



Celebrating 118 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – March 2020

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Note From Bishop Goff

*The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
Isaiah 35:1-2a*



Life abundant is springing up all around us. The crocuses and daffodils are in full bloom. The Lenten rose, humble in its rank of first blossom, is far from alone this year. Winter is making way, quickly, fully and earlier than usual, for spring. In the season of Lent, we intentionally enter the winter wilderness of our own hearts to look for the blossoms there. And they are present -

- in the gift of forgiveness that feels like quenching water on a sin-parched soul,
- in the simple yet extraordinary healing of wounds that happens little by little, day by day,
- in the bubble of laughter that escapes our lips in the most trying of times,

- in the kindness of a stranger,
- in the reconciliation that comes when we dare to listen without judgment and speak without reproach.

The wilderness of Lent overflows with life. As we give up old practices and take on new ones, we can see life as surely as we notice blossoms on the once-dormant earth. The wilderness of Lent is a training ground for life, shaping us to see it all around us, preparing us to receive the gift of abundant life from God who created us and loves us fiercely.

Don't be afraid to go to the inner wilderness you have long been trying to avoid. Don't be afraid to enter the places of fear or longing or pain that you've long been trying to ignore. Signs of life and promises of hope are already there, just waiting for you to find them. God is already there, too. And God, the author and giver of life, will never abandon you.

Faithfully yours,

The Right Rev. Susan E. Goff
Bishop Suffragan and Ecclesiastical Authority

Junior Warden's Report

What happened?! Our long-term, knowledgeable, and very competent Junior Warden has moved on to become Senior Warden leaving a gaping hole and I'm what fell into that hole. I have some big shoes to fill as I learn the ropes and I'm glad I can count on the family of Grace Church to help me as I move into this new position. Please let me know your concerns and ways that you are able to assist.

Thanks,
Jean Byerly



Unity Garden Support Widens

Article by Barbara Nye, Garden Manager

As a result of the February 11th Unity Garden Committee meeting, both support and progress are increasing. Saturday, February 22nd Scott Winslow brought a crew with an Extreme Driver machine that set the posts for the deer-discouraging fence. Other Vestry members lent encouragement for that six-hour task. Plans are going forward now to stretch the wire and put up the solar panel.



Within Grace Church, Vicar Anne is enlisting the congregation to give generously to our growing Unity Garden ministry. Fill a garden hope chest during Lent to help build a garden tool shed.

Nearby William Monroe High School's Agriculture teacher, Hannah Schantz, is finishing her students' researches of garden pest-prevention which they'll use in hands-on experiences at the Unity Garden. She'll have her Greenhouse students start marigold seedlings to plant as a deterrent to small critters. She has ordered vegetable and fruit seeds and is preparing lesson plans for laying out our garden beds

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according to each plant's moisture, drainage, amount of sunlight, and soil composition requirements.

At the Neighborhood Brunch, Saturday, February 29th, friend of Grace Church, Mary Lou Munday and her grandson, Brandon, donated their tiller to our community garden. Plans to begin tilling are being coordinated by Bert Nye and Greg Kula. Volunteers welcome.

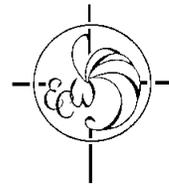
In addition, Greg ordered seeds that we hope to sow at the end of March. Anyone interested in helping plan for a garden tool shed or any other aspect of this community venture is welcome.

Reason For The Unity Garden Name:

"How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalm 133:1 King James Version

or

"How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along." Psalm 133:1 The Message by Eugene H. Peterson



ECW News and Notes March

If you haven't seen "Little Women" (or even if you have!) we will meet at Linda Robbins house on Saturday, March 14th at 2:00 to watch the new release of "Little Women".

Anne West purchased the movie so that we could all watch it together!

The Richmond Times Dispatch had an article written by Adriana Trigiani entitled "Why every woman in America should see 'Little Women'". She suggests that we don't see it alone. We should invite our friends, and our daughters and mothers to watch the movie together. The movie is not a retelling, or a peppy golden age of Hollywood ringlets and pantaloons version. But Greta Gerwig's movie is about how women navigate a world without choices. I can't wait to see it with all of you!

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Also, what would a meeting be without food? Please bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided.

