



Grace Notes

July & August 2025

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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.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem II Samuel 11:1 NRSV

We remember this biblical account because of what occurs next. He takes notice of this beautiful married woman named Bathsheba. In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David remained in Jerusalem. How would this account read if David had done what kings did in the spring of the year?

Before we savagely beat up David, we need to question ourselves. Have our decisions and actions been in concert with the appropriate requirements of our vocational or occupational positions? David at this time abandoned his responsibility. Have we abandoned our responsibility?

David was given the duty to govern Israel and to oversee the proper worship of Israel. In this case he did not accomplish his task. He did not go out to protect his citizens and he committed murder. I would submit to you my brothers and sisters that we too have erred. We have not loved our neighbors as much as ourselves. We cannot say that we love and worship God if we do not love our neighbor.

Nathan confronts David. David does not make any excuses for his sins but immediately acknowledges his sins. Please read Psalm 51 for this is David's reply to God for his sins.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from unrighteousness. I John 1:8-9 NRSV

When we consider the actions or inactions to our brothers and sisters which we know to be in contradiction to God's law and we do nothing, how do we justify this? Did we stay in Jerusalem?

The peace of the Lord is always with us,

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S.✠

Treasurer's Report ~ May Data

Income in the month of May was \$8,329.19 (budget \$9,709.92); expenditures totaled \$8,081.15 (budget \$9,709.92), resulting in income for the month of \$248.04.

Book value of the Endowment Fund at the end of May was \$73,059.87; market value as of May 31 was \$82,821.45, a gain of \$2,558.61 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



Funeral Mass for John ("Jack") Fletcher Perry II: Saturday, July 12th

A funeral mass for long-standing Grace member, Jack Perry, will be held on Saturday, July 12th starting at 11:00am. A reception will follow at the Family Center on the grounds of Grace Church. Jack was very active in the church; he served on the Vestry and also published weekly servicer bulletins and monthly newsletters. All are welcome to celebrate the life of this much-loved member not only of Grace but the wider community as well.

Sew What ~ Summer Schedule Notes

This summer season brings an extra opportunity for you to join in the delight and satisfaction of making quilts for the Alzheimer's patients. No experience? The craft-savvy ladies will be glad to show you how. You are also most welcome to bring your own project to work on if that is of more interest to you.



Here is the July/August schedule for the group:

Saturday, July 12th starting at 9:30 at St. Luke's. Bring lunch. The group will work on completing a batch of small quilts.

Saturday, July 19th starting at 9:30 at Grace in the **Family Center** (not the Parish Hall). Bring a lunch. The goal this week is to finish any quilts from the previous week.

Saturday, August 9th 9:30am – 12:00pm at St. Luke's. Bring your own project: quilting, knitting, embroidery, whatever tickles your fancy!. Need more info? Contact Barbara Jacobs, (540) 222-5385.



July Calendar of Events

July 6 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
July 8 Chair Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
July 9 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall
July 10 Ruritan Dinner at 6pm, the Parish Hall
July 11 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am
July 12 Sew What? at 9:30am, St Luke's,
Jack Perry Funeral at 11am, Grace
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July 13 Sunday Service, 11am St. Luke's  
July 15 Chair Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall  
July 16 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall  
July 18 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Chair Yoga at 11:45am  
July 19 Sew What? at 9:30am, the Family Ctr.  
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July 20 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace
July 22 Chair Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
July 23 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
July 25 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am, the Parish Hall
Casanova Book Club at 12pm TBD
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July 27 Sunday Service 9am Grace  
July 29 Chair Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall  
July 30 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall

***Just around the corner...  
Annual Church Picnic  
Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
1PM – Parish Hall***



## August Calendar of Events

Aug 1 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Chair Yoga at 11:45am, the Parish Hall  
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Aug 3 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
Aug 5 Chair Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
Aug 6 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
Aug 8 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45, the Parish Hall
Aug 9 Sew What? at 9:30am, St. Luke's
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Aug 10 Sunday Service, 9am Grace  
Aug 12 Chair Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall  
Aug 13 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall  
Aug 15 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Chair Yoga at 11:45am, Parish Hall  
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Aug 17 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace
Aug 19 Chair Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
Aug 20 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
Aug 22 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am, Parish Hall
Casanova Book Club, 12 noon TBD
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Aug 24 Sunday Service 9am Grace  
Aug 26 Chair Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall  
Aug 27 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall  
Aug 29 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Chair Yoga at 11:45am, Parish Hall  
Aug 31 Sunday Service, 9am Grace



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### July

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Ricky Perreault    | 3-Jul  |
| Jim & Dale Cirillo | 7-Jul  |
| Owen Fields        | 10-Jul |
| Pat Warren         | 12-Jul |
| Tommy Perreault    | 23-Jul |
| Barbara Jacobs     | 29-Jul |

