



## Celebrating 119 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – June 2021

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bishop Wright, Bishop of Atlanta, always writes a Friday reflection on the Sunday scripture. This week was a much-needed reminder to take time in your busy life to enjoy God!

**It can all be so exhausting: life, livelihood, striving, even spirituality with its laundry list of how to be. Maybe that's why Psalm 130 is one of my favorites. The poet seems to want one thing, to enjoy God! When last did you just enjoy God? The fact of God? The way God chooses to be God as made clear in Jesus' doings and sayings? Psalm 130 invites you to breathe and put your shoulders down as it hums to you, there's no place too deep for God to reach you. God hears and forgives. Plant your hope in God's garden. That God is trustworthy. All together trustworthy.**

**Like a sunrise.**

**Like a morning.**

**Watch and see.**

**Enjoy**

With Love,  
Anne+

### Senior Warden's Report

Dear Friends,

At very long last, it is approaching time to celebrate! Covid rates in the nation, Virginia, and Greene County have been steadily declining, and Bishop Goff is lifting restrictions on gathering together in church. It is Vicar Anne's intent for us to hold our first in-person, inside service on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> with Holy Eucharist for all who feel comfortable attending. After sixteen long months, our service will be a gala celebration, and there will be a socially distanced luncheon to follow catered by the Blue Ridge Café. An offering of \$10.00 per person for the lunch will be appreciated, and there will be a basket for that available inside the Parish Hall.

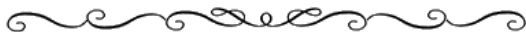
For those (all?) of us who have felt socially deprived for so long, come and lift your voices in song and thanksgiving. Each of you has been sorely missed by the rest of us. We can hardly wait to see you!

Affectionately,  
Ann Mingledorff

## Junior Warden's Report

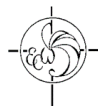
The projects on the church and Parish Hall are slowly but surely coming along. The May Blue Jeans Saturday was a tremendous success. The vicar and a dedicated crew cleaned the basement over several long hours. As we come back into the church, this is now a much more useable space that feels clean and organized. BJ Saturdays will continue on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays with the next one on June 19th.

Now that we are starting harvest celebrations, we are focusing on maintenance in that area. Recently we've removed small "volunteer" trees and done lots of clearing with the string trimmer. Plans for the summer and fall include more removal of invasive plants and replacing them with natives that attract pollinators. This will benefit the Unity Garden as well as making the area more comfortable and attractive and will require less maintenance. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please let me know.  
Jean Byerly



## Choir

For many reasons, one of them being that Lenny will be away for almost the entire month of July, Grace Choir will be resuming normal activities at the end of the summer (likely September). Suzanne and Lenny are very excited to get back to some kind of normalcy and to be joined by other singers after a whole year of solos and duets! They would like to invite any and all who are looking to participate in the choir next year to a dinner/sightreading session on TUESDAY, JUNE 29th at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Come participate in some fellowship, group singing, and help Lenny and Suzanne brainstorm for next year!



## ECW MEDITATION

### DIOCESAN ECW SPRING MEETING

On Saturday, May 8th, the Diocesan ECW held its Spring Meeting virtually.

The theme for the Spring Meeting was "Becoming Beloved Community"

The meeting started at 9:00 with a welcome from the President, Cindy Helton.

The Very Rev. Kim Coleman gave the morning meditation focusing on Saint Julian of Norwich whose Feast Day is celebrated on May 8th.

A brief business meeting followed with reports given.

The first speaker was The Rev. Canon Jesus Reyes, La Iglesias de Santa Maria.

"Telling the Truth and Healing across Differences"

Two questions were paramount:

1. What is God asking me to love?
2. What is love asking me to do?

The second speaker was Michele Trampe, Central Virginia Justice Initiative "Repairing the Breach" A status report on Human Trafficking

Rev. Kim led our worship service.

