



Celebrating 121 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – February 2023

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Vicar's Vision

Lenten Soup & Study Program

It is clearly a “God” thing that our journey through lent this year will be focusing on engaging with our local organizations that have been committed to justice and Christ-like love of our neighbors. Grace Church has supported these organizations for years. This is the perfect time to understand how they are carrying on their work here in Greene County in 2023.

Our Lenten Gratitude Container this year will give us the opportunity to offer thanksgiving for all that we have so generously been given and our deep desire to, as Micah says, “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with the Lord.” The money raised from our Gratitude jars will be split between all these wonderful services as we discern our desire to help. (These will be available on Sunday, February 19th)

During Lent we will gather weekly on Tuesday evening for this program. The evening will look like this:

6:00 PM Soup supper. There is a sign-up sheet for food on the hallway bulletin board.

6:45 PM Hearing from our guest and asking questions

7:30 PM We will end each evening with Compline

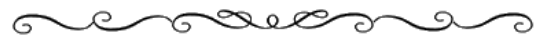
We will host:

- ❖ Rhonda Oliver from Feeding Greene on February 28th
- ❖ Pam Morris Director of Greene Care Clinic on March 7th
- ❖ Sandra Emery Director of GRACE Alliance on March 14th
- ❖ Mike Alley from YDC (Youth Development Council) on Mar 21st
- ❖ A Representative from Jackson Feild Homes on March 28th

There is a sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary to bring a pot of soup one of the weeks for these gatherings.

I hope you will sign up.

Much Love,
Anne+



Junior Warden's Report

As with 2021, we were able to focus our efforts on grounds maintenance, while completing small, “must do” projects in our buildings. The cornerstone of our success continues to be our wonderful volunteers, who give freely of their time and resources to keep our facilities and

grounds in good shape. I also want to thank our generous parishioners and their gracious donations who turn our necessities, requirements, and aspirations into reality.

Our new Tupelo tree was delivered and planted by the crew from a local nursery, duly cared for and watered weekly, and almost a year later it is still looking healthy and happy in our front lawn. Volunteers also broke ground for our Vicar's cut flower garden and we look forward to some beautiful flowers for our altar this year.

Our CommUnity Garden continues to flourish in new and different directions, as we focus on growing not only vegetables, but our young ones and enabling them to enjoy God's creation and sufficiency from the soil to the table. It is a very exciting time and we will continue our journey of discovery and growth into 2023.

Our beautiful new parking lot and landscaping speaks for itself, and is a huge positive addition to our grounds. No doubt the trees under the powerlines will need some attention but so far so good!

Your Vestry reviewed and approved a list of potential building maintenance projects for 2023 and beyond; some of which can be funded out of our budget, and other more expensive projects from Dioceses grants, if we are able to secure those. Now that the pandemic has become more or less endemic, our ability to secure maintenance contractors to effect repairs is much greater than in the past years, and I am optimistic that our parish buildings and grounds will be in excellent hands going forward.

Faithfully submitted,
Gregory Kula,
Junior Warden

Creation Corner

February is traditionally a month for roses and candy with February 14, the feast day of St. Valentine, see this [link](#) for more info on him. He is associated with lovers and beekeepers as well as epileptics. It is also our coldest and most unpredictable month weather-wise here in central VA.

As we seek to gift one another, rather than cut roses that usually come from another country I would suggest perhaps a packet of seeds or flower bulbs. It is a mid-winter favorite in the Thomas house to fix a pot of tea and dream over seed catalogues; it warms the heart and gives dreams of sunnier days to come. They will be a gift that repeats and encourages gardening, a sure-fire cure for the depressions that the dark days of winter can bring on.

Rather than a box of candy, how about copying a family recipe for a sweet favorite and finding a pretty dish at Good Will to make and place a goodie on? A visit delivering a sweet treat will warm the hearts of both the giver and the recipient.

