



Celebrating 120 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – April 2022

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Vicar's Vision

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is hard for me to believe that this is the fourth year we will celebrate the Easter Resurrection together, and in person this year! I hope that each of you has found some way to mark the Lenten season in search for a deeper relationship with Christ. Lent is that journey we all need to take to acknowledge our human frailty and sin. Alone we can accomplish very little in the name of Christ. But we are not alone. We are part of the Body of Christ and together we can do mighty acts to bring healing and share the burden and joy of life.

Before we celebrate the resurrection, we will offer you the opportunity to walk with Christ through Holy Week. Listed below is the schedule of services offered. I encourage you to join us in this journey.

Thursday:

Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. – Stripping of the Altar

Friday:

Noon Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Stanardsville United Methodist

Good Friday liturgy at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Church

Easter Sunday, April 17th

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise hosted at the home of the Winslow's

9:00 a.m. Festive Easter Eucharist at Grace Church

Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children

We will gather to rejoice that the tomb is empty, that death never has the last word. You see, I am convinced that Easter is more than a holiday that falls on the first Sunday following the full moon on or after March 21. My faith tells me that Easter is a choice. It is the choice to cling to sorrow and death or open our hearts to God who will not let death have the final word.

Together we are the Church. Together we are God's hands and hearts and servants in the world. This Easter season I hope you will renew your commitment to this faith community. I hope you will encourage your family and friends to be a part of this Body of Christ. We need you. You need us. And God needs all of us to bring the kingdom of heaven nearer.

With Love,
Anne+

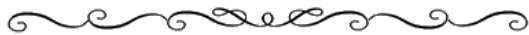
Mutual Ministry Review

On February 22nd, your Grace Church Vestry met from 5:30 TO 8PM with our Vicar, Anne West, and the Vestry from Piedmont, Madison, at The Station in Stanardsville for a mutual ministry review. The facilitator was the Rev. Canon Abbot Bailey, from Richmond.

A soup and salad supper were shared before Canon Bailey led the group through exercises designed for each Vestry to share some of its dreams for the future. Some of our expressed dreams for Grace were to work toward a strong, viable Sunday School and to encourage a variety of worship styles (e.g., Celtic, etc.).

Rather than being a mutually critical review which some of us had feared, the experience was both bonding and supportive, creating initial friendships with the Vestry of Piedmont and exciting us about going forward with a shared Vicar and with each other.

Ann Mingledorff
Senior Warden



Junior Wardens' Report

Grace Church Blue Jeans Saturdays are back in fashion! We held our first blue jeans event on Saturday, March 19th, and four volunteers made light work of some otherwise heavy lifting. The Byerlys used their truck to deliver loads of fresh wood chips to the Comm-Unity Garden, and also to the side entrance garden area after Vicar Anne and Greg Kula “chipped in” with Jean and Andy to remove the old wood chips. These chips will be used by Jean and her crew of neighborhood helpers to cover the area between our neighbor’s property and the Unity Garden. Nothing goes to waste!

During our March vestry meeting, we voted to purchase a replacement wide-screen TV from our church budget. Vicar Anne was kind enough to shop for, and purchase a new TV and deliver it to GEC in her roomy Kia! Andy and Greg were able to remove the defunct unit and replace it with the new TV. We look forward to its many uses!

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Kula



ECW Meditation

A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Let the rain come and wash away
the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds
held and nurtured over generations.
Let the rain wash away the memory
of the hurt, the neglect.
Then let the sun come out and
fill the sky with rainbows.
Let the warmth of the sun heal us
wherever we are broken.
Let it burn away the fog so that
we can see each other clearly.
So that we can see beyond labels,
beyond accents, gender or skin color.
Let the warmth and brightness
of the sun melt our selfishness.
So that we can share the joys and
feel the sorrows of our neighbors.
And let the light of the sun
be so strong that we will see all
people as our neighbors.
Let the earth, nourished by rain,
bring forth flowers
to surround us with beauty.
And let the mountains teach our hearts
to reach upward to heaven.

Amen.
Jeannie

Unity Garden News

The children are already helping with mulching. They asked for steps at the shed and a moveable set was built and painted.

Greg planted chard seedlings that he started under grow lights at his home. He mixed sand into the soil of one row in preparation for potatoes. Bert and I put beet, spinach, turnip, and early snap pea seeds directly into their rows.

