



BLESSINGS AND GOD'S PEACE THIS WEEK AT GRACE

July 16 – July 22, 2017 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

[Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23](#)
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Sunday:

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Graceway Café
9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Children's Church

Monday: Birthdays: Matt Greene, Roseann Kurrle

Tuesday: Birthdays: Toby Cooperman
9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Bridge of Hope Ministry
10:15 a.m. Bible Study
12:30 a.m. **LUNCH BUNCH - Peach Valley Cafe**

Wednesday: Birthdays: Fred Heise, Carla White
6:00 p.m. *Holy Eucharist -In Sanctuary with YouthWorks*

Thursday:
5:00 pm YouthWorks Community Barbecue

Saturday:
9:30 a.m. ECW Craft Workshop



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

Carolyn Burhans. See you Sunday!

The Adult Sunday School Forum resumes this Sunday, July 16 at 9:20 a.m. in the south end of Goddard Hall. We will be studying a video series by former Florida Gator quarterback, Tim Tebow. His book, **Shaken**, involves the challenging journey he has made in recent years and how he has deepened his faith along the way. Study guides will be available in class on Sunday for \$9 each. Questions may be directed to



ECW Crafts Workshop

For the month of July only, we will meet on **Saturday July 22 at 9:30 am.** In August, we will resume our regular schedule of the first and third Saturdays of the month.



I have selected the **Peach Valley Café** for the **July 18** lunch bunch gathering. The time is as usual 12:30 start. The web site below will get you to their general page and menu. You can find the Port Orange restaurant on this site for further information. The address is 3813 S Nova Rd #102 right next the Fridays restaurant. The phone number is 386-310-4455 and the Manager's name is Robert Parker. <https://www.peachvalleycafe.com/> Sign-up in the narthex or call the office. Ron Jones



YouthWorks invites you...please join us **this Thursday at 5:00 pm**, and every Thursday for a **Community BBQ** in the parish hall. Fr. Rick and Rev. Susan are our expert grill cooks!

Come meet the youth that are making a difference in our community.



New Ministry Opportunity- Grace Church has joined 35 other faith based groups to volunteer at **BRIDGE OF HOPE – DAILY HOT MEAL PROGRAM** in Daytona Beach. Bridge of Hope is a program of Halifax Urban Ministries and serves between 300 – 400 complete nutritious 5 course hot meals to their homeless guests and families, seven days a week.

On the Third Tuesday of every month we will leave from Grace Church at 9:15 am and help set up and serve the meals. No experience is necessary – only a loving heart! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For more information, see Rev. Susan. Next meeting is July 18.

<http://www.halifaxurbanministries.org/locations/hum-center/bridge-of-hope>

OPEN TABLE®

- **What is Open Table?**

Open Table trains congregation members, through the Open Table Model, to form communities - called Tables - that transform their vocational and life experiences into tools our Brothers and Sisters in poverty can use to develop and implement plans that create change. The Open Table process is a catalyst for the collaboration of faith communities, government, universities, business and non-profits working through a shared purpose model to move themselves and their communities from a transactional relationship with our Brothers and Sisters in poverty to one of transformation.

- A Table is formed by 6-12 volunteers who bring their vocational and life experiences along with their personal networks to an impoverished family for approximately one year. Together, with the brother and sister being served, the Table develops and implements a customized LifePlan to empower the family to begin living into their human potential God gave to them.

What do YOU have to offer?

The Open Table process develops Missional Communities committed to the transformation of a family or individual in poverty. However, Table members say they are often more transformed than their Brother or Sister. When the Open Table process is complete, these Missional Communities, having brought each other through the wilderness of poverty, where they collided with society's false beliefs about the poor, become a new community in which the family or individual they helped is now unrecognizable from those who did the helping. In many instances, individuals helped in Open Table return as Table members helping the next family.

You have years of life experience, education, as well as a relational network and we have a way for you to share that experience in a way that can help someone move from living in poverty to experiencing community.

