

Church of the Epiphany

FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP



God's Beautiful and Timeless Creation

Glacier National Park
Picture by Darcy Ellis

A Fall Reflection

We are a week into September, and it is noticeable that change is happening. The days are getting shorter and soon we will give up Daylight Savings Time again. Here we will have October Fest and if the aspens change color, it may be a beautiful time. Spiritually we are still in the season of the Sundays after Pentecost, so our spiritual guidance remains in place. But still it is a time of change.

Change in our lives is not always as smooth as we move from one phase into another. The month of September brings us a reminder of that time of change. The natural time of change gives us the opportunity to make some in our lives with a gentle comfortable pace without the urgency of demand.

Let us pray O Lord. You mark the journey of life with change. Once again, we witness your creation moving from one season to another. Change is your instrument of growth that brings us to a deeper relationship with you. May your Word be the lantern that guides us on the roads of change in our lives. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The song in Ecclesiastes gives us a list of times to which we should pay attention.

There is an appointed time for everything,

And a time for everything under the heavens.

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them;

A time to embrace, and a time to be far from embrace.

A time to seek and a time to lose;

A time to keep, and a time to cast away.

God has made all these times for us and some of them we like and others we feel we could do without. What God has put into our hearts is God's business from beginning to end. We are left to rejoice and do well during this time of life. Whatever God does will endure forever and there is no adding to it or taking from it. We read in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Pastor Fred *continued*

From the Letter to the Romans, Paul writes, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

As we close out this summer, we give God thanks and praise for all the good things that have been given to us. We enjoy the rising of the sun and the timely rains we received this summer.

We were granted a bountiful garage sale and women's retreat here at Epiphany. Now in the coming season we move to indoor time we seek you in a different way in our lives. Bless the new change that occurs in the land and may we go with courage into the future as your servants in this world of change.

Let us bless the Lord.

Amen. Pastor Fred+

(This was written before the shooting Wednesday, September 10. It seems to be an appropriate thought. Praise the Lord for the ministry of his saints.)

A PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image, and you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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BIBLE STUDY

is happening once again:

Beginning **Wednesday afternoon,**
September 17, 2025, 4:00-5:00 PM

Grace Methodist Church building,

16th and Cuba in Alamogordo

(we usually enter on Cuba Ave. side, through glass doors south of main church entrance, but sidewalk reconstruction may be in progress, so watch for signs.)

Discussing the **Gospel of John**. Bring your own study Bible and other resources as you wish.

This will be a **DEEP DIVE** study, meaning we will work through the Gospel verse by verse and word by word. There is lots to discover and discuss and all will be encouraged to participate. We will continue each week until we get to the end of the Gospel of John.

You will likely see some unfamiliar faces, as we will have members of different church communities. Please feel free to invite anyone you know to join us. Casual and even work clothes are OK. Bring your open heart and inquiring mind.

Please join us in the study, but even if you are not able, please lift this ministry up in prayer. Give thanks with me for the outreach of Grace Methodist in providing an air-conditioned Sunday school room for our use in the Lord's work. There are lots of chairs and tables, giving us plenty of room. See you there!

The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor



September Standing Committee Meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2025

The Practical Anglican University in Puebla is looking for scholarship donations for students (high school and college age) to attend on October 1-4. The Rev Isai Valenzuela gave a report on the college prayer group he has formed that is growing in numbers and bringing students to baptism and confirmation.

Gus Haddad would like a list of all delegates from each parish/deanery that will be attending Synod by Sept 20.

George Wayne and Carl Brenner met with the new finance committee and a CPA on the committee will be reviewing the finances, budget etc.

Raul Serrano was accepted as a postulant and for candidacy to the diaconate. The Bishop was not in attendance, but asked Tara Jernigan to explain the unusual circumstances surrounding the position Raul has been serving in for years. The bishop would like to ordain him in October during his visit to Mexico. There was quite a bit of discussion on this and the majority voted yes to ordaining Raul while the Bishop was in Mexico to do so in October.

Tara Jernigan also explained that there has been a written overview for explanation of the process of starting the ROC discernment.

She also reported that the ministry safe program that they have been using has run up against many roadblocks in the background system they have been using. So they will be using a new system and requiring a Level 7 background check for all clergy and church staff that have not had their background checks previously approved on the old system. More information on that will be forthcoming from Gus Haddad. Mexico members will be checked with whatever system or business their country uses for such requirements.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Fazenbaker

2025 Synod of the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest

Sacramento Conference Center, Sacramento New Mexico
Thursday, November 20 - Saturday noon, November 22



Epiphany Annual Garage Sale

Saturday August 30, 2025

Epiphany's Annual Garage Sale was incredibly successful this year - A BIG Thanks to all who donated, set-up, and worked the day of the sale. Praise the Lord!