Thank God for the rain and warm temperatures. Eagerly await the green!

Barbara Nye



Grace Church Ministry to Children

I hope you have noticed the presence of children in our midst. Lucie and Eloise have been part of the Grace family since birth but we now have welcomed other children to the community.

Donna Mawyer's girls often join us and love being helpful around the Church. Breanna and Autumn are her teenagers and Ocean, Mackenzie and Reagan love to come to Sunday school, help in the Unity Garden and are part

of the FAB (Ford Avenue Bikers) that Betty Moreland and Jean Byerly head up. Hailey Tipton, daughter to Lynn and Chris and cousin to Donna's kids, is part of this amazing group of children. She lives off of 29 in Ruckersville but Brian Pattison and other volunteers are always willing to stop and pick her up for Church and activities going on in the neighborhood. Harley Boone is a proud member of Grace, loves to support her friends and family and always offers to pray before our shared meals. Izayah, is son to Candice and is quickly becoming quite an athlete with his participation in the Greene County Parks and Rec soccer and basketball teams. We have recently welcomed Liam. His dad Will and Charlotte have found a loving church home at Grace and will welcome a sister for Liam in June.

Take time to get to know these wonderful children in our midst. They have so much to teach us.

We have a great group of adults who have joined together to be our Children's ministry committee. At our last meeting Barbara Nye took notes and was able to simplify our purpose and goals for these children.

The Purpose of Grace Children's Ministry:
Encourage Children's Health and Growth

Spiritually as we meet at the Garden, on the street and at church.

Mentally as we have conversations or play games.

Physically as we bicycle, walk, share chores and garden.

Emotionally by modeling Jesus's consistency and genuine caring

In the simplest terms we are called to show them the unconditional love of Christ by sharing love with them!

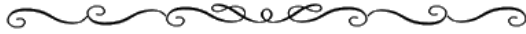
What a blessing this ministry is.

Anne+

Altar Guild News

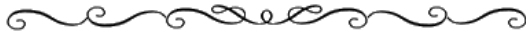
We will gather to polish silver and brass (some of it!) for Easter Day on Saturday, April 16 from 9:00am until 10:00am. See you then!

Jenny Morris



Choir

We hope you are all looking forward to hearing the magnificent sounds of our Bell Choir on Easter Sunday! We are also excited to announce that we will be returning to (singing) *Choir rehearsals* after a LONG time off. These will begin the first Sunday after Easter (April 24th) at 4:30PM and repeat each Sunday until further notice. Please join us in learning some new choir music for the Easter season and upcoming Ordinary Time! As always, let Lenny know if you have any questions.



Prayers for the needs known in our community

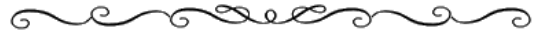
Grace Church is a faith community held together by our love for God others. In our worship service, we pray each other's prayers together. Outside of our time together, make it a part of your daily life to pray the prayers of our parish community.

Joel Atwood, Terry Atwood, Judy Braun, Valerie Campbell, Betty Chaney, Agnes Dalton, Bruce Hayes, Louise Hayes, David Hill, Lori Hogge, the Jenkins family, Mary Kates, John Keith, Larry Meslar, Sky Muller, Mary Neswinger, Carolyn O'Brien, David O'Brien, Kathleen O'Shea, Mary & Steve Perfater, Bill Schmidt, Matt Shackelford, Melinda Tanner, Marty & Charlie Terry, The Thomas family, and, James & Sawyer Webb.

Schoolhouse Thrift Shop Annex Grand Opening



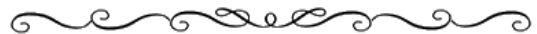
The Schoolhouse Thrift Shop, a longstanding ministry of the Charlottesville Region of the Diocese of Virginia, is expanding its space to include an adjacent space on Rio Road (the former Zoom Cash storefront). Please join the Thrift Shop as it celebrates the opening of the new Annex (1131 Rio Rd East) on Friday, April 1, and Saturday, April 2, from noon to 6 p.m. The Thrift Shop has a large inventory of clothes, shoes, jewelry, decor items, small appliances, kids' clothes, toys, games, and furniture items—all at fantastic prices.



Covid Protocol Update

As Greene County is now in the “green zone” according to CDC metrics of community Covid levels, we have relaxed our Covid protocols at Grace to conform with CDC recommendations and guidance from the bishop's office.

