



Grace Episcopal Church

2026–2027 Ministries



A collection of **nearly 40** ministries offered here at Grace

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Interest in all aspects of Grace and our many ministries is always welcome and appreciated. Look especially for the ministries with this symbol:



These ministries are in special need of more members like you!

When in doubt, contact Sarah, and she will help connect you.



Acolyte and Crucifer

Acolytes assist during the liturgical services at the altar by lighting candles, being torchbearers, and leading both the processional and recession with the cross as the crucifer. Both adults and youth are encouraged to serve in this ministry!

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Volunteers
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Adult Forum

Adult Forum runs from Sept - May in Grace House from 9:15 am - 10:15 am between both worship services. It presents opportunities for adult learning on topics of interest related to growing our Christian faith and witness in the world. Various "short courses" run from 5-6 weeks each and include curriculum topics provided by various publishing houses or topics of interest that are presented and led by a facilitator. Most sessions include an overview, a content presentation via video or lecture, followed by a robust facilitated conversation where participants discuss how the content may be applicable in their lives and ministry. In 2025/6 topics included *Dreams as a Language of God* presented by a church member, courses on the *Gospel of Matthew* and *The Heart of the Psalms* using curriculum and scholarship through Amplify media, a course called *Eclipsing the Empire* by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg that explored the contrast of the Kingdom of God vs the Kingdom of Rome during Jesus's life, and an Advent course by scholar Amy-Jill Levine called *A Child is Born*.

Always looking for additional facilitators who are comfortable taking a lesson plan and executing it, facilitating learning activities and leading discussions.

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Altar Guild

Your dedicated Altar Guild members continue to have busy years. On a normal week there are three services, which make 156 a year. This does not include special services at Christmas and Easter, Celtic services, and funerals and memorial services.

We have one sub-committee, the Linen Committee. The Linen Committee is in charge of washing and pressing the linens used on the Altar and during the Holy Eucharist at all services.

The Altar Guild's primary duty is to set up the Eucharist for all services held at Grace and in the summer at Christ Church. This includes not only the wine and bread, but ensuring that the candles and torches are filled with wax, that the taper lighters have wick for the acolytes, that the hangings are the right color for the season. We also ensure that flowers (usually donated) are provided for services.



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Audio Video Technology Ministry



Grace has many systems that involve technology. Sunday services and funerals are streamed, which requires knowledge of the Soundcraft software on the iPad, setting up the Dacast streaming platform and the OBS server and camera work. The audio and microphone systems are adjusted regularly so that the streaming can be heard and recorded and so that the volumes are high enough in the sanctuary.

When groups need to use the TV monitor in Grace House, that gets set up. It's especially useful when there's an overflow in the sanctuary, and the service needs to be shown through the website's live stream in Grace House.

The website gets updated or maintained each week to add either photos or schedules and new text and pages.

Videos and photos are taken and edited when events happen at the Church or at R-WC.

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Cancer/Illness Discussions & Support

A cancer/serious illness support group is offered in Grace House at noon on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. The sessions offer patients, survivors, and their caregivers an opportunity to talk with others who are on similar journeys to learn about and compare their experiences in a supportive environment. Sessions also include philosophical discussions of related topics, such as the new perspectives on life that these diseases give us.

New participants are always welcomed.

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Caring Hands Lifeline

I offer a Support Group, Caring Hands Lifeline, for caregivers of family members with dementia. Caregiving family members with dementia is an emotional, physically demanding and difficult responsibility. We meet the second Monday of each month at 1pm in the parlor at Grace. Caring Hands Lifeline is a Support Group open to members of our church and community. Participants offer each other a listening ear, compassion for the demented loved one and practical advice, when appropriate. All discussions in this Support Group are confidential.



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Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee is responsible for helping oversee the care and maintenance of the church cemetery and its records.

The Committee helps coordinate purchasing of burial plots, maintain accurate records of graves and burial plots, and assist families with questions regarding cemetery policies and procedures.

The Cemetery Committee works to improve and update the information maintained in the cemetery software. This includes adding and verifying burial records, grave locations, family information, and other important details to ensure that the cemetery database remains accurate, complete, and easy to access. The goal is to preserve this information for future generations and provide a reliable resource for families, parishioners, and the church.

