



## Celebrating 117 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – September 2018

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Note From Jeffrey

As my time here draws to a close on September 16, let me say, once again, what a joy it has been to serve with you during these past 7 months. I love the Spirit here and the willingness to join together for the common good as evidenced by the strong support of changing the Sunday Worship schedule. Your outreach into the community is stellar. You love to sing and praise the Lord! I love the way you pass the Peace! Thanks to all the good food offered here at various times, I have gained 5 pounds! Seriously, all of you have added to the rich tapestry that formed my time here but special thanks to Linda Robbins, Suzanne Pattison and Bill Schmidt.

As I have noted, probably too often, the Biblical model for interim, transition ministry is St. John the Baptist. "Prepare the way," is the mantra. I pray in some way that I have facilitated that goal. I ask your forgiveness for the times I fell short. Another image for an interim pastorate is relief pitcher. A relief pitcher comes into the game for a short period of time to preserve and hopefully finish with a good result. Theologically, I can't say save because that's not my department!

With a call to a new Vicar, a new inning, a new chapter begins for Grace Church. How exciting! I am sure you will greet the new person with the same positive attitude and grace that with which you welcomed me into

your midst. Please know of my prayers and good wishes for this wonderful Grace Church community! After 42 years of active ministry I'm thinking full retirement now, but then I've said that at least 3 times before.

In Thanksgiving,  
Jeffrey



### ECW NEWS AND NOTES September

The Grace Church ECW will kick-off its Fall Meeting on Friday, September 7th at Kilauren Winery from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The winery is located off of RT. 810, on Evergreen Church Road. Please carpool if you can. We will enjoy a glass of wine from Kilauren, the beautiful setting at the winery, and, as always, being with our sisters! If you would like, we are allowed to bring hors d'Oeuvres to share. The cost is \$5. Ann McDaniel will be collecting the money. All are welcome!

Once again the ECW will help with YDC snacks for the after school program. Our goal is to provide snacks two times a month. Please consider helping to either make a healthy snack or deliver the snacks to NGES. More information to follow regarding the days we will be volunteering.

On Saturday, October 6th we are hoping to have a bake sale on the front lawn of the church. Rumor has it, that there will be an event in downtown Stanardsville on October 6<sup>th</sup>; the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Octoberfest! The event will be from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. It sounds like a fun afternoon that we can be participants. More information to follow.



## Vestry Update

Notwithstanding a pretty miserable summer as far as weather is concerned, our Grace community has been very active indeed. Accordingly, this update is really about the Vestry's thanks to the people who have been responsible for making so much happen.

Probably most importantly, an unfortunate leak in the kitchen ceiling has been turned into an opportunity to complete a significant upgrade to the parish hall. The kitchen has been repaired, some related repairs have been made to the ceiling of the parish hall, and the baffles have been completed and installed. We can all now actually hear one another! Linda – with characteristic tenacity and strategy – handled our insurance claim and made sure the work got done quickly. Larry led the effort to assemble and install the baffles. And we also shouldn't forget Tommy Eppard for his hard work and expertise in making the repairs. Finally, we should remember Lisa Hystad, who came up with the design for the baffles, based on a fortunate field trip to the Barboursville winery. Many, many thanks to all.

We are settling into our new Sunday worship schedule – one service at 9:30 a.m. This is quite a difficult change for many of our “eight o'clockers”, but they have been graceful and understanding. This positive attitude should not be taken for granted, and we are grateful.

We also need to thank everyone who contributed to our annual parish picnic on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. People brought food and drink, picked up fried chicken from Payton's, and helped set up and clean up. This is one of those situations where there are literally too many people to thank individually (at least in a short update).

Finally, we all owe our thanks to the members of our Search Committee. They have spent considerable time recently getting to know our candidates, traveling to hear them preach, and pursuing due diligence. They all are taking their job very seriously and are working hard to identify the right person to serve as our vicar. During this critical period of their service, they deserve our thanks and prayers.

The Vestry is looking forward to an active and productive Fall. We likely will be working with a new vicar, helping him or her to find their footing and getting to know our congregation. We are also planning to continue our focus on the perennial – but critical -- issues of growth and financial stability. More on these is surely to come; we will keep you posted.

Blessings,  
Bill Schmidt  
Senior Warden



## Notice:

The Greene County Ministerial Association, in celebration of its 50 years of ecumenical ministry, would like to invite everyone to attend the Greene Jubilee on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at Emmanuel Christian Center, Ruckersville. Pot luck begins at 12:30 PM and music begins at 1:00 PM. Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share!

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

	<b>09/02 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>09/09 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>09/16 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>09/23 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>09/30 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<u>Lesson</u>	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Isaiah 50:4-9a	TBD	TBD
<u>Psalm</u>	15	146	116:1-8	TBD	TBD
<u>Gospel</u>	Mark 7:1-8,14,15, 21-23	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	John 9:38-50
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>				
<u>LEM</u>	Minna Doyle	Cathy Lagana	Linda Robbins	Pat Peck	Jean Byerly
<u>Lector</u>	Joel Atwood	Jeannie Palin	Margaret Myers	Scott Mingledorff	Pat Peck
<u>Intercessor</u>	Pat Peck	Bill Schmidt	Roy Dye	Ann Mingledorff	Mary Hogge
<u>Usher</u>	Roy Dye	Angelo Lagana	Bill Schmidt	Lou Hatter	Linda Robbins
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Dalton	McDaniel	Mingledorff	Meslar	Atwood
<u>Vestry Person</u>	Pat Peck				
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins				

Coffee hour in the parish hall follows the service. Our kitchen/parish hall construction is done and the sound-absorbing panels are installed.