

Grace Notes



February 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.

In the Navy we say "Bravo Zulu" for a mission extremely well done. I say "Bravo Zulu" to Barbara Jacobs and Mignonne Spellmeyer as they complete their term on Grace's vestry. They run to challenges and adversity which never stood a chance with these two.

BRAVO ZULU!

We have two new members joining the vestry. Bryan Jacobs was elected to serve as senior warden. Bryan was also elected to serve as the delegate to the 230th Virginia Diocesan Convention. The second person is Marilyn Ottevaere, who was elected to serve as the junior warden. We thank both of them for sharing their gifts and time.

We begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday which this year is February 14, 2024. We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist with the imposition of Ashes. The time of the Mass at Grace is 10:00 AM. The time of the Mass at St. Luke is 7:00 PM. Given that Covid continues to be an issue, ashes will be distributed in individual cups and at the appropriate time in the liturgy, we will self-impose the ashes. Special dispensation is given for the chocolate gifts given this day.

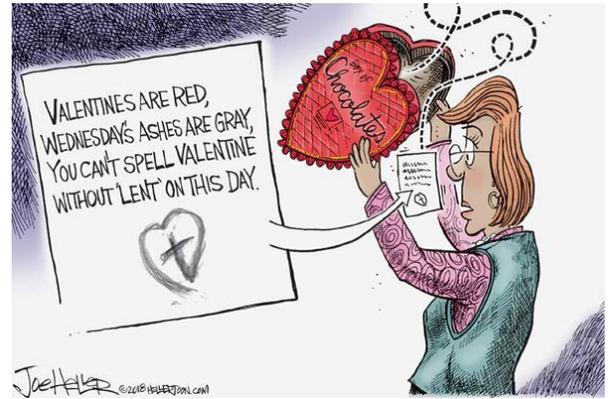
Lent is associated with self-penitence which leads to the question of self-denial, i.e. what I am going to give up for Lent. Some say strong drink and chocolate head the list of items to give up. I say "Consider what you will continue after Lent." As soon as Lent is over, the chocolate is back. Could this be a time to start a new discipline, such as morning and evening prayer, that one continues to practice after Lent?

The peace of the Lord is always with us,

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S. ✠

February Calendar

- Feb 2 Yoga at 10am, Parish Hall
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- Feb 4 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
- Feb 6 Bible Study at 1pm, Family Center  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Feb 7 Center Lunch at 12pm, Parish Hall
- Feb 9 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
- Feb 10 Sew What at 9:30am, St Luke's  
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- Feb 11 Sunday Service, 11am Grace
- Feb 13 Soup Kitchen at 10am, Parish Hall
Bible Study at 1pm, Family Center
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Services
Grace 10am; St. Luke's 7:00pm
Center Lunch at 12pm, Parish Hall
- Feb 16 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
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- Feb 18 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace
- Feb 20 Bible Study at 1pm, Family Center  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Feb 21 Center Lunch 12 noon, Parish Hall  
Vestry Meeting at 3pm, Family Center
- Feb 23 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Casanova Book Club, 12 noon, TBD  
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- Feb 25 Sunday Service, 10am at Grace
- Feb 27 Bible Study at 1pm, Family Center
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Feb 28 Center Lunch at 12pm, Parish Hall



Valentine's Day Soup Kitchen

It's time for our Valentine's Day Soup Kitchen! Volunteers are needed to make soup, cornbread, a Valentine cookie or a celebratory dessert.

In addition, packers, assemblers, and deliverers are especially needed to complete the mission!

We will meet on **Tuesday, February 13th, at 10am** at the Parish Hall. Please bring your pot of soup at 10am, so that we can assemble, label, and prepare the trays for those in our community who would appreciate some homemade soup for lunch or dinner. At our last two soup kitchens, thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we were able to get everything done and ready for delivery by 11:30am!

Your participation makes it all run smoothly, and it is a great way to touch base with those in our community who don't get out that much and who would appreciate a personal visit in addition to a homemade tasty meal.

Please let me know if you can help.
Mignonne 540 272-0014 *Thank you!*

We are pleased to announce the *Grace Vestry for 2024*

Bryan Jacobs, Sr Warden ~ Marilyn Ottevaere, Jr Warden

Howard Charnock ~ Sue Payne ~ Sue Ballantine ~ Sharon Sweeney

Treasurer's Report - December Data

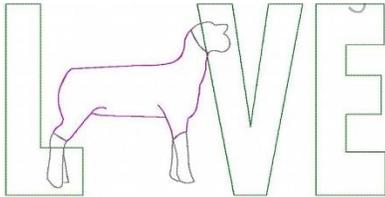
Income for the month of December was \$11,227.40 (budget \$9,450.00); expenditures totaled \$13,482.95 (budget \$9,450.00), resulting in a loss for the month of \$2,255.55

A memorial donation was received in December with the request that it be invested in the Grace Endowment Fund. The Vestry approved the investment, increasing the book value of the Endowment Fund to \$69,782.78. The market value as of December 31 was \$72,120.20, a gain of \$3,162.45 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



Over the years Grace has always been a major contributor enabling FMS to meet its goals. Let's keep up the excellent work of support! 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.

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

~ Mahatma Ghandi

February Birthdays and Anniversaries



Louie and Pat Warren	Feb 02
Rick and Betsy Anderson	Feb 14
Chase Perreault	Feb 15
Brandon Payne	Feb 21
Emily and TJ Johnson	Feb 23
Jessica Warren Rhoads	Feb 23
Paige Payne	Feb 26

February Serving Schedule

Day	Readings	Altar	Assistant	Offertory	Coffee Host
<i>The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany Feb 4, 2024</i>	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11,20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	Joy Goodenough/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Judy Ball	Joy Goodenough	Barbara Eames
<i>The Last Sunday after the Epiphany Feb 11, 2024</i>	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Barbara Jacobs/ Sharon Sweeney	Bryan Jacobs	Sue Ballantine	Sue Ballantine
<i>Ash Wednesday Feb 14, 2024</i>	Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Barbara Jacobs	Bryan Jacobs	Judy Ball	N/A
<i>The First Sunday In Lent Feb 18, 2024</i>	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Carol Cordell	Judy Ball	Sue Payne	Marilyn Ottevaere
<i>The Second Sunday in Lent Feb 25, 2024</i>	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	Joy Goodenough	Howard Charnock/ Michael Calhoun	Bernice Clayton	Mignonne Spellmeyer.

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