- Masks are optional in all settings at Grace.
- Communion is served in both kinds (bread and wine) with the Vicar intinction of the bread at the rail.
- Coffee fellowship has resumed.



Ukrainian Relief Efforts

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) and other Anglican partners in Europe are providing humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine. Your gift will help provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance to refugees from Ukraine. [Donate here](#) or write check to Grace Church with Ukraine in the memo field.

**† Birthdays, Baptisms, &
Anniversaries †
April 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 Julia Hatter
- 04 Ezmee Hutton (daughter)
- 07 Alexander Palin
- 08 Scott Mingledorff
Joel Atwood
- 20 Jenny Morris
- 21 Barbara Nye
- 22 Elizabeth Young
- 30 Henry Morris
Stephanie Stricker
Joe Meslar

Anniversaries



- 26 Scott & Ann Mingledorff

Baptisms

- 03 Zachary Wright
- 05 Ezmee Hutton (mother)
- 11 Laura Palin
Alexander Palin
Julia Hatter
- 16 Eloise Virginia Pattison
- 18 Martha Morris
- 19 Lucie Mae Pattison
Suzanne Pattison
- 27 Scott Mingledorff

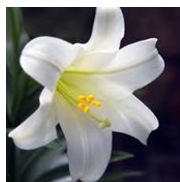


On the first Sunday of each month, we will invite anyone with a birthday that month to come forward during the service for a prayer and blessing.

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

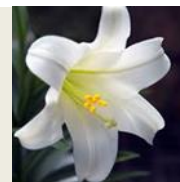
Lay Participation Schedule for March 2022

| | 04/03 5th Sunday in Lent | 04/10 Sunday of The Passion: Palm Sunday | 04/17 Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day | 04/24 2nd Sunday of Easter |
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| | | <i>(Liturgy of the Palms)</i> <i>Luke 19:28-40</i> | | |
| <u>1st Lesson</u> | Isaiah 43:16-21 | Isaiah 50:4-9a | Isaiah 65:17-25 | Acts 5:27-32 |
| <u>Psalm</u> | 126 | 31:9-16 | 118: 1-2, 14-24 | 150 |
| <u>2nd Lesson</u> | Philippians 3:4b-14 | Philippians 2:5-11 | Acts 10:34-43 | Revelations 1:4-8 |
| <u>Gospel</u> | John 12:1-8 | Passion Gospel Luke 22:14 – 23:56 | John 20:1-18 | John 20:19-31 |
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| Ministry | 10:00 AM | 9:45 AM | 9:00 AM | 10:00 AM |
| | <i>Holy Eucharist</i> | <i>Holy Eucharist</i> | <i>Holy Eucharist</i> | <i>Holy Eucharist</i> |
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| <u>LEM</u> | Minna Doyle | Ann Mingledorff | Ron Morris | Mary Hogge |
| <u>Acolyte</u> | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| <u>Lector</u> | Pat Peck | Ron Morris | Jeannie Palin | Scott Mingledorff |
| <u>Intercessor</u> | Ann Mingledorff | Jeannie Palin | Jenny Morris | Betty Moreland |
| <u>Usher</u> | Scott Mingledorff | Linda Robbins | Mary Hogge | Ann Mingledorff |
| <u>Coffee Hour</u> | Winslow | Atwood | <i>Easter</i> | Robbins/Meslar |
| <u>Altar Guild</u> | Jenny Morris Jeannie Palin | Jenny Morris Jeannie Palin | Jenny Morris Jeannie Palin | Jenny Morris Jeannie Palin |
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Easter Lilies!

A sign-up sheet is posted on the Information table in the sanctuary. Please sign up to purchase a lily in memory, honor, or thanksgiving by Palm Sunday.



A Different Kind of Lenten Fast

**It is a time to FAST from certain things
and to FEAST on others.**

It is a season in which we should...

FAST from judging others; **FEAST** on Christ dwelling in them.

FAST from emphasis on differences; **FEAST** on the unity of all life.

FAST from apparent darkness; **FEAST** on the reality of light.

FAST from thoughts of illness; **FEAST** on the healing power of God.

FAST from words that pollute; **FEAST** on phrases that purify.

FAST from discontent; **FEAST** on gratitude.

FAST from anger; **FEAST** on patience.

