



## Celebrating 116 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – June 2018

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### A Note From Jeffrey

#### The General Convention

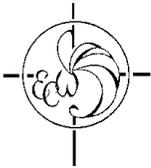
The General Convention of the Episcopal Church, its legislative and governing body, will meet this summer in Austin, Texas from July 5-13. One of the items on the agenda will be to discuss the possible revision of Book of Common Prayer. Perhaps this will be jarring news to some but it's been over 40 years since our current prayer book was adopted. The 1892 Prayer Book was revised in 1928 (36 years). While I am out of the loop on what our liturgical experts have in mind, several things seem probable: more inclusive language, probably a de-emphasis on monarchical language (Lord, King, Kingdom), instead of man and woman in the marriage rite, the pronouns will be left blank.

Other issues less agreed upon but certainly up for discussion are: Open communion, changes in the Nicene Creed (in addition to perhaps making it optional), and changes in the Eucharistic Prayers (currently there are 4 options for Rite II). Increasingly scholars are telling us that the words in the Lord's Prayer, "lead us not

into temptation," are not as accurate from the Greek as "save us from the time of trial." Regardless, I am sure you will be hearing a lot regarding possible changes to our liturgy in the time ahead that your new Vicar will be able to help you with.

In order to gently introduce us to this time of change we are going to mix things up a bit in our worship this summer. For instance for one month the 8 AM service will use Rite I and the 10 AM service will be using an experimental Eucharistic Prayer, authorized by the Church, from "Enriching our Worship". We are doing this not just for change's sake but in order to expose our Grace Church family to the changes that are coming down the road. It will also give us a choice of which service we would like to attend for a period this summer instead of having the same service at both services.

Faithfully,  
Jeffrey



## ECW NEWS AND NOTES

### Restoring Ourselves

In our daily lives we may get lost in our thinking, in our worries, and in our various projects. To sit is to restore ourselves, to become fully present and fully alive in the here and the now. Following your breathing, calming your body and mind, you can become present easily and quickly. It takes five or ten seconds for us to restore ourselves fully and produce our true presence in the here and the now. We offer that quality of being to ourselves, to each other, and to the world.

*Taken from the book SIT, by Thich Nhat Hanh*

As we begin the summer months let us take time to sit in silence, to restore ourselves.

Become fully present. My hope is that we will all feel God's presence in our lives and that we will be nourished and refreshed.

### A United Thank Offering Talk

On Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Claire Hitchins, from Charis Community in Charlottesville, will speak and show slides at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The Charis Community received a United Thank Offering grant in 2015 to help the community get started. Claire will share what "Intentional Community" means and how it has affected the lives of people who live in the Charis Community. They have applied for another UTO grant to expand their facility to "welcome the stranger." Please plan to attend to hear how "**Change Changes Lives!**"



### GIVE THANKS!

Be sure to get a blue box so that you can offer your thanks and prayers by daily putting coins into your box. Our UTO ingathering will be on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Just a normal day in the life of your church secretary!

*(A note from Linda Robbins)*

While sitting in my office this afternoon (5/22), I heard a strange sound coming from the electrical closet. It turned out to be running water. After checking out several places it could have been coming from, Mary Taylor and I came to the conclusion that it was a broken pipe in the wall. We turned the main water supply off and I called Tommy from KAT. I guess he heard the distress in my voice, because he dropped what he was doing and arrived within a half an hour. He broke through the wall to find a wet mess. He went under the church, crawled through the dirt crawl space and got to the bad water line. He turned the individual valve for the Sacristy off, so we have water again in the rest of the building. He will be back later this week to fix the pipe and the wall has to dry out before it can be closed up again.

While Mary and I were in the kitchen talking to Tommy as he was cleaning some of the mud off himself, I happened to look up at the ceiling (not sure why).....and saw several water marks and then turned around and saw the paper peeling off the sheetrock at the other end. We all went outside and saw an exposed ridge vent. Tommy said he will be returning ASAP to get them replaced.

**Update:** Tommy had new shingles on the roof and ran a new water line to the Sacristy in less than 24 hours. We are now just waiting for their quote on the ceiling work and insurance approval to begin demolition. The entire kitchen ceiling has to come down, be dried out, and replaced. The kitchen will be off limits for several weeks. Thank goodness that Small Steps is out for the summer!

