



## Celebrating 119 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – February 2021

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### The Vicar's Vision

#### Lent 2021 at Grace

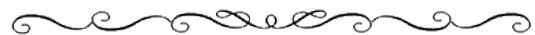
Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

This is the invitation given to all of us in the context of the Ash Wednesday Liturgy to move into the season of Lent with a penitential heart and the desire to turn or return to the most basic spiritual practices which give us connection and commitment to God.

We have formation offerings to offer, a Lenten Calendar will soon be coming your way, and we will continue to offer weekly worship via Zoom as we walk the Lenten journey together.

We will be offering an Ash Wednesday Zoom Liturgy at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. This service will NOT include the Imposition of ashes but will give us the opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds and spirits to walk the Lenten journey.

Blessings,  
Anne



#### Junior Warden's Report

As the new year begins, the vestry is organizing and planning the priority for maintenance and repair projects. In the coming months we'll begin work on the physical property: inside and out. Some projects will be relatively minor, and others will require more work and money. More information will be coming your way soon. In the meantime, please feel free to share any ideas you have with me or other members of the vestry.

Thanks,  
Jean Byerly



## ECW MEDITATION

### GOD'S VALENTINE

"For God so loved the world  
 That He gave  
 His only  
 Begotten  
 Son  
 That whosoever  
 believeth in Him  
 should not perish  
 but have everlasting life"



John 3:16

### VALENTINE GOODIES

If you are in the mood to bake this is your lucky day! You can bake some Valentine cookies that Jean Byerly and I will deliver on Saturday, February 13th. We are asking that you make a dozen cookies that we will give to the Grace Communities: assisted living, nursing home and the memory care unit. We will also give some to the EMT workers in Stanardsville.

You may drop off your plate of cookies on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at Jean Byerly's house. She will be home on Friday. Or you can come to the church on Saturday between 10 and 11 a.m. and I will be there to collect and then deliver. (if these times don't fit into your schedule give me a call or email me.)

This will be a LOVELY way to say thank you to our neighbors who do so much for our community.

The Diocesan ECW Lenten Quiet Day will be on Saturday, March 13th. More information to follow.

With a Grateful Heart,  
 Jeannie

## Formation Journey Through Lent

- I am thrilled that Kyle Bomar has taken me up on my invitation to walk us through Lent with Thomas Merton and Kyle's extensive reading of Merton's work. Please read Kyle's note below for more information.
- This Zoom offering will begin on Monday, February 22 and go for 6 weeks through March 29<sup>th</sup> (Monday of Holy Week). The study will go from 4:00 – 5:00 weekly.
- We began a Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark and will continue this Bible Study every Thursday at 4:00 through Lent as Well.

Greetings friends,

We're starting up the Merton reading group again this Lent, Mondays at 4 on zoom. We'll be taking a look at one of Thomas Merton's most beloved works "Thoughts in Solitude". Written in 1953/4, these contemplative reflections invite the reader to examine their own spiritual life, and to cultivate an awareness of the gift and challenge of solitude. As we are still in this season of distancing and isolation, we have much to learn and sit with here. Solitude is not only a place, but an attitude that shapes our perspective on all of life. This study will invite us to grapple with our own journeys on the road to deeper union with Christ, through practicing silence, prayer, and reflection. We'll try to do 6 weeks during Lent and will read about 3 chapters a week (the first week including the preface). You can find the book on Amazon or [abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com), and there is a free PDF version available for anyone as well.



Kyle

**† Birthdays, Baptisms, &  
Anniversaries †  
February 2021**

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

**Birthdays**



- 01 Whit Brinkley
- 05 Daniel Thomas
- 06 Angelo Lagana
- 07 Ann McDaniel
- 10 RE Hutton
- 13 Sean Thomas
- 16 Rev. Jane Piver

**Anniversaries**

- 06 Rev. Jane's Ordination (2001)
- 17 Rev. Grace's Ordination (1990)

**Baptisms**

- 11 Jane Piver  
Abigail Grace Morris
- 12 Lou Hatter
- 23 Matthew Fickes



## Lay Participation Schedule for February

	<b>02/07 5th Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>02/14 Last Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>02/21 1st Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>02/28 2nd Sunday In Lent</b>
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</u>	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Genesis 9:8-17	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
<u>Psalm</u>	147 1-12, 21c	50 1-6	25 1-9	22 22-30
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</u>	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	1 Peter 3:18-22	Romans 4:13-25
<u>Gospel</u>	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Mark 1:9-15	Mark 8:31-38
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<u>LEM</u>	----	----	----	----
<u>Lector</u>	Scott Mingledorff	Pat Peck	Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge
<u>Intercessor</u>	Ann Mingledorff	Betty Moreland	Pat Peck	Linda Robbins
<u>Usher</u>	----	----	----	----
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	----	----	----	----
<u>Vestry Person</u>	----	----	----	----
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff

**Everyone** is welcome to join the service via Zoom. You can launch Zoom at 9:30 to chat with other parishioners before the service starts. For security reasons, an invitation is required. Please email Linda Robbins at [lindalrobbins@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jean_byerly@yahoo.com)

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