



## Celebrating 121 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – November 2022

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### The Vicar's Vision



My father was in the Life Insurance business his entire career. As a child I didn't really understand what he did but I knew how hard he worked for his family. It was the kind of

business that success depended on what he did every day. As I grew up and began to understand the world and how it all worked, I was even more impressed by his commitment to get out there and make cold calls on people to sell them something. He always told me that the only way he could do that was to believe in the product he was selling.

As a Priest who has been through many years of Pledge campaigns I have finally rested in a good place about this responsibility. You see I believe, more than ever, in the value of a faith community. I believe in our gathering weekly for worship and prayers, to hear the word of God in our voices, in our music and in scripture. I believe that we accomplish so much more in the name of Christ when we do it together. I believe in this beautiful little white Church that sits on the corner of Ford Avenue and Main Street. It radiates Christ's love to the world just by sitting here on the corner and by the way we lovingly care for it.

I could not think of a better theme to lead us boldly into 2023 than SHINE ON. Let's keep doing what we do so well. Let's pay attention to the needs of the community and reach out. Let's enjoy the fellowship of each other as we each walk our own journey of faith.

I hope you will respond to our Annual Pledge ask coming your way in the mail knowing that our call to be laborers in the Vineyard has never been more important than it is this very day.

God's Blessings to each of you, Anne



### ECW Meditation

The season of gratitude and giving is in the air. Although gratitude can be practiced all year long, this season brings many reasons for thankfulness. From Thanksgiving and Giving Tuesday to Christmas; the season is all about gratitude, giving, and celebrations! Putting a little thankfulness in your daily life is a first step to achieving many of your hopes, your dreams, and your goals. After all, it is not that happy people are always grateful, but grateful people are often the happiest.

**I'm Thankful for:  
Bake Sale Success!  
\$1,132.12**

**And Grateful:**

To everyone who Baked, Bought, Donated, or Worked to help make the ECW bake sale a success!

Ann McDaniel, our treasurer, made a deposit of \$800 after the bake sale. We received a few more generous donations and we now have \$1,132.12 in our account!

Please be thinking about the organizations that you would like us to support. Last year we gave money from our bake sale to:

- Woman's Club Scholarship Fund**
- Greene Alliance**
- Ministerial Association Scholarship Fund**
- Viva Voce and the ECW Diocesan Gifts and Scholarship Fund.**

Thank You to everyone who helped this semester with YDC Snacks! If you were not able to help this time, we will also be doing snacks for next semester.

Heather Myers sends her Thanks as well. Let us give THANKS to Julie Winslow who will once again host our Christmas Celebration! We will have the party on Saturday, December 10th from 4 p.m to 6. New time and New day! We will enjoy some wine, cheese, hors d'oeuvres and desserts! Mark your calendars to attend this wonderful time to be with each other. More details to follow. Gifts for Jackson-Feild children will be collected at the party. We are grateful for the staff that works with the girls and boys at the home.

- Jackson-Feild Gift Wish List**
- Boys and Girls Pajamas L, XL, XXL
  - Boys and Girls Bedroom Slippers L. XL

SweatShirts L, XL, XXL  
Hoodies L, XL, XXL  
Sweatpants S, M, L, XL, XXL  
With love and gratitude,  
Jeannie



<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/thanksgiving-ideas/g3820/best-thanksgiving-quotes/>



**Altar Guild**

Christ the King Sunday, the end of the liturgical year, is approaching quickly! Small things change on and near the altar during the seasons of our church, have you noticed? Following the liturgical calendar is an important part of what we do, in addition to cleaning, arranging, and setting the table for Holy Eucharist.

I would like to extend my thanks to the parishioners in the Grace Church altar guild; because of their ministry we come to worship with a space prepared carefully and lovingly.

Thank you, Ann McDaniel, Jean Byerly, Ann Mingledorff, Bruce Johnson, Linda Robbins, Mary Hogge, Jeannie Palin, Judy Estes, Melissa Sysling, Betty Moreland, Heidi Ladd, and Marilee Newman for volunteering this year. And thank you, Vicar Anne, for your guidance.



### Music

Hello Choir Buddies!

