

Grace Notes



April 2024

Grace Episcopal Church

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A Word from Our Priest

Yea, though I walk the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (KJV)

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I bring you greetings in the name of the Father, and the Son, and ✠ Holy Spirit.

We will have a pointed reflection and meditation on Jesus' suffering, pain and death. Jesus' passion is for our salvation, and this will allow us to have a reconciliation to God our Father. On three different occasions Jesus has predicted his pain, suffering, death, and resurrection. There is no question that Jesus clearly understands what he is going to endure and he states it is necessary. When he is praying in the garden of Gethsemane, we have a great appreciation of his fear.

Being fearful is not an issue. What is at issue is how we are going to manage this fear. Will we allow fear to paralyze us to the point that we cannot function? Will we, regardless of our fear, continue to carry out our duties?

Jesus has shown us how to manage fear. He goes to God, his Father and our Father in prayer and asks for guidance and strength. This is exactly how we manage fear. We go to God to seek his guidance and receive his strength. I submit to you that God is always with us all the time. It is why David stated in Psalm 23 that he did not fear any evil, even in the shadow of death. God's love is an everlasting love which to my understanding relays to us that he will never abandon us.

A blessed Easter to you!

The peace of the Lord is always with us,

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S. ✠

Treasurer's Report ~ January Data

Income for the month of February was \$6,074.76 (budget \$9,429.75); expenditures totaled \$7,483.54 (budget \$9,429.75), resulting in a loss for the month of \$1,408.78.

Book value of the Endowment Fund is \$69,782.78; market value as February 29 was \$74,310.48, a gain of \$1,997.31 for the month.

Please continue to pray for Grace Church that it will grow spiritually, financially and numerically. If you have any questions about this report or any financial matter, please contact me.

Judy Ball, Treasurer

Feed My Sheep



Without your support, these teen volunteers at the newly renovated FMS warehouse would not have the opportunity pack essential food items for families in need throughout Fauquier County. FMS continues to provide because of caring people like you. **You make the difference!** As always, you may contribute by mail or by placing your donation in the collection plate at Sunday services. If by mail, the address is:

Grace Episcopal Church
PO Box 15
Casanova, VA 20139

Also, if your contribution is by check, please make it payable to Grace Episcopal Church and note FMS on the memo line.



Annual Spring Roast Beef Dinner ~ April 20th

The annual Spring Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 5pm to 7pm, and once again this year will be co-hosted by Grace Episcopal in partnership with The Catlett-Calverton-Casanova Ruritan Foundation. A copy of the flyer with full details accompanies this edition of Grace Notes. Additional copies are available at the church and also via email. We ask that everyone pick up a few, post them wherever you can, and distribute them to your friends and family with an invitation to attend. Please help us get the word out!

Additionally, we will need donations of food and, most especially, help for set-up and working on the day of the dinner. If you haven't already volunteered, please contact either Judy Ball (judyball791@gmail.com) or Barbara Eanes and let us know how you can help.

Grace's proceeds from the dinner will be donated to Feed My Sheep and the Ruritan's plan to use their proceeds to fund their Christmas Food Baskets.

April Calendar



- April 2 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
 - April 3 Center Lunch at 12pm, Parish Hall
 - April 5 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
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  - April 7 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
  - April 9 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
  - April 10 Center Lunch at 12pm, Parish Hall
  - April 12 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
  - April 13 Sew What at 9:30am, St Luke's w/trip  
to Quilt Show in Berryville  
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 - April 14 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
 - April 16 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
 - April 17 Center Lunch at 12pm, Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting at 3pm, Family Center
 - April 19 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
 - April 20 SPRING ROAST BEEF DINNER**
5-7pm Parish Hall
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  - April 21 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace
  - April 23 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
  - April 24 Center Lunch 12 noon, Parish Hall
  - April 26 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Casanova Book Club, 12 noon, TBD  
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 - April 28 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace
 - April 30 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
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- Sneak Peek: Super Soup Kitchen, May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Details in next month's newsletter**

## Please Join Us

Celebrating the Life of  
Greg Huddleston on  
Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 11:00am  
Grace Episcopal Church  
The Plains, Virginia  
Reception to follow



## Sew What Road Trip!

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> the *Sew What* quilt group is heading out to Berryville for the [Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show](#). Over 250 beautiful quilts will be on display!

We will meet at St Luke's in Remington at 9:30am and proceed from there to the show. Yes, carpool is an option!

If you are interested, please contact Barbara Jacobs at (540) 222-5385 to confirm your participation.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries for April



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| David and Jennifer Coates   | April 1  |
| Renee McLeod                | April 6  |
| Jenna Warren                | April 7  |
| Yanina Escorcia             | April 9  |
| Dee Garrett                 | April 14 |
| Katie Helbock               | April 23 |
| James and Marilyn Ottevaere | April 30 |

## April Serving Schedule

| Day                                                          | Readings                                                       | Altar                                 | Assistant                           | Offertory      | Coffee Host         |
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| <b><i>The Second Sunday of Easter<br/>April 7, 2024</i></b>  | Acts 4:32-35<br>Psalm 133<br>1 John 1:1-2:2<br>John 20:19-31   | Joy Goodenough/<br>Sharon Sweeney     | Judy Ball                           | Joy Goodenough | Mignonne Spellmeyer |
| <b><i>The Third Sunday of Easter<br/>April 14 2024</i></b>   | Acts 3:12-19<br>Psalm 4<br>1 John 3:1-7<br>Luke 24:36b-48      | Barbara Jacobs<br>Mignonne Spellmeyer | Bryan Jacobs                        | Sue Ballantine | Sue Ballantine      |
| <b><i>The Fourth Sunday Of Easter<br/>April 21, 2024</i></b> | Acts 4:5-12<br>Psalm 23<br>1 John 3:16-24<br>John 10:11-18     | Joy Goodenough/<br>Diane Gulick       | Howard Charnock/<br>Michael Calhoun | Susan Payne    | Marilyn Ottevaere   |
| <b><i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter<br/>April 28, 2024</i></b>  | Acts 8:26-40<br>Psalm 22:25-31<br>1 John 4:7-21<br>John 15:1-8 | Carol Cordell/Sharon Sweeney          | Judy Ball                           | Joy Goodenough | Barbara Eanes       |

*NOTE: If you are unable to serve as listed above, please contact someone else on your team to substitute for you.*