Fall Festival ~ 19 October

St. Gregory’s Annual Fall Festival was held on October 19th. The weather was beautiful adding to the enjoyment of all the activities which included games, bounce houses, pet adoptions, various vendors and great food. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and came out to make it a great day.

Camdace Griffin
Mansfield Animal Care & Control
Every Thanksgiving this one particular line always comes to the front of my mind. It was from my Thanksgiving sermon back in 2016 and following the service a mom came up to me to let me know that her daughter, around the age of 10, had found the line to be particularly meaningful. It was simple enough to connect with a young child and yet every time I come back to it, it speaks to me in some new way. Last year I preached at the Thanksgiving Eve service about being thankful for our hardships and struggles. This kind of thanksgiving only makes sense in the context of faith in Jesus Christ. Only when you understand that God is directing all things toward the good and trust in his faithfulness can you look at the redemptive power that can you be thankful, not only for the times in which you have suffered but even in the midst of current suffering. This is the kind of faith that can completely transform one’s outlook and attitude of their entire life. As St. Paul says in his Second Letter to the Corinthians, “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies” (2 Cor 4:8-10).

So, the obvious question when considering the kind of faith that produces thanksgiving even in suffering, is - do you have it? Are you able to experience all of the ups and downs of this life with the full trust in the sovereignty of God? And while that is a wonderful question, I’d like to ask a slightly different one; who do you know that could use that kind of faith? Maybe you know someone who doesn’t know the love of Jesus or perhaps just someone who needs some encouragement to strengthen their faith in the midst of whatever they might be going through. People are hurt and suffering all around us and it is part of our calling as Christians to help to alleviate that suffering whenever possible, but also to help others to believe in and know the one who can transform that suffering in order to bring about His greater glory.

It is always a nice reminder this time of year to bring to mind all of the things that we are thankful for, something we should try and practice year-round. But, never forget that there are those out there who need their eyes opened to the joy of having the faith to endure all things. So, take time this month to think about someone that could be thankful for you.

Jr. Alan Horton+

Sunday sermons are recorded, each Sunday.

November Birthdays
01 ~ Elizabeth Hamaker
23 ~ Tammy Arnold-Bulls
25 ~ Meredith Melton

November Anniversaries
03 ~ Rick & Terry Black, 47 yrs
26 ~ David & Janie Smith, 22 yrs

November Memorials
Heinz & Nancy Liedke ~ Thanksgiving
Page family ~ Thanksgiving
Janine, Arno, Matt ~ Thanksgiving
~ Memory of Winnie Saunders, see p. 5

Mark Your November Calendar
01 ~ Eve of All Souls, 7pm
02 ~ Men’s study group, 8am., Rosa’s
03 ~ All Saint’s Sunday
06 ~ Wednesday evening baked potato potluck
07 ~ Choir practice, 7pm
09 ~ Pet Partner Evaluations, 8:30am
13 ~ Holy Eucharist, Watercrest, 1pm
16 ~ Men’s study group, 8am, Rosa’s
19 ~ Vestry meeting, 6pm
21 ~ Preschool Thanksgiving Feast, 11:45 am
23 ~ DHC, 10am, Parish Hall
27 ~ Holy Eucharist, Watercrest, 1pm
28 & 29 ~ Office closed
30 ~ Greening the church
28 & 29 Feb 2020 ~ DHC Women’s Retreat, Crucis

Jr. Warden’s Report
I’m probably repeating comments by others but I would like to “THANK” all of the people that worked to make this years Fall Festival a success. A large number of church members came out and helped with the preparation and again on Saturday to make it a success. Thanks to everyone that worked from the Church, Preschool and parents. I hope everyone had as good of time as I did!

Trice
Preschool Happenings

The Fall Festival was a hit with our preschool families: we had over 50% of our families attend the event! We couldn't have asked for better weather! A big thank you to Candace for all her hard work and dedication to making the event a success. Candace and I will now turn our attention to the upcoming Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday November 21st. The church will work together with the preschool to host our annual Thanksgiving Feast for all of our families. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in the back of the church, we will need help with donations of food, volunteers to help set up, serve food, clean up, etc. If you would be willing to help in any way, please contact Candace or Elizabeth.

Preschool Fall Festival: Elizabeth, Sarah, Lucinda, Lilli (photo credit: Lilli).

Elizabeth Rivera

St. Gregory’s Genealogy Research Group

The Genealogy Group did not have a meeting in October. However, some of us attended sessions from the Fort Worth and Arlington Genealogy Societies during the month. Barbara Edwards and I also attended the Saints and Sinners Tour at the Oakwood Cemetery.

In August, I reported the fascinating news that Barbara Edwards and I discovered that we are 6th cousins once removed. Well, Trice Edwards and Jane Zavala have discovered that they are cousins too. What are the odds of that!!

Trice reports that the first Trice, James, the emigrant, is believed to have arrived in 1673 to King and Queen County, VA. His son, also James, is his link to Jane. He believes, at this time, that his line came from James’ first marriage and Jane’s line from his second marriage, Dorothy Dabney. James is their common ancestor..... Trice’s 7th GGF and Jane’s 8th GGF.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, November 8th at 9:30 p.m. at the Bradburn Farm. We are going to finish our discussion on a power point presentation by Marilyn Hay called Family Tree Maker and The Great Things it Can Do.

