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GRACE NOTES – September 2017

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Vicar's Vision

Note From Pastor Grace

“More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.”

Alfred Lord Tennyson

These last two weeks have been ones of real turmoil and distress for all of us, and it is hard to know how or when it will all turn out. We've seen the faces of hate and of compassion, mobs of angry people with weapons and crowds of law enforcement officers trying to bring order. We've seen clergy and people of faith in gatherings for prayers and standing together in the face of hostility and anger. We've seen violence and even death. Most of us, I imagine, have also experienced a whole gamut of emotions: anger, fear, outrage, confusion, compassion, and perhaps over all of it, the question as to what we, as persons of faith, can or should be doing.

There is no one answer to that question; each person must decide that for themselves. But it is clear from our Scriptures and from our call as followers of Jesus, that we cannot sit by and close our eyes and ears. The prophet Micah said we are to do justice and love mercy and walk humbly with God.

(This article was written before Hurricane Harvey made landfall in the US.)

Jesus said the two greatest commandments are love of God and love of neighbor, and our own baptismal covenant calls us to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being. For us as Christians, those things are not negotiable. But the ways in which we honor those calls as individuals may differ greatly.

There are two things that all of us can do, regardless of our opinions or perspectives on the events around us. We can engage in conversation and in listening—really listening—to those with different opinions from our own. Most of us, and I include myself, are much more comfortable being in an echo chamber, where we hear our own voices and opinions reflected back to us instead of having to deal with opinions and ideas that make us uncomfortable. But that will not advance the conversation or help to bring in God's Kingdom, because nothing will change. And it also means that we will not learn anything new that might help us in our understanding of people and events.

And the other thing we can—and must—do, is to pray. We can pray for those who are in pain or are angry or who seem to be consumed by hate. We can pray for God to help all of us to be open to one another and to the Spirit's leading. We can pray for our leaders, both national and religious, to stand against the forces of darkness and help us heal our divisions. And, perhaps most importantly, we can pray for ourselves that we, too, might be open to the leading of God's Spirit so that we can be compassionate instruments of God's peace. Praying may not seem like enough or very much at all, but Jesus promised that we do not pray or act alone. "I am with you always," he said, "even to the end of the age".

Blessings,

Grace



The Table of the Lord

In November the Altar Guild will be having our annual polishing party.

The date and time will be announced.

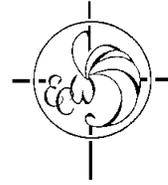
We love to have company for dinner or special occasions and set our table special for company. It is the Table of the Lord that we visit every Sunday, for special occasions to celebrate, and sometimes for a sad occasion, and we set Our Lord's table accordingly.

What better way to be hands on with Jesus than to set his table for him? We need volunteers once a month, working together with a partner or working alone; it can give you comfort to be so close to Jesus and peace of mind while talking to him in his home.

The members of the Altar Guild will be more than happy to help you learn to set his table. We will have a sign-up sheet, come and sign up.

Please see Cathy Lagana if you have questions.

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ECW NEWS AND NOTES

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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. Drinks, plates and utensils will be provided. We have invited the women of Mount Vernon to join us for lunch. The church is located on Rt. 810. Head West on Rt. 33 turn left on Rt. 810 and go 1.9 miles. The church is located on the left. In the event of rain we will meet in our Parish Hall. Please plan to attend! This will be a good time to catch up on what we have all been doing these last few months!

SAVE THE DATE

On Thursday October 12th the Diocesan ECW will have its Fall Meeting and UTO Ingathering at Christ Church Glen Allen. The Guest speaker is The Reverend Melanie Mullen, Director of Reconciliation, Justice and Creation Care. The registration fee is \$25 and includes a buffet lunch. If you would like to attend please see Jeannie Palin. The registration deadline is October 2nd. A flyer is on the bulletin board.

Hurricane Relief

Donations for people impacted by Hurricane Harvey can be sent to The Episcopal Relief & Development Fund at <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

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Hello Prayer Partners,

Thank you again for all your help with the YDC Camp: For sponsoring the Square Dancing, providing a week of snacks and lunch/dinners, finding yarn, winding it into appropriate size balls, designing projects, donating crochet hooks and knifty knitters, giving hands-on tutoring to campers and most important of all, praying for the children and families served by the YDC. We couldn't have included these blessings in the camp without you all.