FAST from pessimism; **FEAST** on optimism.

FAST from worry; **FEAST** on Divine Order.

FAST from complaining; **FEAST** on appreciation.

FAST from negatives; **FEAST** on affirmatives.

FAST from unrelenting pressures; **FEAST** on unceasing prayer.

FAST from hostility; **FEAST** on non-resistance.

FAST from bitterness; **FEAST** on forgiveness.

FAST from self-concern; **FEAST** on compassion for others.

FAST from personal anxiety; **FEAST** on eternal truth.

FAST from discouragement; **FEAST** on hope.

FAST from facts that depress; **FEAST** on realities that uplift.

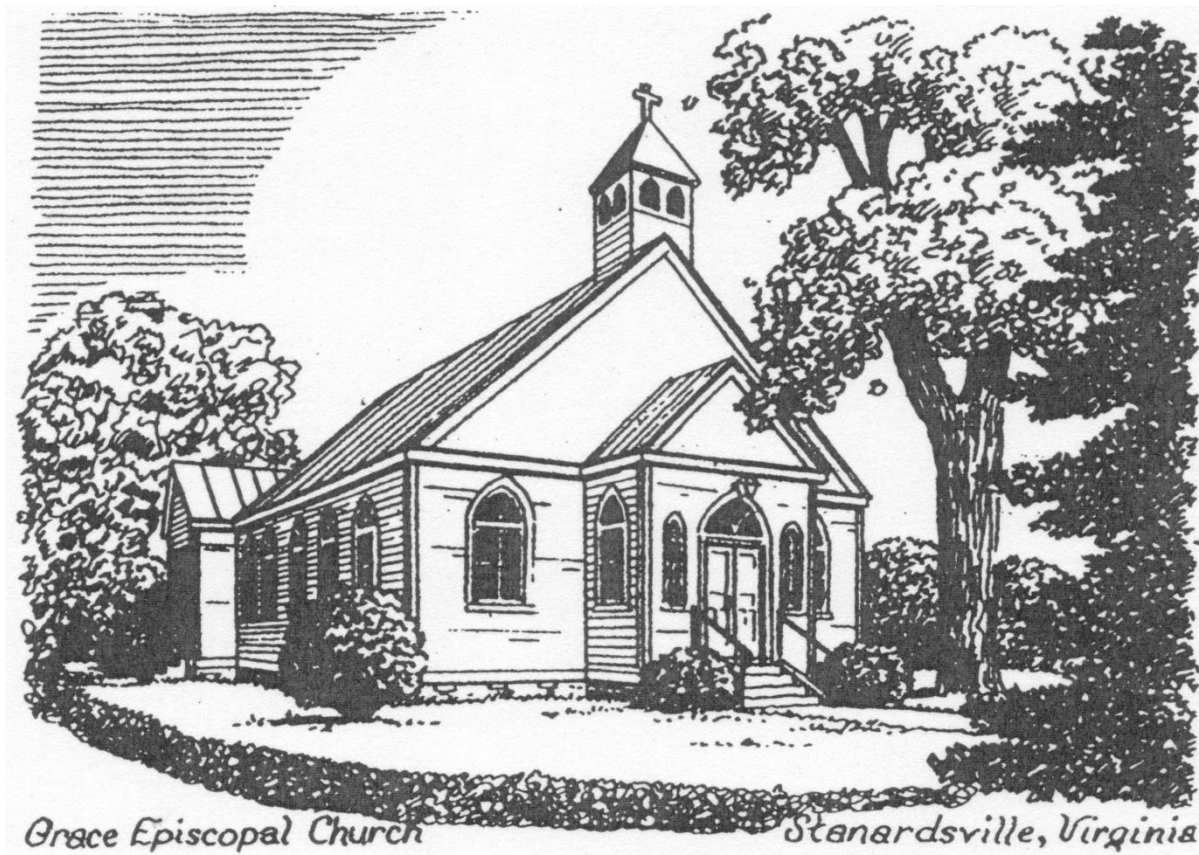
FAST from lethargy; **FEAST** on enthusiasm.

FAST from suspicion; **FEAST** on truth.

FAST from thoughts that weaken; **FEAST** on promises that inspire.

FAST from shadows of sorrow; **FEAST** on the sunlight of serenity.

FAST from idle gossip; **FEAST** on purposeful silence.



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