



Celebrating 121 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – September 2022

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Vicar's Vision

Lest we forget, we are a community committed to spreading the love of Jesus everywhere we feel the Spirit leading us to walk. And may I say the Spirit has been busy in 2022 and we have followed and obeyed.

It might seem that much of what we have accomplished in the first 8 months has been very practical business matters and there has been a lot of discerning and work on the part of your Vestry to be faithful leaders of Grace Church. We still have much to do but we have accomplished one huge matter that has been a vision for over 20 years of Grace Church's life. We are putting a paved surface parking lot behind the church. The vision for this paved lot goes far beyond parking. We anticipate it being a wonderful play space for any of the youth activities we sponsor and support. We dream of outdoor concerts, Sunday worship during harvest season in the garden and other dreams yet to be dreamt.

All of this work has led me to pause and remind myself of my primary call to be your Pastor. I never want to get so bogged down in the business end of Parish life that I forget to pay attention to my call as Priest and Pastor. So you ask, What is that call Anne? Here is the answer to that question I have asked myself.

I am called to preach the Gospel in a way that offers you peace but also challenges you to dig deeper. I am called to empower the laity to service. I am called to lead us in meaningful prayer and worship. I am called to support and provide education that will deepen your faith journey. And I am called to be there for those sacramental moments of your life journey; from birth to baptism, confirmation, marriage, aging and preparing for your welcome into eternal life with God.

What I know for sure after 33 years of ordained ministry is that I cannot do any of this alone. It is only by the Grace of God and God's unfailing love for me that I can accomplish any of this. Like any human I have often fallen short of what God expects of me and what I expect of myself. But even in those moments of failure, I hope and pray I model for you what it means to not give up or stop trying to be the best Priest and human I can be.

This fall will mark the beginning of my 5th year with you. I am grateful for 4 blessed years and look to this next year with hope.

Much Love,
Anne+

Senior Warden's Report

Dear All,

Your Vestry met for a morning retreat on Saturday, Aug. 20th at our Vicar's new home at Piedmont, Madison. Excitement was palpable, as lots of good things are happening.

- We are sad to be losing our dear Parish Administrator, Linda Robbins but are very thankful to have secured a very competent successor, Melissa Napier. She will work with Linda in September to learn the job.
- Ron Morris and his parking lot committee now have specific plans and bids, and the Vestry voted to approve them.
- Former parishioner Gina Haney and her husband, Glen, have agreed to buy approximately four acres of our unused property which will help offset the cost of the new parking lot.
- We concluded our work by identifying our ministries in worship, fellowship, formation, and service/outreach.

I think my colleagues will agree with me that we have "Joy in Service".

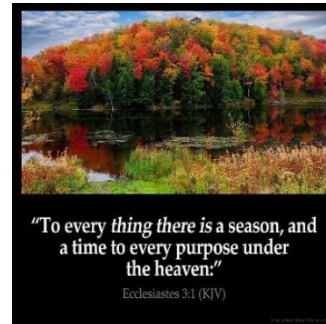
Faithfully,
Ann Mingleorff
Senior Warden

Junior Wardens' Report

We had a successful indoor Blue Jeans Saturday in August, although the humidity was too high to allow for painting the stucco outdoors. The room that will be used for Sunday School and Deacon Kathryn's office was cleaned-out and made ready for the new year.

We are planning to have our next Blue Jeans Saturday in September with the date to be determined.

ECW Meditation



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ECW NEWS and NOTES

YDC After School Snacks

Heather Meyers has asked if the ECW would like to help again with after school snacks for the YDC program. I have told her we would be able to help 2 or 3 times a month. If you would like to participate, please let me know and I will coordinate with Heather. In the past we have provided healthy snacks such as fruit, muffins, yogurt, cheese and crackers, milk, and homemade treats. Like last year, Monday and Wednesday are snacks for Middle School and Tuesday and Thursday are snacks for the Elementary School. The snacks are very much appreciated!

BAKE SALE

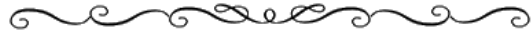
The ECW will have a bake sale on Saturday, October 8th at the Farmer's Market from 8 a.m. until noon. The ECW will use the proceeds from the bake sale to donate to local organizations and the Diocesan ECW objectives. If you would like to help either by making items or working at the table, or both(!) please talk to Jeannie Palin. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

Fall Meeting

The ECW Diocesan Board met by Zoom to discuss the Fall Meeting which will (hopefully) take place on Saturday, October 15th. Details are being worked out.

