

# Grace Notes



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## A Word from Our Priest

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

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

***And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Matthew 6:12(NRSV)***

The operative word in the verse quoted above is FORGIVE. What comes to mind is an action that causes harm or a perceived harm. The harm could be mental, such as "She hurt my feelings," physical or both. Perhaps someone makes a statement about you that is not true. *Thou shall not bear false witness* comes to mind. This false witness may be the reason for your not receiving a promotion or placing you in an unwarranted conflict with another person. When this occurs, it creates a break in the relationship.

As time passes and the person who started this conflict realizes the error of his ways, he may offer you a sincere apology and ask you to forgive him. The person admits these actions have caused you harm and state what they have done to make the situation right. What is your reply?

***For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matthew 6:14-15 (NRSV)***

God has not requested us to forgive; he has commanded us to forgive. We must forgive as we have been forgiven. Consider the comments that I have heard over the years. "I am never going to forgive him." "What she did is just unforgiveable, so no, I am not going to forgive her." One must ask the question, "What if that was God's response to us?" Have we not committed and are committing harm to Him? Have we not created a broken relationship with Him?

God never said I will never forgive them. No, he sent his Son, Jesus who on the cross establish a system of eternal forgiveness. Regardless of a sin we commit, God will always forgive us if we ask. He will never say the harm you have done to me is unforgiveable. This is the gift of grace that was given to us with the Resurrection.

Thanks be to God.

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S.✠

## Treasurer's Report - April Data

Income for the month of April was \$8,106.72 (budget \$9,429.75); expenditures totaled \$7,343.18 (budget \$9,429.75), resulting in income for the month of \$763.54

Book value of the Endowment Fund is \$69,782.78; market value as of April 30 was \$73,741.75, a loss of \$2,244.38 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 - Grant Awarded

FMS just received a grant from the PATH Foundation to purchase a much-needed new truck. Trust me, our old one was running on very little tread and a lot of prayers! FMS has come a long way from its start distributing food from the back of a car! Grace's continued support is a key part of their success.



To help FMS *Keep on Truckin'* and continue the good work, please 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. If your contribution is by check, please remember to make it payable to *Grace Episcopal Church* and note "FMS" on the memo line.

God's Peace, 🙏  
*Carol Grove*

## Introducing VolTran - Free Transportation to Medical Appts & Critical Errands!



Voltran is a local volunteer-based service that provides free rides for those in need of transportation to doctor's appointments or to take care of critical errands. There is no need to stress over how you are going to get to that doctor's appointment next week because your friend Eloise is already busy that day!

For further information about this helpful service:

Website: [www.voltran.org](http://www.voltran.org) Email: [voltranrides@gmail.com](mailto:voltranrides@gmail.com)  
Request a ride: (540) 829.5300 or Volunteer: (540) 422.2600

*Helping our community one ride at a time.*

(A shout out to Mignonne Spellmeyer who made us aware of this service.)

## June Calendar



- June 2 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
- June 4 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- June 5 Center Lunch at 12pm, Parish Hall
- June 7 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
- June 8 Sew What at 9:30am, St Luke's  
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- June 9 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
- June 11 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- June 12 Center Lunch at 12pm, Parish Hall  
Vestry Meeting at 3pm, Family Center
- June 14 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
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- June 16 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace
- June 18 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- June 19 Center Lunch 12 noon, Parish Hall  
Vestry Meeting at 3pm, Family Center
- June 21 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
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- June 23 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace  
Fr. Peter Gustin, Celebrant
- June 25 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- June 26 Center Lunch 12 noon, Parish Hall
- June 28 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Casanova Book Club, 12 noon, TBD  
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- June 30 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace  
Fr. Peter Gustin, Celebrant

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



Melanie Moline	June 1
Julia Yacoub	June 3
Drusy Schaeffer	June 7
Fr. Michael Guy	June 9
Greg Butler	June 12
Marge Estes	June 15
Art Payne	June 17
Jackie and Donna Shipe	June 17
Greg & Stephanie Butler	June 18
Betty Huddleston	June 18
Amanda Walton	June 22
Travis & Amy Fields	June 25
Sharon Sweeney	June 25
Mignonne Spellmeyer	June 26
Josh and Genna Warren	June 26



## Soup Kitchen Success

Thank you to all who participated in last month's soup kitchen. We prepared about 17 trays with soups, cornbread, cookies, brownies and our Oui jars filled with a tiny garden bouquet. On a rainy Tuesday, it was perfect for soup!

Thanks again to all who helped make it a success.

Mignonne



## Important Note!

Fr. Michael will be on a well-deserved vacation from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Fr. Peter Gustin will be the celebrant and preacher on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## June Serving Schedule

Day	Readings	Altar	Assistant	Offertory	Coffee Host
<b><i>The Second Sunday After Pentecost June 2, 2024</i></b>	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6	Barbara Jacobs/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Bryan Jacobs	Susan Payne	Barbara Eanes
<b><i>The Third Sunday After Pentecost June 9, 2024</i></b>	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (11:14-15), 16-20, (11:14-15) Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35	Carol Cordell/ Sharon Sweeney	Judy Ball	Sue Ballentine	Sue Ballentine
<b><i>The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost June 16, 2024</i></b>	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	Joy Goodenough/ Diane Gulick	Howard Charnock/ Michael Calhoun	Joy Goodenough	Sharon Sweeney
<b><i>The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Whitsunday June 23, 2024</i></b>	1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16 Psalm 133 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	Barbara Jacobs/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Bryan Jacobs	Joy Goodenough	Mignonne Spellmeyer
<b><i>The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Trinity Sunday June 30, 2024</i></b>	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	Carol Cordell/ Sharon Sweeney	Judy Ball	Sue Ballentine	Marilyn Ottevaere