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Celtic Service

The Celtic service began in 2014 under the direction of the Rev. David May. The candlelit sanctuary provides a beautiful setting every month from September through May, including a Christmas concert in December. Folks from throughout the community and many area churches attend on a regular basis.

The Celtic Team is comprised of twelve volunteers who produce the Celtic service monthly. The duties include: Organizing the volunteers and leading meetings, asking people to be readers and participants, writing the service each month, writing the newspaper articles, coaching the participants, setting up and taking down the candles and altar, organizing the meal, setting up and cleaning up Grace House for the meal.



Come experience the transforming nature of the liturgy, the music, and the ambiance we offer.

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Coffee Hour

Our Coffee Hour hosts offer food and fellowship time after our Sunday services in coordination with the Fellowship Committee. Sunday Coffee Hour hosts ensure that coffee cups, juice cups, half & half and sugar are present, plus plate cookies in the pantry, and clean up afterwards.

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Volunteers
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Eat, Pray, Love Program

Eat, Pray, Love is the Grace Church version of Small Group Ministry. Each January, those who would like to participate sign up to be part of the program and are then divided up into random groups of 9 to 12 people. The groups are intended to share a meal together at least once each liturgical season. Most groups share dinner together. One member of each group is designated as the group communicator. The groups are set up in the Grace Church Breeze interactive database for ease of communication. The communicator issues a call for a volunteer to host during each season: Epiphany/Lent, Easter, Pentecost/Ordinary Time, and Advent. The host determines and provides the main dish. Other group members offer to bring bread, vegetable casserole, salad, wine, appetizer or dessert. Eat, Pray, Love offers parishioners a lovely way to get to know each other as people who have lives outside of church.

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Education for Ministry (EfM)

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a small-group experience (6–12 participants) designed for adult learners who want to explore faith in a thoughtful, supportive community. The program is sponsored and developed by the School of Theology, University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. At Grace Episcopal Church we meet in the Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoons from September through May. EfM focuses on theological reflection, spiritual growth, meaningful conversation, and personal transformation. EfM creates a sacred, welcoming environment where participants feel safe to explore and grow.

Each spring we invite persons interested in learning about the EfM Program to visit a Wednesday seminar.

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Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers help at liturgical services by distributing Communion to the congregation. While they are trained to serve both the Body and Blood of Christ, Eucharistic Ministers here at Grace most often distribute the wine, hence they are also known as chalice bearers. Wine may be consumed by intinction (dipping the host) or by sipping from the communal chalice, and our Eucharistic Ministers are prepared for both.

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Eucharistic Visitors

Part of the Pastoral Care Program

Lay Eucharistic ministers take communion to parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized. Each Eucharistic Minister receives training and licensing from the bishop. They administer previously consecrated bread and wine during the private services. Parishioners can request home delivery of the Eucharist for themselves or on behalf of others.

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Fellowship and Hospitality

Our Fellowship Committee is focused on hospitality for all our events. You may see their handiwork with:

- Sunday Coffee Hour
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Homecoming
- Funeral and other receptions
- RW-C Fellowship and other fellowship meals
- Combined Eat, Pray, Love dinners



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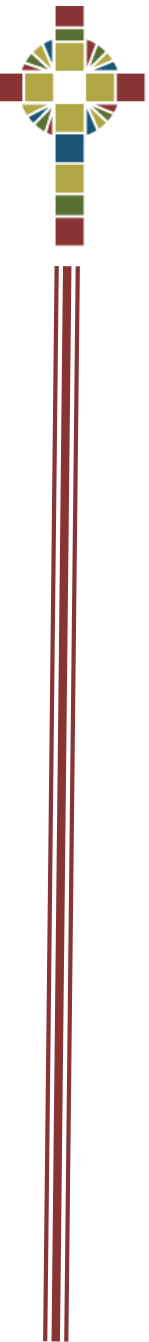
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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a standing committee that supports the Grace Church Vestry by reviewing and providing guidance for financial matters, especially offering financial analysis, advice, and oversight of the church's annual budget. The Grace Church budget is one of the most effective tools available for the proper stewardship of the church's assets. Along with the bookkeeping and accounting system, internal controls, and the financial audit, the budgetary construction and oversight provided by the Finance Committee enables the Vestry to fulfill its obligation of fiduciary responsibility and proper stewardship. The Finance Committee also monitors the Grace Church Endowments to confirm they are honored for their original intent. The Finance Committee typically meets in January, April, July, and October at 4:30 p.m. at Grace Church.