Our total was Jewelry - \$2019.00

Garage sales items. \$2570.00

For a total of \$ 4589.00

Everyone worked so hard. We thank out set-up team: Kathy Beer; Paul, Annette, & Madeleine Fazenbaker; Jim Fowler; Susy Franklin; Tom & Fran Gregg; Fred & Nancy Griffin; David Griffin; Nancy Heimark; JR Hester; Marcus Thomas; Becca Price, Doug Price.

Our sales team on Saturday consisted of Paul, Annette, & Madeleine Fazenbaker; Jim Fowler; Tom & Fran Gregg; Fred & Nancy Griffin; Bill Haynes; JR Hester; Holly Peterson; Becca Price, Doug Price; Susie Stigall. Thank you to each of you.

With all the helping hands we finished the set-up in two hours and the clean up in an hour!

Our doors opened at 8:30 am and the rain held off until after the sale. God granted us a beautiful morning and lots of customers!

A special thanks to Bill Haynes for his generous donation of jewelry and to our experienced jewelry salesladies, Fran Gregg, Becca Price and Annette Fazenbaker! It was awesome to watch! Madeleine sold a donated collection of many Barbie dolls to several collectors! We also sold the wonderful ventriloquist dummies almost immediately - Charles McCarthy and Elmer Snerd found a new home - thank you to the Kellners for donating them.

Susie Stigall and Holly Peterson arranged and rearranged the garage sale items and things moved very quickly.

Start saving items now for our 2026 sale!

Bless you!



Sharing Darcy Ellis' Trip to Glacier National Park

As many of you know, Darcy Ellis loaded up her RV, attached her Honda to the back of it and left us at the end of August to trek to Glacier National Park. She has faithfully sent back photos and reports of her trip every Sunday so that we can all share her travels.

She plans to return in October and we keep her in our prayers for a continuing safe trip.

We are sharing some of these photos with you. She has faithfully found a church in each place where she has stopped and gives us a description of the locale.

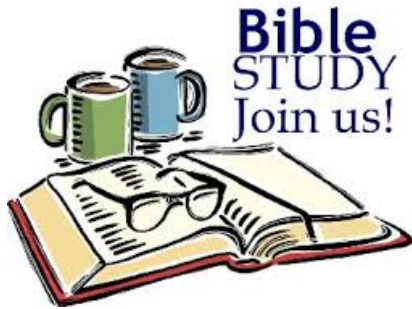


Darcy found the "glacier"!!!!



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Ecumenical Bible Studies

Fr. Frank's Bible Study Wednesdays at 4-5 PM Begins Wednesday, September 17

At Grace Methodist Church 16th St. and Cuba,
Alamogordo. Wednesdays 3-4 pm.

For more information see Fr. Frank's article on
Page 2 in this newsletter
or call or text Fr. Frank
At 575-442-1354.

Combined Ladies Bible Study Thursdays, at 10 am

at Westminster Presbyterian Church,
2201 15th St. , Alamogordo.

We are studying
"Living Life Backwards" a study of Ecclesiastes
By David Gibson

For more information call or text Nancy at
575/495-3811

Epiphany Military Prayer List

Gabriella Murley, US Army, Ft. Bliss, TX
Mason Gregg, US Marines, Okinawa
Creed Napier, USAF
JW Grove, US Navy
Shawn Zima, US Army, Hong Kong
Wyatt Green, US Navy
Emma Skidmore, US Navy

Praise Reports

**For a VERY successful Labor Day Garage
Sale and for all the workers and
generous people who donated items.
And For the generous people who bought
them!!!**

For All our new friends we have met this
summer who have visited Epiphany and for
our new winter people who reside in the area.

For the ministry of Rev. Shelby Moon and the
repose of his soul.

For the recovery of Trevor Conine who will
return home from rehab September 15 - God
willing.

For the recoveries of Susan Scott, Rev. Jim
Bailey, John Stolla, and Luis Neighbors. They
still need our prayers in their recoveries.

For everyone who has prayed for these
people. You are faithful.

For Kelli and Wayne Conine Jr. as Donya's
faithful caregivers.

Prayer Concerns

For For Darcy Ellis as she travels.

For Donya Conine to regain more strength
and mobility

For the Fyock Family and Lydia Tran

For Fr. Frank and Carolyn Wilson, Walter &
Carolyn Ford, George and Gayla
Chapman, Patty Kendrick, and all our
caregivers

For The 2025 Synod of the ADSW to be held
November 20-21 at Sacramento Conference
Center, NM.

For the Diocese, Bishop Steven, and the
standing Committee.

For Annette Fazenbaker as a deanery
representative to the Standing
Committee of the Diocese.

