



## Celebrating 119 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – May 2021

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### The Vicar's Vision

I always enjoyed going to Diocesan Convention when Peter James Lee was our Bishop. His Annual address always looked back at the Annual address of the Bishop leading the Diocese 100 years earlier.

I have been sorting through file drawers in my office at Piedmont Parish and I came across the address Bishop Lee gave to the 195<sup>th</sup> Annual Council (as it used to be called) on January 26, 1990 at the Omni Hotel in Richmond. I was not yet part of the Diocese.

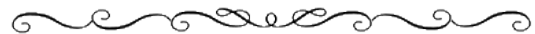
What caught my attention were the words he read from Bishop Whittle at the Council of the Diocese in 1890 at St. George's in Fredericksburg. And here I quote. "Looking at the state of the Diocese.....there is nothing to discourage us, but very much to excite our gratitude to the Giver of all good for the past, and to inspire us with increased earnestness and devotion to work for the time to come. I have great faith in the future of Virginia and of our beloved Church."

Bishop Lee went on to say, "while his language may not always be inclusive, Bishop Whittle's vision was spacious and hopeful. He continued to quote Bishop Whittle, "If the laity will only faithfully hold up the hands of their ministers, and the clergy will conduct the services as ordered in the Prayer Book, and preach the pure and simple gospel and live unworldly and godly lives—then, I am persuaded, that great will be the growth and prosperity of our Zion, and grand the

work we shall be privileged to do for the glory of God and the salvation of our fellow men."

I can not express any clearer the hope that lives in me as we slowly emerge from this pandemic time and reclaim our communal life in person, seeking new ways to provide God's love to this beautiful world, our fragile island home.

Infused with the Love of Christ, I am,  
Anne



### Grace Church Vestry Retreat

I want to share just a few notes and ideas and plans that emerged from our Vestry Retreat held on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

For me, the blessing of a retreat is time to get to know each other a bit better. That was certainly accomplished with a fun little ice breaker that Ann Mingledorff introduced.

To help us focus our conversation, we used a new emerging ministry model for the Episcopal Church called '*Invite, Welcome and Connect*'.

We took time to look at each area and celebrate what we do well and dream of ways we can do more.

I will present these ideas according to each category and plans for each that will emerge over the next several months as we open up more and come back home to our beautiful sacred space.

**Invite:**

1. We want to print and sell t-shirts and golf shirts with our Grace logo. Any surplus we make will go to support our outreach.
2. We want to encourage and draw more folks to our social media pages.
3. Anne West with Ann McDaniel’s help will develop a welcome card that will be placed in each pew in the Church.
4. We want to make sure the bell in our steeple is rung every time we gather together in the name of the Lord.

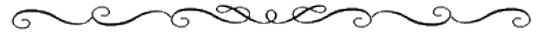
**Welcome:**

1. We plan to purchase a vinyl banner to hang on our front fence that simply says **THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES ALL**
2. We plan to find a used hall tree and create take home bags for any children and families who come to visit.
3. With a welcome card in the pew we will have a means to follow up with visitors with a note or phone call.

**Connect:**

1. We hope that we will hold regular Sunday Harvest gatherings as the garden shows us its fruits.
2. We plan to do a monthly member spotlight in Grace Notes (look for the first one in the May issue.
3. By fall we hope to resume regular Sunday gatherings which will allow us to hold a First Sunday Breakfast and Forum before Church which will hold our important coffee fellowship time for after the service.

There is so much more to dream about: music concerts, Evensongs, Fifth Saturday Brunches, summer camp for children, & HOPE on Tuesdays.



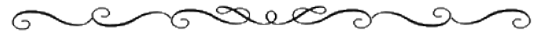
**Junior Warden’s Report**

Work continues on the outside of the church as we enjoy this time of beautiful weather to get things done.

The former gardens beside the ramp on Ford Avenue have been stripped and are in the process of being prepared as an outdoor gathering space. The Ford Avenue door is now a bright “Episcopal Red” and looks welcoming and a cedar tree that seemed to have sprung up in no time was removed from the other side of the church.