Contact: Julia Geier, Finance Committee chair
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Funeral Committee

This committee assists in organizing and facilitating funeral receptions here at Grace Church. 5-6 individuals are usually needed from the 15 active members, who volunteer to assist with individual receptions. Phyllis Jackson and Marvin Davenport are integral parties for each reception, providing important set up and clean-up duties.

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Garden Keepers

Garden Keepers develop and maintain various garden areas and flowerpots on church grounds through annual and perennial gardens. While major grounds work is contracted out, there are a few flower beds, gardens, and pots that historically have been maintained by the Garden Keepers (planted, watered, weeded, and mulched). The primary areas to be maintained by the Garden Keepers are the garden area behind the chapel, areas on the right and left of the chapel front door, flowerpots (8), and the fenced area at the back of the church.



The Garden Keepers most recently tackled this area that was most in need. The image is how it looked before. Next time you are on property, take a look now!



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Volunteers
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Gift Acceptance Committee

Parishioners of Grace Church have a variety of ways to contribute to congregational and church vitality. First and foremost, parishioners may offer annual financial support by pledging. But often parishioners feel called to give material gifts and treasures to the church over and above their pledge. When a gift is offered that is of considerable value, the Gift Acceptance Committee considers whether the gift meets the criteria for enhancing the vitality of our church. All gifts of any kind to our church are welcome and appreciated, whether those gifts have immediate, one-time or long-term impacts. This committee is also responsible for expressing gratitude to each donor for their generosity.

Members of the committee are appointed according to the role they play in church leadership.

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Grace Yard Sale



The mission of the Grace Church Yard Sale (GYS) is to support our community. We fulfill that mission by funding community grant requests to the Outreach Committee of Grace Church, providing direct material support to meet community needs, providing donation pick-up services, building relationships within the community, and making items available to the community at affordable prices. 100% of our net proceeds go to the Community through grants to non-profits, with grant applications accepted by 1 May and 1 November. As of May 2026, GYS has funded \$1,832,050 in Outreach grants and donations in our community since 2002.

We particularly need more folks for Thursdays and Sundays in the warehouse, especially those capable of some heavy lifting (contact Lucia). The Pickup Crew needs more folks capable of some heavy lifting - work days subject to the availability of the donor and the crew (contact Cliffe).

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Volunteers
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Homecoming



Grace Church has deep ties to Historic Christ Church in Weems: our earliest congregation was comprised of a group of former members and descendants of Historic Christ Church. In addition, Grace Church was yoked with Trinity and St. Mary's White Chapel, so it's only appropriate that the three parishes celebrate Homecoming (aka "Chicken and a Chair") each year on the first Sunday in June with food, fellowship, and fun!

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Lectors

Lectors assist during liturgical services by reading the appointed Scripture lessons for the day, as well as the Prayers of the People. They may read one or more selection depending on need.

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Movie Theology

Movie Theology is a ministry that gathers on a monthly basis from September through May to watch movies, break bread together, and share the special bond of fellowship. Movies vary widely, so theological discussions can be lively and thought-provoking. We view the movie at either Grace House or Compass Entertainment Center and gather at Grace House for pizza afterwards. In short, we all love movies, pizza, one another, and the Holy Spirit!

The Planning Group is also looking for new members, so if you'd like a say in movie selection, please join us at our next meeting on Wed. Oct. 21st at 10:30 am in the conference room!

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Volunteers
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Music Department

The **Choir** at Grace Episcopal Church leads and enriches worship through sacred music each week, drawing on a mix of volunteer and paid singers. No formal audition is required—just a willingness to learn and a love of singing together.

The **Handbell Choir** brings the sound of ringing bells into worship, performing periodically throughout the church year. Ringers of all experience levels are welcome—training is provided.

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Volunteers
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Office Volunteers

The parish office is an important part of the daily life and ministry of our parish. It is a place where parishioners and visitors can find information, connect with the church, and receive assistance with the many activities and needs of our church community.



Office volunteers work alongside our parish staff to help with the day-to-day ministry of the office. Volunteers may answer phones, greet visitors, assist with simple office tasks, prepare materials, and provide a welcoming presence in the parish office.