We have some fun times ahead:

November 20th, 6pm, our choir will be singing in the MLK Jr. scholarship concert at Blue Run Baptist Church. It will also be a wonderful opportunity to hear choirs from other area churches.

December 18th, we will have an Advent Lessons and Carols service at our usual service time, 10am.

Also, Lenny and Suzanne have some concerts coming up:

Suzanne is playing contra bassoon with the Charlottesville Symphony Nov. 11, 8pm at Old Cabell Hall and Nov. 13, 3:30pm at CHS. Brahms Symphony No. 3 is on the program.

Lenny is playing principal oboe with the Bridgewater College Oratorio Society on Nov. 11, 7pm at the Carter Center at Bridgewater College. The Rutter Requiem is on the program.

Suzanne is playing principal bassoon with the Waynesboro Symphony on their Holiday Pops Concert, Dec. 2 & 3, 7pm at Wilson Memorial High School in Fishersville, VA.

Love,  
Lenny and Suzanne

### Creation Corner



How did we ever survive without single use plastic bags? With glass, well, I would say. I remember watching my mother as Chief of Pediatric Nursing at Petersburg General hang a heavy glass IV bottle on a stand and then, last week, watched as the nurse hung a disposable plastic bag of fluids before my surgery. Easier? You bet, and without the added ecological cost of having to wash and sterilize the glass one.

But the ease comes with quite a price, one which is already harming the human population directly. Single use plastics **are** convenient and, **not conveniently**, last forever. The plastic bag that has blown off the trash and onto the side of the road will appear to disintegrate and breakdown, but in truth, it only breaks into smaller and smaller particles, ones that will be incorporated into the environment and make their way into the flesh of what we consume, and eventually us.

I have some links to other articles and sites that speak to plastic pollution, if you are interested. Warning, some are not for the weak of stomach!

#### *November Creation Challenge*

*For the month of November, when there is a lot of shopping to be done, for food and gifts use reusable canvas bags instead of plastic bags.*

In His Service,  
Deacon Kathryn

**† Birthdays, Baptisms, &  
Anniversaries †  
November 2022**

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

**Birthdays**



- 04 James Koontz
- 05 Berowne Paradis
- 06 Alexandra McElroy
- 07 Martha Morris
- 10 Mary Kates
- 14 Melissa Sysling
- 17 Charlie Hatter
- 19 Jean Byerly
- 23 Ocean Fortune
- 25 Bobby McDaniel
- 27 Lou Hatter
- 28 Hailey Tipton
- 30 Andrew Byerly

**Anniversaries**

- 17 Joel & Gwen Atwood
- 25 Andy & Jean Byerly  
Don & Minna Doyle
- 28 Lenny Grasso & Kley Todd
- 30 Bert & Barbara Nye



**Baptisms**

- 03 Henry Morris
- 05 Phoebe Morris
- 09 Bobby Winslow
- 11 Ron Morris
- 20 Pat Peck



*Lay Participation Schedule for  
November 2022*

	<b>11/06 22nd Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>11/13 23rd Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>11/20 Last Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>11/27 1st Sunday Of Advent</b>
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</u>	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Isaiah 65:17-25	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Isaiah 2:1-5
<u>Psalm</u>	98	Canticle 9 hymn 679	Canticle 16	122
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</u>	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20	Romans 13:11-14
<u>Gospel</u>	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43	Matthew 24:36-44
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<u>LEM</u>	----	Mary Hogge	----	Minna Doyle
<u>Acolyte</u>	Jean Byerly	----	Ann Mingledorff	----
<u>Lector</u>	Scott Mingledorff	Ron Morris	Mary Hogge	Gwen Atwood
<u>Intercessor</u>	Betty Moreland	Mary Hogge	Pat Peck	Linda Robbins
<u>Usher</u>	Larry Meslar	Scott Mingledorff	Mary Hogge	Ann Mingledorff
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Mingledorff	Vestry-sponsored Brunch	Nye & West	Morris
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Betty Moreland Jenny Morris	Betty Moreland Jenny Morris	Betty Moreland Jenny Morris	Betty Moreland Jenny Morris



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