Jeannie Palin



We have a wonderful volunteer-driven service right here in Stanardsville that endeavors to help those Greene County residents who are not able to afford much in the way of groceries. Many of you remember when the food we collected in the basket was taken to Social Services by JoAnn McDaniel so that it could be given out to their clients once a month. They decided a few years ago to no longer be involved in food distribution so I started taking it to the Food Bank, which is now Feeding Greene, located on Ford Avenue next to Domino's Pizza. This is run mostly by volunteers, with money and food coming in from members of the community along with churches and other organizations, and helped out by regular deliveries from Blue Ridge Food Bank. They are open from 10 to 12 every Tuesday and Thursday and many people are registered there to receive food once a month. A person coming in is given a shopping cart with 4 paper grocery bags in it as well as a box and a volunteer walks with them through the food aisles, helping them pick out cans, boxes, and packages of food, as well as frozen meat, eggs, fresh produce and bread. I had the opportunity to visit Feeding Greene recently and got some good information to pass along to those who are willing to help. Of course they can always use volunteers and if anyone is interested I would urge you to go on one of the days they are open and speak with them. And then there is the food: right now they really need cans of tuna fish, cream soups (cream of mushroom, etc.), cans of beef stew and canned meat, and children's cereals (they have plenty of corn flakes and shredded wheat but could really use more child favorites like Fruit Loops, Capt'n Crunch, etc.). They also need paper grocery bags. I would ask that you bring your donations in

plastic bags because it makes it easier for me to bag up and take but the food they give out goes in paper bags. If you have any paper bags you don't need, just bring them and put them under the food basket, located on the bench by the front doors. They can also use small cardboard boxes; think about a size that would fit on the bottom shelf of a grocery cart. What they can't use is anything that has already been opened, like a box of granola bars with one bar gone. Believe it or not, I have gotten this sort of thing in the past and it just goes in the trash. So whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated by the workers at Feeding Greene, our neighbors who receive the food, and by me because if you know me at all you know I am passionate about this kind of thing.

Many thanks.

Mary Hogge

This is the current list of desired foods from Feeding Greene:



FEEDING GREENE, INC

41A Ford Ave/ PO Box 13

Stanardsville, VA 22973

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SHOPPING LIST

NO GLASS, HOMEMADE, OR FROZEN ITEMS PLEASE.
LOW SODIUM, LOW SUGAR, AND WHOLE GRAIN ITEMS
PREFERRED.

Soups

Canned Fruits (peaches, pears, mix)

Canned Vegetables (especially peas)

Canned Chili/Stews

Canned Chicken/Meats/Tuna

Pork n Beans

Ravioli, Spaghettios, etc...

Instant Oatmeal Packets

Pasta and Rice

Misc (cooking, baking items)

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

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

Birthdays



- 01 Ron Morris
- 04 Heather Meslar
Ann Dye
- 11 Suzanne Haney
- 13 Nina Wright
- 15 Eloise Virginia Pattison
- 16 Bobby Winslow
- 17 Lenny Grasso
- 22 Jeannie Palin
- 23 Cathy Lagana

Anniversaries



- 07 Bob & Debra Stohlman
- 17 Bob & Kathryn Thomas

Baptisms

- 02 Berowne Paradis
- 22 Alexandra McElroy
- 24 Ann McDaniel
- 27 Garnett Mingledorff



Lay Participation Schedule for March 2020

	3/1 1st Sunday in Lent	3/8 2nd Sunday in Lent	3/15 3rd Sunday in Lent	3/22 4th Sunday in Lent	3/29 5th Sunday in Lent
<u>1st Lesson</u>	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Ezekiel 37:1-14
<u>Psalm</u>	32	121	95	23	130
<u>2nd Lesson</u>	Romans 5:12-19	Romans 4:1-5,13-17	Romans 5:1-11	Ephesians 5:8-14	Romans 8:6-11
<u>Gospel</u>	Matthew 4:1-11	John 3:1-17	John 4:5-42	John 9:1-41	John 11:1-45
Ministry	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
<u>LEM</u>	Pat Peck	Jean Byerly	Linda Robbins	Ann Mingledorff	Gwen Atwood
<u>Lector</u>	Roy Dye	Betty Moreland	Mary Hogge	Scott Mingledorff	Pat Peck
<u>Intercessor</u>	Linda Robbins	Julie Winslow	Bill Schmidt	Roy Dye	Mary Hogge
<u>Usher</u>	Roy Dye	Ann Mingledorff	Mary Hogge	Larry Meslar	Lou Hatter
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Ladd/West	Morris	Byerly/Koontz /Peck	Hogge	Hatter
<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 Robbin	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge Linda Robbins

Coffee hour in the Parish Hall follows the service



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