The ministry does not require special skills or previous office experience. Volunteers serve according to their availability, whether that means a few hours each week or a couple of times each month.

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Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee at Grace Church is composed of 12 Grace Church members. We usually have 4 or 5 meetings each year.

Our main goal is to distribute money and grants to local and International non-profit organizations. There are 3 main sources for the money we have available to give away. The largest is money from our Yard Sale. It goes out to local non-profits that have submitted a grant request for their organization. This money is distributed twice each year: May and November. The second source is money from the yearly budget that the Vestry determines each year. The third source is money from the Grace Trust that we may or may not receive each year depending on Church priorities. Money from the Yard Sale can only be used for local non-profits while money from the Vestry or the Grace Trust can be used for National or International non-profit organizations. A few examples for these are Episcopal Relief and Development, Water Mission, KISH, and Our Little Roses.

Another Outreach ministry at Grace is our Christmas Sheep and Donkey's program. Lancaster Social Services and Northumberland Social Services send us information on families that need Christmas gifts. The information is posted on the bulletin board and Parishioners take a family or two and buy gifts for the members listed on the sheep or donkey. A couple of weeks before Christmas all the gifts are returned and then are taken to either Lancaster or Northumberland Social Services for distribution to the families before Christmas.



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Pastoral Care Program

The mission of this program is to prayerfully implement a coordinated program of pastoral care for members of Grace Church. This in-reach program of several ministries is coordinated with our clergy and supporting pastoral care ministries to serve parishioners through prayer and sacrament, companionship, assistance, and words of encouragement.

Pastoral care volunteering goes to the very heart of being a part of the Grace family. As a pastoral volunteer, you become a member of a large caring team with great care assists the clergy with the on-going pastoral needs of our parishioners.

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Parish Visitors

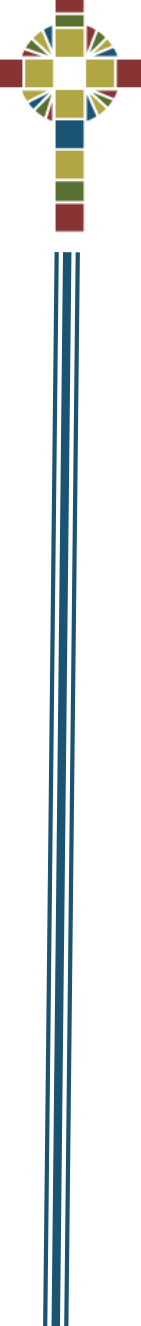
Part of the Pastoral Care Program

Volunteers make visits to parishioners who have long term needs. Visitors often share church bulletins, prayers, plants, greeting cards, etc. but most importantly they are just caring listeners. Many folks like to reminisce about the "good old days" or talk about the pictures in their room. Each volunteer writes a short summary after his or her visits, in order to keep all visitors up to date. Visits are scheduled on a rotating basis so that each volunteer visits approximately 4 or 5 people just twice per year. This is an extremely rewarding ministry and we need more visitors in order to ensure that all of our homebound parishioners receive a monthly visit.

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Volunteers
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Pastoral Care Card Ministry

Part of the Pastoral Care Program

This ministry sends out cards to members who are homebound, sick, hospitalized, or need encouragement at the request of the Pastoral Care Committee chair. A card is a simple act of kindness that brings joy to each recipient.

The Pastoral Care Oversight Committee serves as the volunteers for this Ministry.

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Pastoral Care Oversight Committee

Part of the Pastoral Care Program

The role of the Committee is to work with the clergy to identify and service parishioners who have short-term needs that may be met through pastoral care efforts, i.e., a meal, a prayer shawl, a card, the delivery of the Eucharist, or a mini bouquet of flowers. The Oversight Committee meets bi-monthly to review parishioner's needs and determine if a meal, shawl, flowers, a visit, a call, or card or Eucharist is to be delivered. The items are then assembled and scheduled to be delivered following each meeting. Often committee members themselves may visit those who need care.

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Pastoral Home Delivery Ministry

Part of the Pastoral Care Program

This ministry is comprised of drivers who deliver mini-flower bouquets and knitted items to parishioners with short-term care needs. These drivers also may visit with those who are receiving their deliveries.

