



Grace Notes

July & August 2026

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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 women 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?

Grace, you have taken the lead to continue the work to become the "beloved community." This is hard work. However, this is what God calls us to do. We are called not only to proclaim with our lips but to demonstrate by our actions.

The peace of the Lord is always with us,

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S.✠

Treasurer's Report ~ May Data

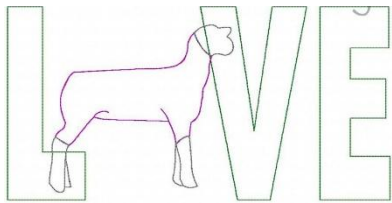
Income in the month of May was \$11,053.20 (budget \$9,144.25); expenditures totaled \$6,362.49 (budget \$9,144.25), resulting in a gain for the month of \$4,690.71.

In May the book value of the Endowment Fund was \$76,596.52. Market value as of May 31 was \$100,033.19, a gain of \$2,987.05 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.

Sew What ~ Summer Schedule Notes

This summer season brings an extra opportunity for you to join in the delight and satisfaction of joining the team to make patriotic themed quilts. No experience? The quilt-savvy ladies will be glad to show you how. You are also most welcome to bring your own project to work on. Perhaps its time to drag those long ago set aside projects that you always meant to finish out of the closet?

Here is the July/August schedule for the group:

Saturday, July 11th starting at 9:30 at Grace's Family Center. We will be working on patriotic themed quilts.

Saturday, August 8th 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 5 Sunday Service, 10am St Luke's
July 7 Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall
July 8 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall
July 9 Ruritan Dinner at 6pm, the Parish Hall
July 10 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am
July 11 Sew What? at 9:30am, St Luke's,
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July 12 Sunday Service, 10am St. Luke's  
July 14 Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall  
July 15 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall  
July 17 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Chair Yoga at 11:45am  
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July 19 Sunday Service, 10am at St Luke's
July 21 Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall
July 22 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
July 24 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 26 Sunday Service 10am at St Luke's  
July 28 Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall  
July 29 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall

***Just around the corner...  
Annual Church Picnic  
Sunday, September 13th  
1PM - Parish Hall***



## August Calendar of Events

Aug 2 Sunday Service, 10am Grace  
Aug 4 Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall  
Aug 5 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall  
Aug 7 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Chair Yoga at 11:45, the Parish Hall  
Aug 8 Sew What? 9:30am, Grace Family Ctr  
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Aug 9 Sunday Service, 10am Grace
Aug 11 Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall
Aug 12 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting at 3pm, Family Center
Aug 14 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am, Parish Hall
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Aug 16 Sunday Service, 10am at Grace  
Aug 18 Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall  
Aug 19 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall  
Aug 21 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Chair Yoga at 11:45am, Parish Hall  
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Aug 23 Sunday Service 10am Grace
Aug 25 Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall
Aug 26 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
Aug 28 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am, Parish Hall
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Aug 30 Sunday Service, 10am Grace  
Aug 18 Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### July

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| 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  |
| 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.



## August Serving Schedule

| Day                                                                     | Readings                                                                       | Altar                                        | Assistant    | Offertory         | Coffee Host            |
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| <b><i>The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost<br/>August 2, 2026</i></b>       | Isaiah 55: 1-5<br>Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22<br>Romans 9:1-5<br>Matthew: 14:13-21   | Joy<br>Goodenough/<br>Sharon<br>Sweeney      | Judy Ball    | Susan Payne       | Marilyn<br>Ottevaere   |
| <b><i>The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost<br/>August 9, 2026</i></b>    | 1 Kings 19:9-18<br>Psalm 85: 8-13<br>Romans 10:5-15<br>Matthew 14:22-33        | Barbara Jacobs/<br>Diane Gulick              | Bryan Jacobs | Sue<br>Ballantine | Sue<br>Ballentine      |
| <b><i>The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost<br/>August 16, 2026</i></b>    | Isaiah 56:1, 6-8<br>Psalm 67<br>Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32<br>Matthew [10-20],21-28 | Joy<br>Goodenough/<br>Mignonne<br>Spellmeyer | Judy Ball    | Joy<br>Goodenough | Sharon<br>Sweeney      |
| <b><i>The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost<br/>August 23, 2026</i></b> | Isaiah 51:1-6<br>Psalm 138<br>Romans 12:1-8<br>Matthew 16:13-20                | Barbara Jacobs/<br>Susan Payne               | Bryan Jacobs | Sharon<br>Sweeney | Joy<br>Goodenough      |
| <b><i>August 30, 2025<br/>The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i></b> | Jeremiah 15:15-21<br>Psalm 26: 1-8<br>Romans 12: 9-21<br>Matthew 16: 21-28     | Joy<br>Goodenough/<br>Mignonne<br>Spellmeyer | Judy Ball    | Joy<br>Goodenough | Mignonne<br>Spellmeyer |