Unfortunately, the plexiglas replacement over the stained-glass windows has hit a delay as there is now a pandemic-induced shortage of the high-quality product that we need to protect our windows.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Byerly



**YDC Update**

At this point, YDC is working with 50 students from three schools: Nathanael Greene Elementary, Ruckersville Elementary, and William Monroe Middle School. Several YDC staff members are working with Mike Alley to put together monthly boxes that are delivered to the children. These boxes include STEM projects, school supplies, and a recipe with the needed ingredients.

YDC also has an active Facebook page for the children. A mentoring program has been developed with previous volunteers so now several children are mentored through text and Facetime with the hope that soon there will be in person mentoring. YDC is tentatively planning a Summer Camp.

Thank you for your continued support!  
Heather Myers

## Monthly Member Spotlight

Our first spotlight introduces a long-standing member of the Church. Ann Mingledorff, with her husband Scott, have been faithful members of Grace for 41 years. They celebrate each year of membership with a dinner at the Ivy Inn. Their daughter Garnett was baptized at Grace by The Rev. John Kettlewell. Garnett's Godparents are Bill and Irene Trimmer. They were neighbors of the Mingledorffs in those days.

Ann is currently serving as Senior Warden of the Vestry and has the honor of being the first woman elected as Senior Warden at Grace Church many moons ago.

Ann loves to cook and entertain good friends. She enjoys knitting, traveling, and reading. Both Ann and Scott have engaged often in our monthly Book reads and our Mondays with Merton.

I asked Ann what was her favorite travel trip. Her first response was, "I couldn't possibly choose one, but the trip on the Trans Siberian railway and Northern India was pretty awesome.

Ann loves their solitary life up on the mountain but also loves being with people. I know her as one who lives to serve and care for others.

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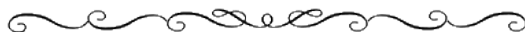
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If you'd like to attend or have any questions, please contact me.

In gratitude,  
Jeannie



## ECW MEDITATION

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9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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**† Birthdays, Baptisms, &  
Anniversaries †  
May 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 Heidi Ladd
- 03 Bert Nye
- 06 Suzanne Pattison
- 15 Mary Hogge
- 16 Paul Newman
- 19 Maeve Fickes
- 20 Julie Winslow
- 23 Abraham Thomas
- 30 Mary Lou Potter  
Annelise Wright

**Anniversaries**



- 02 Angelo & Cathy Lagana
- 16 Bob & Eleanor Cary
- 20 Lou & Kathy Hatter
- 24 Bobby & JoAnn McDaniel

**Baptisms**

- 03 Daniel Thomas
- 11 Barbara Nye
- 17 Jane Blum
- 22 Stephanie Stricker





## ***Joy in Service***

Dear Friends,

You are invited to the Virtual ECW Spring Meeting on May 8, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. See the attached flyer for more details.

Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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Information about our ECW Spring Meeting may also be found on the ECW Website [www.ecw.thediocese.net](http://www.ecw.thediocese.net)

May God's Peace be with you during these challenging times,  
Cindy Helton  
ECW President  
Diocese of Virginia  
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The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Virginia <http://www.ecw.thediocese.net>

## Lay Participation Schedule for May2021

	<b>05/02 5th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>05/09 6th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>05/16 7th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>05/23 Day of Pentecost</b>	<b>05/30 1st Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday</b>
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</u>	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17,21-26	TBD	Isaiah 6:1-8
<u>Psalm</u>	22: 24-30	98	1	104: 25-35,37	TBD
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</u>	1 John 4:7-21	1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13	TBD	Romans 8:12-17
<u>Gospel</u>	John 15:1-8	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
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<u>Lector</u>	Eleanor Wabnitz	Gwen Atwood	Mary Hogge	Linda Robbins	Ann Mingledorff
<u>Intercessor</u>	Pat Peck	Mary Hogge	Ann Mingledorff	Betty Moreland	Pat Peck
<u>Usher</u>	----	----	----	----	----
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	----	----	----	----	----
<u>Vestry Person</u>	----	----	----	----	----
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Jenny Morris	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](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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