



Celebrating 121 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – January 2023

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Vicar's Vision

Dear friends and sojourners,

This letter comes with warm greetings and prayers for you and your families as we move into a New Year. What a great year of service, fellowship and worship it has been at Grace Church in 2022. I hope to share much of that at our annual meeting coming on the 15th of January where we will turn our focus to what God has in store for us as a community in 2023.

I write this letter to inform you of what I hope will be a good change for this new year. After consulting with your Vestry and considering numerous options for our weekly worship we have made the unanimous decision to move the time of our Sunday worship to 9:00 a.m. The first Sunday for the 9:00 a.m. service will be January 29th.

There are so many solid reasons for this change. For me the most important is my desire to be with you weekly and to have Eucharist together weekly. I also believe, as does the Vestry, that we must let Kathryn Thomas live into her calling as a Deacon, not just a stand in for when I am not there. Her ministry is a specific calling to shepherd us serving those that live on the fringes; the poor, the lonely, the orphan and the elderly. We all want her to live more fully into her calling.

While we will be gathering for worship at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays, Piedmont Church will begin gathering for worship at 11:00 a.m. This schedule will give Kathryn and me the time we need to be here at Grace and to travel up the road to Madison in a timely, but not rushed fashion.

Change always elicits mixed feelings. I am aware that this change will be no different. What I ask of you is to live joyfully into this change for the next few months and promise you we will take time to reflect on this change as we go.

One hurdle will be getting our children to Sunday School an hour earlier. We are thinking that we may offer Sunday school after the service at 10:00 a.m. to accommodate this challenge.

Please feel free to talk with me about any of your concerns or questions. This will be successful if we are open and transparent in our words and actions.

Have I told you all lately how honored and privileged I feel to serve as your Vicar? Together we will spread the love of Jesus in 2023 in ways we haven't even dreamt yet!

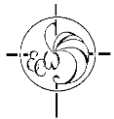
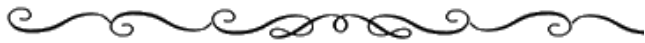
Much Love, Anne+

Junior Warden's Report

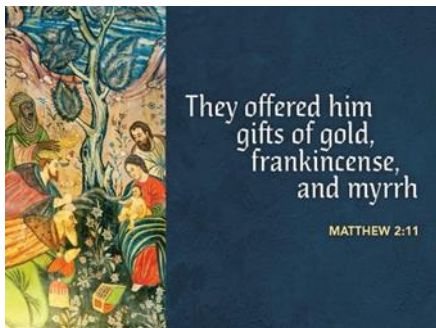
As 2022 draws to a close, I want to thank all the volunteers who helped maintain or improve our lovely building and grounds, whether by donations of your time and toil, or monetary. We simply could not have such a wonderful environment to worship in without your help! We've seen many changes to our grounds over the last year, to include our new Black Gum tree out front, and our new parking lot. I believe 2023 could be a year of some major interior projects as well, and we've compiled a list of building maintenance projects to improve our basement storage, kitchen, and God forbid, a new HVAC system if necessary. As this is my last month as Junior Warden, I also wish to thank Larry Messlar and Jean Byerly for all their advice and help; I may not have acted on it, but I certainly learned from "the masters" of building and grounds maintenance.

Thank you and God bless.

Greg Kula



ECW Meditation



<https://www.stmatthiascarlisle.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Epiphany-B-2021-Slide-1-Presentation.jpg>

The Magi brought special gifts to give to the Christ Child.

May the gifts we bring to this New Year also be meaningful: friendship, laughter, love, and kindness.

The ECW enjoyed a festive Christmas gathering at the Winslow Barn on Saturday, December 10th.

Thank you to Julie Winslow and all who were able to attend!

The assortment of appetizers, desserts and beverages were delicious and abundant!



We voted to give the proceeds of our bake sale to:

Greene Care Clinic \$300

Women's Club Scholarship Fund \$300

ECW Diocesan Scholarship Fund \$300

Dolly Parton Imagination Library \$100

Thank you to all who participated in the YDC afterschool snack program.

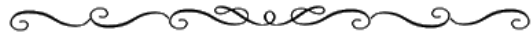
We will be looking for volunteers to help next semester.

As we look toward the new year let us serve with joy!

Jeannie

Altar Guild

In case you were not able to attend service on Christmas Eve, here is a picture of our lovely altar setup for the Christmas season.



Creation Corner

As we get ready for 2023, the world around us is preparing by making all sorts of resolutions to improve their lives through diet, exercise, and every sort of self-discipline. Over the last few months, we have been trying out some easy challenges that will help improve the way that we care for God's beautiful Creation.