### August

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| Travis Fields         | 3-Aug  |
| Ancel & Melba Hendrix | 3-Aug  |
| Art and Sue Payne     | 7-Aug  |
| Josh Warren           | 7-Aug  |
| Jeannette Cerv        | 11-Aug |
| Emily Jacobs Johnson  | 13-Aug |
| Marilyn Ottevaere     | 14-Aug |
| Mary Neal             | 16-Aug |
| Jeff Shipe            | 17-Aug |
| Wesley Moline         | 18-Aug |
| Bob Brewer            | 20-Aug |
| Doris Pearson         | 20-Aug |
| Phil Borneman         | 26-Aug |
| Dale Cirillo          | 28-Aug |
| Nathan Butler         | 31-Aug |
| Ancel Hendrix         | 31-Aug |

**The Dog Days of Summer are here!** Where did we get the term for these hot and humid days so typical of our Virginia summers? According to the Farmer's Almanac, *The Dog Days of Summer* are the 20 days before and after July 23, when Sirius, the Dog Star, rises with the Sun.



## July Serving Schedule

| Day                                                                        | Readings                                                              | Altar                                     | Assistant    | Offertory         | Coffee Host          |
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| <b><i>The Fourth Sunday<br/>After Pentecost<br/>July 6, 2024</i></b>       | 2 Kings 5:1-14<br>Psalm 30<br>Galatians 6:1-16<br>Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 | Joy Goodenough/<br>Sharon Sweeney         | Judy Ball    | Joy<br>Goodenough | Barbara<br>Eanes     |
| <b><i>The Fifth Sunday<br/>After Pentecost<br/>July 13, 2024</i></b>       | Amos 7:7-17<br>Psalm 82<br>Colossians 1:1-14<br>Luke 10:25-37         | Barbara Jacobs/<br>Diane Gulick           | Bryan Jacobs | Sharon<br>Sweeney | Sue<br>Ballantine    |
| <b><i>The Sixth Sunday<br/>After Pentecost<br/>July 20, 2024</i></b>       | Amos 8:1-12<br>Psalm 52<br>Colossians 1:15-28<br>Luke 10:38-42        | Joy Goodenough/<br>Mignonne<br>Spellmeyer | Judy Ball    | Sue<br>Ballantine | Sharon<br>Sweeney    |
| <b><i>The Seventh<br/>Sunday After<br/>Pentecost<br/>July 27, 2024</i></b> | Hosea 1:2-10<br>Psalm 85<br>Colossians 2:6-19<br>Luke 11:1-13         | Barbara Jacobs/<br>Mignonne<br>Spellmeyer | Bryan Jacobs | Judy Ball         | Marilyn<br>Ottevaere |

## August Serving Schedule

| Day                                                                           | Readings                                                                        | Altar                                        | Assistant    | Offertory         | Coffee Host          |
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| <b><i>The Eighth Sunday<br/>After Pentecost<br/>August 3, 2025</i></b>        | Hosea 11:1-11<br>Psalm 107:1-9,43<br>Colossians 3:1-11<br>Luke 12:13-21         | Joy<br>Goodenough/<br>Sharon<br>Sweeney      | Judy Ball    | Barbara<br>Eanes  | Barbara<br>Eanes     |
| <b><i>The Ninth Sunday<br/>After Pentecost<br/>August 10, 2025</i></b>        | Isaiah 1:1,10-20<br>Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24<br>Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16<br>Luke 12:32-40 | Barbara Jacobs/<br>Mignonne<br>Spellmeyer    | Bryan Jacobs | Joy<br>Goodenough | Sue<br>Ballentine    |
| <b><i>The Tenth Sunday<br/>After Pentecost<br/>August 17, 2025</i></b>        | Isaiah 5:1-7<br>Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18<br>Hebrews 11:29-12:2<br>Luke 12:49-56       | Joy<br>Goodenough/<br>Diane Gulick           | Judy Ball    | Sue<br>Ballantine | Marilyn<br>Ottevaere |
| <b><i>The Eleventh<br/>Sunday After<br/>Pentecost<br/>August 24, 2025</i></b> | Jeremiah 1:4-10<br>Psalm 71:1-6<br>Hebrews 12:18-29<br>Luke 13:10-17            | Barbara Jacobs/<br>Sharon<br>Sweeney         | Bryan Jacobs | Sharon<br>Sweeney | Joy<br>Goodenough    |
| <b><i>August 31, 2025<br/>The Twelfth Sunday<br/>After Pentecost</i></b>      | Jeremiah 2:4-13<br>Psalm 81:1, 10-16<br>Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16<br>Luke 14:1, 7-14 | Joy<br>Goodenough/<br>Mignonne<br>Spellmeyer | Judy Ball    | Joy<br>Goodenough | Sharon<br>Sweeney    |