pinney
22nd	Bruce & Kathy Helm
24th	Ralph & Sue Norman

**Deadline** for the July "Messenger" will be June 20th.

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There is no  
Holy One like  
the LORD,  
there is no  
Rock  
like our God.



1 Samuel 2:2

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