The Commitment:

Average of 1-2 hours a week for 12 months

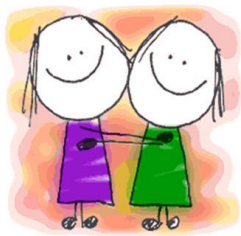
Build a lifelong relationship with the Brother or Sister you will walk with

Serve alongside 6-12 other people (depending on the version of the model)

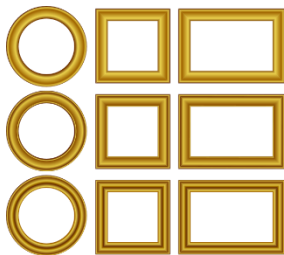
Learn More: Visit the Open Table website at www.theopentable.org

Contact: *Kirk Kennedy, Mission Leader, 386-882-2828*

Carolyn Burhans, Recruitment Leader, 386-846-4501



Becky Riley is looking for a roommate for our January 28, 2018 "Fun Raising" Cruise. If you are interested in going on the cruise with Becky, please contact her at either 386-761-5959 or abbariley1042@aol.com.



WANTED - Wooden Picture frames with glass.

Your ECW Craft Group is looking for wooden picture frames with the glass for a craft project we will be selling at our "Celebrate Christmas" event. Sizes we need are small up to 8" X 10" and any color or design, as long as it is wood.

If you have any you could donate, please leave them in the Narthex or the office. Thanks so much.

POWER of PRAYER

Prayer Stations are available during communion at both services every Sunday. If you are seeking prayer for a specific need or wish to give thanksgiving for a blessing, please come to the station in the back of the sanctuary 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.



FOR JULY

Thank you for remembering our less fortunate neighbors.



Canned fruit



Pasta sauce



Peanut butter



Soup



Canned mixed vegetables



Also, for Sophie's Pet Food Pantry: dog food for small and large dogs and cat chow as well as one-gallon plastic bags. Thank you.



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Sunday, July 16

Psalm 150 *Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.* (v.6 KJV)
Back in the year 2000, my wife and I joined my sister, my brother, and a Catholic group of their church friends from Arkansas on a trip to Italy. The occasion was both the celebration of one of their priest's 50 years of ministry and the traditional Jewish 50th year of Jubilee. Personally, as a veterinarian, visiting Assisi was a highlight of the trip for me. Being in the homeland of St. Francis, patron saint of the animals, was inspirational. As a memory of the occasion, I brought back a cross from his cathedral which is displayed in our home. The prayer of praise on the cross is the Canticum of the Creatures. In his prayer, St. Francis thanks God for brother sun, brother wind, sister water, brother fire, sister earth and all creatures and, finally, sister bodily death. In my studies of St. Francis, I found out he was the original conservationist, a great world evangelical, and a gifted animal communicator. This past year I celebrated my own fifty years of being an animal doctor. I've learned so many things from God's creatures and His creation. My clients and their pets have taught me much about God's unconditional love. 1 Samuel 17:50—18:4; Psalms 148, 149; Romans 10:4-17; Matthew 23:29-39

Monday, July 17

1 Samuel 18:5-16, 27b-30 *And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.* (v.12) Ever since a trip we took to Israel in 2014, now when I read my Bible, it reminds me of places we visited in the Holy Land. In today's Scripture, I think back to when our group visited a beautiful oasis called Ein Gedi with its waterfalls and a stream flowing between the mountains in the middle of the desert near the Dead Sea. This is the place where David had been hiding in a cave from Saul, who wanted to kill him. In this story of relationships between Saul and David and Saul's son Jonathan and David, I believe we can learn lessons for our own relationship with God. First, due to disobedience in serving God, God's spirit departed from King Saul and an evil spirit of jealousy came upon him. Also, the friendship of Jonathan and David was described as one where Jonathan "loved him as his own soul" (v.1). Saul's broken relationship with God was his failure to live out Jesus' message of the first commandment—to love the Lord with all our heart and soul. Jonathan fulfilled the second commandment to love others as ourselves. The Bible seems to remind me there is little new in the world, it's all the old retold. Psalm 25; Acts 11:19-30; Mark 1:29-45

