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GRACE NOTES – August 2017

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Vicar's Vision

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I've spent ten years as your priest here at Grace Episcopal Church and I've been spending a lot of time lately thinking about my past few years here. I remember how welcoming everyone was the first weekend I moved into town. Several families came to help us carry boxes and several more families provided hot homemade meals. I remember all the baptisms, Bishop's visits, weddings and funerals I've had the honor of serving at as well as all the various church functions I've been able to participate. . Most of all I remember all the heartfelt conversations that have happened in my office, Church kitchen and at the front of the church.

Today I am simply writing to say thank you for all you have given me. You are such an amazing congregation and it has been such a blessing to be your pastor. I am continually blown away by your compassion, generosity and willingness to serve. I can only hope that I have inspired all of you as much as you have inspired me. Thank you so much for all that you do. You make this place on the corner of Main and Ford Avenue in Stanardsville a holy place.

Abundant blessings of comfort and peace,
Pastor Jane

Note From Pastor Grace

Friends,

As you know by now, I will be with you as supply at least through the month of August or until you have called a trained interim. I'm glad to be back with you in this capacity, and I look forward to our time together.

In addition to the regular Sunday services, including those over at the Grace Community, and any pastoral needs or emergencies, I will be available at times during the week. I plan to be in the office on Mondays from 9-1 and at other times by appointment. I will check voice mail and email daily; Mary Hogge will be checking them, as well and will forward any that need my immediate attention.

Please don't hesitate to call if you need something or want to make an appointment.

With Appreciation



I would like to thank those folks who made a monetary donation when we lost Rocky Fitzhugh on May 9, 2016. We were able to award a \$1,000 scholarship to R.J. Payne. R.J. graduated from

William Monroe High School in 2017 and will be attending Randolph-Macon in the fall of 2017.

With appreciation,
Judy Fitzhugh Estes



On Saturday, September 9th the ECW will meet at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church's Peace Garden. We will gather at 10:30 for Prayer and Share in the gazebo. At noon we will have lunch at the pavilion next to the church. Please bring a dish to share. We have invited the women of Mount Vernon to join us for lunch. The church is located on Rt. 810. In the event of rain we will meet in our Parish Hall. I will send more information as the event gets closer but I wanted to make sure you all put this on your calendar.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannie Palin

Vestry Update

This has been a busy summer for the vestry, and we have had a number of meetings, so first I would like to thank the other members who cheerfully have given so much of their time.

The vestry's first priority is making plans for a successful transition to a new pastor. We have had several discussions with the diocese about identifying an interim vicar. Although there have been some encouraging signals, we have been told that there are an unusually large number of churches looking for interim help, and that is presenting some serious challenges to the diocese. We will keep you posted.

The vestry also gave some close attention to Grace Church's request for diocesan aid (the "CCM" request). The vestry is particularly grateful to Bev Bivins for her help in working through this process.

Preparing the CCM request required careful consideration of the church's mission and its financial resources. In this way it is similar to the budgeting process. The vestry wants to confirm Grace Church's commitment to local outreach, and that is reflected in the CCM request. But we also had to take a hard look at our financial situation. Although the church is in good shape for this year, it is clear that we will need to make some difficult decisions during our transition process. We will keep you up to date on this as well.

Of course, please get in touch with any of us if you have questions or if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Schmidt

UNITED THANK OFFERING

GIVE THANKS!

We sent \$576 to the Virginia UTO coordinator!

Grateful hearts are the reason the United Thank Offering is able to continue to award grants which are gifts of love, and which change lives.

The United Thank Offering is a vital mission arm of the Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Church Women.

The mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

The UTO is a way for each person to express tangible thanks to God.

United with the prayers and offerings of Episcopalians, its ministry reaches around the world.

Thank you all so much for your generosity.

Many organizations and churches will benefit from this offering.

UTO Prayer

Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life.

Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering; and keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way; through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

UTO 2017 GRANTS

The first priority of The United Thank Offering is to encourage the spiritual practice of gratitude and then to give grants from the abundant collection of coins and bills given each year to our Blue Boxes.

In 2017 the United Thank Offering annual grant recipients, seminarian and young adult grant recipients are working towards evangelism and reconciliation as a part of the Jesus Movement. The United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church awarded 47 grants for a total of \$1,169,969.55 for the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican

Communion. The 2017 grants were awarded to 34 Episcopal Church Dioceses, 8 Companion Relationships, 4 International Dioceses/ Provinces and 1 to continue our tradition of supporting Episcopal Church missionaries. Each year UTO grants are given from the amazing collection of those coins and bills from the Blue Boxes. Remember that each donation is given in gratitude for a blessing, and UTO simply passes that blessing along through its grants. If you need additional information or to start a UTO program in your parish, visit www.UnitedThankOffering.org or www.EpiscopalChurch.org/UTO to see a full list of grants awarded.

