



## Celebrating 117 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – July 2019

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The Vicar's Vision (is on break this month)*

### Facilities Update



The church roof is complete!!! The 51 year old metal roof has been removed and a new factory-painted metal one has been installed. I must say, it was pretty scary watching the work. Not just because of the fact that the roofers were working with only ladders and ropes, but the fact that once all the metal was removed you could actually see through the wood roof from one side to the other. If any of the weakened seams of the old metal would have leaked over the sanctuary (as they did in the sacristy), there definitely would have been water damage on the restored plaster walls. With this construction project, we have protected our place of worship and it has also made the building look more inviting to those in the community.

The work on the Ford Avenue vestibule flooring and door is on the calendar to begin the second week of July and should only take about two days to complete. We are lovingly taking care of our little church!

### Parish Life

Grace Church has partnered with the Greene Care Clinic, frequently referred to as the "Free Clinic", to help with the medical supply building. The Supply Closet is a cute little building on Ford Avenue next to Feeding Greene. The vestry agreed to assist in 3 areas: cleaning & organizing, maintaining an inventory, and helping to spread the word about the medical supplies that are available to people who live in Greene County. Grace Church will not be involved with the patients, only the supplies. The initial cleaning and organizing has been started and work will continue through the summer.

People who need items such as crutches, diapers, leg braces, shower chairs and many other types of medical supplies should contact the Greene Care Clinic.

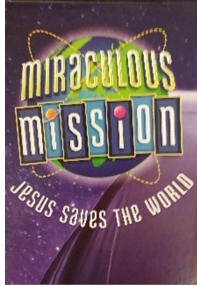
Grace Church will celebrate our annual Homecoming and Potluck Lunch at Blue Ridge School on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Our 9:30 AM Eucharist service will be held at the Gibson Memorial Chapel at Blue Ridge School with the picnic following immediately after. The church will provide fried chicken, paper goods, and beverages. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets along with side dishes or desserts.

Activities will include games on the lawn, paddling the BRS canoes on the lake, and swimming in the BRS pool.

Please let Linda know if there are any friends of the church that she should include in our invitations.



## Outreach



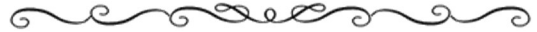
A rocket has landed in the basement of Grace Episcopal Church. Rumor has it that it will blast up into Parish Hall on Sunday, July 14th as parishioners decorate to welcome the YDC Middle-school campers we're hosting during the week of July 15th through 19th. Join the Miraculous Mission journey!

### Ways You Can Help With VBS Decorations & Activities

- ❖ Donate yards of black or navy-blue tulle or netting.
- ❖ Collect bottle caps, all sizes to use as stencils when doing a planet-filled sky painting.
- ❖ Save Flat Cardboard approx.. 12" x 15" to use inside tee shirts as we dye the fronts only.
- ❖ Donate Fabric glue to use in puppet making.
- ❖ Help middle school campers sew puppets on a sewing machine. (Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>). Contact Barbara Nye or Debbie Stohlman to volunteer
- ❖ Oversee kitchen skills as campers prepare taco ingredients for lunch Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Celebrate the Miraculous Mission with an outer space (or is that outdoor space???) picnic at Greene Community Park. Mission Commanders for the picnic: Angelo and Cathy Lagana.

Unity Garden Growing: One hundred feet of soaker hose was donated and then installed as an efficient watering system. Plot gardeners have been weeding and trying various methods to discourage the deer that have discovered our tasty tomato plants. Circles of stones surround watermelon seed hills. We're watching to see what happens in this first year of the Unity Garden.

Many thanks to all who helped with the Neighborhood Brunch on Saturday, June 29th. Getting the word out to the community provides an atmosphere of welcome. Delicious food and interesting conversations furthered God's embracing call to fellowship with Him and our neighbors. How sweet is that?



## ECW NEWS AND NOTES July

### Episcopal Church Women---A Path in Christian Spirituality

#### Who We Are

We are all women of the Episcopal Church: Rooted in our past and growing into God's Future.

#### Mission Statement

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Virginia, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, share the love of God by making Christ known in the world through prayer, education, concern for others and joyful service.

#### Our Logo

The Cross represents Christ and our service to Him in the world. The circle stands for our hope for the wholeness in our lives. The out flowing lines from the center depict the many works of Episcopal Church Women going out into the world. The intertwined lines represent our lives centered in Christ.

## **Our Motto: “Joy in Service”**

### **Purpose & Program**

Purpose: The purpose of the ECW is to assist the women of the Episcopal Church to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world and to take their place as leaders in the life, governance and worship of the church.

Programs: The programs of the ECW include the following categories:

- Spiritual Growth and Nourishment
- Prayer and Worship
- Mission and Ministries
- Education
- Leadership Training
- Workshops and Seminars
- Retreats
- Gifts and Scholarships

### **Mission & Ministries (Service)**

- South Africa Partnerships
- Human Trafficking
- AIDS & HIV Ministry
- Triangle of Hope
- Prison Ministry
- Jackson-Feild Homes
- Our Little Roses
- St. Andrew’s School
- Boys Home Covington
- Viva Voce & Communion Alms
- United Thank Offering-UTO

### **Education & Leadership**

- Annual Meetings
- Overnight Board Meetings
- Diocesan Convention Meetings
- Triennial Conferences
- Newsletters
- Websites: [www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net)  
[www.episcopalchurch.org/ecw](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ecw)

### **The Episcopal Church Women’s Prayer**

Almighty God, we pray that You will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your son Jesus.

Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light through the world. Amen  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jeannie Palin

## **UNITED THANK OFFERING**

**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 **Offering**.

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.

† **Birthdays, Baptisms, &**  
**Anniversaries** †  
**July 2019**

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

**Birthdays**

01 Joe Winslow

07 Ezmee Hutton (mother)

08 Lizzie Frankland  
Gwen Atwood



09 Pat Marshall

13 Ray Hutton

16 Agnes Dalton  
Buck Miller

17 Scott Winslow  
Minna Doyle

21 Terry Chellis

24 Phil Palin

**Anniversaries**

09 Charlie & Taylor Devine

19 Joe & Judy Estes



**Baptisms**

15 Gretchen Ladd

19 Minna Doyle

29 Ezmee Hutton (daughter)



## Lay Participation Schedule for July 2019

	<b>7/7 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>7/14 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>7/21 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>7/28 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Isaiah 66:10-14	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Genesis 18:1-10a	Genesis 18:20-32
<u>Psalm</u>	66:1-8	25:1-9	15	138
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Galatians 6:1-16	Colossians 1:1-14	Colossians 1:15-28	Colossians 2:6-19
<u>Gospel</u>	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<u>LEM</u>	Minna Doyle	Mary Hogge	Cathy Lagana	Larry Meslar
<u>Lector</u>	Bill Schmidt	Margaret Myers	Adelaide Myers	Linda Robbins
<u>Intercessor</u>	Ann Mingledorff	Jenny Morris	Jeannie Palin	Betty Moreland
<u>Usher</u>	Angelo Lagana	Lou Hatter	Mary Hogge	Roy Dye
<u>Jr. Usher</u>	Lucie Pattison	Lucie Pattison	Lucie Pattison	Lucie Pattison
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Hogge	Atwood	Byerly, Koontz, Peck	Hatter
<u>Vestry Person</u>	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Cathy Lagana Jeannie Palin	Cathy Lagana Jeannie Palin	Cathy Lagana Jeannie Palin	Cathy Lagana Jeannie Palin

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**Coffee hour in the Parish Hall follows the service**

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