But now is the time to try some more challenging lifestyle changes. The changes are not as hard as they might seem and will have an important impact on the Earth. So, this

coming month, try your hand at composting, and or recycling.

So why should we compost rather than just sending everything to the dump?

1. Landfills create methane.
2. Recycled food creates healthy soil.
3. Healthy soil creates healthy food.
4. Using compost as a soil enhancement can lessen a farmer's dependence on fertilizers and pesticides.
5. Less fertilizer means less toxic algae and red tide in our waterways and oceans.

It does not require any fancy equipment, just a bucket and a dedicated place next to your garden. The rules are also simple. Place all non-animal source refuse in a bucket, turn the full bucket out onto the compost spot (preferably not in contact with the ground, and covered). Turn to keep aerated, and in no time, you will have what gardeners call "black gold" to mix into your soil. Here is a [link](#) to compost tips and how to get started.

If getting your hands in kitchen waste is not your style, how about trying recycling? There was a full recycling station out here in Greene for many years, but sadly, it is no longer; there is limited ability. There are several folks at Grace already making the trek into Charlottesville where they take any matter of items. Here is the [site](#). We at Grace can even make it part of our maintenance to recycle and take turns with the Charlottesville run!

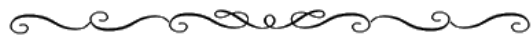
In His service,
Deacon Kathryn

January Creation Challenge

For the month of January, when the rest of the world is making resolutions to live better, try your hand at a larger commitment to Creation Care, compost and recycle!

January Events

- ❖ Bible Study continues on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 in Vicar Anne's office. We are on Chapter 12 of Matthew. Join us for learning, sharing and fellowship. You may bring your lunch.
- ❖ Grace Church will host Tuesdays Table on January 3rd from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Stanardsville Methodist Church. Please see Pat Peck to volunteer and for more information.
- ❖ The January Vestry meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on January 12th at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall.
- ❖ Grace Church's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 15th, following the worship service. New Vestry members will be elected, out-going members will be recognized, and the past year will be reviewed. The new 2023 Budget will also be presented.



Coffee Hour Sign-up

We're trying something new! It's time to fill our schedule for 2023! Please click on the link below to navigate to our Digital Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet. By clicking the link below, you will be taken to a website called "signup genius." You'll see time slots that you can choose to fill, indicating that you would like to host coffee hour on that Sunday. (If you need help, just ask Melissa.)

[Click here to sign up for coffee hour in 2023](#)

Outreach

We celebrated our last Neighborhood Brunch of the year on New Year's Eve Day. The food was as good as ever and we had wonderful conversations with friends and neighbors.



**† Birthdays, Baptisms, &
Anniversaries †
January 2023**

Let us give thanks and praise to God for these special days in the life of our parish family members and friends.

Birthdays



- 10 Anne Reel
- 11 Lucie Mae Pattison
- 13 Matthew Fickes
Hannah Rees
- 20 Herb Fickes
- 21 April Bertraux
Pam Weldon
- 26 Kathryn Thomas
- 21 Robbi Savage

Anniversaries



- 05 Roy & Ann Dye
- 15 Brian & Suzanne Pattison

Baptisms



Lay Participation Schedule for January 2022

	1/01 The Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ	1/08 1st Sunday after the Epiphany	1/15 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	1/22 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	1/29 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
<u>1st Lesson</u>	Numbers 6:22-17	Isaiah 42:1-9	Isaiah 49:1-7	Isaiah 9:1-4	Micah 6:1-8
<u>Psalm</u>	8	29	40:1-12	27 1, 5-13	15
<u>2nd Lesson</u>	Philippians 2:5-11	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
<u>Gospel</u>	Luke 2:15-21	Matthew 3:13-17	John 1:29-42	Matthew 4:12-23	Matthew 5:1-12
Ministry	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<u>LEM</u>	Jean Byerly	----	Minna Doyle	----	Minna Doyle
<u>Acolyte</u>	----	Pat Peck	----	Jean Byerly	----
<u>Lector</u>	Scott Mingledorff	Jenny Morris	Jeannie Palin	Ron Morris	Gwen Atwood
<u>Intercessor</u>	Ann Mingledorff	Pat Peck	Mary Hogge	Ann Mingledorff	Jenny Morris
<u>Usher</u>	Mary Hogge	Hatter	Scott Mingledorff	Wes Napier	Mary Hogge
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Winslow	Atwood	Annual Meeting Potluck	Byerly Koontz, Peck	Palin
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Jenny Morris	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff



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