



Celebrating 118 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – October 2019

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Vicar's Vision

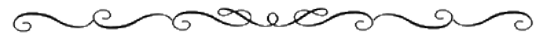
Thoughts on Giving

As we are preparing for our Annual Pledge ask and the preparation of our Budget for 2020, I share with you some simple thoughts and reflections.

I remember the first time Sam made some money babysitting for friends. I shared with him in a conversation that it was a good idea to return to God a portion of his earnings. I told him that scripture spoke of a tithe. That meant that for every dollar he earned he would give 10 cents to the Church. I will never forget his response, "That means I get to keep 90 cents? I like that deal, mom." I remember this exchange every year as I ponder what my giving to the Church and beyond will look like for the coming year. What is the right amount to give to the Church? I honestly don't have a simple answer. I know that some organizations I give to promise me a name on a list according to my gift. My gift to my Seminary puts me on the Aspinwall List. Getting on the right list motivates some to stretch their giving to achieve the right list. We do not have such lists in the Church. The reward you receive in giving a meaningful pledge to your Church is knowing that you have contributed what you could to a community that loves and cares for all regardless of what they are able to give. As far as I can remember from scripture the only person Jesus praised for her giving was

the poor widow. The story says that Jesus praised her because he watched many people giving great sums for the temple ministry but he knew that those large sums were just a small portion of what the givers had. The poor widow gave abundantly out of the little she had.

What I know for sure is that God will not love you more if you give more, or less if you have less to give. God loves us unconditionally. Your giving to the Church and to other causes you are passionate about is your way of showing thanks for that love. I find that opportunity compelling and full of possibility. Amidst all the conversation out there today about Church and shrinking numbers and the need to change, I am still convinced that at the heart of a world that can feel weary the Church is here to love, heal, feed and serve. We are here to share God's love and I will keep giving what I can to that mission. Shalom,
Anne West



Unity Garden Harvest

The last few weeks we picked lots of green, red and purple peppers. The tomatoes are small but we like to harvest before the bugs get to them.

The deer seem to have moved on, but some animal has eaten all the cantaloupes. Delicious watermelon are ready to pick.



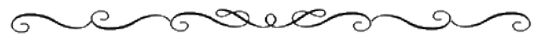
Greene Garden Club Helps

Bert and Barbara Nye were invited to speak to the September Garden Club meeting. A little history about Grace Episcopal Church's garden in the past was presented and connected to why the Outreach liaison to Vestry chose 2019 for a resurrection. Master Gardeners offered advice as to how best to end this growing season and prepare the ground for next spring. The Garden Club contributed a \$50.00 check to help us.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Nye

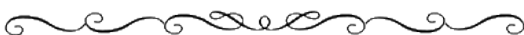
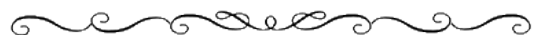
The Woman's Club Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 2nd at the Ruckersville Elementary School. We will have a table of baked goods and an area to sell coffee. What we need are baked goods, baked goods, and MORE BAKED GOODS!! We will set up Friday evening and will be at the school on Saturday about 7:30 a.m. If you are able to volunteer working the table that would be very much appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. You can drop your baked goods at the church on Friday if you are unable to bring them to the school on Saturday. The money we make at the Bazaar will go toward local outreach and to our ECW objectives for the Diocese.

If you have any questions or ideas let me know. Looking forward to Fun Fall!
Jeannie Palin

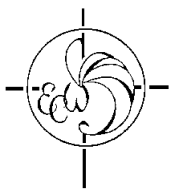


Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 5th, is the Greene Commons Grand Opening! There will be speakers, music, crafters, and vendors from 10 AM to 4 PM. During the celebration, from 11 AM to 1 PM, Rev. Anne will be offering Animal Blessings. Bring your pet out to enjoy the day!



ECW News and Notes



Mark your calendar for Friday, October 4th! The Episcopal Church Women will gather at Minna Doyle's house at 4:00 p.m. on the 4th. Minna will provide the main dish and some German wine and music! Please bring a side dish to share and/or your favorite beverage. This will be a nice time to celebrate Oktoberfest! And celebrate being together! There will be a short business meeting to talk about the Woman's Club Bazaar. If you need directions please see Minna.

*Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon us your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised us to the new life of grace. Sustain us, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give us an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.
Amen.*

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

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

Birthdays

05 Laura Palin
Kathy Hatter



16 Ann Marie Fickes

17 Marilee Newman

27 Roy Dye

Anniversaries

05 Carlyle & Lisa Hystad

10 Phil & Jeannie Palin

14 Zack & Lizzie Frankland

17 Ron & Jenny Morris



Baptisms

01 Charlie Hatter

10 Phil Palin

21 Debra Stohlman

22 Amy Jo Sacra
Joe Winslow



Lay Participation Schedule for October 2019

	10/06 17th Sunday after Pentecost	10/13 18th Sunday after Pentecost	10/20 19th Sunday after Pentecost	10/27 20th Sunday after Pentecost
<u>1st Lesson</u>	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	Genesis 32:22-31	Sirach 35:12-17
<u>Psalm</u>	37:1-10	111	121	84:1-6
<u>2nd Lesson</u>	2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
<u>Gospel</u>	Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-8	Luke 18:9-14
Ministry	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
<u>LEM</u>	Jean Byerly	Ron Morris	Mary Hogge	Pat Peck
<u>Lector</u>	Bill Schmidt	Margaret Myers	Adelaide Myers	Linda Robbins
<u>Intercessor</u>	Pat Peck	Betty Moreland	Julie Winslow	Jeannie Palin
<u>Usher</u>	Paul Newman	Larry Meslar	Scott Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff
<u>Jr. Usher</u>	Lucie Pattison	Lucie Pattison	Lucie Pattison	Lucie Pattison
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Ann McDaniel Mary Lou Potter	The Nyes	<i>Stewardship Brunch</i>	Heidi Ladd Anne West
<u>Vestry Person</u>	Ron Morris	Ron Morris	Ron Morris	Ron Morris
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Judy Estes Jeannie Palin	Judy Estes Jeannie Palin	Judy Estes Jeannie Palin	Judy Estes Jeannie Palin

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 **updated** schedule on the following page*

Adult Forums and Formation

Grace Church 2019-2020

Forums begin at 10:45 and go till 11:30

<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 Social Media A tour of our web site</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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