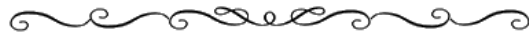
February is about love and God loves all of God's creation. This month don't forget the creatures. The animal shelter at Greene is always in need of volunteers and supplies. You can even bake the dogs their [treats](#) as well. And don't forget our feathered friends. Mid-winter is so very hard for the birds, as weather covers the seeds that have been depleted. It is so easy to put a birdfeeder out and even Lowe's and Walmart have a selection of birdfeeders and a variety of seeds.

Above all, it is always a wonderful time to remember Christ's command to love others as we love ourselves. A blessed St. Valentine's Day to you.

In His service,
Deacon Kathryn

February Creation Challenge

For the month of February, instead of flowers and candy, give seeds, flower bulbs, and recipes or homemade treats for man and pets alike



UNITED THANK OFFERING

Practice Gratitude and Change the World. The United Thank offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal church and provinces of the Anglican Communion.



Altar Guild

Please take a minute to volunteer for a month or two in 2023; the sign-up sheets are on the small side altar in the sanctuary. And thank you, members who have already done this! If you would like to help by providing potted flowers or flower arrangements in February, contact Jenny Morris or Ann Mingleorff.

Jenny

Pastoral Care Committee

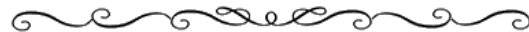
Dear family at Grace

We need prayer shawls and folks to knit or crochet them. A prayer shawl from Grace was what I wrapped around Bob before his second cancer surgery and it was great comfort to feel enveloped in the prayers from our family at Grace. There are so many in our community in need of a physical reminder of our prayers for them and the comforting arms of God.

We also need casseroles and soups to stash in the freezer for the members of the committee to take out to our folks that are ill or in need of warm comfort. When you are preparing a meal, please fix extra, and bring the extra to Grace and place in the freezer. There is sign-up sheet to let us know what is available for visits.

If you have any questions, please give me a call and I can help.

In His service and with much love,
Deacon Kathryn

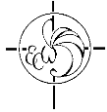


Choir

The choir has been hard at work practicing pieces for some upcoming church services, singing together every Thursday night after participating in dinner and fellowship.

If you are interested, Suzanne and Lenny will be performing with the Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra on February 25th (7:30PM - First Presbyterian Church in Staunton) and February 26th (3:00PM - First Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro) for free! If those are too far of a drive, Suzanne will be performing with the Charlottesville Symphony on February 11th (8:00PM at UVA Old Cabell Hall) and 12th (3:30PM at Charlottesville High School)

Suzanne & Lenny



ECW Meditation

GOD'S VALENTINE

"For God so loVed the world
 That He gAve
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 BegottEn
 SoN
 That whosoever
 Believeth In Him
 Should Not perish
 But have Everlasting life"

John 3:16

We have received some lovely thank you notes from the organizations that we donated to. Please see the bulletin board where they are posted.

If you would like to help with YDC snacks for the spring semester please let me know and I will coordinate with Heather Myers.

The Diocesan Episcopal Church Women will have a Lenten Quiet Day. More information to follow.

Give Love and Be Love!

Jeannie Palin



Resources for your Lenten Journey

Daily Online Meditations

www.episcopalrelief.org Meditations from Episcopal Relief Foundation

www.forwardmovement.org Meditations from Forward Movement

www.ssje.org The Society of St. John the Evangelist Monastic Community

www.lentmadness.org The Bracket is out for the 2023 Golden Halo

OR

ELEMENTAL, A journey through Lent with the Earth
 By: Paul Galbreath

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Services

Ash Wednesday – February 22

7:30 AM at Grace

7:00 PM at Piedmont

Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

You are welcome to either service.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday – April 2nd @ 9:00 AM

Liturgy of the Palms, with our Methodist neighbors

The Passion Gospel

Maundy Thursday – April 6th

7:00 PM - *The Proper Liturgy for Stripping the Altar*

Good Friday – April 7th

12:00 noon – *Community Good Friday Liturgy* hosted at Grace Episcopal Church

7:00 PM – *Solemn Good Friday Liturgy.*

Holy Saturday – April 8th

9:30 AM - *Holy Cleaning* at Grace and preparing for Easter.

