

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.

"You're the light of the world. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (St. Matt 5:14a, 16 NRSV)

Grace, you are actively following this Biblical text. You might feel this is not true because the worship attendance today is not where it was ten years ago. You might feel this is not true because your balance sheets do not reflect the numbers they did ten years ago. Despite these numbers, your light continues to shine very bright.

Just in case you are saying "How?", allow me to illuminate a few examples. Every Sunday you worship God by proclaiming the Gospel and administering the sacraments. Within the past two years, a child was baptized. During the Christmas season you have completely supported a family with their wish list and money. Grace is one of the significant financial donors for the Feed My Sheep ministry. We are currently in conversation with the Scouts of America, formerly known as Boy Scouts of America, to provide space and or support for a cub pack of scout troops.

Yes, Grace, your light shines not just in the mission work you do in the community, but also how you show your love and supportive care inside the congregation. The Lay Eucharistic Ministry-visitor is very active. Consider the soup ministry you provide and the home cooked meals you bring to our members who are convalescing. In recent months we had two of our members who had surgery on the same day. The supportive care to both was flawless. **Our size does not reflect our brightness!**

There is light in this tunnel because you are shining the light. You do this because of the love you have for God and your neighbor. Numbers have never been the determining factor in how bright lights shine. Yes, we want to grow our congregation because we want the knowledge of God's love to reach people. Large rolls do not describe a successful congregation. A successful congregation is proclaiming the Gospel, right administration of the sacraments, and caring for God's people. Your light shines brightly, your good works are seen, and we give God the glory.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of this light.

Steady up and maintain your current course. The peace of the Lord is always with us,

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S. ✠

Treasurer's Report - August Data

Income for the month of August was \$8,839.85 (budget \$9,429.75); expenditures totaled \$6,406.02 (budget \$9,429.75), resulting in a gain for the month of \$2,443.83.

In order to take advantage of a higher rate of interest on our cash on hand, the Vestry approved that \$10,000.00 be invested from the operating account in a CD at Oakview Bank. On August 28 a four-month, \$10,000 CD was purchased with an APY of 5.15%.

Book value of the Endowment Fund is \$69,782.78; market value as of August 31 was \$79,962.40, a gain of \$1,231.23 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

October Calendar of Events

- Oct 1 Bible Study, 1pm Betsy Anderson's Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
Oct 2 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
Oct 4 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Oct 6 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace
Oct 8 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
Oct 9 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
Oct 11 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Oct 12 Remington Fall Festival, 9am-3pm
Oct 13 Sunday Service 9am Grace Fr. Hobbs, Celebrant
Oct 15 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
Oct 16 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall Vestry Meeting, 3pm, Family Center
Oct 18 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Oct 19 Sew What, 9:30am, St. Luke's
Oct 20 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
Oct 22 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's
Oct 23 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
Oct 25 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall Casanova Book Club, 12 noon, TBD
Oct 27 Sunday Service at 9am, Grace
Oct 29 Soup Kitchen at 10am, the Parish Hall Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
Oct 30 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall

Sew What will meet on October 19th at St Luke's in Remington. Bring your quilt or embroidery or knitting or any other project you may have.



Newsflash for those of you who quilt or simply appreciate this centuries old art form: Quilter's Mercantile has just opened in Remington. They are located at 300 E Main Street (just before the train tracks).

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Ashley O'Meara October 5
TJ Johnson October 12
Pam Ruffner October 12
Jackie Shipe October 17
Logan Shipe October 17
Julie Brewer October 27
Corey Butler October 29





Stirring the Pot – It's Soup Time Again!

We are gathering at the Parish Hall for our Fall soup kitchen on **Tuesday, October 29th, at 10 am**. We will be assembling trays with soup, corn bread and dessert, so if you would be willing to make soup and/or help with the assembly and delivery, please mark the 24th on your calendar. And if you know anyone who would appreciate a meal, please provide names and addresses. Need further info? Call or text Mignonne Spellmeyer: 540 272-0014.

Wreaths Across America Participation

Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization that places wreaths on veterans' graves to honor and remember their service. We are trying to get the Grace Church Cemetery included in this program. To do this, we need to identify the graves of veterans buried at Grace. Bryan Jacobs is trying to develop a list of veterans, so please forward any information that you have either via e-mail at tbjacobs@msn.com or by text at 540-222-0355.



Re-introducing the Grace Library

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Grace,

We have what appears to be a very under-used resource in the form of the library in the classroom of our Family Education Building where the weekly Coffee Hour is held. Hiding behind the right-hand door is a small set of shelves packed with materials devoted to our religious odyssey--obvious things such as different versions/editions of Bibles, study guides, class books by Max Lucado once used in Bible study classes, and many devotional and Bible study aids. There are also dictionaries and commentaries, all available for our free use. There is a sign-out pad posted for materials. If you haven't yet browsed through this collection then as the days grow shorter with the Fall season, it might be a great time to consider what we have available. For further information, contact Michael Calhoun, our organist: mhcalhoun1952@gmail.com

Blessings,

Michael

42nd ANNUAL FALL Festival
MAIN STREET - REMINGTON - 9 AM - 3PM

OCT 12 | OVER 90 VENDORS AND 8 FOOD VENDORS

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE:

9:00	NATIONAL ANTHEM by Officer Chip Burgoon
9:00 - 9:20	FOR A DANCER
9:20 - 10:00	CATHY'S LINE DANCERS
10:00 - 11:00	CHIP BURGOON
11:00 - NOON	MADDI MAE
NOON - 1:00	CURT & ROB ACOUSTIC DUO
1:15 - 2:00	CHIP BURGOON
2:00 - 3:00	SOUND HOUSE BANDS

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Old Dominion Electric Co-op,
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and the Town of Remington

October Serving Schedule

Day	Readings	Altar	Assistant	Offertory	Coffee Host
<i>Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost October 6, 2024</i>	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	Barbara Jacobs/ Diane Gulick	Bryan Jacobs	Susan Payne	Joy Goodenough
<i>Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost October 13, 2024</i>	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	Joy Goodenough/ Diane Gulick	Judy Ball	Sharon Sweeney	Marilyn Ottavaere
<i>Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost October 20, 2024</i>	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Carol Cordell/ Sharon Sweeney	Howard Charnock/ Michael Calhoun	Sue Ballantine	Barbara Eanes
<i>Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost October 27, 2024</i>	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52	Barbara Jacobs/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Bryan Jacobs	Joy Goodenough	Sue Ballantine

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

Vacation: 7-14 October. Fr. Hobbs will be the celebrant/preacher on 13 October.

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

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