

Grace Notes



July & August 2024

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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

The peace of the Lord is always with us,

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S.✠

Treasurer's Report – May Data

Income for the month of May was \$9,777.26 (budget \$9,429.75); expenditures totaled \$7,763.00 (budget \$9,429.75), resulting in income for the month of \$2,014.26.

Book value of the Endowment Fund is \$69,782.78; market value as of May 31 was \$76,188.24, a gain of \$2,447.19 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 - Seeking Fresh Produce!

This is the time of year that we are almost afraid to go near the garden. The surplus of veggies - tomatoes, green beans, the ever-abundant zucchini, yellow squash and any number of unidentified stragglers – want to follow us into the house. Take heed!. If you have extra FRESH veggies please text Pam Pulver. 757-651-8623. She will let you know when and where to drop them off to be distributed to our families. There is nothing better than the delight of eating home grown fresh produce. If for some reason FMS is not able to accept your contribution due to timing constraints, note that the Food Bank in Warrenton is another great opportunity to share in the bounty,



God's Peace, 🙏
Carol Grove

Senior Wardens Report – Vestry Meeting News

The Vestry met on June 19 and was opened with prayer, including a prayer for Juneteenth. The usual reports were made and approved. Father Michael celebrated his third anniversary with us on Pentecost Sunday.

The Culpeper Region retreat at Shrinemont is coming up on July 12-14. There are still rooms available and also scholarship grants are also available from the Region to cover the cost if you need assistance.

The Small Church Workshop, which was scheduled for May 18 had to be postponed due to a conflict at Trinity Church - Washington, Va, who were going to be hosting the event. It is going to be rescheduled and possibly moved to a new location. Your Sr Warden will also be attending a retreat at The Rosalyn in Richmond on July 26-28.

We are looking into replacing our termite prevention service. Marilyn is handling this and if you have some input or recommendations, contact Marilyn. We are also looking in taking a portion of our operating funds out of the regular checking account and investing in CD's or an interest-bearing account. Judy is handling this.

The next Vestry meeting will be a joint meeting with St. Luke's in Remington on August 7 at 6PM at the Parish Hall in Remington. This joint meeting is to discuss the renewal of Fr. Michael's contract and discuss the scheduling and locations of joint services for the coming church year

Faithfully Presented,

Bryan Jacobs
Sr Warden



July Calendar of Events

- July 7 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
- July 9 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- July 10 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall
- July 11 Ruritan Dinner at 6pm, the Parish Hall
- July 12 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
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- July 14 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
- July 16 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- July 17 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
- July 19 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
- July 20 Sew What? 9:30am, the Parish Hall  
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- July 21 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace
- July 23 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- July 24 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
- July 26 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Casanova Book Club at 12pm TBD
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- July 28 Sunday Service 9am Grace
- July 30 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- July 31 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall  
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August Calendar of Events

- Aug 2 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
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- Aug 4 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
- Aug 6 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Aug 7 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
- Aug 9 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
- Aug 10 Sew What? 9:30am, St. Luke's  
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- Aug 11 Sunday Service, 9am Grace
- Aug 13 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Aug 14 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
- Aug 16 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
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- Aug 18 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace
- Aug 20 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Aug 21 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
- Aug 23 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
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- Aug 25 Sunday Service 9am Grace
- Aug 27 Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall
- Aug 28 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
- Aug 30 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Casanova Book Club, 12 noon TBD

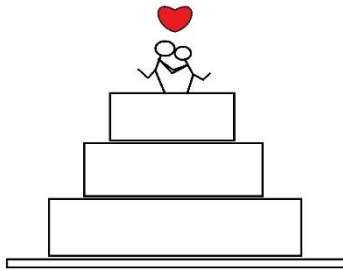


So What About "Sew What?"

Are those set aside for later projects longing to be rescued from unintentional neglect? "Sew What" welcomes you to join the group with any knitting, sewing, crocheting or other handiwork that you may wish to work on. The next gathering is on Saturday, July 20th at Grace Parish Hall with another opportunity on August 10th at St. Luke's.

September 8th is sooner than you think! Mark your calendars now for the Annual Church Picnic !





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
Jack Perry	31-Jul

August

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

July Serving Schedule

Day	Readings	Altar	Assistant	Offertory	Coffee Host
<i>The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 7, 2024</i>	Ezekial 2:1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	Barbara Jacobs/ Sharon Sweeney	Bryan Jacobs	Susan Payne	Barbara Eanes
<i>The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost July 14, 2024</i>	Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	Joy Goodenough/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Judy Ball	Joy Goodenough	Sue Ballentine
<i>The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost July 21, 2024</i>	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34,53-56	Barbara Jacobs/ Diane Gulick	Howard Charnock/ Michael Calhoun	Sue Ballantine	Sharon Sweeney
<i>The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost July 28, 2024</i>	2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21	Carol Cordell/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Judy Ball	Joy Goodenough	Marilyn Ottevaere

August Serving Schedule

Day	Readings	Altar	Assistant	Offertory	Coffee Host
<i>The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost August 4, 2024</i>	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	Barbara Jacobs/ Sharon Sweeney	Bryan Jacobs	Susan Payne	Barbara Eanes
<i>The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost August 11, 2024</i>	1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	Joy Goodenough/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Judy Ball	Joy Goodenough	Sue Ballentine
<i>The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 18, 2024</i>	Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	Carol Cordell/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Howard Charnock/ Michael Calhoun	Sue Ballantine	Marilyn Ottevaere
<i>The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 25, 2024</i>	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69	Barbara Jacobs/ Diane Gulick	Bryan Jacobs	Sharon Sweeney	Sharon Sweeney