



## Celebrating 120 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – May 2022

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### The Vicar's Vision

During my week-long conference in New Hampshire, I was gifted so much good information and I will share some of the basics with you but the reminder that will stay with me "I am both a Masterpiece and a work in progress". I cannot tell you how much I needed to hear those words.

I don't have to be all things to all people. I don't have to have all the right answers. My life in God is still unfolding. What good news that is for all of us.

There was so much more to my week but for now I will simply list some of the practical to do's that might benefit all of us.

1. Have an updated will. This is first on my to do list when I return home.
2. A daily spiritual practice has so many good benefits. Don't make it unachievable. Keep it simple. I am going to lean on reading Forward Day By Day and keeping a prayer list.
3. We have all been through a strange 2 years. Make sure you are okay. Reach out if you are lonely or feel disconnected.
4. Practice gratitude. I hope I do this already but I plan to be more aware of all my blessings.

5. Healthy habits.... These are a work in progress but I just keep working at it!

Thank you for the time away. I am refreshed and inspired.

Anne

### Community Outreach Opportunity

Dear Grace Church Family,

Here's another opportunity to be God's hands and feet, arms, ears, and heart. The Renaissance Center, Grace Assisted Living Facility off Main St. would just love to be a recipient of any volunteer time you might have. People at the far end of life often have little family and fewer visitors. A visitor of a younger age and different background is so welcome. I have been visiting a new friend for the past six months (about once a week) and can help answer questions you may have.

A visit with news from the "outside", reading aloud, doing a manicure, helping with a crossword puzzle, bringing a plant ...use your imagination. My thanks in advance for your consideration.

Ann Mingledorff, Senior Warden  
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## Junior Wardens' Report

The Richmond Diocese Garden Working Group met on 18 April via Zoom™, to discuss our respective garden projects to date, and to get a sense of the positive impact each of our gardens have on our faith community and our neighbors. The Rev. Anne West and Greg Kula participated; Greg filled in the participants on what and why we're growing the vegetables, and Vicar Anne informed the group of all the benefits – some expected, and some unanticipated – of our Unity Garden. It was a wonderful and informative meeting, as the Diocese has garden groups of all sizes and diverse goals. Our next meeting is on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Lee Hanchey will be the speaker, presenting on the community garden at All Souls Episcopal Church, Mechanicsville (and their inspiring work!).

Speaking of gardens, Vicar Anne and Greg Kula broke ground for our new flower garden, on the Ford Avenue side of the church. We took turns on the “bucking bronco” tiller, converting turf into flower beds. It's a work in progress but will soon be ready to plant with Vicar Anne's selection of annual flowers for our altar. Our eager parish children also helped removing clods and weeds to get the bed ready for cardboard, then soil. What a wonderful and inspiring way to celebrate spring, summer, and fall, and marvel at the beauty of His creation!

Our new Tupelo tree is leafing out nicely, and perhaps during a yet-to-be-scheduled Blue Jeans Saturday in May, some of us can get to work gently trimming the boxwoods and other bushes around our church. Also, visit the Unity Garden where Burt, Barbara, Harley, and others have done a great job planting and sowing, with crops sprouting all over!

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Kula

## ECW Meditation



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Ireland

Thank you to all who helped with YDC Snacks this past semester. Heather Meyers sends along her thanks and appreciation as well.

This year we helped with snacks for the Middle and Elementary School children. Margaret Myers said how much the boys and girls enjoyed our goodies!

In June the YDC summer camp will be held at Grace Church for two weeks. The ECW will help by providing a breakfast snack and lunch the week of June 27th.

Be on the lookout for ways you can help.

The Diocesan Spring meeting will be a hybrid meeting. The meeting will be on Saturday May 7th from 9 til Noon. Please see the attached flyer to register.

Wishing you all a Marvelous May!  
Jeannie

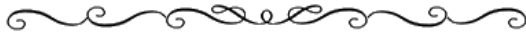
## God's Nature Summer Camp



**Save the date! July 25-29**

This summer, Grace Church will be hosting a nature camp. There is planning yet to be done and much information to follow, but there will be a way for everyone to be involved in helping it happen. For now, please keep the planning in your prayers and share any thoughts that you have with me or Vicar Anne!

Grace and Peace,  
Kathryn



## Unity Garden News

Red potatoes were prepared and planted by Bert and the garden crew. Now we watch and wait for 100 days until harvest.