Easter Sunday – April 9th

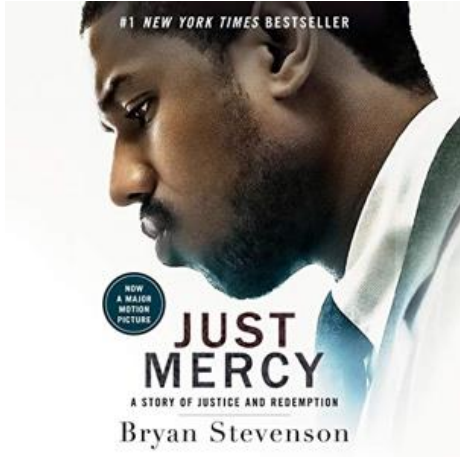
7:15 AM - *Sunrise service* at the Winslow's Barn

9:00 AM - *Festive Holy Eucharist with special music*

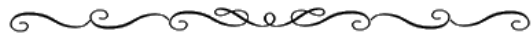
10:15 AM - *Easter Egg Hunt*

Read and Wine Book Club Invitation

February is Black History Month and the Book Club will be reading the Book



It can be purchased through Amazon for \$9. We will gather to discuss the book at Vicar Anne's home- 206 Church Street, Madison Sunday Evening, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join the read!



Shrine Mont Summer Camps



[Registration for summer camp 2023](#) is now open! The Diocese of Virginia operates an extraordinary summer camp ministry at Shrine Mont, its spectacular 1,100-

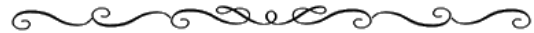
acre mountain retreat center ninety minutes from Charlottesville. Camp offerings come in a diverse array of formats with varying durations, programmatic emphases, and age groupings, serving children from age 8 through high school. Shrine Mont camps are open to all, regardless of Episcopal affiliation. Financial assistance is available.

Let's consider getting some of our neighborhood children to Camp this summer!

Some Reminders

The first Sunday of every month has 2 important reasons to make it special:

1. We honor and pray for anyone in the community that will celebrate a birthday during that month.
2. The loose offering goes into the Vicar's Discretionary Fund. This fund is rather skimpy after the holidays.



Let's have a little Fun!

How many people can you bring to the Pancake Supper?

Join us at Grace Church
(97 Main Street, Stanardsville)
For our Annual
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Tuesday, February 21st
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Dinner is FREE

Put your name on the back of each ticket and the winner will be the one with the most tickets showing up on the night of Pancakes.

The Prize?

A 4-course gourmet dinner for you and 6 of your friends prepared and served by your Vicar!

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

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

Birthdays



- 01 Whit Brinkley
- 05 Daniel Thomas
- 06 Angelo Lagana
- 07 Ann McDaniel
- 10 RE Hutton
- 13 Sean Thomas
- 16 Rev. Jane Piver

Anniversaries



- 06 Rev. Jane's Ordination
- 16 Rev. Grace's Ordination

Baptisms



- 11 Rev. Jane Piver
Abigail Grace Morris
- 12 Lou Hatter
- 23 Matthew Fickes

*Lay Participation Schedule for
February 2022*

	2/5 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	2/12 6th Sunday after the Epiphany	2/19 Last Sunday after the Epiphany	2/26 The 1st Sunday in Lent
<u>1st Lesson</u>	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Exodus 24:12-18	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
<u>Psalm</u>	112:1-9	119:1-8	99	32
<u>2nd Lesson</u>	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	2 Peter 1:16-21	Romans 5:12-19
<u>Gospel</u>	Matthew 5:13-20	Matthew 5:21-37	Matthew 17:1-9	Matthew 4:1-11
Ministry	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<u>LEM</u>	Ron Morris	Jean Byerly	Ann Mingledorff	Mary Hogge
<u>Lector</u>	Pat Peck	Phil Palin	Gwen Atwood	Mary Hogge
<u>Intercessor</u>	Betty Moreland	Mary Hogge	Jeannie Palin	Jenny Morris
<u>Usher</u>	Wes Napier	Mary Hogge	Wes Napier	Scott Mingledorff
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	McDaniel	Mingledorff	Nye	West
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Mingledorff	Mingledorff	Mingledorff	Mingledorff



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