



Celebrating 118 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – September 2019

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Vicar's Vision

How does one nurture their faith? This is a constant and abiding question for me as a follower of Jesus, as an Episcopal Priest and as your Vicar. Does our faith grow from a heart committed to walking the way of love? Does our faith grow from educating our mind in context to our community, or does it thrive when we serve others? Is our faith constant and fixed, or changing and evolving? Is the development of faith a step-by-step how to or more spontaneous?

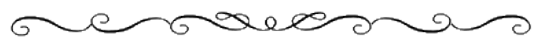
To some degree, I would answer all these questions with a cheerful YES!. Of course, I only have my own journey to lean on but time and time again I have found the foundation and nurturing of my faith to come from 3 arenas. I would say that first and foremost for me has been active involvement in the life of a faith community and in particular participating in the worship (liturgy) that comes forth from that community.

Equally important for my faith nurturing has been engaging in service to others. This has taken so many curves and experiences from raking leaves for the elderly, tutoring children, serving in a soup kitchen and traveling to mission fields domestic and international. Each and every act of service has strengthened my faith walk.

I know that the conversations that come when we gather together to become more informed about scripture and about the world around us have richly impacted my faith.

As we enter a new program season for 2019-2020 I invite you to look at the ways your faith is nurtured and fed. We will have lively adult forums, a variety of service opportunities and as always uplifting worship together here at Grace Church. Come and partner with God and your Church community into a new season of growth and nurturing.

Blessings,
Anne West



HOPE

Help Offered for Primary Education

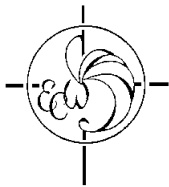
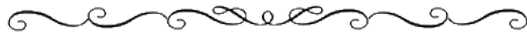
The HOPE Tutoring program at Grace Church began in 1997. The mission of HOPE is to support and provide the primary students of Greene County the tools and extra time outside of the classroom that will allow them to thrive in today's world.

For every volunteer, there is an opportunity to help change a child's life. The only qualifications needed to volunteer are a caring heart and a commitment to serve.



HOPE will officially begin Tuesday, October 1st. Please consider signing on to volunteer. We need volunteers to provide snacks, play outdoor and indoor games and to spend one on one time with a student in a tutoring setting. Training will be provided during the month of September in preparation for our beginning of the 2019-20 year. HOPE meets every Tuesday when Greene County Schools are in session from 3:15 – 5:00 pm.

Please speak to Jenny Morris or Rev. Anne West if you want to consider volunteering or being involved in any way.



ECW News and Notes

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 7th for an **Appreciation Luncheon** for the ladies of Grace Church. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:30 to enjoy lunch and being together in fellowship and sharing. There will also be a short business meeting to talk about upcoming events. I hope you will be able to attend. New members are welcome!

In October we will gather at Minna Doyle's house on Friday, the 4th at 4:00 p.m. Minna will provide the main dish and some German wine. Please bring a side dish to share and/or your favorite beverage. This will be a nice time to celebrate Oktoberfest! More information at our meeting on September 7th. And looking further ahead...on Saturday, November 2nd we will participate in the Woman's Club Bazaar at Ruckersville Elementary School. We will have a table of baked goods. More info to follow.

Save the Date

Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Virginia
October 19, 2019

for the 129th Meeting of the
Episcopal Church Women &
130th UTO Ingathering

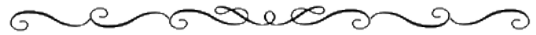
Pohick Episcopal Church
9301 Richmond Highway
(US 1 & Telegraph Rd.)
Lorton, VA 22079



Join us in Fellowship, Education, Lunch and
Holy Eucharist at this historic church.

Registration – 8:30 a.m. Meeting - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist – 12:30 p.m.

- ★ Hear the story and see amazing photographs of a youth's pilgrimage to Ghana through the Diocese's Triangle of Hope. This community is dedicated to transforming the history, effects and continuing presence of slavery in our world.
- ★ Witness the Church's response to the Opioid Crisis: Hope and Healing. The Diocesan Addiction and Recovery Team will present tools and resources to combat this tragic crisis. See how our faith communities have a vital role.
- ★ And much more....