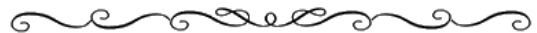
Blessings,  
Barbara Nye

## April's 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Brunch

“Bloom Where You’re Planted” was the theme for April’s 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Brunch. Joel and Gwen had set the tables with potted plants, prayer cards and papers suggesting ways to help cultivate community. Eleanor, Joel, and Neil greeted diners as they arrived. Autumn and Ocean, instructed how to choose their menu suggestions of Ratatouille, (Ann Mingledorff’s delicious contribution) Minna’s fresh fruit salad, Bert’s bacon, eggs, biscuits & gravy and Barbara’s ham & cheese casserole.

Then the menus were handed through the window to the kitchen staff where Minna, Mary Lou and Gwen plated the selections and handed the plates back to the servers. Kathy, Agnes, Jeannie, Joel engaged neighbors in conversation. Shortly after noon Jenny came to load the dishwasher. The last three of the 27 customers arrived fifteen minutes from closing. They had worked at Feeding Greene all morning and welcomed the rest and refreshment.

Blessings,  
Barbara Nye



## Rogation Celebration

Save the date! Grace Church will have a Rogation Celebration and outdoor Eucharist on Sunday, May 22nd, which is the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. More info to come.

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

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

**Birthdays**



- 01 Heidi Ladd
- 03 Bert Nye
- 06 Suzanne Pattison
- 15 Mary Hogge
- 16 Paul Newman
- 19 Maeve Fickes
- 20 Julie Winslow
- 23 Abraham Thomas
- 30 Mary Lou Potter  
Annelise Wright

**Anniversaries**



- 02 Angelo & Cathy Lagana
- 20 Lou & Kathy Hatter
- 24 Bobby & JoAnn McDaniel

**Baptisms**

- 03 Daniel Thomas
- 11 Barbara Nye
- 17 Jane Blum
- 22 Stephanie Stricker



On the first Sunday of each month, we will invite anyone with a birthday that month to come forward during the service for a prayer and blessing.

It is tradition to put an offering in the Church bank for the number of years you are celebrating.

*Lay Participation Schedule for  
May 2022*

	<b>05/01 3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>05/08 4th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>05/15 5th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>05/22 6th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>05/29 7th Sunday of Easter Sunday after the Ascension</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Acts 9:1-20	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 11:1-18	Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34
<u>Psalm</u>	30	23	148	67	97
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Revelation 5:11-14	Revelation 7:9-17	Revelation 21:1-6	Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5	Revelation 22:12-14, 16, 17, 20, 21
<u>Gospel</u>	John 21:1-19	John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35	John 5:1-9	John 17:20-26
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>10:00 AM</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>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
<u>LEM</u>	----	Linda Robbins	----	Minna Doyle	----
<u>Acolyte</u>	Larry Meslar	----	Pat Peck	----	Ann Mingledorff
<u>Lector</u>	Phil Palin	Betty Moreland	Gwen Atwood	Mary Hogge	Linda Robbins
<u>Intercessor</u>	Julie Winslow	Ann Mingledorff	Linda Robbins	Pat Peck	Mary Hogge
<u>Usher</u>	Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge	Larry Meslar	Scott Mingledorff	Linda Robbins
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Palin	McDaniel	Mingledorff	West	Nye
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Ann McDaniel Ann Mingledorff	Ann McDaniel Ann Mingledorff	Ann McDaniel Ann Mingledorff	Ann McDaniel Ann Mingledorff	Ann McDaniel Ann Mingledorff



*The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Virginia*  
2022 Spring Hybrid Meeting

Practicing the Way of Love Beginning with Self

*Led By*

The Rev. Deacon Natalie Perl Regan

Saturday, May 7, 2022



La Iglesia Episcopal De Santa Maria

7000 Arlington Blvd. Falls Church, VA 22042

Registration for in-person attendance begins at 9:00 am

*Breakfast and Lunch will be served.*

**Registration**

Click this link to register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0pcuCerzktGdZ77aZEYagdGc2\\_sfxIzD91](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0pcuCerzktGdZ77aZEYagdGc2_sfxIzD91)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting virtually.

We are asking for \$25 contribution from those who attend. Make your check payable to ECW and mail to the ECW Treasurer: Kaaron Austin, 7319 Willson Road, Henrico, VA 23231 OR send payment via Zelle to [ausink11@aol.com](mailto:ausink11@aol.com). Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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