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Pastoral Meals Ministry (Graceful Meals)

Part of the Pastoral Care Program

This ministry prepares and delivers home cooked meals to Grace parishioners who need them. The intent is to deliver the meals in a timeframe needed by the parishioner. This indispensable ministry helps the sick, the homebound, and those who have just returned home from the hospital. They provide an entrée at a time when it is not easy to cook a meal for oneself or one's family.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Part of the Pastoral Care Program

The Prayer Shawl ministry knits or crochets prayer shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets for parishioners who are ill, hospitalized, or celebrating a birth. Volunteers may meet at the church to work together or may work from home at their own pace. Far more than just another piece of knitting, these items are specially blessed and are a source of comfort for body and spirit.

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Volunteers
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Scholarship Committee

The Grace Scholarship Committee receives and evaluates applications for two scholarships: Mary Winston McCullough Scholarship (typically 1 per year) and Grace Church Scholarships (10 awarded in 2026). Each of these scholarships is funded by Endowed Funds that have been given to Grace Church by several families or individuals. Grace Church's Endowment also receives periodic contributions made to continue and grow the mission of these endowed funds.

The committee meets twice each year. Once in early March to review the McCullough Scholarship applications and to have in-person interviews with the candidates for this scholarship. A second meeting is held in early July to review applications for the Grace scholarship applicants.

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Shrine Mont Family Weekend Retreat

To provide a place apart for rest, devotion, fellowship, learning and education, where all who participate may grow in the grace of God

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We are always looking for volunteers to help organize activities for the children attending the retreat.



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Stewardship Committee

Oversees the Pledge Process each year. Ideally this committee identifies and communicates the benefits of supporting the various ministries of Grace Church. The committee decides on a theme for the Pledge Season and oversees: 1) the publishing and distribution of a clergy letter, 2) a plan and timeline for reaching out individually and corporately to the congregation, 3) the collection of and reporting out of gross pledge totals. The gross totals become part of the total revenue that contributes to the annual church budget which is the responsibility of the Finance Committee. The Stewardship Committee is essentially focused on marketing the strengths and the financial needs of our church so that parishioners can be inspired to contribute a percentage of their annual income each year. Other factors that contribute to the budget total are not part of this committee's concern. Volunteers are needed from August through November.

Let the clergy or a member of the Vestry know if you would be willing to serve on this committee.

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Ushers

Ushers are lay people ready to welcome you to our liturgical services. Ushers offer assistance around the church as needed, hand out bulletins, collect the offering, and assist during the distribution of Holy Communion. Ushers also help count the number of attendees at a service, and ring the church bell at the start and end of the service.

More ushers are especially needed for the 8 AM service.

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Vestry

Vestry members are confirmed adult communicants in good standing who are called to serve a three-year term. While there are important responsibilities associated with the role, Vestry service is ultimately about stewardship, discernment, leadership, and care for our parish and its future.

Among the primary responsibilities of the Vestry are:

- Financial stewardship
- Property stewardship
- Planning and discernment

Each Vestry member is also assigned as a liaison to one of our many Grace Church ministries. This creates an important connection between the Vestry and the broader parish, helping ensure communication, encouragement, and support.

Perhaps one of the most rewarding aspects of Vestry service is the opportunity to engage with parishioners throughout the year—listening to their hopes, concerns, ideas, and needs. In doing so, Vestry members become not only leaders and stewards, but also listeners and companions within our Grace Church family.

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Welcome Committee

The Greeting and Welcome (aka Friends of Grace) Committees are two old and valued ministries that are receiving a new approach and a new name. The two groups are combining this year to become the new Welcome Committee. Both groups have been devoted to welcoming visitors, guests, and new members into our community and congregation for many years. The new Welcome Committee will continue these efforts more efficiently and consistently internally while also expanding our efforts out in the wider community. These external efforts are expected to include participation in farmers' markets and festivals, sponsorships, and other community efforts.

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Witness Reflection Program (Daily Meditations)

The Grace Church staff and lay witnesses to Christ maintain a connection with the congregation and friends with daily reflections sent out by email. The Witness Reflection Program is the name given to the group of lay people who offer weekly reflections on ways that God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit act in their lives.

The reflections by volunteers are published each Wednesday.

To sign up to receive these reflections, please contact Bett or Sarah.

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Volunteers
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Thank you to all our volunteers!

If you saw a ministry, or more than one, that you want to know
more about, please contact:

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