

# Grace Notes



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## A Word from Our Priest

My brothers and sisters,

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

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, is All Saint's Sunday. On this day we remember those saints who have entered the Church Triumphant and we also celebrate the lives of our loved ones who now rest in the arms of our Lord. We do not deny the pain and sorrow of the loss of our loved ones. We do embrace each other in love and comfort as God continues to comfort, love, and embrace all of us.

*Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.*

*Amen (BCP 481)*

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord:*

*And let light perpetual shine upon them*

All Saint's Sunday is a joint celebration with St. Luke's and this year will be held at Grace starting 10:00 AM. It is to be noted that daylight savings time ends Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> as well.

We remember in our American history that people coming from England arrived here at the end of the growing season. Proper shelter, illness, and the lack of food led to a significant number of deaths. It was the indigenous people (the Wampanoag Nation) of this country that demonstrated to these newcomers how to construct proper shelter and to grow foods that would provide sustenance for them. This was so successful that in Plymouth, Massachusetts in the year 1621 the first Thanksgiving feast in America was held. Everyone was invited, and all participated at the table. This was a harvest festival in which they gave thanks to God. It is now a major national holiday.

I find an interesting correlation between the national holiday of Thanksgiving and Holy Communion or Eucharist. In fact, *Eucharist* is a Greek word which can be translated as "thanksgiving". I believe this is the real Thanksgiving. We, like the early newcomers, are subject to death because of sin. However, just as the newcomers received aid in how to live in the New World, we are given that aid by God. It is God who sent his Son to die for all of us and it is this act of love that provides for us a means to live eternally.

For this reason, the real harvest for me is the Word and receiving the Sacraments. This is a foretaste of the feast to come, the real thanksgiving. So let us celebrate the good harvest in both contexts and remember that it is even better when we share this good harvest with others.

The peace of the Lord is always with us,

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S.✠

## Treasurer's Report - September Data

Income for the month of September was \$9,094.35 (budget \$9,429.75); expenditures totaled \$10,430.31 (budget \$9,429.75), resulting in a loss for the month of \$1,335.96.

Book value of the Endowment Fund is \$69,782.78; market value as of September 30 was \$81,210.94, a gain of \$1,248.54 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



### November Calendar of Events

- Nov 1 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
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- Nov 3 All Saints Sunday Service, 10am at Grace
- Nov 5 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall  
**Election Day - VOTE**
- Nov 6 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
- Nov 8 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
- Nov 9 Sew What, 9:30am, the Parish Hall  
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- Nov 10 Sunday Service 9am Grace  
Rev. Grace, Celebrant/Preacher
- Nov 12 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Nov 13 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall
- Nov 15 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
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- Nov 17 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
- Nov 19 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall  
Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's
- Nov 20 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
- Nov 22 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
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- Nov 24 Sunday Service at 9am, Grace
- Nov 26 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall

**Sew What** is joining forces with Project Linus' Culpeper Chapter to make children's quilts for the recent hurricanes' victims. With the help of other entities, the goal is 500 quilts by Thanksgiving. It's a seemingly tall order but such a worthy cause.

Join Sew What's effort on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Meeting place is Grace's Parish Hall.



**Project Linus**

*Providing Security through Blankets*



*Mark Your Calendars Now!*

*Annual Xmas Tree Lighting  
and Pot Luck Supper*

*Sunday, December 1st - 5pm*

*Meet at Grace Parish Hall  
Casanova*

**Note:** All Saints Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, will be joint service for Grace and St. Luke's at Grace. The time is 10:00am. This also happens to coincide with the change from daylight savings time to standard time. Set your clocks back an hour!

## Update on Hurricane Helene Relief

In a flurry of activity, the Casanova community and local churches quickly responded to the Warrenton Moose Lodge's urgent call for food, clothing, and equipment to help hurricane Helene's victims. Casanova residents Paul and Brandon Dawson along with Grace Church's Bryan Jacobs played a key role in the pickup and delivery logistics. They shuttled supplies from people's driveways, garages, and porches in addition to several local churches to a staging area. Here items were consolidated into a large 48' tractor trailer. Destination: Hendersonville, N.C. *Ultimately the supplies reached 25 shelters housing over 1,200 displaced persons.* Accolades and appreciation to each and every one of you who stepped up to help our NC 'neighbors' in their unprecedented time of need.



## Feed My Sheep: Thanksgiving Holiday Turkeys!

The *Feed My Sheep* program is one of Grace Church's primary and ongoing ministries to help local families put food on their tables. FMS now supports 58 families in Culpeper and Fauquier counties. This holiday season, FMS aims to provide turkeys and hams for each of these sponsored families. If you would like to give a boost to this effort, please send your contribution check payable to: Grace Episcopal Church and note "FMS" on the memo line. You may put funds in the collection plate at Sunday service OR send by mail to:

Grace Episcopal Church  
PO Box 18  
Casanova, VA 20139



## Adopting a Family for Christmas

Stay tuned for news about the family we hope to adopt this Christmas. Each year Grace has had the good fortune to be given a family to 'adopt' from Fauquier Family Shelter Services.

It is a wonderful way to share the spirit of Christmas with those who are economically less fortunate than ourselves. As soon as details about the family are received, Mignonne will send an email.



## Thank you

On Sunday, November 5, 1989, I began my 35 years of service and holy adventure at Cedar Run Parish, comprised of Grace Episcopal Church in Casanova and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Catlett. The Rev. Roma Maycock had contacted me for the organist's position at the two churches on the very day that I was scheduled to begin serving at a Baptist Church in Purcellville. Kismet! For that first year I served at both churches; when the formal union of the churches came to an end, I still continued serving at both, a stint that lasted an incredible 27 years! Eventually St Stephen's changed its schedule and my time there had to come to an end. Yet with gladness I continue to serve at Grace. I cannot begin to thank all the members of Grace Church along with the Rev. Michael Guy for the multitude of kindnesses they have shown, most especially during my illness of the winter and spring 2023. I am surrounded indeed by deeply caring friends, colleagues, and resident angels. It is an honor and a blessing to be a member of this wonderful "little church with the big heart" and I simply wanted to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all.

Michael Calhoun  
Organist

## November Serving Schedule

<b>Day</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Altar</b>	<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Coffee Host</b>
<b><i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Nov 3, 2024 (All Saints Sunday)</i></b>	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 2:1-6 John 11:32-44	Barbara Jacobs/ Sharon Sweeney	Bryan Jacobs	Susan Payne	Michael Calhoun
<b><i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Nov 10, 2024</i></b>	1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	Joy Goodenough/ Diane Gulick	Judy Ball	Joy Goodenough	Marilyn Ottavaere
<b><i>Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Nov 17, 2024</i></b>	Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-14(15-18) 19-25 Mark 13:1-8	Carol Cordell/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Howard Charnock/ Michael Calhoun	Sue Ballantine	Barbara Eanes
<b><i>Last Sunday After Pentecost Nov 24, 2024 (Christ the King Sunday)</i></b>	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4-8 John 18:33-37	Barbara Jacobs/ Sharon Sweeney	Bryan Jacobs	Sharon Sweeney	Sue Ballantine

**Fr. Michael's upcoming leave dates with supply priest details:**

Leave: 10 November; Rev. Grace will be celebrant/preacher.

Leave: 8 December; Fr. Hughes will be the celebrant/preacher.