

Celebrating 116 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – February 2018

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Note From Pastor Grace

Dear Friends,

Depending on when you read this, I will either have had my last Sunday with you as supply priest, or it will be coming up this week. In either case, I thought I'd like to share a few thoughts with you.

Over the years, as you know, I've had a variety of relationships with Grace Church. I've filled in as organist, as occasional supply priest for Gary Barker and Charlotte Moore, as long-term supply for a year before Jane Piver came, and again now for seven months. In addition, being considered Priest in Charge during Jane's tenure has given me a place to "hang my hat," so to speak and to worship when I wasn't supplying elsewhere, as well as being able to be of assistance to Jane in various aspects of parish life.

I have enjoyed all of that time with you as we have shared so much congregational life together. Now that you have called Jeffrey to be your interim, I will need to step back, and I will not be worshipping with you for the near future. I may help Suzanne with the music from time to time, if it is all right with Jeffrey, but I will not be here as your priest. It seems fitting that my last Sunday with you will be the Sunday on which we have the readings for the Transfiguration. As you may know, that is one of my favorite events in the New Testament, and I think it has relevance for us today. After having this

wonderful "mountaintop" experience with Jesus, Elijah and Moses, Peter wants to fix things so they won't have to leave—even suggesting they build some kind of shelter so they can stay. But Jesus takes them down into the valley, where they are immediately confronted with a somewhat chaotic situation that must be dealt with.

It is very hard to move from a situation that seems good and right into one that is largely unknown, but that is always part of the journey for us as Christians, both individually and as congregations. The glory on the mountain, such as it may be, is always preferable to the unknown mess in the valley and the demands it may place on us. But the opposite of change is not to remain the same; the opposite of change is death. And just as Jesus accompanied the disciples on that journey back into the valley, so he accompanies us as we move out into unknown territory.

So I thank you for sharing your lives with me for these last seven months, and I wish you every blessing as you move forward with your search for a vicar and for the next steps of your ministry here. I will keep you in my prayers.

Grace

Vestry Update

First, we welcome our two new vestry members, Gwen Atwood and Barbara Nye, who were elected by acclamation at the annual meeting on Sunday, January 28th. Larry Meslar, who was finishing out an empty seat in 2017, has agreed to serve his own term and he was elected by acclamation as well. Thank you Gwen, Barbara and Larry, for agreeing to take on this service.

At the annual meeting, we also thanked Agnes Dalton, who is rotating off the vestry, for her service and her wise counsel.

Our most important news is the vestry's unanimous decision to ask the Rev. Jeffrey Fishwick to serve as our interim vicar. Jeffrey will begin work on Monday, February 12th and he will begin presiding on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Jeffrey has served as interim for a number of congregations, located all over the country, and he has the experience and the training to lead us through this transitional period. He also has deep roots in central Virginia, having done his undergraduate work at UVA and having served as rector of Christ Church, Charlottesville, for a number of years.

The Rev. Grace Cangialosi will conduct her last service with us – at least for now – on Sunday, February 11th. We will all have a chance to bid her farewell and to thank her at the coffee hour immediately after the service. As I mentioned at the annual meeting, without Grace's dedication and faithfulness to Grace Church, our congregation would be on very thin ice. She has served diligently and without complaint for far longer than she or we anticipated, and we owe her deep gratitude. The vestry urges you to try to join us on the 11th if you can.

Finally, we will be having our organizational meeting on Wednesday, February 7th. While the vestry anticipates continuing

work on most of the issues that occupied us in 2017 – the transition process, outreach and church finances – we also welcome your suggestions about other matters that need our attention. Please get in touch with any of us with your ideas.



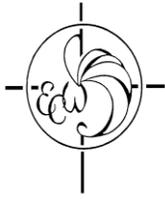
Looking Ahead to Lent:

- The **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** will be held on **February 13th at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Hall.
- There will be an **Ash Wednesday service** on **February 14th at 7:00 PM**.
- During Lent there will be **Soup & Salad Dinners** each Wednesday, on **February 21st, 28th, March 7th, 14th, and 21st**, beginning at **6:00 PM**. The theme for the evening programs will be *“A Walk Through the Prayer Book and What Comes Next.”*



We received a note from Bob & Eleanor Cary's daughter, Ellen, giving us an update on her Mom and Dad. Due to health issues and family relocation, they have moved to an assisted living center in Fredericksburg. Following is their new address. Ellen says that Bob & Eleanor enjoy very much receiving cards and notes from their friends. She also thanks everyone for their continued prayers, support, and friendship, which mean so much to her parents.

Bob & Eleanor Cary
c/o Poets Walk
3020 Gordon W. Shelton Blvd
Apt 302
Fredericksburg, VA 22401



LENTEN QUIET DAY

Thursday, February 22, 2018

offered by the

Episcopal Churchwomen of the Diocese of Virginia

“The Life of Faith in Four Songs”

Led by

**The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, Bishop Suffragan
Diocese of Virginia**

**Roslyn Conference and Retreat Center
8727 River Road
Richmond, Virginia 23229**

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Registration and coffee begin at 9:30 a.m. with Bishop Susan to begin at 10 a.m. *The cost for the day is \$35.*
For more information, please contact Mary Holly Bigelow at maryholly@verizon.net or 804-285-2598.

Name _____ Address _____

City and zip _____; Church _____

Telephone: _____ Email _____

Mail to Mary Holly Bigelow, 7613 Hollins Road, Richmond 23229 804-285-2598

**† Birthdays, Baptisms, &
Anniversaries †
February 2018**

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 (2001)
- 17 Rev. Grace's Ordination (1990)

Baptisms

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



Lay Participation Schedule for February 2018

	2/4 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	2/11 Last Sunday after the Epiphany	2/18 1st Sunday in Lent	2/25 2nd Sunday in Lent
<u>1st Lesson</u>	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Genesis 9:8-17	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
<u>Psalm</u>	147: 1-12, 21c	50: 1-6	25: 1-9	22: 22-30
<u>Epistle</u>	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	1 Peter 3:18-22	Romans 4:13-25
<u>Gospel</u>	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Mark 1:9-15	Mark 8:31-38
Ministry	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
<u>LEM</u>	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly
<u>Lector</u>	Betty Moreland	Betty Moreland	Betty Moreland	Betty Moreland
<u>Intercessor</u>	Pat Peck	Pat Peck	Pat Peck	Pat Peck
<u>Usher</u>	Andy Byerly	Andy Byerly	Andy Byerly	Andy Byerly
Ministry	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
<u>LEM</u>	Larry Meslar	Linda Robbins	Gwen Atwood	Minna Doyle
<u>Lector</u>	Ann Mingledorff	Jeannie Palin	Scott Mingledorff	Phil Palin
<u>Intercessor</u>	Mary Hogge	Jenny Morris	Ann Mingledorff	Roy Dye
<u>Usher</u>	Scott Mingledorff	Bill Schmidt	Paul Newman	Linda Robbins
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Atwood	Hatter	Newman	Dye
<u>Vestry Person</u>	Mary Hogge	Mary Hogge	Mary Hogge	Mary Hogge
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Julie Winslow	Julie Winslow	Julie Winslow	Julie Winslow

Note: Adult Forum: Will be starting a study of C. S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* on February 18th beginning at 9:15 on Sundays in the parish hall. You are invited to come and enjoy the coffee hour which follows the 8:00 service.



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