



The Messenger *August 2021*

Rector's Corner

It seems like a distant memory when a few of us gathered in the parish hall, socially distanced and masked, to watch the election of our new bishop, the Rev. Paula Clark.

Our rejoicing quickly turned into great concern for our Bishop-elect as she suffered a brain bleed while exercising. She has been a fighter throughout, though, and after a steady road to recovery, Bishop-elect Clark is on target to be ordained and consecrated as our Thirteenth Bishop later this month.

The Diocese has provided the following details about the service, which can be viewed on the Diocesan website (<https://episcopalchicago.org/>) or the Diocesan YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/EpiscopalDioceseofChicago>):

On August 28, Bishop-elect Paula Clark will become Bishop Paula Clark when she is ordained and consecrated the Thirteenth Bishop of Chicago in a service at St. James Cathedral. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be the chief consecrator. Bishop Mariann Budde of Washington will preach. The service will also include the seating of the bishop at the cathedral. The prelude will begin at 10:30 am Central and the service will begin at 11 am.

Saturday, August 28th also happens to be the date of the Eats and Beats Festival downtown, in which local non-profits sell food to raise money for their missions while a lineup of bands provide entertainment. Grace will be participating again this year, selling our giant cookies. Coinciding with Freeport's Paint the Port event, it promises to bring a much larger crowd than the inaugural year when it rained the first night and then was cold and windy all day the second day. We will need plenty of volunteers to "sell" cookies (transactions are done via a ticket system, like Taste of Chicago) Friday the 27th and Saturday the 28th. The more volunteers we have, the shorter the shifts.

Because Eats and Beats will be going during the consecration service of Bishop-elect Clark, it kind of puts a damper on my plan to host a watch party here at Grace . . . maybe. I would still like to offer a communal opportunity to watch the service here at the church for those who are not on duty at the Eats and Beats Festival. I am happy to set everything up. I will just need a willing participant to make it go, which is not difficult at all. If my technologically challenged self can figure it out, anyone can.

For those who are on duty, part of the premise of the festival is allowing participating non-profits to hand out literature and set up displays promoting who they are and what they do. The first year, I set up a small display of vestments and made some brochures about the Episcopal Church. This year, I thought, what cooler promotional display is there than to livestream the consecration of a bishop? Good weather and my ability to navigate the technology provided, my hope is to be able to have the service playing at our booth for volunteers and customers alike.

I will have sign up sheets for both a watch party and shifts for the Eats and Beats Festival in the narthex on my first Sunday back from vacation, August 15th.

While I am away, if any emergencies arise, please contact our Senior Warden, Glenn Gungel at 815-238-6765. I will be off the grid mostly, but I can check messages when I go into town. If you have any questions about Eats and Beats, or, more importantly, you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with Connie Burden. Lastly, remember that we have returned to one service at 9:00 a.m., and we will have Morning Prayer graciously led by Glenn Gungel and Chuck Terpening on August 1st and 8th respectively.

Other than that, stay safe, be good, and God be with you 'til we meet again.

Fr. Brian

Gifts

God waved a large, majestic hand
And gave us sky and trees and land.
God gave us birds to chirp each morn
And stout, young rows of bright green corn.
God gave us forests in whose shadows deep
Deer keep watch as their children sleep.
God gave us clouds of fluffy white
To shield us from the sun's bright light.
God gave us homes to keep us warm,
To keep us secure and safe from harm.
In short, God gave us all he could;
God gave us all things great and good.

— Unknown

Grace Church News

ECW FIRST FRIDAY GATHERING All ladies of Grace are invited to our monthly gathering on Friday, August 6th, at 11:30. Please bring your sack lunch and join in the fellowship, get to know your church sisters, and help us plan for our upcoming events. We're generally finished by 1:00.

We had a lovely, catered luncheon last month and thank Father Brian for his generosity, and arranging for the speaker, FACC Director Amy Korte. She gave a very informative presentation about the work being done to help those in need in our community. Thanks also to Gail Hunt for taking care of the arrangements for the meal. And one more "thanks" to the set up and clean up crew!

ALL HANDS ON DECK for the EATS & BEATS FESTIVAL! Grace Church will have a cookie reprise at the upcoming Eats and Beats Festival in downtown Freeport on August 27th and 28th. There will be great music and lots of delicious food prepared by local non-profits. Grace has once again committed to selling giant cookies, baked by our very own excellent bakers! Our profits will be used for outreach. So.....we will need lots of hands to help with set up of our booth, bakers for the giant cookies, workers to fill the 2-hour time slots, and help taking down the booth on Saturday evening. The sign up sheet is in the narthex. Please help! THANK YOU! For more information, please contact me at cburden43@gmail.com or 815-789-3181.

As Fr. Brian said in his 6/20/21 sermon, "Be ridiculously good to each other and yourself!"

Peace,
Connie B.

REMINDER When you sign up for altar flowers you are responsible for paying for them. Sometime during the month you are signed up for turn in a check for \$29.00 (made out to Grace Episcopal Church). Just indicate on the check that it is for altar flowers. You can put this in one of the offering plates, turn in to the office or mail to the church.

Coffee hour sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Coffee and juice are provided by the church. When you sign up you are responsible for cleaning up afterwards.

Heidi Downing Celebration of Life

Saturday, August 7th, 2021

11:00am

Faith United Methodist Church lawn

2021 OPERATING BUDGET
End of 2nd Quarter

Giving Income:

<u>June 2021</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan – June 21</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
27,536.00	15,722.65	139,729.00	95,786.10

Vanguard Endowment Income:

<u>June 2021</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan – June 21</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
0.00	4,000.00	0.00	8,000.00

Total Income:

<u>June 2021</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan – June 21</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
27,806.89	19,951.81	142,805.95	105,161.14

Total Building and Grounds Expense:

<u>June 2021</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan – June 21</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
2,381.56	2,157.97	24,598.82	23,983.18

Total All Expenses Including Rector:

<u>June 2021</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan – June 21</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
14,444.15	14,925.60	100,159.66	105,877.10

Current Assets:

<u>Checking</u>	<u>Columbarium</u>	<u>Memorials</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Reserve Fund</u>
41,538.48	10,544.48	9,998.87	676,157.03	97,997.95

August



2nd Marissa Routson
7th Kris Shore
Charla Spann
9th Becca Francis
12th Amanda Mitchell
17th Connie Burden

21st Curtis Terpening
24th Shirlee Iverson
30th Madalynn Enright
31st Stacey Terpening
Colin Helm

8th Jon & Laura Watson
18th Chuck & Sandy Terpening
19th Wayne & Diane Conroy
23rd Jack & Candy Colby
26th John & Connie Burden
27th Brian & Donna Dreier
Jeremy & Jackie Sigafus
29th Nicholas & Claudia Smith

Deadline for the September "Messenger" will be August 20th

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JOY!

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