For Fr, Frank as a member of the Diocesan
ROC committee and the Bylaws
committee

For church plants within the diocese:

Emmaus Anglican Church,
Albuquerque; Comunidad del Fey Rey
de Justicia, Iglesia Piedra Angular, Juarez
MX; Comunidad de Gracia, Xalpa, MX

September Service Schedule LEMS & Lectors

The Rev. Willis F Griffin, Pastor
The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Pentecost 13 - Sunday, September 7 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred
 LEM Karli Sorensen
 Lector Carolyn Ford

Pentecost 14 - Sunday, September 14 - 10AM

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank
 LEM Patrick Zima
 Lector Annette Fazenbaker

Pentecost 15 - Sunday, September 21 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred
 LEM Karli Sorensen
 Lector Machele Lackey

Pentecost 16 - Sunday, September 28 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist -Fr. Frank
 LEM Patrick Zima
 Lector Paul Fazenbaker

Pentecost 17 - Sunday, October 5 -10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred
 LEM Karli Sorensen
 Lector Madeleine Fazenbaker



Sept 7 - PotLuck
 Sept 14 - Machele Lackey
 Sept 21 - Karli Sorensen
 Sept 28 -
 Oct 5 - Pot Luck
 Sign-up sheets are on the table.

September Event Schedule

Sunday, September 7
Potluck after the service

Sunday, October 12
Vestry Meeting after the Service

Ecumenical Bible Studies:

Wednesdays - 4-5 pm

Starts September 17

Gospel of John

Fr. Frank - Grace Methodist Church
 Alamogordo

Ladies Bible Study

Thursdays - 10-11:30 am

Ecclesiastes

Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Alamogordo
 (Teachers: Katy Bailey, Bobbie. Cover,
 Nancy Griffin, Dawn Wilder)

For more information

See article in this newsletter - pg. 6



September Birthdays

Bert Hungerford - 6
 Allysa Conine - 6
 John Scott - 12
 Paul Coleman - 23
 Char Jagoe - 27

September Anniversaries

Charles and Susie Stigall - 15

ACNA Lectionary C for September

Pentecost 13 • September 7, 2025

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 4-21

Luke 14:25-33

Pentecost 14 • September 14, 2025

Exodus 32:1,7-14

Psalm 51:1-17

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Pentecost 15 • September 21, 2025

Amos 8:4-12

Psalm 138

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Pentecost 16 • September 28, 2025

Amos 6:1-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:11-19

Luke 16:19-31

Pentecost 17 • October 5, 2025

Habakkuk 1:1-13,2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-17

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

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The Rev. Willis F. Griffin, Pastor

The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Musicians: Esther Fyock, Stan & Sandy Thomas.

Senior Warden

Annette Fazenbaker, Junior Warden

Financial Committee: Paul Fazenbaker, Machele Lackey,

Doug Price

Church Board

Karli Sorensen Aguilar Patrick Zima

Machele Lachey, JR Hester

Nancy Griffin, Clerk

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere where the Word of God fills each person with an understanding and renewal of their faith in Christ.

Outreach, both within our own community as well as abroad, is a further extension of this faith.

Romans 10:17 ~ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.

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Christ the King, Albuquerque (Rev. Peter Falk, Deacon Bill Lock); Church of our Lord, Albuquerque (Rev. Harold Trott, Michael Kline); Emmaus Anglican Church, Albuquerque (Revs. Greg & Noel Pfeifer; Christ Church, Farmington (Revs. Carl & Barbara Brenner); St. Clement's, El Paso (Revs. Bill Cobb, Rick Milliorn, Eduardo Gonzalez, Michael Sheehan, Deacon Courtney Brown) Rey de Paz, El Paso (Revs. John Dixon, Ken Hanna); Good Shepherd, San Angelo (Rev. Hal Scott); St. Stephen's, Roswell (Rev. Bob Tally); All Saints' and St. Paul's, Midland Texas (Rev. Tom Finnie); Iglesia La Trinidad, Guadalajara (Lay Leader, Miguel Meriono Lobos) Iglesia de Jesus & Jesus es la Resurreccion, Aguas Caliente, Mexico (Revs. Elias Rosales Mendez and Maria del Rayo Jimenez Victoria, Deacon Roger Griffin); Gran Pastor, Fresnillo, Mexico (Sr. Warden, Norma Rodriguez, Missionary Meredith Omland); Good Shepherd, Hill New Mexico (Rev. Farhid Adabache); Iglesia Anglicana, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (Rev. Jack Wehrs, Deacon Fernando Sandoval); St. James, Dalhart, Texas (Rev. Philip Ray). Emmaus Anglican, Castle Rock CO (Rev. Theron Walker; Resurrection Anglican Fellowship, Greenwood Village, CO (Fr. Phil Eberhardt) St. Paul's Anglican Church, Owasso, OK (Fr. Chris Waters); Christ the Redeemer, Oklahoma City, OK (Fr. Brad Van Deventer); Iglesia Piedra Angular & Comunidad de Fe, Rey de Justicia, Juarez, Chihuahua;