**† Birthdays, Baptisms,
& Anniversaries †
August 2017**

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

Birthdays

August

04 JoAnn McDaniel
Ethan Miller
Gene Miller

06 Joe Estes

13 John Mitchell
Virginia Fitzhugh

14 Maxx Newman
Grace Cangialosi

15 Jane Blum

22 Bill Schmidt

24 Katie Miller

25 Judy Estes

26 Bill Hemenway

28 Swanee Bullard

29 Keith Erikson
Cathy Brinkley



Anniversaries

August

08 Buck & Gene Miller

14 Whit & Cathy Brinkley

17 Bill & Carole Schmidt

19 Daniel & Sara Thomas

Baptisms

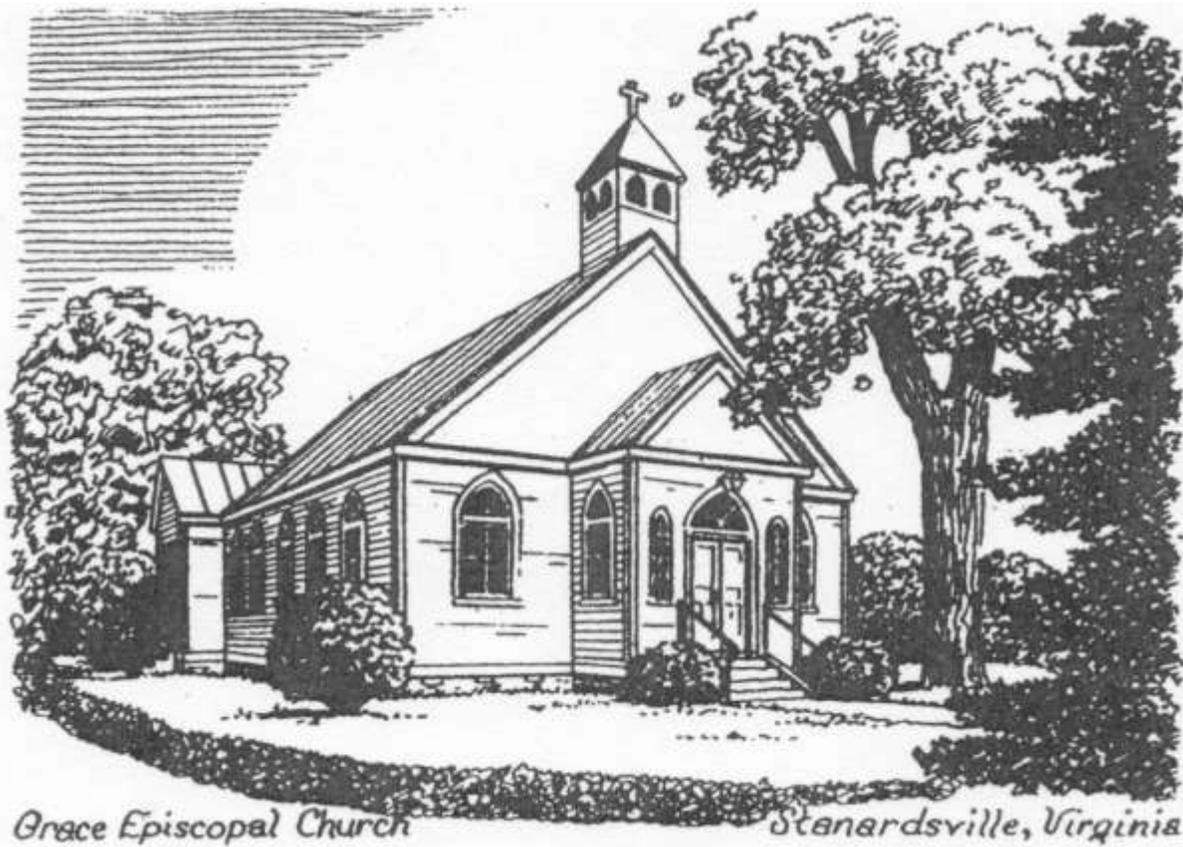
August

16 Julie Winslow

23 Scott Winslow

Lay Participation Schedule for August 2017

	08/06 Transfiguration of Our Lord	08/13 10th Sunday after Pentecost	08/20 11th Sunday after Pentecost	08/27 12th Sunday after Pentecost
<u>1st Lesson</u>	Exodus 34:29-35	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Genesis 45:1-15	Exodus 1:8 – 2:10
<u>Psalm</u>	99	105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	133	124
<u>Epistle</u>	2 Peter 1:13-21	Romans 10:5-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Romans 12:1-8
<u>Gospel</u>	Luke 9:28-36	Matthew 14:22-33	Matthew 15:10-28	Matthew 16:13-20
Ministry	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
<u>Acolyte</u>	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly
<u>LEM</u>	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly
<u>Lector</u>	Pat Peck Betty Moreland	Pat Peck Betty Moreland	Pat Peck Betty Moreland	Pat Peck 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>Acolytes</u>				
<u>LEM</u>	Mary Hogge	Cathy Lagana	Larry Meslar	Gwen Atwood
<u>Lector</u>	Jeannie Palin	Roy Dye	Ann Mingledorff	Ron Morris
<u>Intercessor</u>	Mary Hogge	Jeannie Palin	Jenny Morris	Julie Winslow
<u>Usher</u>	Angelo Lagana	Mary Hogge	Scott Mingledorff	Paul Newman
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	ANNUAL PICNIC	McDaniel	Mingledorff	Meslar
<u>Vestry Person</u>	Mary Hogge	Mary Hogge	Mary Hogge	Mary Hogge
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Cathy Lagana	Cathy Lagana	Cathy Lagana	Cathy Lagana



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