Tuesday, July 18

1 Samuel 19:1-18 *And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they*



should kill David. (v.1) As I write this it's Holy Week, actually Maundy Thursday. God seems to be pointing me to write more about family relationships like Saul, David, and Jonathan. It's been a tough time for my wife and I the past few years with both our son and daughter getting divorces after the stress of military marriages. Both of them came back home to live with us, along with two grandchildren. Sound familiar to anyone? This morning, I attended the YMCA annual prayer breakfast and listened to Elizabeth Smart, author of the book *My Story*, describe how her faith in God and her mother's promise to always love her sustained her after being kidnapped at age 14 and living nine months in slavery. She gave thanks to the thousands who prayed for her during the long national search and subsequent trial for her abductors. Over my lifetime, some of my hardest struggles have been dealing with family relationships. Intercessory prayer for God's will to be done for us is always our best answer. Psalms 26, 28; Acts 12:1-17; Mark 2:1-12

Wednesday, July 19

Acts 12:18-25 *Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.* (v.18) An angel came to Peter and removed his chains and released him from Herod's prison. Sounds like a miracle to me. This Easter, my wife and I went to the movie *Miracles from Heaven*, the true story of a miraculous healing of a young girl with an incurable disease. Doctors had no explanation. The faith and prayers of the church were answered for the believers. I have been witness to two important life changing miracles in my life. The first was a miracle for my 2-year-old son who was brought back to life after a swimming pool accident and the second was my opportunity to become a veterinarian. In both events, they were the answer to prayer like what happened in Peter's case. I'm sure you, too, can cite instances of God's miracles in your own life that strengthened your faith. 1 Samuel 20:1-23; Psalm 38; Mark 2:13-22

Thursday, July 20

Acts 13:1-12 *And they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabus and Saul for the work unto which I have called them.* (v.2) As the early church began their first missionary journey, they prayed and were set apart by the Holy Spirit. Many years ago, I read a book about the Holy Spirit's influence on a church out west called *Nine O'clock in the Morning*. You will recall outsiders thought the disciples were drunk when they spoke in many tongues at Pentecost. It was also explained by Peter in his sermon that young men would see visions and dream dreams. In Dennis Bennet's book, he recounts the same experiences of the Holy Spirit in his church. During my lifetime, I've experienced these Holy Spirit events on two occasions. The first was a movement called Faith Alive, where people from other churches witnessed and shared their faith by visiting our church. Following that event, we were greatly inspired to bring others to church and share our faith. Another revival event was Cursillo. These weekend retreats, and the follow up "groupings" by attendees, were faith-building experiences. I



continue to wear my Cursillo cross around my neck to remind me how “Christ is counting on you.” In these difficult times, we need a renewed outpouring of God’s Spirit. 1 Samuel 20:24-42; Psalm 37:1-18; Mark 2:23—3:6

Friday, July 21

Acts 13:13-25 *Of this man’s seed (David’s) hath God, according to his promise, raised unto Israel a Savior, Jesus.* (v.23) This week many of my Scriptures have been about King David and he’s one of my favorite superheroes in the Bible. I like him not only because God said he was “a man after God’s own heart” and was an ancestor of Jesus, but because he was very human. I am encouraged that, like me, he fell to temptations of life such as his affair with Bathsheba and his conflict with King Saul, but overcame life’s obstacles with his faith in God. I love his psalms of praise and prayers which remind me to “be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.” 1 Samuel 21:1-15; Psalm 31; Mark 3:7-19a