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Happy Hunting, Gayle Bradburn
Daughters of the Holy Cross

The Daughters of the Holy Cross met on Saturday, October 26, 2019, in the Parrish Hall at St. Gregory’s. All of the Samaritan’s Purse Gift Boxes have been handed out. If you did not receive a box and would like a box, please contact Bernice Baldwin. The National Collection Week for the boxes is Nov. 18th, to Nov. 25th. You can leave your completed box on the Credenza in the back of the Church anytime, but all boxes are needed no later than Sunday, Nov. 24th, 2019, so the boxes can be taken to the Mansfield Bible Church on Monday, Nov. 25th, 2019. We are again collecting 2020 Calendars for the residents of the area Nursing Homes. Please leave your calendars on the credenza in the back of the Church.

Blessings, Bernice Baldwin

Events

There are several items I need to report on this month. First, I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations which have greatly contributed to the new card ministry. Because of you we have a variety of cards available on the bulletin board in the parish hall for parishioners to participate in encouraging and uplifting each other. So, stop by; fill out a card, fill in your return address, put name of parishioner receiving the card and drop in mail box on the bulletin board. The office will complete the address, add postage and mail.

P.S. All you volunteers, don’t forget we have the Thanksgiving Dinner for the preschool coming up on November 21st. Be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet on the credenza located at the back of the church.

Candace Griffin

Order of St. Luke

God dogs

Its many years ago, now, when I had my first Guide Dog. When you get one of those for the first time you have to be trained to handle them and look after them. It’s a steep learning curve!

The trainers told me that all dogs are descended from the wolf. Once you have some inkling of a wolf’s natural tendencies and inclinations you can begin to see how they train modern Guide Dogs so amazingly.

With all that evolution - all of it man made - we nowadays have very different canine pets than the original wolves. So let’s imagine you and I are sitting and discussing this. Sitting on the floor by my side is a wolf on a lead and on your lap is a pet Pekinese/Pug/Poodle and I say to you, “Did you know that a dog can pull down a running moose?” You look down on your lap and see your baby dog and you just laugh at me over such an ignorant suggestion! Your dog couldn’t possibly pull off a thing like that! But the original dog can do it easily.

We need to switch our focus to the original wolf or, to drop the doggy reference, to the original Jesus. It’s too often said today that God doesn’t actually want to heal everyone who comes to Jesus but I think they’re building their view of God out of their emotions or their experiences of prayer rather than building it from the scriptures. That’s a pity because the Bible is, after all, God in print. It’s a man-made image that so many of us carry around with us instead.

All of us have a different bundle of ideas in our heads as to what God is like but we really ought to check that bundle out against the description and display of Jesus’ character in the gospels before we call our bundle ‘The Son of God’. Some other picture of him might have evolved within us. If God doesn’t change, is utterly to be trusted, it’s where our trust rises to meet grace descending so that heaven finds it’s elbow room to move. So let’s let go the Poodle /pug and stick with the wolf?

Don’t trust Jesus because you love him. Don’t trust him because you suppose you ought to. Don’t do it because you’ve worked out that he’s trustworthy. Don’t trust him because there was once an occasion when he treated you. Trust him because you, like God, believe totally in the Master plan. What’s that? The Bible shows us very clearly that God desires Paradise and this world to look like and to feel like the same place. That’s why Jesus healed everyone who asked him for that Grace. He did it because he and the Spirit are, as part of the Holy Trinity, totally in swing with the Father’s will, with this Master plan to unite heaven and earth.

This is what we need to trust in - that God is wanting to heal the world and has proved that fact through the words and works of Jesus. It’s this plan which I call ‘Grace descending’. Let’s develop the right sort of trust to rise up and meet it! Then the kingdom breaks out!

Rvd Mike Endicott

Heinz Liedke
Winfred Miller Saunders, 96, of Mansfield, Texas, passed away on October 26, 2019. She was born to Col. Amory A. Miller and Amy Vanderveer McCormick Miller on April 13, 1923 in Fond du Lac Wisconsin, the third of five children. After high school, Winnie moved with her family to Illinois, where her father commanded an Army base. In the early years of WWII, she worked for DuPont, formulating batches for the manufacture of TNT for ordnance. In 1943, she joined the Navy and served in a Naval hospital lab in San Diego. After the war, she returned to Wisconsin, where she pursued her BS in Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and was co-author of 4 published papers in the field.

While at Wisconsin, she met and married Donald F. Saunders, a PhD candidate in Chemistry, on September 30, 1950. Don went to work for GSI/Texas Instruments, and they moved to Dallas in 1953. Winnie devoted her considerable talents to raising 3 boys, Richard, David, and Paul, and pursuing her love of bridge and knitting. When her sons headed off to college, she went to work as a customer service representative at a local bank and then as an office administrator for a cardiologist. When her sons were all out of school, she retired and devoted herself to volunteer work with her church and the North Dallas Shared Ministries food bank.

Don passed away in 2013, and Winnie moved to Mansfield to be closer to her youngest son, Paul. In Mansfield, she found an outlet for bridge with her many friends in the Watercrest community and a new and loving church home at St. Gregory’s Anglican Church. Winnie will be missed by all who knew her.

Winnie is survived by her three sons, Richard and his wife Nancy (Youngsville, LA), David and his wife Joanne (Lufkin, TX) and Paul and his wife Cindy (Kennedale, TX), and by ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

After a family graveside service, a memorial service will be held at St. Gregory’s Anglican Church, Mansfield on Saturday, November 2 at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to St. Gregory’s Anglican Church, 1091 Country Club Drive, Mansfield TX 76063

Restland funeral home, 1305 Greenville Ave., Dallas, (972) 238-7111.
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“Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him”
John 13:16

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