



Celebrating 119 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – April 2021

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Vicar's Vision

Rejoice

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I hope that each of you has found some way to mark the Lenten season in search for a deeper relationship with God. Lent is that journey we all need to take to acknowledge our human frailty and sin. Alone we can accomplish very little in the name of Christ. But we are not alone. We are part of the Body of Christ and together we can do mighty acts to bring healing and share the burden and joy of life.

This year has presented a sense of wandering in the wilderness like no other year I can remember. And yet, God is faithful and very present. Before we celebrate the resurrection, we will offer you opportunity to walk with Christ through Holy Week. I encourage you to join us in this journey.

Thursday: Maundy Thursday Zoom service at 7:00 PM (Invite and bulletin will be sent)

Good Friday: We will walk the *Way of the Cross* with art and music at 7:00 PM

(You will receive an invite for Zoom and the booklet walking the stations)

Greene County has returned to the RED zone on the health stats for COVID which means we are not permitted to meet outdoors for the 10:00 AM service as we had hoped.

On Sunday, April 4th we will gather on Zoom at 10:00 AM to rejoice that the tomb is empty that death never has the last word. You see, I am convinced that Easter is more than a holiday that falls on the first Sunday following the full moon on or after March 21. My faith tells me that Easter is a choice. It is the choice to cling to sorrow and death or open our hearts to God who will not let death have the final word.

Together we are the Church. Together we are God's hands and hearts and servants in the world. This Easter season I hope you will renew your commitment to this faith community. I hope you will encourage your family and friends to be a part of this Body of Christ. We need you. You need us. And God needs all of us more than ever to bring the kingdom of God nearer.

With Love,
Anne+



Unity Garden

RESURRECTION -- IN PROCESS

Wonder of Wonders! All around us the earth is being renewed! Green sprouts appear from under the dead layer of leaves, up from the thawing dark brown earth. "Oh, that happens every Spring," you say. "Yes, it does." we reply, but get excited because it is happening again!

Activity is in process at the Unity Garden. Bert spread fertilizer in accordance with VCE guidelines. He updated his Power Point design of planting areas. Seeds of spinach, radishes, beets, and peas are in their designated places. Little seedlings of green and red leaf lettuce nurtured under Greg Kula's grow-lights are neatly tucked into the ground he had prepared with his tiller. Weeds have been dug out and thrown on the burn-pile. Soaker hoses have been examined for defects and repairs made. Rocks that seem to multiply as if they were able to recreate have been carried to the rock pile.

Ann Mingledorff started flats of marigolds but when she and Scott were called away, Andy Byerly sheltered the flats in his workshop windows. Scott Winslow babysat for the fence solar panel all winter and reinstalled it, hopefully before the deer and other critters tried to invade.

Neighbor, Sky Muller, watered the baby crops. Ocean and her big sister Autumn encouraged us between bike rides around town with Jean Byerly. Eleanor Wabnitz and others contributed funds toward a garden shed. I submitted a letter to Faye Anderson of Virginia Cooperative Extension who is writing a grant proposal for supplies and funds to Virginia Family Nutrition Program.

All these efforts cooperate in the resurrection process. Remember to praise God for the earth, rain, and seed. May the Unity Garden be blessed with bountiful produce.

Let me know what you would like to do to support this outreach project:

- Help spread pathway mulch.
- Start marigold seeds at home.
- Set up an hour to help plant or weed.
- Bushhog the watermelon/pumpkin patches.
- Donate to the garden shed project.
- Coordinate garden water supply with Ron Morris' Parking Lot Committee.
- Help design garden shed structure.
- Help make an organization design for interior storage areas of shed.