In her homily, she continued the story of Julian of Norwich, mystic and theologian of c. 1417. Julian had lived 1342-1416. Rev. Kim also talked about and described her suffering through the Pneumonic Plague, another pandemic, and how she became a mystic and a saint. At age 30, Julian was given last rites, but she recovered from her illness and wrote Revelations of Divine Love. Her texts about the divine love that conquers all and heals were not discovered until the twentieth century. Rev. Kim said that we cherish her words and message in this time of isolation and pandemic. We answer God's call to become a beloved community. And to believe Julian of Norwich's words: "All shall

be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

The Episcopal Church Women of Grace made a donation of \$175 to the Diocesan ECW Book of Remembrance for the life and service of Gwenn Erikson, Virginia Fitzhugh, and Dottie Mitchell.

The names of these very special ladies will be entered into the Book of Remembrance and the Gift of Life. The money will be given to the Diocesan ECW scholarship fund. The ECW scholarships include high school seniors and undergraduates. The scholarship is also available to students who will attend trade schools and post high school specialized studies.

Kathy Jimerson, chair of the Gifts and Scholarship fund, will send notes to the appropriate people to let them know that a gift was made in their honor.

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.

### **UNITED THANK OFFERING**

Cindy Helton reminded everyone that the UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the whole Church.

Information about grant awards, grant applications, procedures for sending ingatherings, and opportunities to serve is available at the Episcopal Church Website: [www.episcopalchurch.org/uto](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto)

If you would like to donate to the United Thank Offering you may do so online.

In gratitude,  
Jeannie

### **UNITY GARDEN & OUTREACH**

Lots of cold weather crops are being harvested, thanks to Greg Kula's enthusiastic early planting in March. Spinach, chard, radishes, red lettuce and green lettuce were used in a Unity Garden Salad for the May 29<sup>th</sup> meal.

Yes, Grace Church reopened for the first Fifth Saturday Neighborhood Brunch since February of 2020. Were you there to celebrate and serve a community hungry for fellowship?

Plants and seeds have been donated by friends of the Garden. Rita, mother of a Small Steps student, brought three of her children with her as she delivered plants she had raised from seed. While we adults made plans the boys dug out stubborn weeds.



Green beans, sweet peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, yellow squash and zucchini need to go in the ground now. Marigolds are wilting for a home for their roots.

Come, give an hour or two of cooperative input.

Barbara Nye

**† Birthdays, Baptisms, &  
Anniversaries †  
June 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 Sara Thomas
- 10 Eleanor Wabnitz
- 22 Ann Mingledorff
- 26 Larry Meslar
- 29 Linda Robbins
- 30 Amy Jo Sacra  
Zachary Miller

**Anniversaries**



- 16 Logan & Alexandra McElroy  
Rev. Anne's Ordination (1990)
- 23 Herb & Ann Marie Fickes

**Baptisms**

- 04 Annelise Wright
- 07 Heidi Ladd
- 08 Hannah Rees
- 10 Eleanor Cary  
Joseph Meslar
- 18 Gwen Atwood
- 24 Paul Newman



## Lay Participation Schedule for June 2021

	<b>06/06 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>06/13 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>06/20 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>06/27 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</u>	Genesis 3:8-15	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Job 38:1-11	Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15 2:23-24
<u>Psalm</u>	130	92: 1-4, 11-14	107: 1-3, 23-32	30
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</u>	2 Corinthians 4:13 -5:1	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	2 Corinthians 8:7-15
<u>Gospel</u>	Mark 3:20-35	Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:35-41	Mark 5:21-43
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<u>LEM</u>	----	Ann Mingledorff	Jean Byerly	Ron Morris
<u>Lector</u>	Betty Moreland	Ron Morris	Jeannie Palin	Scott Mingledorff
<u>Intercessor</u>	Betty Moreland	Jeannie Palin	Jenny Morris	Julie Winslow
<u>Usher</u>	----	Larry Meslar	Scott Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	----	----	----	----
<u>Vestry Person</u>	----	----	----	----
<u>Altar Guild</u>	----	----	----	----

**Morning Prayer on June 6<sup>th</sup> will be in the parking lot of Feeding Greene across Ford Avenue from Grace Church.**

**All subsequent services will be held inside Grace Church.**



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