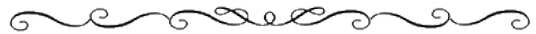


Unity Garden Update – Harvest

Deer apparently don't like green peppers or watermelon. They also left two ripe tomatoes. The



The harvest from the unity garden was used in preparing salsa for the community brunch this past Saturday. More watermelons will be ripening soon, so keep an eye to the kitchen.



Notes from the Parish Administrator

Reminder: With the beginning of **Small Steps Pre-K** on Tuesday, September 3rd, please remember that, according to State licensing regulations, the **Ford Avenue** door must be locked at all times between the hours of **9 AM to 12 Noon**. This is for the safety of the children. Thank you for your understanding.

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

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 Brian Pattison
Debra Stohlman
25 Ron Mosher
28 Bruce Johnson
30 Rev. Anne West



Anniversaries

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



Baptisms

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



Lay Participation Schedule for September 2019

	9/1 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	9/8 13 th Sunday after Pentecost	9/15 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	9/22 15 th Sunday after Pentecost	9/29 16 th Sunday after Pentecost
<u>1st Lesson</u>	Proverbs 25:6-7	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Exodus 32:7-14	Amos 8:4-7	Amos 6:1a, 4-7
<u>Psalm</u>	112	1	51:1-11	113	146
<u>2nd Lesson</u>	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Philemon 1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19
<u>Gospel</u>	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31
Ministry	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
<u>LEM</u>	Minna Doyle	Mary Hogge	Linda Robbins	Cathy Lagana	Larry Meslar
<u>Lector</u>	Gwen Atwood	Betty Moreland	Ron Morris	Scott Mingledorff	Pat Peck
<u>Intercessor</u>	Roy Dye	Jenny Morris	Mary Hogge	Ann Mingledorff	Linda Robbins
<u>Usher</u>	Angelo Lagana	Lou Hatter	Mary Hogge	Roy Dye	Linda Robbins
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Lagana	Robbins	Doyle	Palin	Estes
<u>Vestry Person</u>	Larry Meslar	Larry Meslar	Larry Meslar	Larry Meslar	Larry Meslar
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins

Coffee hour in the Parish Hall follows the service

Adult Forums and Formation will follow the service simultaneously with the coffee hour.

Please see the schedule on the following page

Adult Forums and Formation

Grace Church 2019-2020

Forums begin at 10:50 and go till 11:40

<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>
<p>8 Celebration Sunday Celebrating our Church and the coming year</p> <p>15 The journey to Faith CS Lewis' journey and ours</p> <p>22 Mere Christianity refresher</p>	<p>6 The Bible Stories we know and love</p> <p>13</p> <p>20 Stewardship Brunch and program</p> <p>27</p>	<p>3 Evensong Practice</p> <p>10</p> <p>17 Convention Recap</p> <p>24</p>
<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>
<p>1 Advent Wreath Making</p> <p>8</p> <p>15 The Nativity in Art</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Timothy Keller's <u>"A Reason for God"</u></p> <p>5 Isn't the Bible a Myth?</p> <p>12 How can you say there is only one way to God?</p> <p>19 Why does God allow suffering</p> <p>26 Why is the Church responsible for so much injustice?</p>	<p><u>Life in America in 2020</u></p> <p>2 Thoughts on Sexuality</p> <p>9 The Drug Crisis</p> <p>16 Mental Health and Guns</p> <p>23 Living in a Post Christian time</p>
<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>
<p>We will Have our Adult Program and Simple Meals on Wednesday evenings during the Season of Lent</p>	<p>5 Painting Eggs the Orthodox Way</p> <p>12 Easter</p> <p>19 Resurrection and the Gardener's Way</p> <p>26</p>	<p><u>Barbara Brown Taylor's work</u></p> <p>3 <i>Learning to Walk in the Dark</i></p> <p>10</p> <p>17 <i>Holy Envy</i></p> <p>24</p>

- We reserve the right to change these topics should a better idea come along



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