



Celebrating 120 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – June 2022

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Vicar's Vision

Dear friends in Christ,

If you are anything like me, your emotions in the aftermath of Tuesday's mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas have been all over the map. I am not sure I can even articulate them, but I want to try.

My heart can scarcely hold the sadness I feel over the loss of young lives in such a senseless act of violence. When I think of those suffering parents who have lost their babies, I fall to my knees.

I am never sure that playing the blame game gets us to a better place. Yes, I adamantly oppose the sale of assault rifles such as the one used in Uvalde. I support our Second Amendment right, but recognize that they were not imagining the sale of such weapons on our city streets when they penned that amendment. No, I do not think we as a country have adequately responded to the mental health issues that have pervaded our country and particularly our young adults. Often it appears we sit and wait for just such moments of terror like this to open our eyes to the vast number of people who carry trauma and emotional instability around with them wherever they live and wherever they go.

I suppose right now my heart and soul have become acutely aware of the power of love. Love can heal anything and the lack of love can open a hole wide enough for hate and the desire to execute violence to seep inside.

I can only assume that Salvador did not know love and had not experienced the warm embrace of another human being that told him he was worthy and divinely made by a God of unconditional love. I am convinced that only a person who does not know or feel love could commit such a violent act.

For me, I know prayers are not enough. Prayers are needed, welcomed, and heard. May our prayers drive us to actions of love, made stronger by our God whose power, working in and with us and through us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

This very day know how much you are loved and don't hesitate for one moment to share love with others.

With deep love,
Anne



Letter from Our Deacon

Dear Siblings in Christ at Grace,

These last two years have been tough and immersed us all in isolation. Finally, though, I deeply feel that God is breaking us out of this solitary experience that we have endured, AND it is not just us that God is calling out into the open, but all of those around us who desperately need to feel the light that is God's love.

We have an amazing opportunity this summer to share the Light in which we stand. The week of July 25-29 is now set aside for a camp that will focus on God's creation. My sense of God's call for this time is that we will come together with our neighborhood youth and any others that God calls in to explore His creation for us all, to see that God is there, in all that we do, and in all that we are.

The time frame, responsibilities, and budget that week will be shared with Stanardsville United Methodist Church so that we might offer those in our community a safe and nurturing place and meaningful activities for the entire day. Grace's responsibility will be the programming from 9 to 12, a shared lunch, and then the youth will be walked over to SUMC for afternoon activities and come back to us for dismissal.

This opportunity is one that needs to be embraced **now** as God is calling us out of our time away. We are an Easter people and there is no better way **and no better time** to share the joy in which we walk!

Please join us on **Wednesday, June 1 at 6 PM in the fellowship hall** with ideas that the Holy Spirit gives. If you cannot make this meeting, please contact Vicar Anne or myself with your offerings, and above all, pray.

Grace and peace,
Deacon Kathryn+



Unity Garden News

After the Rogation Sunday service parishioners set Marigolds in the soil edging the garden. Theory is that the scent of the bright yellow and orange flowers will repel small animals and some insects from eating our vegetables.

A new, improved arch was constructed by Andy Byerly, assisted by Izayah. Long beans

are planted under it on each side and will be trained to grow up and over.

Beets, turnips, chard, lettuce and red potatoes are growing. Tomato plants donated by Ann McDaniel went into the cages last week.

Next will be green beans and more.

Gardeners are welcome whenever the weather cooperates.

Blessings,
Barbara Nye



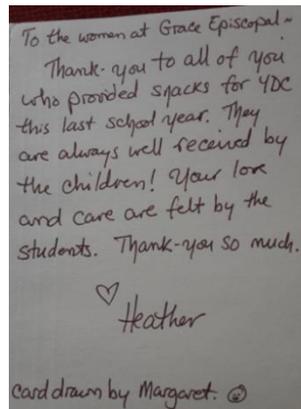
ECW Meditation

As you travel through this month of June, may you journey in peace, love, joy and prosperity. May your light shine for all to see. Thank you God for this new month!

The week of June 27th the YDC summer camp will be held at Grace Church.

The ECW will help with breakfast and lunch for that week.

If you would like to help in any way please let me know.