Saturday, July 22

Acts 13:26-43 *For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption; But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.* (vv.36-37) As a prophet in the Book of Psalms, David foretells the resurrection of the King, the Messiah, at some time subsequent to his death and resurrection. In other words, Jesus would assume the Davidic throne. So now as I complete my Easter week of study and writing, two themes seem to be apparent. Death and resurrection. My wife is preparing for our church to have a pastoral teaching on “the conversation.” This is featuring a subject that families choose not to want to talk about with their older family members. The conversation of a plan for earthly end of life—death. Like a preacher said in yesterday’s homily, we plan for every other event—baptisms, weddings, confirmations, etc.—but are hesitant to discuss with our loved ones how we want to die. Many years ago, a deacon in our church suggested I prepare for my Resurrection service by listing the music, Scriptures, etc. that I wanted to be used. As a Christian, we are assured it will be a hopeful, joyous celebration with thanksgiving for our earthly life and a promise of an uncorrupted life to come—like Jesus and David. 1 Samuel 22:1-23; Psalms 30, 32; Mark 3:19b-35

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**Prayer List for the Week of
July 16, 2017**

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Hospitalized this past week: Ken, Kathy

Awaiting Surgery:

Ongoing Outpatient Care: George, Harv, Paul, Elizabeth, Bill, Carol

Health or Illness Concerns: Barron, Joe, Paige, Dolly, Rev. Sybil, Jayla, Mary, Kathy, Jamie, George, Marian, Marilyn, Alison, Mary Sue, Kay, Doris, Jody, Carolyn, Sue, Evlyn.

Shut-in: Gladys & Earl Davis, Genevieve Balducci, Dolly Potetz, Ed Thorn, Ann Winters, Mike Dietch, Matt & Marlene Greene, Kay Sauer, Phyllis Mowery, The Rev. Joe Maher, Kathy Groom, Evelyn Preston, Marilee Dodimead, Sue Conklin.

General Intercession: For the military forces in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and throughout the world; for the peace of Jerusalem & the Middle East; for the leaders of all nations; for our own in military service: Richard Santi, US Air Force; Sgt. Joshua Millar, Army, PFC Nicolas Jayms McClure, USMC.

Deceased: Evelyn Preston, and those who have lost their lives in natural disasters, and in serving our country.

Grace Parish Prayer Cycle: Jack & Mary Sturno, Les Tarr, Maggie Thompson, Ed & Linda Thorn, Carol Thorne.

Parish Ministry of the Week: Administration

Thanksgivings:

Birthdays: Matt Greene, Roseann Kurrle, Toby Cooperman, Fred Heise, Carla White

Anniversaries: None

Grace Church Clergy & their families: Rick & Carolyn Burhans, Pete & Shirleen Wait, Bill & Susan McCaffrey, Bill & Patricia Longacre.



In Port Orange: Covenant United Methodist Church

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: **Sun** - St. Paul's Church & School, New Smyrna Beach, St. Peter the Fisherman, New Smyrna Beach, Coventry Episcopal Church, Ocala, Grace Church, Ocala **Mon** - St. Patrick's Church, Ocala, St. Stephen's Church, Ocala, Church of Our Savior, Okeechobee, Corpus Christi, Okahumpka **Tues** - St. Jude's Church, Orange City, The Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Orlando, Christ the King Church, Orlando **Wed** - Church of the Ascension, Orlando, Church of the Holy Family, Orlando, Emmanuel, Orlando **Thurs** - Iglesia Episcopal San Cristobal, Orlando, Iglesia Episcopal Jesus de Nazaret, Orlando, St. John the Baptist, Orlando, St. Joseph, Orlando **Fri** - St. Mary of the Angels Church, Orlando, St. Matthew's Church, Orlando, St. Michael's Church, Orlando **Sat** - Church of the Holy Child, Ormond Beach, St. James Church & School, Ormond Beach, Church of the Incarnation, Oviedo, Blessed Redeemer, Palm Bay

You can make a prayer request on our webpage at www.graceepiscopalportorange.org or contact Rev. Patricia Longacre with all updates and changes. As a general rule, prayer requests will remain posted for six weeks. They'll gladly be "renewed" upon receipt of updates.