Heavenly Father please help us to accept change as beautifully as the leaves that fall in Autumn.

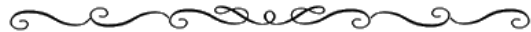
Jeannie Palin



Music

Hello everybody! Lenny and Suzanne are gearing up for quite a busy fall with school and orchestra (TWO orchestras for Suzanne, who is playing with Waynesboro AND Charlottesville Symphonies this fall)! That being said, we are very excited to begin Choir rehearsals at Grace on September 15th. We will meet from 6:15PM-7:15PM on Thursday nights every week. Feel free to come sing with us!

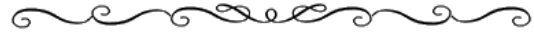
Lenny



"Faith & Conspiracy Theories," taught by the Very Rev. Ian Markham, Ph.D.
7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 15- Dec. 6
[Click to register.](#)

Conspiracy theories are one of the most destabilizing forces in America. From the conspiracies surrounding September 11 to QAnon, the DaVinci Code to The Big Lie, and beyond, conspiracy theories find fertile ground in people of faith. What is it in the DNA of religion that makes us open to conspiracy? What is the role of the church in responding to conspiracy? This short course will dive into a number of conspiracies, the theories in the

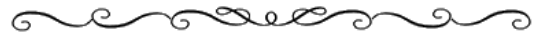
literature about the power of conspiracy theories, and how conspiracy intersects with the church.



Baptism



What a glorious day at Grace as we welcomed George, Liam and Will Crandall into the household of God and our Grace Church family on Sunday, August 14th.



Coming in October.....

October 2: Our Annual Parish Picnic with Piedmont Church

Where: Grace Chapel

When: Sunday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m.

What to bring: A covered dish to share, A lawn chair, Friends!

We will provide fried chicken and drinks!

Saturday October 8th: Blessing of the Animals

Where: The Farmer's Market

When: Saturday, October 8th 10:00 a.m. to noon

All pets welcome on leash or crate

Sunday, October 23rd:

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and celebrate the beauty of creation in the fall.

Where: Ducard Vineyards, Etlan, VA

When: Sunday, October 23, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

What to bring: A Friend!!

**† Birthdays, Baptisms, &
Anniversaries †
September 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 Bob Thomas
- 05 Phoebe Morris
Pat Peck
Betty Johnson
- 08 Abigail Grace Morris
- 11 Carole Schmidt
- 24 Brian Pattison
Debra Stohlman
- 25 Ron Mosher
- 28 Bruce Johnson
- 30 Rev. Anne West

Anniversaries

- 15 Ray & Ezmee Hutton
- 22 Scott & Julie Winslow
- 27 Wayne & Pat Marshall
- 28 Maxx & Leigh Newman



Baptisms

- 01 Ann Mingledorff
- 05 Larry Meslar
- 10 RE Hutton
- 16 Judy Estes
- 18 Lizzie Frankland
- 25 Ray Hutton



Lay Participation Schedule for September 2022

	09/04 13th Sunday after Pentecost	09/11 14th Sunday after Pentecost	09/18 15th Sunday after Pentecost	09/25 16th Sunday after Pentecost
	<i>Track 1</i>	<i>Track 1</i>	<i>Track 1</i>	<i>Track 1</i>
<u>1st Lesson</u>	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
<u>Psalm</u>	139: 1-5, 12-17	14	79: 1-9	91: 1-6, 14-16
<u>2nd Lesson</u>	Philemon 1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19
<u>Gospel</u>	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31
Ministry	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<u>LEM</u>	----	Ron Morris	----	Minna Doyle
<u>Acolyte</u>	Ann Mingledorff	----	Jean Byerly	----
<u>Lector</u>	Gwen Atwood	Phil Palin	Ann Mingledorff	Betty Moreland
<u>Intercessor</u>	Jeannie Palin	Pat Peck	Mary Hogge	Linda Robbins
<u>Usher</u>	Mary Hogge	Lou Hatter	Larry Meslar	Scott Mingledorff
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Morris	Hatter	Byerly, Koontz, Peck	Hogge
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins



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