With thanks and appreciation for all you do!
Jeannie

Election of the 14th Bishop



The Election of the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia Saturday, June 4th Anne West, Kathryn Thomas and Lay Delegate Ann Mingledorff will travel to Alexandria Virginia to place our votes for the next Bishop. If you have not had a chance to meet the candidates you can go the Diocesan website: www.thediocese.net to get a good introduction to each candidate. We continue to ask the Holy Spirit to hover close as we discern the direction and future of this Diocese.



A Cut Flower Garden...

This cut flower garden is a long-standing dream of mine. Nancy Alfrend, the wife of a lovely clergyman I knew, started a flower garden on the side of the Churchyard



where her husband was serving as Priest. It was a beauty to behold and provided the Church with the most glorious altar flowers I have ever seen.

I am slow to get started. It has been a busy month preparing to move. But I have not given up. What I have realized is I can't do this alone. I am asking for some help to get the garden planted. With weather permitting I hope to spend the morning of Saturday, June 11 to lay the cardboard and the good soil, which has been donated by Greg Kula, and get the seeds in the dirt and lay a walking path. Your help will be a blessing to the Church and to my long-standing hope and dream.

Anne

Come Holy Spirit, Come!



June 5th is Pentecost Sunday. Dig out all your red attire and come celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We will also be celebrating our Sunday School year, the children in our Church and give thanks to the teachers who gave so generously of their time to them.



Bible Study

Jump in on a great Bible Study. It is not too late.

We are studying Hebrews and will be meeting Tuesday evening on May 31, June 7, 21 and 28. We meet in the Parish Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Our first evening was rich in conversation and thought provoking. Bring a friend!



Anne is moving (AGAIN!!!!)

Due to some necessary remediation and renovation work that had to be done at the Parish House at Piedmont Church we are renovating the undercroft to be a rentable apartment. The Vestry at Piedmont offered me the opportunity to be the first renter. I took them up on the offer. It will be nice to be in the neighborhood of Piedmont Church, closer to Grace Church and a nice savings on my rent cost. After I have had time to settle in, I plan to host an open house so you can see my new digs.

My new address:

Physical: 206 Church Street, Madison, VA 22727

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

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

Birthdays



- 02 Sara Thomas
- 10 Eleanor Wabnitz
- 22 Ann Mingledorff
- 26 Larry Meslar
- 29 Linda Robbins
- 30 Amy Jo Sacra
Zachary Miller

Anniversaries



- 16 Angelo & Cathy Lagana
Rev. Anne's Ordination (1990)
- 23 Herb & Ann Marie Fickes

Baptisms

- 04 Annelise Wright
Amelia Stankwitz
- 07 Heidi Ladd
- 08 Hannah Rees
- 10 Joseph Meslar
- 18 Gwen Atwood
- 24 Paul Newman



Lay Participation Schedule for June 2022

	06/05 Day of Pentecost Whitsunday	06/12 1st Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday	06/19 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	06/26 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
			<i>Track 2</i>	<i>Track 1</i>
<u>1st Lesson</u>	Acts 2:1-21	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31	Isaiah 65:1-9	2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14
<u>Psalm</u>	104: 25-35,37	8	22: 18-27	77: 1-2,11-20
<u>2nd Lesson</u>	Romans 8:14-17	Romans 5:1-5	Galatians 3:23-29	Galatians 5:1,13-25
<u>Gospel</u>	John 14:8-17,25-27	John 16:12-15	Luke 8:26-39	Luke 9:51-62
Ministry	10:00 AM	9:45 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
<u>LEM</u>	Jean Byerly	----	Larry Meslar	----
<u>Acolyte</u>	----	Linda Robbins	----	Mary Hogge
<u>Lector</u>	Pat Peck	Linda Robbins	Scott Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff
<u>Intercessor</u>	Betty Moreland	Julie Winslow	Jeannie Palin	Jenny Morris
<u>Usher</u>	Ann Mingledorff	Scott Winslow	Linda Robbins	Scott Mingledorff
<u>Coffee Hour***</u>	Morris	Hogge	Byerly/Koontz /Peck	TBD
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Ann Mingledorff Bruce Johnson	Ann Mingledorff Bruce Johnson	Ann Mingledorff Bruce Johnson	Ann Mingledorff Bruce Johnson

*** Greene County is now in RED on the health map for the COVID-19 Community Level. While “in the red” there will be NO indoor Coffee Hour. There may be weekly changes to our schedule. Please look for updates from Linda or Vicar Anne with changes that may need to be made.



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