



Celebrating 119 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – October 2020

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Vicar's Vision

I have feelings!

It is October. We are stepping forward into fall, my favorite season of the year. It is good to take on the challenge to write a reflection for our monthly newsletter.

I hope that it is a reflection that encourages, uplifts, and brings hope and peace to all but all I can find to say at the start is, "I have feelings!"

I am angry, hopeful, frustrated, tired, lonely, thankful, confused, determined, sad, and feelings I can not even name as of yet.

We have watched a man be killed in real time on our televisions. We have seen our country slow down to a near crawl and I have to admit I don't find that all bad. Our divisions, name calling, threats and judgements have exhausted me at times to a place where I want to curl up under the covers and stay there. The weather has not brought the cool breezes I yearn to feel. Instead there are fires burning out west, hurricanes hitting our southern shores and lots of unanswered questions as to why? These natural forces bring much destruction, people losing their homes and too many losing their lives.

I am definitely one of the lucky ones. I have a wonderful fulfilling call and ministry and through your generosity I have continued to receive my salary and hold on to my job. I have a roof over my head, food at my table and food to share with others. I call it luck intentionally

because calling it anything else just doesn't feel right. If I say God has spared me or kept me safe what does that say about the 206,000 who have died of this ferocious disease? God does not watch over some and discard others. God surrounds us with love every moment of every day. It is that love that has kept all these feelings in check. It is that abiding love that has kept hope alive in me, even in the worst moments.

The feelings are floating at the surface and entering deep into my soul. I am doing my best every day to remember that God also resides there and that alone can strengthen me.

I do have a few suggestions for you that I have found helpful these past 6 months. I share them in hopes they will be of some use to you.

1. I stopped depending on news outlets to provide good factual information about Covid-19. I tune in daily to John's Hopkins for that vital information.
2. When I feel lonely, I reach out by phone, text, or email to the host of wonderful people in my life.
3. I get out of the house whether to walk my new pal, Finn, go to the grocery store, or social distance lunch with a friend.
4. I actually have taken on a few new good habits. I am reading more. I have my

watercolors out to paint more and I am working on my new craft of quilling.

5. I take time every day with God. Whether I pray or play or sing out loud, this time with God centers me and brings me peace.

My dear friends and faith family in the midst of all the feelings and the reality of life's struggles please do not lose heart. You are loved so dearly by God.

Praise God from whom all life flows,
With love,
Anne

Comm-UNITY GARDEN

By Barbara Nye

February-March: The article in the March issue of Grace Notes spoke of exciting plans for carrying out the goals identified at the February 11th meeting by seven participants from church, neighborhood, Garden Club and WMHS. On February 22nd Scott Winslow brought a crew with the Extreme Driver machine that set the posts for the deer-discouraging fence. In March he returned with a crew to stretch the wire and install the solar panel that provides electricity to the fence.

Preparing for Planting: Greg Kula and Pam Weldon did a monumental job of removing rocks and tilling the ground. Bert Nye designed a computer blueprint including placement of crops and pathways which we marked on the ground with stakes and stretched string. Jean Byerly brought pathway mulch from Panorama Paydirt. I organized various crews to spread the mulch on the pathways.

Planting Seeds and Seedlings: Greg ordered seeds last winter from Monticello and started them growing under grow-lights at his home. He also planted beet, radish, and chard seeds directly into the soil. They grew heartily and produced crops from June through August. Neighbors harvested beets week after week. Bert developed an Excel planting schedule prompting three sequential sowings of Provider (bush) green beans three weeks apart. These were especially popular with the neighbors who harvested them

week after week all summer. We bought starter plants of Thai basil and Lantana to attract the pollinators needed for squash, cucumbers, beans, and tomatoes. Their flowers were a delight to our eyes as we worked.

Pleasing the Eye and Protecting from Critters: An open invitation was broadcast throughout Grace's congregation and surrounding community to set **marigolds** along the perimeter. People of all ages from 5 to 95 responded and you can see these beautiful orange *Guardians of the Garden* from Main Street and Ford Avenue.

More Mulch, Please: Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) agent Faye Anderson used a grant to give us 24 huge bags of composted mulch to spread on the planting rows, around each seedling. We soon noticed interesting mushrooms, including Stinkhorns which are a sign of healthy mulch according to our ardent mushroom fan, Jean Byerly. She also coached us on natural solutions to pests and other problems.

April, May: Individual church and community members made reservations to work with us in the garden on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. As May 30th approached, people asked "Would Grace Church provide a 5th Saturday Free Neighborhood Brunch?" Not possible because of the COVID-19 shut down of our whole church facility, we started to discuss how the Unity Garden might be a bridge to keep up the relationships already established in the community by the Brunches. Indeed the garden is an outgrowth of those Brunches, just ask Sky Muller to tell you that story. Radishes and lettuce matured, new seedlings of spinach, peas, and tomatoes were planted. Sturdy tomato cages and cucumber and pea trellises were erected.

