

Grace Notes



January 2024

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A Word from Our Priest

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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

Happy New Year! Some of us have new ideas that we will start. Some of us will complete projects that we started last year. All of us pray that we become better people this new year.

Let us remember we can accomplish all things with the help of God. It is when we think we can go it by ourselves that we stumble. Let us remember that when we do stumble, God is there to support us. Yes, even if we fall, He is there to pick us up. My help is God. Happy New Year!

Thanks be to God.

The peace of the Lord is always with us,



Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S. ✠

*Personal growth is about
progress not perfection.*

~ Author Unknown



January Calendar

- Jan 2 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Jan 3 Center Lunch 12 noon, Parish Hall
- Jan 5 Yoga at 10am, Parish Hall
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- Jan 7 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
- Jan 9 Bible Study at 1pm, Family Center  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Jan 10 Center Lunch at 12pm, Parish Hall
- Jan 12 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
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- Jan 14 Sunday Service, 11am Grace**
Annual Congregation Meeting After
- Jan 16 Bible Study at 1pm, Family Center
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Jan 17 Center Lunch at 12pm, Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting at 2pm, Parish Hall
- Jan 19 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
- Jan 20 Sew What at 9:30am, the Parish Hall
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- Jan 21 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace
- Jan 23 Bible Study at 1pm, Family Center  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Jan 24 Center Lunch 12 noon, Parish Hall
- Jan 26 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Casanova Book Club, 12 noon, TBD  
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- Jan 28 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace
- Jan 30 Bible Study at 1pm, Family Center
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Jan 31 Center Lunch at 12pm, Parish Hall

Funeral Mass

for
James "Jimmy" Walton
on
Saturday, January 6th - 2pm
at
Grace Episcopal Church
5096 Grace Church Lane
Midland, VA 22728

Reception to follow
Parish Hall - Casanova

Peace on Earth 

Almighty God, we pray for peace in our world, where there is often conflict and strife. Bring an end to violence and injustice. Inspire leaders to work towards the well-being of all people. May your love and compassion prevail, uniting nations in a common pursuit of peace. Let your kingdom of peace reign on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen

Grace Annual Congregation Meeting: Sunday, January 14 at 12 noon

Grace will hold its annual all congregation meeting at 12 noon in the Family Center, immediately following Sunday Service, on January 14th. Please note that our service that day will be at 11:00am rather than the usual 9:00am. We look forward to seeing you there!

Treasurer's Report ~ November Data

Income for the month of November was \$6,460.25 (budget \$9,450.00); expenditures totaled \$7,337.75 (budget \$9,450.00), resulting in a loss for the month of \$877.50

Book value of the Endowment Fund is \$68,782.78, market value as of November 30 is \$67957.75, a gain of \$4,574.56 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

The shepherds of FMS are no longer nomads but have completed their building with amazing new amenities to boost capacity. FMS now has the much-needed additional shelf space and freezers to more fully supply 60 plus Fauquier County families that your contributions help sustain.

Now that there is 'new and improved' space, the real work begins! As the glitter and glint of the holidays settle, we need to keep our focus on filling our shelves, coolers and freezers.

Over the years Grace has always been a major contributor enabling us to meet our goals. You may contribute by mail: Grace Episcopal Church, PO Box 15, Casanova, VA 20139 or by placing your donation in the collection plate on Sundays.



Pam Pulver and team proudly show expanded space for FMS supplies thanks to your support.

God's Peace, 🙏
Carol Grove



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Richard and Carol Payne Jan 3
- Shannon Perreault Jan 4
- Brandon Dawson Jan 11
- Stacey Yacoub Jan 11
- Louie Warren Jan 11
- Richard Payne Jan 12
- Judy Ball Jan 13
- Will Shipe Jan 21
- Deborah O'Meara Jan 30

Applause and Appreciation

A great big "Thank you" to everyone who made the Adopt a Family project a resounding success again this year. Our family of four happily received everything on their 'wish list' for Christmas. We also appreciate those who prepared meals for the Walton Family. Karen was in her first weeks of recovery from a fall and was unable to do 'kitchen duty'. It takes a village!

Highlights of Culpeper Regional Council Meeting

The meeting was held on November 15, 2023 at Herman of Alaska church with Fr Michael Guy Michael Guy and Bryan Jacobs representing Grace Church. After introductions and prayer, the following topics were discussed.

The minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting were reviewed followed by the Treasurer's report.

Archdean's Report:

- First clericus met in Culpeper; it will meet again in Warrenton. Clericus will meet four times a year.
- Convention feedback: Region was well-represented; bishops are anxious to hear feedback from attendees; delegates appreciated the shift from legislation to spiritual growth; diocesan leadership is seeking feedback about venue. There was also discussion on ways to improve the physical setup of the convention in the future as well as opinions about time, place and duration of sessions.
- The bishops have encouraged clergy to share with their congregations the details of the convention.

Executive Committee Report:

- Diocesan Executive Committee meets four times a year; everything that came before the committee after September was approved by convention.
- The Executive Committee had to redo the diocesan budget

New Business:

Proposal that the president and vice president visit each church in the region as they are able. There was also discussion about communication between parishes re: fundraisers; a regional Facebook page was suggested. The region will continue to explore how best to communicate with one another between scheduled meetings.

Christ Church, Brandy Station is live streaming Compline (Evening Prayer) for the region on Facebook Live on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm.

Reports from Congregations – Current and near future activities of each church parish was shared.

Next meeting: January 17, 2024, 9:30 AM; St. Stephen's (the Great) Gathering Room

NOTE: This is only an abbreviated version of the subjects and results related to the meeting. Thank you to Bryan Jacobs for providing Grace Notes with the complete set of minutes. If you are interested in the complete and detailed copy, please contact Grace Notes person (Joy Goodenough) and you will be provided with one: southrunriding@aol.com.

Grace Family Album: Christmas Tree Lighting 2023



It started with a tree...



...and then a blessing.



Team effort supreme!



Who says spiritual leaders don't have a sense of humor?



The wonder of it all for little Tilly Johnson.



Of course, I've been good. Why do you ask?



Elliott and Amelia give daughter Daisy her first in person Santa visit. Daisy isn't too sure about this guy in a red suit.



Lovely holiday centerpieces by Diane and Mignonne adorned the tables in the Parish Hall.



Tilly looks quite at home on Santa's lap. Maybe it's the candy?

January Serving Schedule

Day	Readings	Altar	Assistant	Offertory	Coffee Host
<i>The First Sunday after Epiphany; Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i> Jan 7, 2024	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Joy Goodenough/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Judy Ball	Joy Goodenough	Michael Calhoun
<i>The Second Sunday after Epiphany</i> Jan 14, 2024	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Barbara Jacobs/ Sharon Sweeney	Bryan Jacobs	Sue Ballantine	Sue Ballantine
<i>The Third Sunday after Epiphany</i> Jan 21, 2024	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Carol Cordell/ Diane Gulick	Howard Charnock/ Michael Calhoun	Sue Payne	Marilyn Ottevaere
<i>The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i> Jan 28, 2024	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Joy Goodenough/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Judy Ball	Bernice Clayton	Mignonne Spellmeyer.

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