Let's keep praying for YDC as the fall program begins:

Praise God:

For all the things Mike points out in the attached newsletter.

That many children are choosing healthy foods such as salads (even when we ration the Ranch Dressing ☺,)

That campers, counselors and volunteers reported many evidences of transformed attitudes and behaviors, especially attentive listening and then following directions.

For the enthusiasm of the campers who want to start a Yarn Skills Club.

Ask God to:

Encourage and give hope to families.

Protect and guide the children going into 6th grade (William Monroe Middle School).

Provide loving adults to role model and under-gird the positive interactions that campers saw in action this summer: **Compassion, Humility, Patience, Courage, Forgiveness and Selflessness = Kind is Cool.**

Give teachers those qualities as they work with their students.

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Enable Mike Alley to find replacements for the After-School leaders and volunteers as they head back to college.

Provide a Nutrition Coordinator to implement the program begun last spring.

Instruct the YDC Advisory Board as to how to move forward.

Bert and I are praising God for your feedback with excellent ideas as to how to "tweak" the program.

Blessings,
Barbara



Noteworthy Upcoming Events

Region XV Meeting:

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop, is coming to Charlottesville on September 7th, along with all three of our bishops, and there will be a Eucharist at St. Paul's Memorial for Region XV at 5:30 that evening. A couple of members of Grace Episcopal will be participating in the choir for that event.

A Date with the Grande Dames:

Presented by the Art Guild of Greene on Sunday, September 17th, beginning at 5:30 PM in the PVCC Community Room in Stanardsville.

This very special program will pay tribute to our very own Eloise Giles and Jeraldine Tata, as well as Ethyle Giuseppe, with a wine reception, silent auction, and buffet dinner. Delegate Rob Bell will be the guest speaker. There is a flyer on the hall bulletin board with information on how to purchase tickets. Please join us in showing our love for these wonderful ladies!

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

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

Birthdays



- 02 Bob Thomas
- 05 Phoebe Morris
Pat Peck
- 08 Abigail Grace Morris
- 11 Carole Schmidt
- 24 Pam Lawson
Brian Pattison

Anniversaries



- 01 John & Dottie Mitchell
- 08 James & Judy Painter
- 11 Keith & Gwenn Erikson
- 15 Ray & Ezmee Hutton
- 22 Scott & Julie Winslow

Baptisms



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

Lay Participation Schedule for September 2017

	09/03 13th Sunday After Pentecost	09/10 14th Sunday after Pentecost	09/17 15th Sunday after Pentecost	09/24 16th Sunday after Pentecost
<u>1st Lesson</u>	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Genesis 50:15-21	Jonah 3:10-4:11
<u>Psalm</u>	26:1-8	119:33-40	103:1-13	145:1-8
<u>Epistle</u>	Romans 12:9-21	Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21-30
<u>Gospel</u>	Matthew 16:21-28	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16
Ministry	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
<u>Acolyte</u>		Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	
<u>LEM</u>		Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	
<u>Lector</u>	Pat Peck Betty Moreland	Pat Peck Betty Moreland	Pat Peck	Pat Peck Betty Moreland
<u>Intercessor</u>	Pat Peck	Pat Peck	Pat Peck	Pat Peck
<u>Usher</u>	Jim Koontz	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>	Gwen Atwood	Mary Hogge	Cathy Lagana	Larry Meslar
<u>Lector</u>	Gwen Atwood	Scott Mingledorff	Betty Moreland	Phil Palin
<u>Intercessor</u>	Roy Dye	Ann Mingledorff	Bill Schmidt	Julie Winslow
<u>Usher</u>	Joel Atwood	Roy Dye	Mary Hogge	Lou Hatter
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Ladd	Nye	Morris	Hogge
<u>Vestry Person</u>	Bill Schmidt	Bill Schmidt	Bill Schmidt	Bill Schmidt
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Hogge & Robbins	Hogge & Robbins	Hogge & Robbins	Hogge & Robbins

Note: New adult forum program will begin on September 10th. It's on the Apostle Paul and his writings, taught by Prof. Luke Timothy Johnson, who is an engaging lecturer. Begins at 9:15 on Sundays in the parish hall. You are invited to come.



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