June – July: As beets, lettuce, chard and green beans produced, we offered them to the community on Sundays at Noon until 1:00 PM. People asked for recipes and directions for how to prepare unfamiliar fresh vegetables. So - the tasting parties...

June 21 – A Taste of Beets Recipes for beet salads from Gwen Varone & me.

June 28 – A Taste of Lettuce Recipes from Rev. Anne

July 5 – A Taste of Braised Chard Recipe from Bert

July 12 – A Taste of Linda Robbins' Zucchini Bread and Grilled Garden Vegetables

July 19 – Too Hot, so we delivered A Taste of Minted Cantaloupe Sherbet & Frittatas

July 25 – “Stanardsville Celebrates!” Parade entry of our Unity Garden float

July 26 - A Taste of Ann McDaniel's Summer Squash Casserole

As these Sunday informal small gatherings continue, we see trust developing and, hopefully, healing of bodies as fresh vegetables are included more and more in home cooking. Sky is steadier in her walker as she continues to recuperate from a stroke in March that affected her left side. A family of children who come across the street when they see us setting up the table of tastes call it “Church.” One youngster who is a HOPE student leads a sign language version of “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know.” Their grandmother is deaf, so this is deeply meaningful for the family. We give praise to God for evidences of Grace all around us.

These parables teach us about seeking out lost people.

Maybe we could also look at this parable as a metaphor in this time of separation.

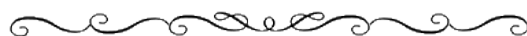
Have I lost anything of value that I once possessed?

Have I lost that condition of implicit faith and confidence in my heavenly Father?

Have I found more quiet time to pray?

Have I found a deeper relationship with God?

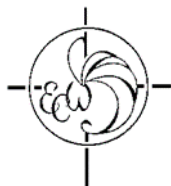
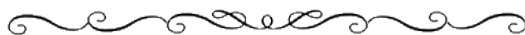
We may have lost sight of one or more of these treasures, but they are not gone. They are still in the house, lying hidden in our souls.



Updates from our Parish Administrator

Dear Grace Family,

Grace Church continues to do the business that needs to be done during these difficult times that we are living in. The yearly audit of the Church financial records was completed. All records were reconciled and the report will be forwarded on to the Diocese. The Audit Committee tasks had to be handled a "little differently" because of the Covid-19 guidelines. Thank you to Scott Mingledorff (chair), Scott Winslow, Ann McDaniel, and Jeannie Palin for taking on the challenge and doing a great job!



ECW MEDITATION

Luke 15: 8-10, Parable of the lost coin

Through the physician Luke, God relates many stories and parables about people who are neglected, forgotten, ignored, or lost. Luke writes about women, beggars, lost sons, and widows that demonstrates his own compassion and empathy for common people.

In the parable of the lost piece of silver we have a story of a woman seeking for a treasure which she once had but which she has lost. She knows that it is in the house somewhere. She knows too that if she searches diligently, she will find it. When she finds the coin, she rejoices.

Weekly Happenings

Evening Compline – Thursdays at 8 PM via Zoom. **This is a change of day. ** If you are interested in joining the evening prayer group, please let me know so Reverend Anne can add you to the Zoom invite.

Sunday Service via Zoom at 10 AM. Look for your Zoom invitation and join Reverend Anne, Suzanne, and Lenny as they bring Grace Church to you!

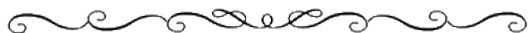
Come enjoy A Taste of Unity every Sunday from 12 noon to 1 PM on the Church's back property for produce, recipes, and tastings.



If you passed Grace Church around 6:30 Wednesday evening, you probably saw a line of cars parked on the side of the building. No, there was nothing going on inside the Church. The line of cars belonged to Grace Church choir members, who were sitting in their vehicles and having their first Covid-19 choir rehearsal, Using wireless mics, an FM transmitter, and their car radios, the choir was led by Lenny (conducting) and Suzanne (playing keyboard) from the kitchen deck. I've attached a photo of this extraordinary event. The thought and preparation that went into this is absolutely amazing! Grace Church is so blessed to have this talented and dedicated team of Suzanne and Lenny!

Prayers of comfort for the family of Suzanne Haney on her passing. There are no plans for a memorial at this time.