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

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

**Birthdays**



02 Sara Thomas

09 Eloise Giles

10 Eleanor Wabnitz

19 Betty O'Connor

22 Ann Mingledorff

26 Larry Meslar

29 Linda Robbins

30 Amy Jo Sacra  
Zachary Miller

**Anniversaries**



17 Bill & Ann Hemenway

23 Herb & Ann Marie Fickes

26 George & Suzanne Haney

**Baptisms**

04 Annelise Wright  
Amelia Stankwitz

07 Heidi Ladd

10 Eleanor Cary  
Joseph Meslar

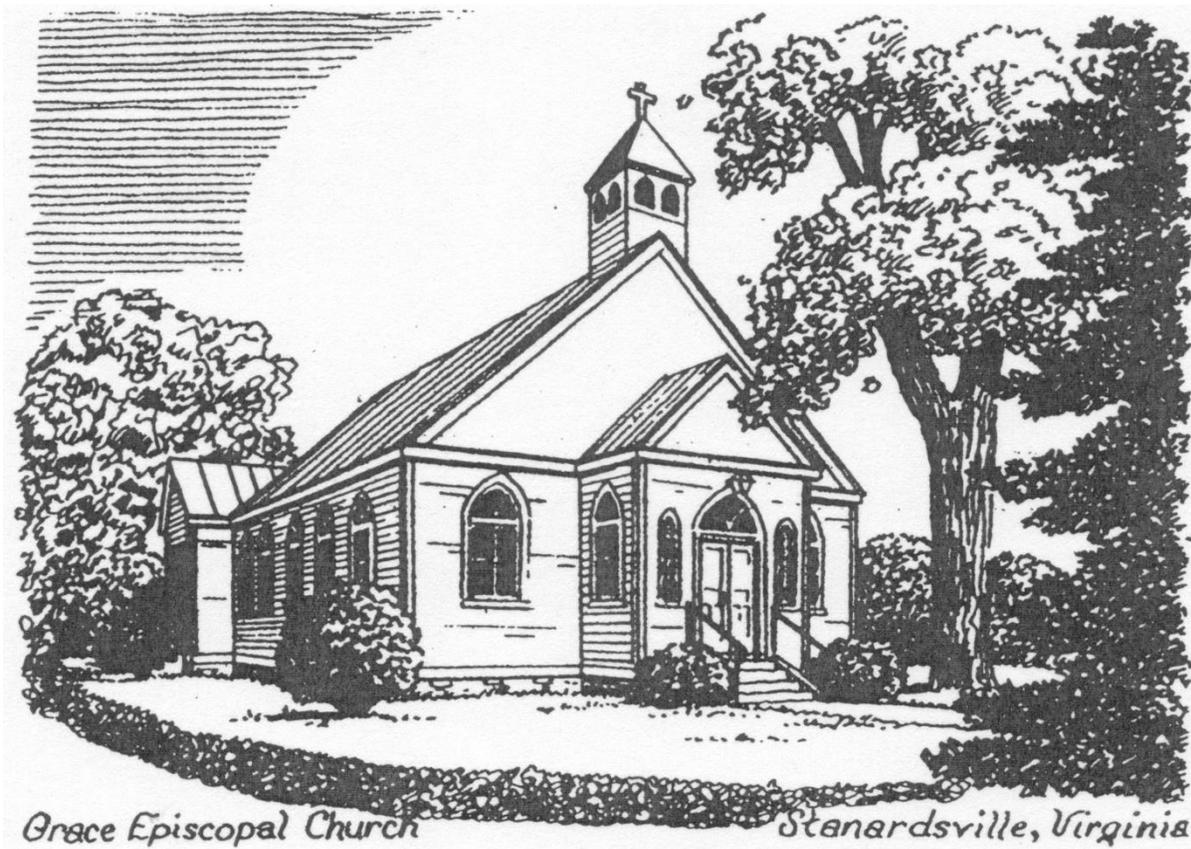
18 Gwen Atwood



## Lay Participation Schedule for June 2018

	<b>6/3 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>6/10 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>6/17 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>6/24 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<u>Lesson</u>	1 Samuel 3:1-10	TBD	TBD	1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23
<u>Psalm</u>	139 1-5, 12-17	TBD	TBD	107 1-3, 23-32
<u>Gospel</u>	Mark 2:23 – 3:6	Mark 3:20-35	Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:35-41
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</u>				
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<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
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<u>LEM</u>	Cathy Lagana	Mary Hogge	George Long	Larry Meslar
<u>Lector</u>	Linda Robbins	Ron Morris	Roy Dye	Bill Schmidt
<u>Intercessor</u>	Bill Schmidt	Jenny Morris	Mary Hogge	Ann Mingledorff
<u>Usher</u>	George Long	Bill Schmidt	Linda Robbins	Scott Mingledorff
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Ladd	Morris	Hogge	Hatter
<u>Vestry Person</u>	Pat Peck	Pat Peck	Pat Peck	Pat Peck
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Cathy Lagana	Cathy Lagana	Cathy Lagana	Cathy Lagana

**Note:** The adult forum is discontinued for the summer.



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