



## Celebrating 118 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – January 2020

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### *The Vicar's Vision*

#### Epiphany



Come join the Wisemen as they journey  
to worship the newborn King  
Sunday, January 5th

The **Adult Forum** for the month of January 2020 will be a video study from bestselling author, Timothy Keller. The series is titled, *The Reason for God*.

Timothy Keller is Chairman and Co-Founder of Redeemer City to City and Pastor Emeritus Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, which he and his wife, Kathy, started in 1989. For over twenty-five years Tim led a diverse congregation of young professionals that grew to a weekly worshipping community of over 6,000 people, meeting at eight services in three different congregations in Manhattan.

Join us Sundays in January (5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>) at 10:45 to 11:30 for this interesting series.

#### Grace Church Annual Meeting

January 12<sup>th</sup> we will hold our Annual meeting in the Parish Hall directly following the morning

worship. At our Annual meeting, new Vestry members will be elected, Convention Delegates will be determined, and a wonderful reflection of the year 2019 will be shared.

Bring a pot luck dish and plan to join us for this important meeting for the Parish.



#### Sh-h-h! The Unity Garden Sleeps.

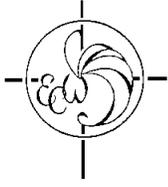
Quiet work is going on while the Unity Garden sleeps into the winter months. The posts and wire for the fencing has been delivered and is stacked along with bags of mulch next to the planting area.

The garden wagon is very useful because it is a dump cart with four wheels and a lever enabling it to raise up one end and dump contents right where we want it. Senior Warden, Ron Morris, and Small Steps teacher, Mary Taylor, helped us rake off dead material and use the dump cart to move each to its destination's rock, burn, or mulch pile.

Bert spread lime and fertilizer to meet the standards of the VA Cooperative Extension soil tests. Now the Unity Garden sleeps, but "Sh-h-h!" Vestry member, Greg Kula, has started seeds under grow lights at his house.

Soon we'll be planning when to till and plant.

Barbara



## ECW News and Notes January

Now that the Christmas season is winding down we enter the season of Epiphany (from the ancient Greek ἐπιφάνεια, *epiphaneia*, "manifestation, striking appearance" an experience of sudden and striking realization).

Generally, the term Epiphany is used to describe scientific breakthrough, religious or philosophical discoveries, but it can apply in any situation in which an enlightening realization allows a problem or situation to be understood from a new and deeper perspective. May your Epiphany bring you to a new and deeper understanding of the Divine.

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed. May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever.

Amen.

Jeannie Palin



I am at a loss of words in describing my appreciation for the very generous gift you gave me. The one thing I can say is that I am the one who should be

thanking each of you for what you do for me and the support you give me each and every day.

Things happen in our lives for a reason - most times we never really know why - only God knows. Why this born and bred New Yorker ended up living here in a small town in Central Virginia, where I didn't know anyone, has always been the number one question I am asked. I have even wondered at times myself. I know I was tired of the "fast life" and expense of Long Island and my daughter was in DC, but why here of all places? Why? Because this is where I was supposed to be. Here in small town Stanardsville, I found the most thoughtful, loving people I have ever known in my life. Being an only child, you all have truly become my family. As life goes, your plans for the future don't always work out, but I have been able to find happiness in life and I am sure that wouldn't be the case if I were still in New York. Thank *you all* for your love and support.

Much love always,

Linda



### Guest Musicians

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will welcome a different guest musician each week from the Blue Ridge School, who will be performing the Offertory Anthem at our service. Please join us each Sunday to enjoy the talent of these young men

**† Birthdays, Baptisms, &  
Anniversaries †  
January 2020**

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

**Birthdays**



- 09 Eleanor Cary
- 11 Lucie Mae Pattison
- 13 Matthew Fickes  
Hannah Rees
- 20 Herb Fickes
- 21 April Bertraux  
Pam Weldon
- 26 Kathryn Thomas

**Anniversaries**



- 05 Roy & Ann Dye
- 15 Brian & Suzanne Pattison

**Baptisms**



## Lay Participation Schedule for January 2020

	<b>1/5 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas</b>	<b>1/12 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	<b>1/19 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	<b>1/26 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b>
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</u>	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Isaiah 42:1-9	Isaiah 49:1-7	Isaiah 9:1-4
<u>Psalm</u>	84	29	40:1-12	27:1, 5-13
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</u>	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
<u>Gospel</u>	TBD	Matthew 3:13-17	John 1:29-42	Matthew 4:12-23
<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>	Linda Robbins	Ron Morris	Gwen Atwood	Ann Mingledorff
<u>Lector</u>	Scott Mingledorff	Bill Schmidt	Margaret Myers	Linda Robbins
<u>Intercessor</u>	Julie Winslow	Roy Dye	Ann Mingledorff	Mary Hogge
<u>Usher</u>	Roy Dye	Lou Hatter	Mary Hogge	Scott Mingledorff
<u>Jr. Usher</u>	Lucie Pattison	Lucie Pattison	Lucie Pattison	Lucie Pattison
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Doyle	<i><b>Annual Meeting</b></i>	Meslar/Robbins	Palin
<u>Vestry Person</u>	Greg Kula	Greg Kula	Greg Kula	Greg Kula
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Cathy & Angelo Lagana	Cathy & Angelo Lagana	Cathy & Angelo Lagana	Cathy & Angelo Lagana

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

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