With love,
Linda



Coming Soon



Weekly Bible Study

Conversations with Scripture –
Second Isaiah

Study Wednesday mornings at 10:30

Beginning Wednesday, October 7th

To order the study guide, go to
<https://www.churchpublishing.org/>

Our first session will be on Zoom.

Please sign up so we know who to invite.



Blessing of the Animals

Come by the Greene Farmer's Market Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 -12:00 with your pet for a social distanced pet blessing.

Pets are not permitted in the market but we will be set up nearby with treats and blessings abounding.



Read and Wine

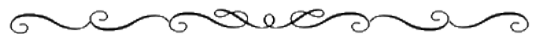
Tuesday, October 27th

5:00– 6:00 p.m.

Let's read a book together and share our thoughts. Barbara is a beloved theologian and writer and has an honest authentic approach to life in this world. This should be a fun read with lots of food for

thought. You can pick this book up off of Amazon for \$10.00. Take the month to read and let's gather on October 27th for a glass of wine and a chance to share our thoughts.

November Study – 'A Great Cloud of Witnesses' – Mondays at 4:00 (Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23) Just mark this on your calendar for now. More information will follow soon.



HOPE Corner

This is Ocean. She lives on Ford Avenue and is a bright star of our HOPE ministry.

Ocean has fallen in love with gardening over the summer and comes almost every Sunday with her sisters to the 'Taste of Unity' gathering at the Unity Garden. She loves to get her hands in the garden and is especially eager to spend time with Bert, who has so graciously taught Ocean so much about growing vegetables.

Ocean has been willing to try new foods this summer. Grace has become Ocean's Church. Barbara has taught her songs and prayers and we all love to hear her read.

What a blessing she is!!



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

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/November

	10/04 18th Sunday after Pentecost	10/11 19th Sunday after Pentecost	10/18 20th Sunday after Pentecost	10/25 21st Sunday after Pentecost	11/01 The Feast of All Saints' Day
1 st Lesson	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Revelation 7:9-17
<u>Psalm</u>	19	106:1-6, 19-23	99	90:1-6, 13-17	34:1-10, 22
2 nd Lesson	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	1 John 3:1-3
<u>Gospel</u>	Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46	Matthew 5:1-12
Ministry	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
<u>LEM</u>	----	----	----	----	----
<u>Lector</u>	Gwen Atwood	Betty Moreland	Pat Peck	Scott Mingledorff	Linda Robbins
<u>Intercessor</u>	Ann Mingledorff	Linda Robbins	Betty Moreland	Mary Hogge	Pat Peck
<u>Usher</u>	----	----	----	----	----
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	----	----	----	----	----
<u>Vestry Person</u>	Pat Peck	Pat Peck	Pat Peck	Pat Peck	Barbara Nye
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff

Everyone is welcome to join the service via Zoom. For security reasons, an invitation is required. Please email Linda Robbins at lindalrobbins@gmail.com to request your invitation.

For help in getting started or for technical assistance, please call or email Jean Byerly at (434) 985-7567 or jean_byerly@yahoo.com.



130th Fall Meeting and 131st UTO Ingathering
"Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"

Date/Time:	October 15, 2020 *** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Where:	Zoom Webinar – A Virtual Opportunity!



Join us as we visit & recognize God's grace!

Special Guest: The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Bishop Suffragan & Ecclesiastical Authority

Bishop Goff will greet participants and announce the next ECW president.

Presenters:

The Rev. J. Randy Myers, President GracelInside, Chaplain Service/Virginia State Prisons

Since 1920, GracelInside has served to instill hope, values and healing to those in Virginia prisons. Saving lives from the inside-out!

Ms. Ajashu Thomas, Outreach & Communications/Office of Human Rights & Equity Programs/Fairfax County Government & Captain Harry R. Salinas Commissioner

Provides education and enforces the Human Rights Ordinance of 1974, respecting the dignity of every person and preventing discrimination.

Worship service led by Bishop Goff & the Very Rev. Kim Coleman/ECW Chaplain.

Please register for the Webinar by October 8th.

We invite you to consider a suggested donation of \$35.00 or any amount to be divided in support of the ECW Communion Alms-- (Scholarships), Viva Voce (Triangle of Hope Project) and GracelInside ministry.

To register by mail, please send your e-mail address and donation to Pat Baughman, 812 Sunken Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Checks payable to: ECW Diocese of Virginia. Upon registering and providing your email address, you will receive the Webinar link needed to participate in the meeting.

You may also register and send a donation electronically via Eventbrite. Copy the link shown here into your browser to respond: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/episcopal-church-women-ecw-2020-fall-meeting-tickets-116874955137>

Online registration for Eventbrite can also be found on the ECW website www.ecw.thediocese.net

I look forward to having you with us as we continue to offer our gifts of service to God.

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