Barbara Nye, (434) 985-2402



Junior Warden's Report

Grace Church had a highly successful Blue Jeans Saturday on March 13th. Several parishioners power-washed the wooden deck & stairs behind the kitchen in preparation for weatherproofing and applying anti-slip footing. The sidewalks, concrete ramp and concrete stairs were also power washed. We also raked and mowed the church front yard. The following projects are in process and should be finished soon:

- ❖ Plexiglass replacement on remaining stained-glass windows
- ❖ Paint Ford Avenue entrance door
- ❖ Sand & paint wrought iron railing on front steps
- ❖ Sealing of wooden deck and stairs behind kitchen - add anti slip strips

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Byerly



ECW MEDITATION

ECW Diocesan Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 8, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

The Episcopal Church’s long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation and justice is “Becoming Beloved Community.” Please join us in this journey. We are organizing our efforts for meetings around the quadrants of the labyrinth image used by the Church. We are also including the goals of the Diocese of Virginia. In this meeting, we will focus on “Telling the Truth,” “Healing Across Difference, and “Repairing the Breach.”

(We borrow the labyrinth image gratefully from Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Rev. Mpho Tutu’s work in The Book of Forgiving, although we have surrounded the labyrinth with The Episcopal Church’s long-term commitments.)

9:00 – 9:50 - Business Meeting

10:00 – 10:30 – “Telling the Truth” and “Healing Across Difference” with The Rev. Canon Jesus Reyes

10:30 – 11:00 – “Repairing the Breach” with Michelle Trampe, who will provide an update on human trafficking

11:15 – 12:00 – Worship led by the Very Rev. Kim Coleman

The virtual gathering is powered by Zoom. To register click the link below and follow the prompts. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the ECW Spring Meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvf-urqDgpG9GezuFcU9iJlphLUoIUAhwy>

We are asking for contributions to compensate our facilitators. The suggested amount is \$25.00; however, any amount is gratefully accepted. Checks made out to ECW/Virginia Diocese should be mailed to the ECW treasurer: Kaaron Austin, 7319 Willson Road, Henrico, VA 23231

If you’d like to attend or have any questions, please contact me.

In gratitude,
Jeannie



Presiding Bishop Curry: Easter 2021 Message

“Our work goes on. Our labor for love continues. We will not cease, and we will not give up until this world reflects less our nightmare and more God’s dream where there’s plenty good room for all God’s children. Hallelujah anyhow.”

Find the Presiding Bishop’s full message at this link:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/presiding-bishop-curry-easter-2021-message/>



40 Days of Gratitude during Lent
I hope some of you took the journey of gratitude during the Lenten season. It has been easy to get sidetracked from all our blessings during this pandemic season. Any contributions you want to offer as Gratitude will go directly to the work of Feeding Greene and the amazing work they do in this county. If you send a check simply write in the memo: Feeding Greene

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

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

Birthdays



- 02 Julia Hatter
- 04 Ezmee Hutton (daughter)
- 07 Alexander Palin
- 08 Scott Mingledorff
Joel Atwood
- 20 Jenny Morris
- 21 Barbara Nye
- 23 Elizabeth Young
- 30 Henry Morris
Stephanie Stricker
Joe Meslar

Anniversaries



- 26 Scott & Ann Mingledorff

Baptisms

- 03 Zachary Wright
- 05 Ezmee Hutton (mother)
- 11 Laura Palin
Alexander Palin
Julia Hatter
- 18 Martha Morris
- 19 Lucie Mae Pattison
Suzanne Pattison
- 27 Scott Mingledorff



Lay Participation Schedule for April 2021

	04/04 Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day	04/11 2nd Sunday of Easter	04/18 3rd Sunday of Easter	04/25 4th Sunday of Easter
<u>1st Lesson</u>	Isaiah 25:6-9	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12
<u>Psalm</u>	118 1,2,14-24	133	4	23
<u>2nd Lesson</u>	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 John 1:1 - 2.2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24
<u>Gospel</u>	Mark 16:1-8	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18
Ministry	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
<u>LEM</u>	----	----	----	----
<u>Lector</u>	Mary Hogge	Linda Robbins	Scott Mingledorff	Pat Peck
<u>Intercessor</u>	Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge	Ann Mingledorff	Betty Moreland
<u>Usher</u>	----	----	----	----
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	----	----	----	----
<u>Vestry Person</u>	----	----	----	----
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Jenny Morris	Jenny Morris	Jenny Morris	Jenny Morris

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 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



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